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Chapter 361: Brief Projection

Flash, turn, leap, move—Lin Beichen displayed the moves of Ancient Martial Arts to the fullest extent. Every action was extremely natural and smooth, as if it were second nature to him.

"So this is the secret of this technique!"

During the battle with the Black Scorpion, a faint smile suddenly appeared at the corner of Lin Beichen's mouth. Lin Beichen was amazed to discover that he had actually mastered the secret of these Ancient Martial Arts.

Thinking of this, Lin Beichen pushed the metal power within his body to its limit. He even wanted to try whether he could directly shatter the Black Scorpion's body in front of him.

The Black Scorpion's body was like cast iron, not reflecting any light even under the sun. This kind of chilling feeling would have surely made anyone else flee.

But instead of fear, Lin Beichen exhibited extreme excitement!

And as the Gold Attribute Element appeared within Lin Beichen's body, the tremors of the Black Hole at Dragon Tiger Mountain became even more intense.

"What the hell is going on here!"

"Quickly, investigate whether there's been an earthquake in the area around Dragon Tiger Mountain!"

The tremors of the Black Hole shook the entire Dragon Tiger Mountain so violently that it felt like an earthquake was happening.

Song Xiangdong had agreed with Lin Beichen that no one could approach the Black Hole without Lin Beichen's permission. So they were not aware of what was happening with the Black Hole.

A moment later, subordinates from the Security Bureau arrived beside Song Xiangdong.

"Director, there has been no earthquake!"

The subordinate swallowed, showing a trace of panic on his face.

"Not only has there been no earthquake near Dragon Tiger Mountain, but nowhere within the entire Dragon Country either."

"I think something is happening there."

Fu Daoyi's gaze turned to the location of the Black Hole.

In fact, this was what Song Xiangdong thought too, but considering his agreement with Lin Beichen, he hesitated.

"When did you become so hesitant? If something really happens to that kid, you'll be crying without a grave to find!"

After saying these words, Fu Daoyi walked towards the direction of the Black Hole, talking to himself as he went.

"That was an agreement between you and that kid. I didn't promise him anything."

Watching Fu Daoyi's departing figure, Song Xiangdong spat on the ground.

"That damned bastard!"

Although Song Xiangdong said this, he still walked towards the Black Hole along with Fu Daoyi.

Pushing open the makeshift door revealed an unbelievable sight in front of Song Xiangdong and Fu Daoyi.

"Lin... Beichen?"

Song Xiangdong rubbed his eyes reflexively, but no matter how much he rubbed, he couldn't find Lin Beichen's figure.

Compared to Song Xiangdong's anxiety, Fu Daoyi seemed much calmer.

He approached the Black Hole calmly. At this moment, the Black Hole no longer looked as dark as before, but like a mirror.

However, when Fu Daoyi saw the scene within the mirror, even he couldn't help but cry out loudly.

Hearing his old friend's cry, Song Xiangdong hurried over. What he saw was Fu Daoyi's trembling finger pointing at the Black Hole, his face a picture of panic.

In Song Xiangdong's memory, this was the first time he had seen Fu Daoyi show such an expression. But soon, he understood why his old friend was so panicked.

That mirror-like surface was reflecting Lin Beichen's figure. Lin Beichen was currently fighting a gigantic Black Scorpion.

"What is that kid doing!"

Song Xiangdong's face was filled with worry. He didn't know how Lin Beichen got in there, but he could confirm that Lin Beichen was definitely in a crisis now.

After all, that Black Scorpion looked even more exaggerated than the monsters he had seen in movies. Most importantly, the scorpion had incredible speed.

"I think you should call your elite team over and let them take a good look. Battles like this are not something they can see on a daily basis!"

Fu Daoyi's voice echoed in Song Xiangdong's ear. Song Xiangdong nodded reflexively but hesitated to give the order.

After all, the scene reflected in the Black Hole was too shocking, and Lin Beichen's entry into the Black Hole was also a top-secret.

"These people are from your Security Bureau, and most of them are personally selected by you. Don't you trust them?"

"How could I not trust my brothers?"

Annoyance was written all over Song Xiangdong's face. He then used his walkie-talkie to call over the members of the elite team from the Security Bureau.

"You need to carefully observe every move in there and sign confidentiality agreements. Nothing you see today can be leaked!"

Although unsure why Song Xiangdong had suddenly become so stern, the elite team members were his confidants and never questioned his orders.

"Understood, Director!"

After everyone signed the top-level confidentiality agreements, Song Xiangdong allowed them to approach the Black Hole.

When they first saw the scene within the Black Hole, they were stunned for a moment, but then their gazes grew increasingly intense. These elite team members were top experts selected from the military; winning the all-army martial arts competition was only their basic qualification.

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Some team members hail from ancient martial arts families or combat clans. As the saying goes, 'An outsider watches the excitement, an insider watches the intricacies,' they can naturally discern Lin Beichen's extraordinary tactics.

"This move looks like Baji Fist."

"What do you mean 'looks like'? That's clearly Baji Fist!"

A descendant from a Baji Fist family in the mission team had a face full of excitement. He saw that even the elders in his family could not perform Baji Fist to the level of mastery Lin Beichen just demonstrated.

"If given the chance, I'd really like to learn from him."

"Look at the move he's executing now. Doesn't it resemble the ancient martial arts described in our family?"

A sharp-eyed team member suddenly noticed a change in Lin Beichen's hand movements.

Lin Beichen's hands were continuously sliding, appearing slow, yet producing afterimages. This fast yet slow motion was very similar to the ancient martial arts found in Tai Chi.

The Tai Chi we see nowadays is mostly a form of exercise, but as the saying goes, 'Literature uses Tai Chi to bring peace, martial arts uses Baji to determine the fate of the world.'

True Tai Chi is purely a killing technique, which is why it held the top position among ancient martial arts during the era of 'Hundred Schools of Thought Contending.'

After Lin Beichen showcased Tai Chi, Song Xiangdong noticed that the black scorpion's movements seemed to be guided by Lin Beichen, controlled like a puppet.

"Is this the power of the ancient martial art Tai Chi?"

Lin Beichen's seemingly slow actions contained immense power. Each motion could affect the attacking path of the black scorpion.

"It's time to finish this!"

After a period of battling, Lin Beichen seemed to have gained a new understanding of the word "combat," and the black scorpion's movements increasingly appeared slow under his gaze.

Clearly, this black scorpion could no longer meet Lin Beichen's expectations. For an enemy that fails to meet his expectations, Lin Beichen's only recourse is death.

