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Chapter 351: On the Way to Dragon Tiger Mountain_4

Song Xiangdong let out a cold snort and took out his phone to dial Zhang Tao's number.

"Where are you guys now?"

On the other end of the phone, Zhang Tao was sitting in the same car as Lin Beichen. The convoy wasn't very large; counting the main vehicle, there were only three cars in total.

The reason for this was to avoid attracting the attention of hostile forces, as Lin Beichen had already come into the international spotlight.

"We're less than three hundred kilometers away from Dragon Tiger Mountain, and are now entering the mountain region."

Zhang Tao glanced at the surroundings outside and responded simply.

"You must be extra careful. According to our intel, there's no movement at all in that area."

Upon hearing Song Xiangdong's words, Zhang Tao on the other end of the phone was slightly taken aback.

To ordinary people, no movement would be a good thing, but to them, it was quite the opposite.

From the perspective of Security Bureau personnel, motionless leaves don't exist in this world. So, no movement itself was the biggest issue.

"Don't worry, Director."

Zhang Tao stared out the window, his expression becoming increasingly serious.

"I trust your work."

After hanging up, Song Xiangdong looked towards the forest behind him. His expression grew solemn as the wind rustled through the trees.

"Hardship might be a huge blow for ordinary people, but for the strong, it's just a whetstone."

Fu Daoyi seemed to see through Song Xiangdong's thoughts, walked up to him, and patted his shoulder as he spoke.

At the same time, Zhang Tao, having hung up the phone, looked at Lin Beichen beside him, as if he had made a resolute decision.

"Don't worry, no matter what kind of danger arises, I'll ensure your safety."

"It's fine."

Lin Beichen smiled faintly, showing no sign of worry on his face.

"If the rain comes, it comes; if someone seeks death, I can't stop them."

Seeing Lin Beichen's nonchalant demeanor, a sense of doubt crept into Zhang Tao's mind. Could this be the confidence of an expert?

"If anything happens, don't get out of the car."

Lin Beichen, who seemed to be lounging casually in his seat, suddenly sat upright. Though he saw nothing, a sense of unease began to settle in his heart.

"It should be us protecting you."

Zhang Tao was somewhat unhappy.

Although he knew Lin Beichen's words were meant to show concern for their safety, he had promised Song Xiangdong he'd ensure Lin Beichen's safety—even if he had to risk his own life.

More importantly, Zhang Tao sensed Lin Beichen's lack of trust in the Security Bureau personnel's capabilities. freewebnovel.com

"It's not that I doubt your abilities. If the enemy were ordinary people, you'd certainly defeat them easily..."

Images suddenly flashed through Lin Beichen's mind of the Black Bear Squad he'd defeated earlier at the Atlantis Hotel. Though the members retained human appearance, they had been modified internally, falling into the category of cyborgs.

If the Security Bureau personnel were to face those, the only outcome would be—death!

"Ordinary people?"

Despite his displeasure, Zhang Tao caught the "loophole" in Lin Beichen's words, but he didn't voice it, merely pondered silently.

"Could there be non-ordinary people?"

Just as Zhang Tao was contemplating the meaning behind Lin Beichen's words, the vehicle suddenly halted.

Before Zhang Tao could inquire, the radio crackled to life with a report from the lead vehicle.

"Captain Zhang Tao, there's a... freak ahead of the convoy!"

"What do you mean by 'freak'?"

Anger rose in Zhang Tao's heart at the vague report from his subordinate.

"Are you all rookies? What do you mean by 'freak'? State the intel clearly!"

The reprimanded subordinate's face filled with grievance. What did unclear intel mean? The fellow ahead was just too peculiar!

Hunched over, arms dangling limply, his eyes an eerie green like a prairie wolf. Calling him human was already the most accurate description the subordinate could muster!

"Student Lin, you should stay in the car."

Seeing Lin Beichen stepping out of the car, Zhang Tao quickly followed.

Although aware of Lin Beichen's formidable skills, Zhang Tao hadn't witnessed them personally. Song Xiangdong's strict orders were to protect Lin Beichen's safety at all costs.

"Sorry, I don't mean to belittle you."

Lin Beichen patted Zhang Tao's shoulder, speaking as he walked forward.

"You'd better pull your men back; you can't beat him!"

Confusion spread across Zhang Tao's face at Lin Beichen's words, but as he prepared to speak, he noticed the unyielding determination in Lin Beichen's eyes.

"You, be ready to provide support from the rear!"

Though reluctant, Zhang Tao issued the command. He didn't want to gamble his brothers' lives!

"Just defeated a bear, now there's a wolf!"

Having had previous encounters, Lin Beichen instantly recognized the individual standing in the middle of the road. He was a genetically modified human with wolf genes, possessing the speed and strength of a wolf!

"Those bears were really dumb. It seemed like the genetic modification injected not just strength and tough skin, but also the stupidity genes!"

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When the previous mention of the Black Bear Squad arose, the werewolf before them showed not a hint of anger; instead, he appeared full of disdain! It seemed even among these modified humans, there were conflicts.

"However, I don't think you're any stronger than they were!"

Lin Beichen smiled faintly.

He didn't mask his mockery of the Black Bear Squad at all, and his attitude toward the werewolf in front of him wasn't much better.

"Do you really mean that?"

Zhang Tao, who was standing behind, couldn't help but widen his eyes at the scene before him! His mouth gaped open as if it could fit an egg—no, a fist!

Not only Zhang Tao, even the other members of the Security Bureau couldn't quite grasp what had just happened. The person who had been standing before them had, in a mere instant, moved to stand behind Lin Beichen.

Instinctively, Zhang Tao's gaze fell on the other's right hand, which was now claw-shaped, poised to strike!

"Watch out!"

Suddenly, Zhang Tao shouted.

Just as he did, the werewolf behind Lin Beichen also made his move. Out of nowhere, the werewolf saw a figure flash before his eyes.

The next moment, the werewolf felt as if he had been struck by a speeding train. Before he could gather what had happened, his entire body was sent flying backward.

In the stunned gazes of everyone, the werewolf's body only halted when it collided with a parked Security Bureau vehicle.

"How is this possible!"

Zhang Tao almost shouted instantly.

It wasn't surprising he reacted so strongly. They knew the Security Bureau's cars were bulletproof as a basic measure. To ensure Lin Beichen's safety, the vehicles used this time could even withstand large sniper rifle bullets.

And yet, despite such strength, the werewolf's body had still left a substantial dent in the car. Even more incredulously, the werewolf stood back up!

"No wonder, no wonder."

Zhang Tao murmured to himself, a slightly bitter smile on his face.

Only now did he fully understand why Lin Beichen had ordered the Security Bureau personnel to stand down. Indeed, the people from the bureau were no match for this werewolf.

"Perhaps only the top five squads could fight such monsters," Zhang Tao pondered.

Because of this, Zhang Tao and the others fixed their eyes on Lin Beichen, eager to see his next move.

Though Zhang Tao leaned towards a clerical role within the Security Bureau, every man's heart harbors a dream of achieving glory in battle. Even if he couldn't attain that, what man could resist the title of a one-man army?

"In civil matters, we have Tai Chi to bring peace to the world; in martial matters, we have Bajie Fist to stabilize the realm!"

Lin Beichen uttered these words as he assumed the opening stance of Bajie Fist.

Neither Iron Mountain Lean nor Turtle Shell techniques were the best choices for Lin Beichen right now!

With the Gold Element's power coursing through him, Lin Beichen's every attack seemed capable of shattering stones and splitting mountains!

Lin Beichen's performance took the werewolf by surprise; he hadn't expected Lin Beichen to possess not only immense strength but also astounding speed!

However, now was not the time to dwell on Lin Beichen's capabilities. The werewolf curtailed his disdain and called out loudly over Lin Beichen's shoulder.

"Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen! Come out quickly!"

Upon hearing the werewolf's words, Zhang Tao's face darkened. He hadn't expected there were three more of such monstrous beings.

Lin Beichen, far from panicking, smiled slightly at the werewolf's words.

"Can you still smile now?"

The werewolf hopped backward, seemingly without much effort, yet effortlessly clearing over two meters!

Such a distance would be challenging for even a world champion. Furthermore, the werewolf did it while jumping backward, making it seem so easy!

"Prepare to use weapons!"

Zhang Tao frowned and ordered those beside him.

"But..."

"No buts. If there's an issue, I'll take responsibility with the Director!"

Zhang Tao fully understood his subordinates' concerns about not using firearms lightly within the country.

Even the Security Bureau would need to report to superiors after such an operation, but the current adversary clearly couldn't be handled without weapons.

"Understood!"

Seeing Zhang Tao's resolute manner, his subordinates exchanged glances and nodded.

At the same time, three figures with postures similar to the previous werewolf emerged. The only difference was that the numbers tattooed on their arms varied, while the first werewolf bore the number ten.

"Let's see you handle this!"

Werewolf No. 10 wore a sinister smile, as though already envisioning Lin Beichen's bloodshed.

"Wait a minute!"

Just as the werewolves were about to move, Lin Beichen suddenly spoke, halting their actions.

"Oh? What is it? Begging for mercy now? It's too late."

Werewolf No. 10 sneered.

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"No, no, no..."

Lin Beichen shook his index finger, a mocking smile appearing on his face.

"If I remember correctly, only those modified humans who have been given a name can be considered recognized by your master..."

Upon hearing this, Wolfman Ten's face showed an expression of anger.

At this moment, he had already guessed what Lin Beichen was about to say next. His expression gradually became sullen, and his genetically modified, distorted face seemed capable of dripping water.

However, deep down, Wolfman Ten knew Lin Beichen was correct. Only the modified warriors truly recognized by those above could be given a name, that is, a code!

Soon, Wolfman Ten's expression became wild—more accurately, it became mad!

"You're right, but as long as I bring your corpse back today, I will be truly given a code instead of a number!"

These so-called genetically modified humans were mostly desperate individuals. Unlike the perfect societal attributes of Dragon Country, Atlantis had social attributes polarized to the extent that the poor simply couldn't survive.

This phenomenon led to the result that in order to survive, the poor would become unscrupulous. These genetically modified humans were selected from these criminal poor.

Most of them were vicious criminals, so even knowing the high mortality rate of genetic modification, they would still choose to participate without hesitation if it meant survival.

After all, no one understands the weight of surviving better than those who commit crimes for it!

But even if they survived the deathly purgatory of genetic modification, the affluent life they imagined was still unachieved. Those who only received number codes merely got a relatively peaceful life, with daily meals and schooling supplies provided for themselves and their families, but this alone satisfied them.

For all modified humans, they desired to receive a code because only by obtaining a code could they and their families truly achieve affluence and genuine social status.

At this moment, what surfaced in Wolfman Ten's mind was their training at the border of Atlantis before undergoing genetic modification.

The technological cages and continuously dripping training grounds formed a stark contrast. No matter what, Wolfman Ten did not want to return to that place—he desired a room filled with sunlight!

"Ah! Ah! Ah!"

Suddenly, Wolfman Ten roared, and his strength soared!

When Wolfmen Eleven, Twelve, and Thirteen saw Wolfman Ten's appearance, their expressions became tense.

Having numbers close to his, they had naturally fought him multiple times before, and they knew what Wolfman Ten's current state meant.

"I remember his last rage ripped a wolfman into pieces."

Wolfman Thirteen reflexively swallowed, fear filling his eyes.

In reality, Wolfman Thirteen's words were somewhat conservative; after all, the shredded degree was such that even a meat grinder couldn't compare.

"You! Die! Now!"

With the last word shouted, Wolfman Ten vanished right before everyone!

Wolfmen Eleven and the other two exchanged glances and immediately charged at Lin Beichen. But shockingly, Lin Beichen disappeared right before them the next second!

"How! Is! It! Possible!"

The three exchanged glances, faces filled with disbelief.

If ordinary people couldn't react, that was understandable, but for them, injected with wolf genes, unable to catch Lin Beichen's movements, it could only mean Lin Beichen's speed exceeded the beast's realm!

"What is this!"

Suddenly, a beam of light seemed to descend from the sky, causing these modified humans to shut their eyes involuntarily. The injection of beast genes had significantly enhanced their senses, but it also made them unable to open their eyes from the glare!

"Ah!!!"

At this moment, all the wolfmen shut their eyes, and the agonizing sound of Wolfman Ten echoed among them.

When they sensed the glaring light had disappeared, they slowly opened their eyes, shocked by the scene before them!

Wolfman Ten had already "disappeared," leaving only a scorched, charred entity on the ground, emitting a tempting aroma.

"I thought you'd bring me more of a surprise."

Lin Beichen shook his hands, making a cracking sound.

The surviving three wolfmen were still immersed in the shock of Wolfman Ten's bizarre death, while Lin Beichen had already charged towards them.

"Though I don't care if Dragon Country learns about me, you three better die here!"

Lin Beichen's hands emitted a dazzling light, as if he held a ball of lightning.

"Quick... run!"

It was the first time the wolfmen felt fear in battle. They had lost their fighting will, their only thought being—to run!

But no matter how they tried, they couldn't match Lin Beichen's speed.

Lin Beichen's feet seemed to have created illusions, every step he took resembling a bounce.