Lin Beichen's hands suddenly emitted a sound like lightning, greenish-blue lightning coiled around his hands like serpents.

Perhaps even Lin Beichen hadn't noticed that the lightning in his hands had become tangible.

This also signified that Lin Beichen's understanding of the Electric Element had deepened. Looking at the snake-like electrical tongues on his hands, Lin Beichen's lips curled into a cold smile.

He then stepped in Eight Trigrams formation, charging towards the black scorpion at incredible speed. The fear of lightning is instinctive in all animals, even the desert-dwelling black scorpion.

Feeling the immense pressure from Lin Beichen's hands, the black scorpion didn't charge but rather showed signs of retreat.

"Didn't expect you to know fear, you beast!"

Seeing the black scorpion's state, Lin Beichen sneered inwardly.

The next second, Lin Beichen disappeared from the black scorpion's sight. The scorpion turned its massive body, trying to locate Lin Beichen's figure.

However, in the God's perspective of Song Xiangdong and others, Lin Beichen's movements were extremely graceful. Before the black scorpion could find him, intense pain surged from its tail.

With his hand acting as a blade augmented by the Electric Element, Lin Beichen directly cleaved the steel tail of the black scorpion. The steel tail was severed, with dark green liquid flowing from the wound.

The liquid, exposed to the heat of the sand, emitted sizzling sounds, like oil boiling in a pan.

"If you don't want to die, show me the way to the oasis!"

Lin Beichen didn't know if the black scorpion understood his words, but it didn't matter — if it did, it would buy itself a bit more time.

Unexpectedly, the black scorpion seemed to understand Lin Beichen and started crawling in a certain direction.

The black scorpion crawled a few steps, then stopped and turned its large head to look at Lin Beichen, as if ensuring Lin Beichen was following.

Lin Beichen nodded toward the scorpion and followed it toward the so-called oasis.

The mirror formed by the black hole not only reflected Lin Beichen's battle movements but also echoed the sounds within.

"What's this oasis he mentioned?"

Song Xiangdong turned to his staff, showing a rare serious expression.

"Have you identified the desert's location?"

Seeing Lin Beichen, Song Xiangdong immediately had his subordinates investigate all deserts within Dragon Country, hoping to locate Lin Beichen.

The results disappointed Song Xiangdong, as they failed to find Lin Beichen in any desert.

"Director, while oases exist in our domestic deserts, Lin Beichen does not appear in any, so we are uncertain where he intends to go."

The security bureau staff displayed a helpless expression. Hearing his subordinate, Song Xiangdong shook his head in resignation. Though disappointed, he knew his men tried their best.

"It's not your fault. Many issues cannot be solved by technology alone."

Fu Daoyi intentionally feigned displeasure, glancing at Song Xiangdong.

Although Song Xiangdong wasn't truly angry, Fu Daoyi couldn't help but grumble.

"I understand. I only worry about his safety."

Beyond dealing with the black hole incident, Lin Beichen appeared at Dragon Tiger Mountain.

Considering Lin Beichen's intrinsic value and the path he is on, Song Xiangdong knows more than anyone that if Lin Beichen succeeds, he will change the landscape of Dragon Country and potentially the entire world.

Thus, even if issues at Dragon Tiger Mountain remain, Lin Beichen must not face any trouble.

"What you said is true, but some people are born with certain missions."

Fu Daoyi spoke in a calm tone.

Meanwhile, guided by the black scorpion, Lin Beichen arrived at the oasis seen in his dreams.

Joy spread across Lin Beichen's face, as the oasis matched exactly what he saw in his dream.

Turning to the black scorpion beside him, Lin Beichen smiled and nodded.

"Since you brought me here, I'll honor my promise."

Saying this, Lin Beichen waved at the black scorpion. Without hesitation, as if fearing Lin Beichen would regret, it burrowed into the sand.

"This place indeed reeks of life."

Standing in the oasis, Lin Beichen took a deep breath, feeling his cells purifying within. Unexpectedly, the exhalation from Lin Beichen was black-gray.

"Is this the oasis's power?"

Lin Beichen's actions and words were closely observed by Song Xiangdong and others.

Seeing the oasis's miraculous effects, they wished to enter the black hole to experience it.

Even though Lin Beichen sensed the dense presence of the Molybdenum Element around, he didn't rush to sit down but rather scanned his surroundings for any danger.

Lin Beichen knew well that once he starts perceiving, everything around will be automatically filtered out. Any danger at such a moment could be fatal.

Ensuring no wild beasts were around, Lin Beichen finally felt at ease.

"After that fight, I am indeed a bit hungry..."

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While speaking, Lin Beichen saw the water pond and the few red fruits growing on the tree nearby. At this moment, Lin Beichen didn't realize that his every move was being closely observed by Song Xiangdong and others, and he instinctively walked towards the direction of the water pond.

"What is this kid going to do? Ah! What is he going to do!"

Although he had already guessed Lin Beichen's next move, the worried Song Xiangdong couldn't help but ask this "idiotic" question out loud.

Fu Daoyi, even though worried, believed that Lin Beichen would not act recklessly. Although his interaction with Lin Beichen had been short, he could see that Lin Beichen was a meticulous person, and Fu Daoyi's judgment was highly respected by Song Xiangdong.

"You have nothing to worry about, this kid will be fine."

"You're not from Dragon Tiger Mountain, of course, you'd say that. This kid is not only important to the safety bureau but also of great significance to Dragon Country!"

Song Xiangdong, feeling aggrieved, glared at the other party and expressed his dissatisfaction continuously like a wronged housewife.

Under normal circumstances, Fu Daoyi would have just listened until he finished, but with other members of the safety bureau present, if Song Xiangdong continued to speak this way, his authority as the director would be undermined.

As someone in a high position, especially in the sensitive department of the safety bureau, Song Xiangdong always needed to maintain a calm demeanor in front of his subordinates.

But the way Song Xiangdong just acted, there was no trace of his usual calmness, his gaze filled with anxiety like a parent watching their child get hurt!

"Since you know how important Lin Beichen is, and are aware of how strong he is, you must trust his decisions!"

Fu Daoyi emphasized, worried that Song Xiangdong, in a state of confusion, didn't understand his point. He added with a heavier tone.

"Don't forget your current status!"

The last half of the sentence was like a bucket of cold water, directly splashing onto Song Xiangdong's head, instantly calming him down.

At this moment, Song Xiangdong gave the other party a grateful look and nodded firmly.

"You are right, Lin Beichen's strength is immense, our worrying is useless, it's better to just watch closely."

After Song Xiangdong said this, the attention of everyone in the safety bureau was once again focused on the screen, and by now Lin Beichen had already drunk the water from the pond and was turning his gaze towards the red fruits.