"Zhang, why do I feel Lin's steps look like the Ripple Step from movies."

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The eyes of a member of the security bureau beside Zhang Tao widened, looking as if he'd seen the most incredible thing in the world.

"What is Ripple Step? Judging by his hands sparking with electricity, I wouldn't be surprised if he used a Tathagata Divine Palm next."

Zhang Tao glanced at his colleague with a look of disdain.

It wasn't that Zhang Tao wasn't surprised but rather that he had become immune to seeing so many astonishing things. It's like someone who has seen a waterfall wouldn't be impressed by a small stream.

As the two chatted, three more screams echoed. Turning around, they saw the three had been pierced through their chests!

"You guys go and handle that."

Zhang Tao shook his head helplessly, seemingly unwilling to get involved in these supernatural events any further.

"I think we should bring these bodies back. Maybe we can uncover some secrets."

Hearing this, Zhang Tao slapped the back of the man's head.

"You're quite clever, aren't you!"

Zhang Tao laughed heartily, while the man who was slapped forced a smile, secretly grumbling.

"Why don't you slap your own head if you're so happy? Seriously!"

The immediate danger had passed. As time went on, and they got closer to Dragon Tiger Mountain, Zhang Tao and his team's tension eased.

"We're almost there, we can relax now."

Watching Dragon Tiger Mountain come into view, Zhang Tao exhaled deeply, but Lin Beichen still wore a vigilant expression.

Looking at Lin Beichen, Zhang Tao thought to himself.

"Despite his strength, he's still a kid. But for a kid to be this alert is quite impressive."

Zhang Tao thought Lin Beichen's vigilance was out of concern that the enemy might attack again. Considering Lin Beichen's earlier performance, Zhang Tao decided to offer some reassurance.

"Don't worry, we're within the range of Dragon Tiger Mountain now. No matter how cunning the enemy is, they wouldn't dare to strike here!"

"I hope you're right."

Lin Beichen smiled slightly, but the feeling he got when faced with the werewolves resurfaced. He was certain that enemies were still lurking in the shadows.

Meanwhile, in the top suite of the Atlantis Hotel, Griffin received the news of the werewolf squad's failure and reported it to Kaelmes.

"Their failure didn't surprise me at all. But if they hadn't failed, how else could we get Lin Beichen to lower his guard?"

Kaelmes smiled indifferently, showing no signs of sorrow over the werewolf squad's demise. Instead, he appeared delighted. Clearly, to Kaelmes, achieving the mission was worth any sacrifice!

"When should we send the next team?"

Griffin instinctively swallowed hard, looking at Kaelmes with fear. He was terrified of becoming a disposable pawn himself at any moment!

"Since our man has already infiltrated Dragon Tiger Mountain, let him remain in standby. We'll contact him when we need him to act!"

After receiving the order, Griffin relaxed a bit.

The one infiltrated into Dragon Tiger Mountain had a good relationship with Griffin. No matter how ruthless Griffin was, he didn't want to see his old friend die at the hands of the enemy.

At the same time, led by Zhang Tao and others, Lin Beichen had reached the summit of Dragon Tiger Mountain. Upon arrival, Lin Beichen immediately saw the Black Hole.

Seeing the Black Hole, Lin Beichen felt something special, something elusive yet familiar.

Just as he was about to continue observing, a familiar voice came from behind him.

"I wonder if you can uncover the secrets of this Black Hole!"

Without turning around, Lin Beichen knew who it was. Given the situation, no one else would speak to him so casually but Song Xiangdong.

Prepared as he was, Lin Beichen was still stunned when he turned around. Song Xiangdong no longer had his former composed and strategic demeanor.

His eyes were full of confusion, and his furrowed brows indicated that Song Xiangdong had been deeply troubled recently!

"You aren't like this because of the Black Hole, are you?"

As he spoke, Lin Beichen pointed at Song Xiangdong's face. At first, Song Xiangdong didn't react, but then he shook his head with a bitter smile.

It was clear that Song Xiangdong hadn't had it easy lately.

"What are your thoughts on this Black Hole?"

Song Xiangdong walked straight to Lin Beichen, casually placing his hands on Lin Beichen's shoulders, like old friends.

Hearing Song Xiangdong's question, Lin Beichen turned his gaze back to the Black Hole. Though the sense of familiarity persisted, Lin Beichen couldn't articulate it.

It wasn't that Lin Beichen didn't want to express it; he just didn't know how to describe his feelings about the Black Hole.

But he was sure that this Black Hole was no ordinary phenomenon. Deep down, Lin Beichen felt it had an intricate connection with him!

Seeing the conflicted look on Lin Beichen's face, Song Xiangdong felt a bit guilty. Despite all his team's advanced equipment, they had found nothing. To expect an answer from Lin Beichen immediately upon arrival was too hasty.

"Don't stress about it. We can take this slowly."

Song Xiangdong patted Lin Beichen's shoulder and turned towards a nearby room. That room had been designated as the temporary command center by Song Xiangdong to monitor the Black Hole's activity.

As he walked towards the temporary command center, Song Xiangdong's voice came from behind Lin Beichen.

"We've arranged your lodging. If you need anything, the security bureau will provide it immediately!"

Without turning around, Lin Beichen nodded.

"So he's the young man you spoke of? He does seem quite different indeed."

Inside the room, Fu Daoyi remarked with a smile upon seeing Song Xiangdong.

"Yes, that's him."

Song Xiangdong rested his chin on his hands, looking at Fu Daoyi with a playful smile.

"What do you think?"

The question sounded like a casual jest between friends, but Song Xiangdong truly valued Fu Daoyi's opinion about Lin Beichen!

"He seems well-suited for our Dragon Tiger Mountain."

Fu Daoyi pondered for a moment before responding seriously.

Song Xiangdong blinked in disbelief, not expecting such a brief evaluation after Fu Daoyi's long pause.

Soon recovering, Song Xiangdong stared at Fu Daoyi in anger.

"Poaching him right in front of me, isn't that a bit too much!"

"Come on, we're old friends. What's a little thing like this between us?"

Fu Daoyi waved his hand dismissively, trying to laugh it off.

"But he does possess a unique aura. Ordinary people wouldn't sense it, but we cultivators can feel it clearly!"

Seeing Fu Daoyi's serious demeanor, Song Xiangdong dropped his playful attitude, realizing it was the first time he had seen Fu Daoyi this serious.

"What kind of aura is it?"

Song Xiangdong inquired.

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"Purple Qi!"

When Fu Daoyi said this, Song Xiangdong was stunned for a moment.

For those in the Daoist Sect, Purple Qi was an extremely special existence. Whether it was some Daoist treasure or some other magical treasure, none could compare to the status of Purple Qi in the hearts of Daoist practitioners.