Although he didn't know what these red fruits were, Lin Beichen's intuition told him that not only were these red fruits not dangerous, but they would become his aid!

"No matter what, I'll eat them first!"

Lin Beichen walked under the tree, gathered the power of the Electric Element in his right hand, and then the Electric Element, like a flying knife, swiftly shot towards the fruits at the top of the tree.

The flying knife directly severed the branch connecting the tree to a red fruit, dropping it right into Lin Beichen's hand! But what Lin Beichen didn't expect was that the severed branch restored itself to its original state in just a breath's time.

This formidable regenerative ability was beyond Lin Beichen's expectations, it was apparent that this oasis was intimately connected with the Wood Element!

After Lin Beichen finished eating the red fruit, he felt the power inside him rapidly recovering! The recovery speed was so intense that before Lin Beichen could even react, his body had already returned to its peak state.

To be precise, it was a state beyond his previous peak; not only had his internal organs and body recovered, but after consuming this red fruit, Lin Beichen felt that even his meridians were filled with power!

At this moment, Lin Beichen felt an unprecedented sense of fulfillment, and this sense of fulfillment gave him the courage to face all upcoming dangers.

"But it seems a bit different from the dream."

Having eaten and drunk to his fill, Lin Beichen suddenly realized that although the scene before him matched the one in his dream, his experiences, however, were somewhat different.

Lin Beichen remembered clearly that in his dream, it was as if he had entered a special space, with endless plants and a towering tree!

But here, the plants weren't endless, and Lin Beichen hadn't seen that magical towering tree! Suddenly, Lin Beichen thought that there might be another place within this area?

No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't remember how he entered that strange space in his dream! Although being here had significantly improved Lin Beichen's strength, it still didn't fully satisfy him!

"How can I open that special passage?"

Lin Beichen sat cross-legged on the ground, releasing his internal power. Since he couldn't find the passage, he decided to summon it!

While he had no way to find the exact entrance, Lin Beichen suddenly decided to use the principle of the interplay of the Five Elements! Originally a serene oasis, now seemed to be engulfed in an energy storm, all the energies rampaged here, even unleashing the power of Thunder!

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"What is this guy thinking? Does he plan to destroy that place?"

From the black hole's reaction, Song Xiangdong saw Lin Beichen's actions and showed an anxious expression on his face!

If Song Xiangdong could find a way to enter the black hole, he would have rushed in to stop Lin Beichen long ago! In Song Xiangdong's eyes, that place was a healing sanctuary where negative energy within the body could be expelled. How could such a rough method be used to attack it?

"I told you, this guy has his own ideas, don't rush in!"

Fu Daoyi rolled his eyes at Song Xiangdong, his gaze full of helplessness. He really couldn't figure out why Song Xiangdong had become like this.

As if realizing his own overreaction, Song Xiangdong coughed lightly to cover his inner embarrassment, then deliberately made a self-muttering gesture.

"Releasing such a powerful energy, he's not worried about hurting himself. This kid is really too careless!"

Having seen thick-skinned people before, Song Xiangdong had never seen someone so thick-skinned! Song Xiangdong was obviously worried that the oasis might be destroyed by Lin Beichen, yet he suddenly changed his tone to show concern for Lin Beichen's safety, like a good supervisor.

The powerful energy storm caused the energy in Lin Beichen's body to deplete rapidly. Fortunately, Lin Beichen kept replenishing himself with water from the surrounding pools and fruits, enabling him to sustain this energy storm for a long time!

Fortunately, this oasis couldn't speak; otherwise, it would have scolded Lin Beichen for shamelessly using its energy to attack it. Such behavior was indeed somewhat excessive!

But soon, Lin Beichen's actions were rewarded. A vortex-like thing suddenly appeared in the dense grass.

Although he wasn't clear about where the vortex led, Lin Beichen felt it was closely related to the scenes in his dreams.

"This guy wouldn't be thinking of going in there, would he?"

Song Xiangdong noticed Lin Beichen gradually walking towards the vortex, and in his eyes, such action was practically suicidal.

At this moment, Song Xiangdong couldn't hold back anymore; he shouted with all his might.

"You, stop right now! You must not go in there casually!"

Hearing Song Xiangdong's shout, even Fu Daoyi didn't stop him this time, because he too felt Lin Beichen was being overly reckless.

Evidently, this black hole allowed Song Xiangdong and the others to see and hear Lin Beichen's actions, but it was impossible for Lin Beichen to hear them.

Approaching the vortex, Lin Beichen cautiously extended his hand. The moment his fingers touched the vortex, it generated a strong suction force and pulled Lin Beichen directly in.

The surrounding energy storm also surged in, guided by Lin Beichen. All of a sudden, a pig-squealing scream came from Lin Beichen's mouth.

"Lin Beichen!"

Hearing the agonizing scream coming from Lin Beichen, Song Xiangdong instinctively called out, thinking the vortex had caused him some danger.

Who knows how much time passed before Lin Beichen finally opened his eyes. It felt like he had fallen into a tropical rainforest; plants of all kinds surrounded him.

Lin Beichen tried to move his fingers but found his body paralyzed; even lifting an eyelid was incredibly difficult.

At this moment, Lin Beichen suddenly felt a cool sensation from within his body. Unexpectedly, the Water Element's power began to operate autonomously. The moisture of the Water Element cleared his grogginess, making his head much clearer.

"What bad luck, to be attacked by my own power!"

No wonder Lin Beichen wore such a gloomy expression. Sitting up from the ground, he stretched his body and muttered unhappily to himself.

As he was being sucked into the vortex, the power he released was also absorbed into the vortex. The space generated by the vortex wasn't large; squeezed together with so much energy, Lin Beichen naturally suffered from his own power's attack.

Especially the Electric Element's attack, Lin Beichen even wondered if he had gone too far earlier.

Being electrocuted was no pleasant experience. If his body wasn't strengthened by the Gold Element, he wouldn't have recovered in such a short time.

But soon, when he saw the dense forest around him, his gloominess vanished, replaced by an intense excitement. He looked like a child who had received a long-desired gift.

"There's such a strong presence of the Wood Element here."

Seated on the ground, Lin Beichen took a deep breath. Through the black hole's reaction, Song Xiangdong and the others saw Lin Beichen was not in danger, and their hearts were finally relieved.

"This reckless kid is really daring, trying anything he wants. When he gets back, I'll have a good talk with him."

Although Song Xiangdong still looked stern, his face had softened. Fu Daoyi shook his head helplessly at this sight.