Because the founder of the Daoist Sect, Laozi, is said to have left Hangu Pass, and Purple Qi came from the east for thirty thousand miles, eventually leading to his ascension.

Even on Dragon Tiger Mountain, the highest praise for a person was to say that they had the momentum of Purple Qi coming from the east!

"Have you seen Purple Qi?"

Song Xiangdong, in a moment of impulse, asked subconsciously. But he regretted it as soon as the words left his mouth. If saying someone had the momentum of Purple Qi was the highest praise, then asking if they had seen Purple Qi was a great disdain. It felt like insulting someone by calling them a fool in the secular world.

Sure enough, after Song Xiangdong said this, Fu Daoyi's expression darkened. Fu stared at Song Xiangdong fiercely; if looks could kill, Song Xiangdong would have been torn to pieces by now.

"Hehe, old Fu, it was unintentional."

Knowing he was in the wrong, Song Xiangdong quickly put on a smile.

Fu Daoyi glared at Song Xiangdong for nearly three minutes before finally sighing helplessly.

"It's just you."

Hearing this, Song Xiangdong chuckled.

Song Xiangdong knew very well that Fu Daoyi was not joking. After all, Fu's influence in the Daoist Sect was extraordinary. Even without considering the Daoist Sect, the influence of Dragon Tiger Mountain alone was enough to "compete" with him.

"In the classical texts of the Daoist Sect, I recall records about Purple Qi."

At this point, Fu Daoyi suddenly paused, then gave Song Xiangdong a cold look before continuing.

"Although I have never seen Purple Qi, the feeling I get from that child Lin Beichen is quite similar to the description in the texts, though not as pure!"

Even a fool could now understand what Fu Daoyi meant. To put it plainly, Lin Beichen had the aura of Purple Qi, though not as pure.

"If that's the case, maybe he really can resolve the crisis at Dragon Tiger Mountain!"

Fu Daoyi's body suddenly leaned back into the chair. In Song Xiangdong's impression, Fu Daoyi seldom made such casual gestures. After all, Fu was a very "rigorous" person, even somewhat old-fashioned.

"Now, it doesn't help to worry. I can only place my hopes on this kid."

At this moment, Fu Daoyi no longer appeared as a leader, looking more like someone adopting an ostrich mentality.

But there was no other way. The situation at Dragon Tiger Mountain had exceeded his capability. Moreover, the secrets left on Dragon Tiger Mountain ultimately pointed to the Security Bureau.

From Song Xiangdong, Fu Daoyi learned that the real "special" figure in the Security Bureau was Lin Beichen, so Fu Daoyi now had no other options.

"You are right."

Song Xiangdong also leaned back in his chair, mimicking Fu Daoyi. He then gave a self-deprecating smile.

"These days are really relaxed. If only I could stay here forever."

Because of the special situation at Dragon Tiger Mountain, the higher-ups had instructed Song Xiangdong not to return to the Security Bureau until the matter was resolved. The current operations at the Security Bureau were handled by six deputy directors in charge of different departments.

Meanwhile, Lin Beichen had already returned to the room arranged for him by Song Xiangdong. The room was filled with small-leaf red sandalwood, and the air was naturally scented with sandalwood.

Lin Beichen believed that even if he did nothing here, his body and mental realm would improve.

Suddenly, a rarely mentioned word surfaced in Lin Beichen's mind — heritage.

"Only a place like Dragon Tiger Mountain, with an unknown number of years of legacy, could be worthy of the word heritage."

Lin Beichen muttered to himself while lying on the sandalwood bed.

Since he couldn't solve the Black Hole problem right now, Lin Beichen decided to immerse his mind inward, feeling the power he already possessed.

"The Electric Element has reached the Fourth Realm, the Gold and Fire Elements are in the Third Realm, and the Water Element is in the Second Realm..."

After recent training, Lin Beichen's internal power had significantly improved. Besides his primary Electric Element, the other three elements had also made noticeable progress.

But it was due to this that Lin Beichen realized not all elements could be directly used like the Electric Element in attacks.

For example, the Gold Element, which could greatly enhance his body and the force of his blows. However, it could not be directly released.

The Water Element could distribute power inside his body but also couldn't be directly used, not like summoning a Water Dragon or a great waterfall from a certain ninja anime.

Currently, the elements he could use in battles were the Electric and Fire Elements. The Electric Element was straightforward, as everyone understood. For the Fire Element, Lin Beichen had first used it through an explosive manner during the battle against the Black Bear Squad.

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"But I feel that this trip to Dragon Tiger Mountain will definitely be fruitful!"

Unknowingly, Lin Beichen had already fallen into a dream.

In his sleep, Lin Beichen felt as if he had entered a desert. Although it was a desert, it felt very different; there wasn't the scorching heat typically found in deserts but rather a natural comfort.

In front of Lin Beichen appeared earth-colored specks of light, floating clearly like dust. In his dream, Lin Beichen sat cross-legged on the ground, staring intently at the air where the earth-colored specks floated.

After what seemed like a long time, Lin Beichen woke up, feeling exhausted. Instinctively, he glanced at the time; it was 5:30 in the afternoon.

"Time to eat dinner."

Lin Beichen sat up, looked at the water basin and the towel in the room, and washed his face briefly before leaving the room.

"I don't know why I'm so tired, even though I didn't use any Elemental Power."

Normally, Lin Beichen's body would feel energized after sleeping, but this time, not only did he feel unenergized, he felt completely drained, making Lin Beichen feel distinctly uncomfortable.

If Lin Beichen hadn't checked his body immediately upon waking and confirmed that nothing "strange" had happened, he might have thought he did something weird in his dream.

Following the direction of the aroma of food, Lin Beichen found the dining hall of Dragon Tiger Mountain even without anyone guiding him.

Upon entering, he saw Song Xiangdong and others dining in the same large room with people from Dragon Tiger Mountain. The scene made Lin Beichen pause; he had thought Song Xiangdong and his group would receive special treatment.

This approach, however, was very much to Lin Beichen's liking; it counted as integrating with the "grassroots".

"Ah, the joys of youth, sleeping for a whole day."

Before Lin Beichen could speak, Song Xiangdong saw him and exclaimed.

Upon hearing Song Xiangdong, Lin Beichen walked toward him, smiling.

"Quit joking. I only slept for a couple of hours."

As he spoke, Lin Beichen sat next to Song Xiangdong. Fu Daoyi, who was nearby, nodded in approval.

"Who's joking with you?"

Song Xiangdong pretended to be displeased and said.

"Look at your phone."

"I just did..."