Song Xiangdong was this type of person: if he acknowledged you, he would give his all and care for your safety and health. But if he disliked you, you could only consider yourself unlucky.

Lin Beichen didn't choose to blindly explore the forest; instead, he sat cross-legged on the ground. Though outwardly he seemed to have recovered, only he knew his body was significantly drained.

His internal power had almost all disappeared, with only a faint trace of power sustaining his bodily functions. In his current state, if he rashly ventured into the jungle, even a small snake could easily take his life!

Lin Beichen didn't want his long efforts to end with an unexpected death in such a place.

"If only I had some of those red fruits, they could restore my body in the shortest time."

Sitting cross-legged on the ground channeling the surrounding Elemental Powers, Lin Beichen regretted not bringing some fruits with him.

However, it was too late for regrets. Fortunately, the Molybdenum Element's power in his surroundings could also help restore his body, even if not as quickly as eating fruits and drinking spring water.

Seeing Lin Beichen intending to recover by sitting cross-legged, Song Xiangdong finally felt at ease.

Suddenly, Fu Daoyi's expression became serious. He saw a vine behind Lin Beichen, quickly extending toward him.

It reminded him of those horror movies where vines grabbed someone, culminating in the person being strangled or absorbed.

Song Xiangdong also noticed the thick vine's movement, anxiety gripping his throat. But the next moment, what happened left everyone in disbelief.

The vine actually passed through Lin Beichen's body, yet the pierced Lin Beichen showed no reaction, as though he hadn't been pierced at all.

In the midst of everyone's shock, Lin Beichen's figure grew dim, gradually turning ethereal until it completely disappeared.

"How can this kid move so fast?"

Although those present hadn't truly cultivated Ancient Martial Arts, they could guess that such afterimages only appeared at extreme speeds.

"Could he have used the Mist Step just now?"

Song Xiangdong muttered to himself.

Because Lin Beichen needed Ancient Martial Arts, Song Xiangdong had collected many Ancient Martial Arts techniques in the name of the security bureau. These techniques were then listed in front of Song Xiangdong.

Mist Step was one of them, and from what Song Xiangdong knew, Lin Beichen's display matched the characteristics of Mist Step very well!

Chapter 365: The Charm of Ancient Martial Arts

"Is this the strength of ancient martial arts? If I get the chance, I should definitely learn from him properly."

"When he comes back, I must treat him to a good drink."

"You brat, stop talking nonsense there, don't think we don't know what you're up to!"

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Seeing Lin Beichen's actions reflected in the Black Hole, the members of the surrounding safety bureau execution squad were deeply fascinated by the power of ancient martial arts.

Everyone's face showed an eager expression, wishing they could immediately learn ancient martial arts to strengthen their own power.

After all, these people were strong individuals selected from the army, and their pursuit of strength is endless. They already had a certain foundation, so it was natural for them to see that what Lin Beichen displayed was something they didn't have but desperately needed!

"It seems your decision was correct. Look at the eyes of those folks around you. They're like wild beasts that have been hungry for a long time and suddenly see their favorite prey!"

Fu Daoyi smiled slightly, feeling very approving of Song Xiangdong's recent actions!

In fact, Fu Daoyi hoped for the strength of the execution squad more than anyone, because they were the personal guards of Song Xiangdong. The stronger they were, the safer Song Xiangdong would be!

"I didn't expect ancient martial arts to be so powerful in Lin Beichen's hands!"

Song Xiangdong showed a surprised expression on his face, even more shocked than when he saw Lin Beichen catching bullets with his bare hands!

Although catching bullets barehanded was already exaggerated, it was still within Song Xiangdong's understanding. But the vine that appeared out of nowhere had already exceeded Song Xiangdong's knowledge!

Just by looking at the deep markings left by the vine's movements and its impact on the tree, the power of this vine was far greater than the bullets fired by handguns!

Since Lin Beichen could dodge the vine's attacks, it was clear he could also dodge bullets! However, Lin Beichen dodging bullets had already been proven.

While several people were amazed at Lin Beichen's strength, Lin Beichen was using Mist Step in coordination with Hand Blade. Blessed by the Gold Element, his right hand shone like a golden blade, directly chopping at the vine!

The vine snapped instantly under Lin Beichen's attack, but instead of retreating, the remaining vines continued to wrap towards Lin Beichen!

Seeing his companions' reactions, Lin Beichen didn't panic but instead burst into laughter!

"Bring it on!"

Lin Beichen suddenly shouted. In his eyes, the vine wasn't a weird creature that threatened him, but a precious treasure that could enhance his abilities and accompany his cultivation!

However, Lin Beichen suddenly noticed that the cut section of the vine was regenerating at a visible speed! Such a powerful ability gave Lin Beichen a headache.

Although finding something that could train with him in ancient martial arts was great, Lin Beichen didn't intend to lose his life here.

"This guy's life force is truly resilient!"

As soon as Lin Beichen finished speaking, a thought flashed through his mind, and his gaze at the vine changed.

"Life force? Could it be..."

A wild and exaggerated idea surfaced in Lin Beichen's mind, but he couldn't confirm if his thought was correct just yet.

"Then let's verify it!"

Thinking this, Lin Beichen used Mist Step to dodge the vine's attack, then his left hand gathered the power of the Electric Element and directly hit a large tree!

"What on earth is this kid doing!"

Song Xiangdong was filled with confusion as he watched Lin Beichen attack a tree with such powerful force. No matter how hard he thought, Song Xiangdong couldn't understand Lin Beichen's intentions.

But in the next second, a scene that shocked everyone present appeared. The tree hit by Lin Beichen was penetrated instantly, and the light passing through made it clear that if it were a person, they'd be dead.

However, the struck tree began to regenerate at an incredible speed visible to the naked eye, and within a few breaths, the hole created by Lin Beichen's Electric Element recovered as if it had never been there.

"It's true!"

Lin Beichen felt a surge of joy. He indeed discovered the essence of life force, which is the existence of the Wood Element. However, Lin Beichen couldn't easily capture it just yet, so he continued to dodge the vine's attacks while constantly striking the surrounding trees!

No matter how fast Lin Beichen struck, the trees would immediately heal their wounds as if they had never been hurt.

But every time a tree healed itself, Lin Beichen would stare intently at the site of his strike, trying to sense the Wood Element's presence.

It's unclear how much time passed, but Lin Beichen felt his strength draining rapidly, and he was reaching his limit!

The loss of strength caused Lin Beichen's speed and reaction time to slow down. The vines, which previously couldn't touch him, gradually began to reach Lin Beichen's body.

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In just a few minutes, Lin Beichen's body had already been covered with numerous whip-like wounds. At this moment, even breathing caused intense pain that tugged at his wounds.

"I can't continue like this."

A deep determination flashed across Lin Beichen's face. He gathered all his strength within and concentrated the Electric Element in his hands.

Seizing a gap in the vine's assault, Lin Beichen charged directly at the root of the vine, plunging his hands into the ground.

With a loud boom, the immense power of the Electric Element surged towards the vine's root. In just a breath, the once vibrant vine turned to black ash.

After the battle, Lin Beichen lay on the ground, gasping for breath. No matter how much he tried, he couldn't seem to recover his strength.

Though he felt incredibly exhausted, he didn't dare relax for even a moment, not even to blink, fearful that another attack might come.

"If I encounter him now, it would be certain death."

A few minutes later, Lin Beichen felt a bit of his strength returning. He quickly sat cross-legged, trying to recall the power of the Wood Element he had just grasped.

Green light spots moved continuously through the meridians within Lin Beichen's body, as they traveled through different parts of his body. Everywhere the green light passed, Lin Beichen felt his weary body gradually recovering.

"It looks like I've comprehended the first stage of the Wood Element."

Noticing the changes within his body, Lin Beichen felt a surge of joy but dared not stop, afraid he might lose this opportunity of enlightenment if he paused.

Lin Beichen knew well that opportunities for such enlightenment were rare. Though he didn't know how the Black Hole appeared, this forest would likely be his last time here, with future chances being slim.

A moment later, feeling his body fully recovered, Lin Beichen stood up and started walking along the only path towards the deeper part of the forest.

Seeing Lin Beichen rise again, Song Xiangdong finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"I really don't know what that kid is thinking, why isn't he getting out of there."

Worry was evident in Song Xiangdong's words. If something really happened to Lin Beichen here, he would have no way to explain himself upon returning.

Unlike Song Xiangdong, the members of the execution squad were happy about Lin Beichen's success. Their happiness was not just for Lin Beichen's safety, but also because his safe return meant they could learn Ancient Martial Arts.

Even though the routines and mantras of Ancient Martial Arts had backups in the Security Bureau, the execution squad members had no intention of doing self-cultivation.

Routines are fixed, but what's truly important is the understanding of Ancient Martial Arts, as they say, a thousand Hamlets for a thousand minds.

To the execution squad members, even if they trained in Ancient Martial Arts, they couldn't achieve Lin Beichen's level. Therefore, they needed his personal guidance.

"You rascals, looking at a strong person as if seeing a beauty!"

Having come from the military, Song Xiangdong couldn't help but talk plainly and roughly with the members of the execution squad, also hailing from the military, sharing some harmless banter.

As expected, upon hearing Song Xiangdong's words, the squad members exchanged looks and burst into laughter instead of feeling hurt.

"It's really unavoidable, Captain."

A bold squad member said directly to Song Xiangdong.

"Then tell me, why is it unavoidable?"

With Lin Beichen temporarily safe, Song Xiangdong's mood lightened, naturally beginning to joke with his squad members.

"In our Security Bureau, Scar's team is recognized as the eternal second, except for the first captain, Scar can't stand anyone else. If we don't improve our strength quickly, won't we embarrass you in the end?"

Half-jokingly, the squad member spoke sincerely.

Hearing the name "Scar," Song Xiangdong's face became solemn as he looked into the distance. Anyone sensitive to directions would know Song Xiangdong was looking towards Atlantis.

At that moment, in Atlantis, a man with an oriental scarred face was walking down the busiest street in the capital.

The man strode seemingly confidently, but he used his peripheral vision and reflective surfaces around him to keep an eye on his surroundings.

The man was none other than Scar from the Security Bureau!

The reason Scar was in Atlantis was due to Song Xiangdong's orders. After Lin Beichen and others faced danger in Atlantis multiple times, Song Xiangdong couldn't do nothing, lest he be unworthy of his name.

Therefore, Song Xiangdong ordered that once Lin Beichen and his team were sent back to Dragon Country, Scar should create the illusion of returning yet stay in Atlantis to continue investigating mutant experiments.

These so-called "mutants" were actually modified humans. Due to Lin Beichen, Song Xiangdong learned that Atlantis was conducting mutant modification experiments.

What worried Song Xiangdong most was that Atlantis had formed teams of successful mutants. Though these teams couldn't appear openly on the front lines, they were optimal for behind-enemy-lines operations.

As the saying goes, know yourself and know your enemy, and you can win a hundred battles. As the director of the Security Bureau, Song Xiangdong was responsible for the safety of the entire Dragon Country. He could act from any angle if he sensed potential threats.

At that moment, as Scar walked down the street, he felt a gaze locked onto him from not far behind. As a scout by training, Scar had strong reconnaissance and counter-reconnaissance skills.

In fact, seven minutes prior, Scar had already noticed a shadow trailing him at a certain distance.

But since his mission was to stay undercover in Atlantis and investigate the mutant experiments, Scar wouldn't expose himself or draw attention until he had Song Xiangdong's orders.

To Scar, as long as he didn't make a move, they would think he hadn't noticed their presence and act more recklessly.

"Report the situation to the director immediately, tell them I've found some clues about Atlantis' mutant modifications but won't proceed further without orders from the director."

As someone from the military, Scar's duty was to obey orders. He would carry out Song Xiangdong's command without fail.

Using a concealed wireless transmitter, Scar transmitted his message. Shortly after, a reply came through his earpiece from his team member.

"Received!"

With his findings successfully relayed, Scar decided to play along.

Having achieved more than expected today, Scar, usually busy with investigations, now felt playful, curious about the strength of Atlantis' spy organization.

Chapter 367: Song Xiangdong's Rage

"Our agents seemed to have spotted Dragon Country agents on the street, but when they tried to follow them, they found the targets had already disappeared. To avoid alerting the enemy, our agents didn't pursue further."

In Kaelmes' office, Griffin reported the situation that his agents had encountered.

"I didn't expect Dragon Country agents to still be here. It seems they are dissatisfied with what happened previously."

Kaelmes smiled slightly, not realizing that everything was unfolding just as he had hoped.

"We've been targeted by Dragon Country agents, and you still manage to laugh."

Griffin, who had just received his subordinates' report, looked as if he'd bitten into a dead child. Known worldwide for the fearsome reputation of Dragon Country agents, Griffin couldn't fathom why Kaelmes had any reason to be amused.

"This is exactly the result I wanted. Don't forget, our target is Lin Beichen."