Lin Beichen began to retort, pulling out his phone, but saw the time indeed showed after five. However, the date was the next day! Lin Beichen had actually slept for 26 hours straight!

Lin Beichen stood stunned, unable to believe he slept that long.

"You truly have some skills."

Fu Daoyi, sitting beside him, suddenly spoke.

Lin Beichen looked at him in puzzlement. This was his first time meeting Fu Daoyi; though he didn't know his identity, sitting beside Song Xiangdong indicated a high status.

More importantly, Lin Beichen felt a "supernatural" aura from Fu Daoyi. It was similar to that felt before with the Black Bear Squad and the Werewolf Squad, but he knew Fu Daoyi's aura was much stronger.

"Was my unease because of him?"

Lin Beichen mused.

After the battle with the Werewolf Squad, Lin Beichen's uneasiness had accurately been due to sensing supernatural beings even more strongly, indicating the presence of enemies beside him.

Lin Beichen initially thought the enemy was lurking around the outskirts of Dragon Tiger Mountain. Yet, after entering, the feeling not only persisted but grew stronger!

Lin Beichen hadn't mentioned this to Song Xiangdong, firstly because he had no evidence, and secondly, out of concern that any action by Song Xiangdong might alert the enemy without a clear target.

"What's wrong?"

Seeing Lin Beichen somewhat distracted, Song Xiangdong asked with a smile.

"Nothing, just wondering how to address this senior."

Lin Beichen smiled faintly, his tone measured and respectful.

"His name is Fu Daoyi. Just consider him our liaison with Dragon Tiger Mountain."

Song Xiangdong struggled to find the right words.

It wasn't that Song Xiangdong didn't know how to explain Fu Daoyi's identity. Rather, Lin Beichen was only in cooperation with the Security Bureau, not truly part of it.

Moreover, not everyone in the Security Bureau could know Fu Daoyi's identity and his relationship with the Bureau.

Aside from Song Xiangdong, only two vice-directors involved in special areas knew of Fu Daoyi's existence.

"You are the most outstanding young person I've met."

Fu Daoyi looked at Lin Beichen, with a look of approval on his face.

"Praise him too much, and he'll become arrogant."

Song Xiangdong chimed in, although his words were meant to be light-hearted, he was truly pleased. After all, finding Lin Beichen reflected well on his judgment.

"Despite his friendly demeanor, he rarely smiles in daily life. You facing him so calmly at your age is rare among the young people I've met."

"You're too kind."

Lin Beichen smiled faintly, not taking Fu Daoyi's praise to heart.

Song Xiangdong, however, was shocked by the high praise Fu Daoyi gave. Given Fu Daoyi had experienced many talented youngsters, Song Xiangdong knew he did not give such compliments lightly.

"Any thoughts about this black hole?"

Song Xiangdong looked at Lin Beichen, knowing he was pressing the issue somewhat.

"Honestly, not too many thoughts, but I have an idea that feels worth trying."

Lin Beichen's words brought a hint of excitement to Song Xiangdong's face.

Though there wasn't a solution yet, Lin Beichen having thoughts was rare, given no one else in the Security Bureau or Dragon Tiger Mountain had any ideas.

"Having thoughts is good!"

Song Xiangdong laughed heartily, patting Lin Beichen's shoulder.

Through this gesture, Lin Beichen sensed the urgency of Dragon Tiger Mountain's situation. Normally composed, Song Xiangdong wouldn't react so strongly otherwise.

"What are you planning to do?"

Song Xiangdong asked, his voice filled with concern. Though he knew patience was needed, the black hole's presence plagued Song Xiangdong.

"I'll go have a look. I can't say exactly."

Lin Beichen struggled to articulate his plans, not because he was unwilling, but because they seemed absurd—to absorb the black hole!

After dining, Lin Beichen approached the black hole, and events unfolded as expected. He sensed the same feeling he had in his dream near the black hole.

"Is this what he's going to do?"

Song Xiangdong watched Lin Beichen sit cross-legged before the black hole, puzzled. He had anticipated checks or some activity around the black hole.

Instead, Lin Beichen sat motionless as if meditating.

"You..."

"Don't disturb him!"

Fu Daoyi's tone was uncharacteristically stern, startling Song Xiangdong, who had never seen Fu Daoyi speak so firmly.

"Arrange for security, no one enters without my permission!"

Song Xiangdong, unsure why Fu Daoyi was so insistent, saw no reason to object.

"Understood."

Song Xiangdong nodded, turning to leave.

"Everyone, surround the area. Treat anyone attempting to enter without authorization as a spy!"

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The security bureau personnel observed Song Xiangdong with a rare expression on his face, the relaxed look vanished. They saluted him before returning to their respective posts.

Once everyone was in position, Song Xiangdong initially intended to leave but stopped after taking just two steps.

"Hey...you, bring me a chair."

The summoned member of the security bureau did not dare hesitate upon hearing Song Xiangdong's words and hurriedly fetched a chair, placing it at the only passage leading to the black hole.

"Alright, you can go now."

With the chair in place, Song Xiangdong nodded in satisfaction. Then he sat on the chair, vigilantly observing his surroundings.

"Let's see what tricks you have this time."

The bureau chief serving as a gatekeeper himself would certainly shock people, but such peculiar events were truly happening.

"Bring me a chair too, let's play chess together."

Fu Daoyi appeared beside Song Xiangdong at some point. Xu Xiangdong smiled faintly; having someone to accompany him was undoubtedly better than sitting alone.

"Do you really think this kid can surprise you this time?"

Fu Daoyi and Song Xiangdong were playing chess, not Go.

"Of course!"

Song Xiangdong showed rare firmness, likely the first time he displayed such a positive look since arriving at Dragon Tiger Mountain.

Hearing Song Xiangdong's confident reply, Fu Daoyi decided not to say more. Song Xiangdong then recalled the confident look in Lin Beichen's eyes when he spoke to him.

At the same time, Lin Beichen, who was highly anticipated, indeed caught some clues. These clues were not unfamiliar to Lin Beichen — they were the same dirt-yellow specks he saw in his dreams.

"As expected, this place indeed has a close association with the Earth Element!"

Lin Beichen suppressed his inner excitement and tried his best to concentrate on perceiving the presence of the Earth Element.

It wasn't surprising that Lin Beichen was so excited; when he gleaned the Water Element, he wondered what would happen if he mastered all Five Elements. After all, he had seen plenty of "Five Elements Combined" scenarios in novels.

Lin Beichen sat cross-legged in front of the black hole with closed eyes. If anyone passed by at this time, they would be greatly shocked, since the black hole was no longer merely a "black hole"; it was now covered with dirt-yellow specks, enough to instantly make people with trypophobia faint.

"This guy."

A figure behind a tree watched the meditating Lin Beichen, a flash of anger in their eye before quickly disappearing, perhaps worried about being discovered.

Under normal circumstances, such small movements wouldn't escape Lin Beichen's notice, but now completely immersed in enlightenment, he failed to sense someone observing him.

As countless dirt-yellow particles floated before Lin Beichen's eyes, he felt as if he was in a windless desert storm.

Lin Beichen had no idea how much time had passed when he opened his eyes. It was already dark outside, and checking his phone, he realized five hours had elapsed.

"There could be some changes this time."

Fu Daoyi, holding the chess pieces, smiled faintly.

During Lin Beichen's enlightenment at the black hole, they had no idea how many games of chess they had played, but they always ended in a draw.

"Are you sure?"

Song Xiangdong glanced sceptically at Fu Daoyi, then fixed his gaze on the chessboard, running through multiple simulations in his mind but unable to foresee Fu Daoyi's next move.

"Checkmate!"

Fu Daoyi placed his piece, and Song Xiangdong stared wide-eyed at the board. Realizing he was powerless to turn the game around, he conceded.

At that moment, the gate opened, and Lin Beichen walked out. Song Xiangdong grew anxious seeing Lin Beichen's tired appearance, which he had never seen before.

"You...what's wrong?"

Song Xiangdong and Fu Daoyi immediately ran to Lin Beichen.

Talking felt burdensome for Lin Beichen, who weakly waved his hand.

"The black hole, I think it's smaller."

After uttering these words, Lin Beichen walked toward his room. Song Xiangdong wanted to say something but remained silent.

He could tell Lin Beichen needed rest the most now; no urgency could change that. The priority was to ascertain the black hole's size.

Song Xiangdong then arranged for specialized personnel to test the current black hole's data and compare it with the previous measurements. The testing process was lengthy, and the waiting was dull.

More worrisome to Song Xiangdong was the higher-ups' attention to the matter. They hadn't openly expressed dissatisfaction with his progress, but their tone over the phone said it all.

Thinking of this, Song Xiangdong couldn't help but sigh. Though he worked hard, he understood the higher-ups' attitude—they valued Dragon Tiger Mountain's significance, which was why they situated the Celestial Master's Mansion there.

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After a long wait, at least for Song Xiangdong it was long. A technician came to Song Xiangdong's side and reported urgently.

"Report, sir, the black hole's range has indeed decreased a bit."

Upon hearing the report, Song Xiangdong's face finally revealed a slight smile. This might be the first sincere smile he's shown since coming to Dragon Tiger Mountain.

"It seems the things left by our ancestors are right. Your safety bureau can indeed solve problems."

Standing nearby, Fu Daoyi heard that there was progress with the black hole issue. Although it wasn't completely resolved, everything was moving in a positive direction. His previously tense heart felt somewhat relieved, and he started to joke.

"Hmph, now you realize the might of our safety bureau?"

Song Xiangdong deliberately made a dramatic pose, lifting his head high like a victorious rooster!

Meanwhile, Lin Beichen, lying in bed, quickly fell into a deep sleep. Lin Beichen once again arrived in the "desert," but unlike before, this time there was not just the desert, but also a green oasis!

However, there was no water source in the oasis; there was only a towering tree.

The earthy yellow particles still floated in the air, but when they touched the oasis, they instantly turned into green light spots. Lin Beichen clearly felt the strong life energy emanating from these green spots.

The originally tired Lin Beichen, upon the entry of this green light, felt rejuvenated as if his fatigue instantly vanished, replaced by an incredible comfort.

The feeling was like binge-watching comics for several days and nights, then relaxing in a hot spring, and finally sleeping soundly on a big bed.

This unprecedented comfort made Lin Beichen, lying on the bed, let out a moan.

"Ah~~ Hmm~~"

"This guy!"

At this moment, Song Xiangdong was standing at Lin Beichen's door, ready to knock, but paused in mid-air upon hearing this sound.

Song Xiangdong's expression first showed surprise, then he smiled meaningfully.

"It seems even a cultivator can't escape these mundane things."

Clearly, Song Xiangdong misunderstood Lin Beichen, but Lin Beichen had no way of explaining now.

"Forget it, let's talk tomorrow."

Originally, Song Xiangdong wanted to tell Lin Beichen that the black hole's range indeed decreased a bit and check how Lin Beichen's body was doing.

After all, Lin Beichen was their only reliable source now. Although he couldn't help Lin Beichen with work, he could at least take care of Lin Beichen's health.

"So the black hole's attribute isn't earth element?"

Lin Beichen, upon waking, didn't rush out. Instead, he sat on the bed continuously thinking.

Originally, Lin Beichen thought the earthy-yellow light points represented earth element, but he was surprised when these lights turned green upon touching the oasis.

The strong life energy from these green points would clearly indicate they belong to wood element. Everyone in Dragon Country understood the significance of the Five Elements.

"Could it be because I comprehended the water element, combined with the earth element, that automatically generated the so-called wood element?"

Lin Beichen's eyes brightened as a bold idea surfaced in his mind. He knew that the Five Elements weren't independent entities but interrelated and mutually transformative, a concept familiar to Lin Beichen as an avid novel enthusiast.

However, Lin Beichen couldn't be certain. What was clear is that although he hadn't distinctly sensed the earth element, he did perceive the wood element due to the earthy-yellow light points.

"It all relates to that oasis, but how can I find it?"

In the next second, a headache-inducing question lingered in Lin Beichen's mind — how to find the oasis in his dream.

His first thought was to seek help from the safety bureau, but he quickly dismissed this idea. Though the bureau was strong, asking them to find his dream oasis seemed somewhat absurd.

Even if he imagined himself in Song Xiangdong's position, Song Xiangdong might not say anything aloud but would surely think Lin Beichen was crazy.

"I should go feel the black hole thoroughly."

Suddenly, Lin Beichen remembered his ability to have that dream was due to absorbing the earthy-yellow light points from the black hole. If he absorbed more of these points, he might dream of that scene again.

"But if word got out that I could cultivate by dreaming, I'd definitely be scolded."

Such a thought occurred to Lin Beichen. Naturally, he'd only keep this idea in his mind, knowing that revealing it would attract unwelcome attention.

Though Lin Beichen wasn't afraid of trouble, he didn't wish to invite it, especially after his parents' kidnapping incident. He didn't want his carelessness to endanger his family.

A dragon's reverse scale: touch it and die! Lin Beichen's reverse scale was his family.

"Looks like you had a good sleep last night."

Having decided to meditate near the black hole, Lin Beichen headed straight to the canteen.