Upon hearing the name Lin Beichen, the look on Griffin's face instantly changed, showing anger as if hearing the name of the mortal enemy responsible for an undying grudge.

"How could I forget? If it weren't for that bastard Lin Beichen, I wouldn't be in this situation."

Griffin said through gritted teeth, almost using up all his strength in uttering each word.

"So, to deal with Lin Beichen, we must start with these Dragon Country agents."

A faint smile crossed Kaelmes' lips, a familiar gesture that Griffin recognized as Kaelmes' signature move when he had a plan or was about to take action.

Seeing the expression on Kaelmes' face, Griffin also smiled with joy. The name Lin Beichen had almost become Griffin's nightmare, one he pondered even in his dreams about how to defeat.

But every time Griffin suggested making a move against Lin Beichen, he was stopped by Kaelmes, who would always say it wasn't the right time.

Now that Kaelmes had brought it up himself, it meant Lin Beichen had stepped into the trap set by him.

"After what's happened, no matter what Dragon Country thinks, if I were their top agent, I would definitely assign people to ensure Lin Beichen's safety. Am I right?"

Kaelmes was fine in every aspect except for his excessive arrogance.

However, Griffin had come to understand this about Kaelmes, so no matter what idea Kaelmes proposed, Griffin would always be the first to show support.

It was because Griffin had a firm grasp of Kaelmes' psychology that Kaelmes was willing to spare Griffin's life when issues arose.

"You're absolutely right, Mr. Kaelmes."

Griffin spoke while showing a thumbs-up, and the flattering gesture made Kaelmes feel exceedingly gratified.

"So under these circumstances, and given that we're on Dragon Country's turf, killing Lin Beichen is almost impossible. What we need to do now is lure him out, draw Lin Beichen out of his so-called safe zone!"

As he spoke, Kaelmes adjusted his gold-rimmed glasses.

"And the Dragon Country agents hiding in Atlantis will be the bait to lure him out!"

Even a fool could now understand Kaelmes' intention, let alone Griffin, who was shrewd beyond measure.

Understanding Kaelmes' plan, Griffin burst out laughing, as if he could already see the scene of Lin Beichen bleeding out.

"With Mr. Kaelmes' help, I'm sure I can get my revenge!"

Griffin declared with determination in his voice.

Meanwhile, Scar had no idea he was already targeted by Kaelmes and his team. He was still hiding his tracks while making his way to the rendezvous point.

To the agents in charge of overall surveillance in Atlantis, Scar's behavior seemed somewhat ridiculous, yet they had to admit that every move Scar made was precise and without unnecessary actions.

"If we hadn't set up our deployment in advance, capturing these Dragon Country agents' traces wouldn't have been easy."

One of the surveillance agents said to his partner, pointing at Scar on the monitor as he spoke.

"See that? Each of his actions is so precise and without any extraneous movement. If only our operatives had such skills, Mr. Griffin wouldn't be in this difficult position."

"You're right. This individual is indeed the most formidable I've encountered in my surveillance career."

The other surveillance agent nodded, his eyes filled with respect as he watched Scar through the monitor, even though Scar was the enemy.

Suddenly, the first agent seemed to have thought of something, and his expression grew serious. Having worked together for a long time since entering the field, his partner immediately sensed he had something on his mind.

"Go ahead, there are no outsiders here. Even Mr. Griffin hasn't left any monitoring devices."

Chapter 368: Song Xiangdong's Fury_2

Normally, Griffin always monitors his subordinates, even those responsible for keeping an eye on others; he uses different methods to watch them.

To put it plainly, Griffin does not trust anyone except himself, even his most loyal subordinates cannot gain his true trust.

But this time, the monitoring location was arranged by Kaelmes, so to prevent Kaelmes from overthinking, Griffin didn't conduct any surveillance.

"I just think it's unwise to make an enemy of such a person. If only a few agents or Atlantis military personnel died, I wouldn't say anything, but the previous incidents have caused many civilians to suffer..."

Before the person could finish speaking, he was sternly stopped by his companion. Although the one who stopped him knew he wasn't wrong.

"These are not concerns for small fries like us to ponder."

Another person, worried that his companion might be dealt with by Griffin for his words, hurriedly changed the subject.

As they were chatting, Scar had already arrived at the initially designated meeting spot. In this seemingly inconspicuous small house, there were actually 8 Dragon Country agents.

These 8 Dragon Country agents were not all Dragon agents stationed in Atlantis, as they say, you shouldn't put all your eggs in one basket. Those in finance know to spread the risk, let alone these agents.

Looking at the serious faces of his brothers in front of him, Scar suddenly revealed a slight smile.

"I was worried you weren't doing well, but seeing your greasy faces now, it seems my worries were unnecessary."

Such a simple remark made everyone burst into laughter, instantly dissipating the tense atmosphere of operating in a foreign land.

Scar was indeed very serious in the Security Bureau, but on missions outside, that seriousness turned into concern for his companions.

"Captain, you don't need to worry about us. It's the Atlantis bastards you should be worried about. You have no idea, every time we go out, there are at least three people taking turns trailing us. They think they have us completely monitored, but we don't even know how to cooperate with them anymore..."

One of the team members said while laughing.

To them, the Atlantis agents seemed incompetent, like playing hide and seek with kindergarten kids.

Hearing his team member's words, Scar's lips curled into a cold smile. On his way here, he had also noticed someone tailing him, but pretended not to in order to deceive the opponent.

"Anyway, this is a task assigned by the director. Just focus on your responsibilities, and I'll handle everything else."

It was just a way to vent frustration and they didn't expect Scar to actually speak to Song Xiangdong about it.

Scar then passed on the new plan to the team members in front of him. Meanwhile, in the Mysterious Forest, Lin Beichen had already started the second battle.

This so-called second battle was more of an internal struggle than a battle. Lin Beichen was sitting cross-legged on the ground, without any physical movements.

But through the reflection of the Black Hole, Lin Beichen's face showed a pained expression. He was indeed fighting, but it was a mental battle.

In his mental world, Lin Beichen was fighting an invisible enemy, using all his strength just to stay on his feet.

Lin Beichen entered this state after feeling his consciousness blur while passing through a sea of flowers.

Realizing he might be affected, Lin Beichen harnessed his Water Elemental power to clear his mind, and used his Wood Elemental power to heal any injuries he might have suffered.

Just as he was healing, he suddenly felt the scene change before him, as if he entered a new space.

Lin Beichen felt as if he was standing at the edge of the universe, surrounded by darkness. The stars were not twinkling, but rather massive chunks of dirt.

"Who is it?"

Lin Beichen felt a powerful pressure coming from directly ahead. He immediately directed his Electric Elemental power to his hands.