Though the green light spots had restored his physical energy to the limit, the comprehension process was quite taxing, so Lin Beichen planned to eat well before his meditation. He didn't want to faint halfway, resulting in major embarrassment.

Unexpectedly, upon entering the canteen, Lin Beichen saw Song Xiangdong looking at him with an odd expression.

A faint, playful smile lingered on Song Xiangdong's face. Lin Beichen, bewildered, sat beside Song Xiangdong and instinctively asked what was wrong.

Seeing Lin Beichen's sincere look, Song Xiangdong felt a bit embarrassed.

"Could he have forgotten what happened last night?"

This seemed the only plausible explanation. Otherwise, even the most thick-skinned person couldn't stay as composed as Lin Beichen.

Thinking of this, Song Xiangdong felt some guilt. Regardless of Lin Beichen's power, he was still a young man, and it was normal for him to have such thoughts and reactions.

Song Xiangdong felt it was wrong to joke about Lin Beichen due to such things. Reflecting on it, he realized he'd started seeing Lin Beichen as an "immortal" due to his near-immortal strength.

The reason he was so interested in this was his belief that immortals shouldn't have regular human emotions, but now he acknowledged that Lin Beichen beside him was a real person.

"Nothing much."

Song Xiangdong quickly changed the subject, not wanting to dwell on this issue with Lin Beichen.

If Lin Beichen pursued it and he couldn't resist spilling the truth, his image in Lin Beichen's eyes would greatly decline.

But Lin Beichen didn't think about it further; anyone would find it hard to believe that the safety bureau's head was a gossiping joker.

"How's your body after a night's rest?"

"Recovered well. By the way, Director Song, there's something I need to discuss with you."

Seeing Lin Beichen's rare serious expression, Song Xiangdong put down his bowl and chopsticks, adopting a similarly serious look, gesturing for Lin Beichen to proceed.

"I hope you can let me meditate properly in front of the black hole, for an indefinite period!"

Saying this, Lin Beichen's face showed immense determination, like he had made a serious decision.

"Even if I faint, do not take me away!"

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Lin Beichen's words made the room instantly quiet. The Daoists eating in the cafeteria were all aware of the black hole at Dragon Tiger Mountain. They were the ones who stayed behind to help after being confirmed by Song Xiangdong's screening as having no problems.

Although the prowess of these Daoists was not as exaggerated as Lin Beichen's, their five senses as cultivators naturally far surpassed that of ordinary people, allowing them to hear Lin Beichen's words clearly.

"Have you decided?"

Song Xiangdong did not speak; it was Fu Daoyi who spoke. Clearly, Fu Daoyi did not understand much more than Song Xiangdong about the black hole, but as one of the heads of the Daoist Sect, he understood the risks involved in Lin Beichen's words.

"I have decided!"

Lin Beichen firmly nodded his head. If yesterday, Lin Beichen did not have particularly many ideas about the black hole, then after experiencing that dream, he decided to study it carefully.

However, the words Lin Beichen had just said were still discounted. If Song Xiangdong and the others knew Lin Beichen's true intentions, they certainly wouldn't let Lin Beichen proceed. freewebnovel.com

"Alright! I agree with you!"

Song Xiangdong gulped the bowl of white porridge like he was drinking alcohol.

As the director of the Security Bureau, Song Xiangdong usually did not drink alcohol. He even had somewhat forgotten the taste of alcohol because he always needed to keep a clear head.

But now Song Xiangdong really wanted to have a drink. He had never wanted alcohol so badly.

After eating, Lin Beichen did not immediately approach the black hole but returned to his house. Before fighting the black hole, Lin Beichen planned to adjust his condition to the optimal state.

Having mastered four types of elemental power, Lin Beichen's organs had already been strengthened in three places. But precisely because of this, Lin Beichen was very puzzled.

"Normally, since I have mastered four elements, four of the internal organs should have undergone refinement."

Sitting cross-legged on the bed, Lin Beichen muttered to himself.

After reflecting on his own body, Lin Beichen found that besides the three places in his internal organs, his meridians had also been strengthened.

"This must be what they call unlocking the Ren and Du Meridians."

For some reason, a saying often found in martial arts novels suddenly popped into Lin Beichen's mind.

As Lin Beichen continuously directed the elemental power within his body, stimulating himself, he felt his body was filled with strength. This feeling made him very comfortable.

Suddenly, Lin Beichen opened his eyes, and an unprecedented determination appeared in his gaze!

At the same time, under Song Xiangdong's arrangement, Dragon Tiger Mountain's security level had been raised to the highest! The area around the black hole, as Song Xiangdong put it, was out of bounds even for Fu Daoyi.

Such a statement did not genuinely anger Fu Daoyi. After all, it was Song Xiangdong's job, and the Security Bureau's usual practice.

"I'll handle things at Dragon Tiger Mountain. Don't worry; no one will disturb you."

It couldn't be more appropriate for Fu Daoyi to handle the matters here at Dragon Tiger Mountain. Song Xiangdong smiled and nodded, gratefully looking at Fu Daoyi.

Then, personally led by Song Xiangdong, Lin Beichen arrived next to the black hole. Unlike before, this time Lin Beichen's gaze contained no confusion, only absolute determination.

"From here on, it'll be up to you."

Song Xiangdong patted Lin Beichen's shoulder and turned towards the door.

But at the moment Song Xiangdong turned, he felt Lin Beichen's aura change.

Previously, in Song Xiangdong's eyes, Lin Beichen was like an unfathomable black hole, impossible to see through. But now, Lin Beichen carried a very noticeable aura.

Normally, Lin Beichen showing his "confidence" should have made Song Xiangdong happy, but detecting the aura emanating from Lin Beichen made his inner unease grow stronger.

"Why does he have such intense killing intent?"

Having come from the military and carried out many unspeakable missions, Song Xiangdong was familiar with the concept of killing intent. However, such intense killing intent from a young man was undoubtedly abnormal.

"Can it be that he intends to..."

At this thought, Song Xiangdong's body trembled slightly. If his suspicions were correct, the consequences would be far-reaching.

After leaving the entrance, Song Xiangdong immediately summoned his subordinates.

"Expand the blockade perimeter of Dragon Tiger Mountain outward by 1500 meters immediately. No one may enter, whether they're reporters or otherwise. Have all businesses close and suspend operations. The Security Bureau will cover any losses."

Although unclear about what would prompt Song Xiangdong to issue such orders, the Security Bureau personnel chose to comply first and foremost.

Military men regard obedience to orders as their highest duty. The first selection criterion for Security Bureau personnel is drawn from the military, as their loyalty is undoubted, especially for soldiers of the Dragon Country! Not every country's soldiers can be called the backbone of the nation!

"What is this kid planning?"

Song Xiangdong's orders soon reached Fu Daoyi, who came to Song Xiangdong's side with a serious expression.

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Based on his understanding of this old friend, Song Xiangdong wouldn't give such an order if it weren't for something important.

Because when he saw Song Xiangdong, he already heard him giving satellite interference instructions over a dedicated phone!

In other words, not only must foreign satellites be prevented from observing what's happening at Dragon Tiger Mountain, but even satellites of Dragon Country can't observe and film it.

As the director of the security bureau, Song Xiangdong naturally has the authority to issue such orders, but even he has to report to higher-level personnel after the task is completed.

If he doesn't get approval from the higher-ups, Song Xiangdong will face significant punishment. It's fair to say that Song Xiangdong is putting his future on the line for Lin Beichen.

"Don't ask about the specifics, just keep an eye on the people at Dragon Tiger Mountain,"

Song Xiangdong patted Fu Daoyi on the shoulder, his face showing an unusual determination.

"We're old friends, I wouldn't screw you over!"

Hearing Song Xiangdong's words, Fu Daoyi didn't say much but turned and left to arrange subsequent matters.

And just at the moment he turned around, there was a sound of electric flashes from the location of the black hole.

In a clear blue sky, there wouldn't naturally be thunder and lightning, but the sound of lightning was real.

The sound of the lightning was not created by nature. At this moment, Lin Beichen's entire body was wrapped in a blue-green electric flash.

Because this is Dragon Tiger Mountain, and the people of the security bureau are guarding Lin Beichen outside, he dares to release his full power.

"In previous battles, I had never used the full power of the Electric Element, I didn't expect it to be so overwhelming!"

Feeling the amount of Electric Element surrounding him, even Lin Beichen himself found it a bit hard to believe.

With such a massive amount of Electric Element, if he unleashed it all at once, Lin Beichen believed he could easily destroy the house in front of him.

Then, under Lin Beichen's control, the Electric Element in his body condensed into his right hand. Suddenly, with a shout, his right hand struck straight towards the black hole in front of him.

In an instant, a column of electric thunder descended as if from the Milky Way, so massive that even four or five adults holding hands might not be able to embrace it. In just one breath, Dragon Tiger Mountain began to shake violently.

Song Xiangdong's eyes were fixed on the direction of the black hole, silently praying in his heart.

"You better not go too far, or even I won't be able to cover this up!"

The tremors at Dragon Tiger Mountain naturally drew the attention of the nearby residents.

The residents wanted to go to Dragon Tiger Mountain to see what was happening, but they were stopped by local police and traffic control.

Some journalists rushed to the scene, hoping to get first-hand information, but they were also blocked by members of the security bureau in black suits.

Even though the journalists shouted about their so-called freedom of speech, the men in black were unswayed and didn't even spare them a glance.

The young journalists still wanted to push forward, even intending to take out cameras to expose these people, but an older journalist stopped them.

"You're really young, don't you realize there are some things we can't do?"

An experienced journalist with over 30 years in the field instantly noticed something was off, hurriedly pressing down the younger journalist's raised camera.

"But we're journalists; do you really think they would dare to stop us?"

The young journalist looked at the man in black in front of him, his face showing disdain.

After all, journalists are often called the uncrowned kings, and anyone who opposes them would become the target of public opinion attacks.

"If you really want to court death, then be my guest."

The experienced journalist glared at the young one and turned to leave.

Seeing other journalists still arguing with the men in black, he thought disdainfully,

"These guys are used to being pampered; they don't even know when to act sensibly. Those people aren't ordinary at all!"

Sure enough, as soon as the experienced journalist thought this, several Hongqi cars arrived, and those troublesome journalists were taken into the cars and driven away.

The scene stunned the remaining journalists. The previously arrogant young journalist quickly understood the situation, running up to the experienced journalist to leave immediately.

"Senior, they are..."

The young journalist wanted to ask about the identity of the men in black but was stopped by the experienced journalist's rare serious gaze.

Meanwhile, the black hole attacked by Lin Beichen began to shake violently! The originally pitch-black shape actually began to emit light green light!

"He's really healing his wounds; this black hole is not a simple object!"

The reason Lin Beichen chose to attack the black hole was to test its properties, to see if it was an Earth Element or Wood Element.

According to Lin Beichen's understanding of the Five Elements, Earth Element represents strong defensive capabilities, while Wood Element represents life force!

If the black hole had completely resisted his attack, it would mean it was Earth Element. However, the black hole did not withstand his attack and instead emitted a strong life force to heal.

This made Lin Beichen certain that the black hole's property was Wood Element!

Lin Beichen suddenly sat down to meditate, trying to understand the Wood Element. But just as he sat down, the black hole started to expand.

It was like a giant sea beast suddenly opening its bloody mouth. Before Lin Beichen could react, he was swallowed whole.

Swallowed, Lin Beichen felt like he was sucked into a whirlpool, no matter how hard he tried, his body continued to spiral downward uncontrollably.

Feeling his consciousness gradually blur, he quickly activated the Water Element to keep his mind clear.

Even though it was pitch black in front of him, Lin Beichen could clearly feel the scorching and extremely dry wind blowing on his body.

Suddenly, a ray of light appeared in the previously pitch-black surroundings. The light grew larger, and when he adjusted to the brightness and opened his eyes, he found himself in a desert.

Being in such a deathly space would typically be a despairing situation, but Lin Beichen was very excited, as the desert before him felt very familiar, just like the one in his dreams.

"I didn't expect to come here this way."

Even though Lin Beichen had no evidence, the familiar feeling made him sure this was the desert from his dreams. Now, he just had to find the oasis in the desert!

"But how can I find that oasis?"

Lin Beichen talked to himself, looking around the endless desert, but couldn't capture any traces.

Shhh... shhh... shhh...

A faint sound came from behind Lin Beichen. He turned around as fast as he could, only to see a giant black scorpion charging at him, brandishing its steel-like pincers.

Those pincers, seemingly made of tungsten steel, didn't reflect any light even under the sunlight.

"Nice!"

Instead of feeling any panic, Lin Beichen was thrilled!

His hands crackled with blue electric flashes, and the Gold Element's power spread throughout his body, enhancing his physical strength to the maximum.

This was Lin Beichen's first time fighting such a creature, but he felt immensely excited.

"This is like a natural training ground. If I could enter here to train anytime, that would be fantastic!"

The scorpion was swift, but Lin Beichen, already prepared, used the power of Ancient Martial Arts to dodge its attacks.

At this moment, Lin Beichen moved with the Eight Trigrams Step, evading the scorpion's strikes with the grace of a Wandering Dragon, each time dodging the giant pincers at the last moment.