The Gold Element power surged through his meridians, enhancing his physical state to the extreme. What happened next, however, left Lin Beichen in disbelief. A figure identical to him, but dark, appeared before him.

Lin Beichen had only seen such a scene in fantasy novels, never expecting to experience it himself.

"This is interesting."

In his surprise, Lin Beichen's lips curled into a faint smile.

This time, without giving the other him a chance to strike first, Lin Beichen lunged forward. But to his amazement, the shadow copied his movements exactly.

The collision of Electric Elements between them created a flash like a shooting star, illuminating their battlefield.

The battle of elements didn't yield a victor between them. Hence, Lin Beichen used elemental power as support, relying on Ancient Martial Arts for combat.

But to his astonishment, the shadow could flawlessly replicate his Ancient Martial Arts moves, truly a perfect clone of himself.

"To defeat you, I need to break through my limits, right?"

Lin Beichen recalled a common phrase in fantasy novels.

"Only you can defeat yourself!"

With that thought, Lin Beichen used Wandering Dragon Step and Baji Fist, attacking his dark self. The shadow mirrored his moves exactly, discarding elemental attacks for martial combat.

Their fists clashed, creating dull thuds. Although he couldn't defeat the shadow instantly, Lin Beichen found great joy in the intense battle.

Since embarking on the path of cultivation, it was the first time Lin Beichen had fought so fiercely. He poured his heart into the fight, not caring about its significance.

Lin Beichen only wished for a real battle, blending his martial arts skills and battle insights from previous fights into this one.

After an unknown amount of time, Lin Beichen suddenly realized his attacks were easily landing on the clone, while the clone failed to inflict any real harm.

"A clone is just a clone, without any real thinking ability."

Seeing the hollow-eyed expression of his dark self, like a robot, Lin Beichen concluded that the clone couldn't think, only mimicking his moves.

"Without thinking, no matter how strong, it's just a tool!"

Saying this, Lin Beichen charged at the shadow, his hands crackling with azure lightning. The shadow mirrored him once more.

This time, Lin Beichen didn't act randomly, but traced a Tai Chi symbol with his hands.

"As I expected!"

Charging at the shadow, Lin Beichen's face showed a disdainful smile.

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Lin Beichen discovered that the duplicate he created did not seem to know how to draw the Tai Chi Diagram, which meant that the so-called duplicate could only mimic the same moves but could not capture their essence at all.

It might be fine for ordinary moves, but once it involved something that required understanding, the duplicate couldn't handle it. With this thought, Lin Beichen already had a strategy to defeat the opponent.

Boom! Bang!

In just a breath's time, Lin Beichen collided with the duplicate. However, this time it wasn't an even match; the so-called duplicate was directly knocked flying by Lin Beichen.

The duplicate flew back, crashing into three trees before finally stopping. Seeing this, Lin Beichen knew his idea was correct!

"I want to use this move. Let's see how you will respond to it."

A playful smile appeared on Lin Beichen's face. He was sliding his hands continuously, then quickly formed seals. As he completed the final action, Lin Beichen suddenly shouted the words "Human King!"

It turned out that during his leisure time on Dragon Tiger Mountain, Lin Beichen would read the valuable texts within the Daoist Sect, which recorded the sealing techniques of various famous "seals." Because he favored the words "Human King," Lin Beichen internalized the enlightenment of the Human King Seal.

In the Daoist Sect, the seals allowed one's power to conform to certain rules of the Dao to enhance one's strength. However, in the modern world, no matter how powerful the seals once were, they had merely become hand gestures.

But Lin Beichen didn't think like that. In his view, cultivators still existed. He believed that cultivators were also a form of immortal practitioners, only taking a different path.

Therefore, he borrowed some understandings from the Daoist Sect to broaden his own path of cultivation. After all, such paths could now only be found through scattered clues within the ancient texts of the Daoist Sect!

At this moment, Lin Beichen, who had formed the Human King Seal, imbued the seal with the power of the Point Element. The duplicate, who had just stood up, mimicked Lin Beichen's hand movements but did not form the seal in the process.

"This move will end your life right here!"

Through this battle, Lin Beichen gained further enlightenment concerning the Daoist Sect. Now, in his eyes, the so-called duplicate no longer posed any challenge to him.

The only fate awaiting this duplicate was... vanishing!

"Human King Seal!"

Lin Beichen shouted, once again channeling the power of the Gold Element to enhance the strength of his body to the extreme!

It was said that the Human King Seal was a seal left by the Human King during ancient times. Although in the era called the End of the Dharma Era the seal could no longer display its true might, in Jiang Chen's hands, it could still exhibit some power, albeit just a fraction.

This clash made no extraneous noise—only the sound of a body hitting the ground. The chest of the duplicate, struck by the Human King Seal, bore an ancient mark.

Lin Beichen didn't know what this ancient mark represented, but he forcibly imprinted it in his mind. As the battle concluded, a cross-legged Lin Bei finally opened his eyes.

This movement also eased the hearts of Song Xiangdong and others who had been watching Lin Beichen.

"That little rascal!"

Song Xiangdong finally smiled. Seeing Lin Beichen drenched in sweat, although he had no idea what Lin had just experienced, he was certain it must have been quite a trial.

"I bet you, once this kid comes back, testing his strength will show significant improvement."

Fu Daoyi's lips curled into a faint smile. He saw the slightly excited look on Lin Beichen's face.

Through their recent interactions, Fu Daoyi could tell that Lin Beichen was generally a calm person. Although he wouldn't stay expressionless in the face of a mountain collapsing before him, he at least remained unfazed, not easily pleased or sad.

But now, he showed such an expression, full of proud excitement, which made Fu Daoyi firmly believe that Lin Beichen must have made considerable gains this time!

"You don't need to say it; I know."

Song Xiangdong glared at Fu Daoyi. Actually, he had noticed what Fu Daoyi observed as well. He just didn't expect Fu Daoyi to speak up first.

"I still maintain this: Lin Beichen is one of our Dragon Tiger Mountain people."

Watching the serious expression on Song Xiangdong's face as he spoke, Fu Daoyi recalled the first time Song Xiangdong had spoken to him like this.

But after thinking it over, Fu Daoyi understood why Song Xiangdong was so insistent.

After all, Lin Beichen was extraordinarily important. Song Xiangdong wanted to replicate multiple Lin Beichens.

Even if it couldn't be a perfect replication, even achieving one percent would significantly enhance the Dragon Country's military and overall national power.

An atomic bomb, even at one percent or one-thousandth its power, wasn't something an ordinary handgun or machine gun could compare to. When the quality difference is vast, quantity becomes inconsequential.

But once Lin Beichen entered the Daoist Sect or Dragon Tiger Mountain, it would be much harder for Song Xiangdong to have Lin do anything. Moreover, Dragon Tiger Mountain itself wasn't monolithic, which is why many people sought connections with the security bureau.

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"Don't worry, we are brothers, I understand the righteous cause."

Fu Daoyi smiled slightly, with a rare serious response to Song Xiangdong.

After receiving Fu Daoyi's affirmative answer, Song Xiangdong finally laughed happily.

Meanwhile, Lin Beichen continued to advance deeper. Although there were no clear directions, Lin Beichen was confident that he was going the right way, because he could distinctly feel that the deeper he went, the stronger the Wood Element power!

"I originally thought the deeper I went, the more dangerous it would be, but it seems quite safe now."

Walking alone in a forest more exaggerated than a tropical rainforest, Lin Beichen would never have done such a thing before.

But now, Lin Beichen greatly enjoyed this feeling, even somewhat expecting danger to appear around him. It wasn't because Lin Beichen had a masochistic tendency, but because he felt that no one in the real world was his match, thus he couldn't improve his combat insights.

Even the mutant transformed people of Atlantis were no match for him. So, to enhance his combat comprehension, he had to fight in such environments.

"This kid..."

Seeing the image of Lin Beichen reflected in the Black Hole, Fu Daoyi always felt that the current Lin Beichen was breaking free from the so-called "body shell" in the Daoist Sect's terms.

The reason Fu Daoyi had this feeling was that he had seen a senior of the Daoist Sect attempt something similar, but ultimately failed.

And now, Fu Daoyi sensed the same feeling in Lin Beichen as that senior once had. However, what shocked Fu Daoyi the most was that the aura in Lin Beichen was even stronger than that senior's.

Thinking of this, Fu Daoyi's gaze focused on Lin Beichen again, muttering to himself in his heart.

"Maybe you can really succeed."

While Song Xiangdong, Fu Daoyi, and others focused their attention on Lin Beichen, far away in Atlantis, Kaelmes and others had their eyes on Scar and his people.

"They haven't shown any special movements recently."

Sitting in the office, Kaelmes felt something was off as he read the report handed over by Griffin about the Atlantis agents monitoring Scar and the others, but he couldn't pinpoint exactly what was wrong at the moment.

"Indeed, they haven't shown any special movements."

Griffin's face showed a trace of helplessness as he spoke.

"To prevent them from causing any destructive attack on us in Atlantis, I've arranged for people to monitor key buildings and transportation hubs around the clock indiscriminately, but they act just like ordinary people, even more cautiously than ordinary people!"

Griffin couldn't figure out what these Dragon Country agents were thinking.

"If it really doesn't work, I suggest we arrest them directly for interrogation."

Griffin whispered to Kaelmes in a voice that only the two of them could hear.

No wonder Griffin would say such a thing, his work had seen no substantial progress recently. If this continued, it wasn't just the minister to worry about; even Kaelmes wouldn't let him off.

So, Griffin desperately needed to do something to build his achievements, or he would be eliminated by the Atlantis Ministry of Defense.

Nobody understood better than Griffin what happened to those eliminated, having once carried out such tasks and witnessed the fate of those eliminated, which was beyond miserable.

Griffin didn't want such a fate for himself. But after saying this, he saw Kaelmes' rarely seen serious expression.

Kaelmes looked Griffin up and down before speaking a simple sentence, but it made Griffin break out in a cold sweat.

"Remember, this mission was personally arranged by the minister, and you know what kind of person the minister is, no need for me to say more."

Kaelmes' words were like a bucket of cold water splashed on Griffin. Seeing Griffin's reaction, Kaelmes knew he finally woke up.

"So no matter what happens, as long as we don't have clear evidence, we can't randomly arrest them."

Kaelmes spoke each word seriously, facing Griffin in front of him.

Griffin nodded subconsciously, in a daze, as it was the first time he had seen Kaelmes speak to him in such a tone.

At the same time, he realized the seriousness of the situation. If he rashly took action, he might end up being the scapegoat.

"But we can't just do nothing and let them act freely."

Griffin's face showed unwillingness. He had dealt with Dragon Country agents for so long, never once winning.

It was one thing on their territory, but now Dragon Country agents were active on their own soil. If Griffin couldn't do anything, he wouldn't even have a reason to convince himself.

"Let them act freely? Sounds nice."

Kaelmes sneered, looking at Griffin with a hint of contempt.

"I see, you haven't even found their purpose but still dare to say let them act freely!"

Griffin's face turned beet red with guilt and anger at Kaelmes' words.

He opened his mouth to retort but couldn't say anything, as Kaelmes' words were indeed reasonable. His agents hadn't figured out the opponents' purpose.

"What do we do next?"

Griffin looked at Kaelmes for help. Seeing his plea, Kaelmes nodded with a smile.

"Don't worry, I've arranged for it."

Hearing Kaelmes' words, Griffin's face lit up with hope again. Griffin now only hoped to redeem himself through work.

While Griffin was planning to take down Dragon Country agents active on their soil, far away at Dragon Tiger Mountain, Song Xiangdong received a call from Scar.

"Have you encountered any attacks recently?"

As soon as the call connected, Song Xiangdong, without giving Scar a chance to speak, urgently asked. Though he had great faith in Scar's abilities, this trip to Atlantis was still fraught with dangers.

"Don't worry, Director. There's been no major problem. Although they discovered our movements, they haven't made a move against us."

Hearing Scar's slightly relaxed voice on the other end, Song Xiangdong also breathed a sigh of relief. This Atlantis mission was solely for Dragon Country's prestige, yet it couldn't get too big.

For this reason, Song Xiangdong chose Scar for the task. Apart from Scar, he couldn't think of anyone else suitable for it within his team.

Despite having two other skilled teams above Scar, due to special reasons, Song Xiangdong didn't plan to deploy them unless absolutely necessary.

"The target has been set."

After a brief silence, Scar's distinctive, slightly subdued voice came over the line.

"This shouldn't be discussed over the phone. Since they can track your movements, they can also monitor your calls."

Dragon Country had strong confidence in its technology, but Atlantis' technological prowess was also formidable. Despite the low likelihood, Song Xiangdong did not want to make a careless mistake and fail here.

"Rest assured, I've made the necessary arrangements."

After receiving Scar's assured response, Song Xiangdong felt relieved. After giving a few brief instructions, he hung up the call.

After hanging up, Song Xiangdong returned to the side of the Black Hole.