

## Bottleneck 741

Chapter 741: One Strike Kill, Another One Strike Kill, These Two Demonic Monsters!

Furthermore, they can also choose to temporarily avoid Zhou Shen and Liang Sheng right now. Given that the situation on the other stages has already been cleared up due to the changes in the Heavenly Secrets, they don't have any need to deal with these two demonic monsters at this time.

After all, their state of mind is currently out of balance. They don't dare to admit that they're somewhat afraid. The incidents that happened previously in Longevity Immortal City have already planted seeds of fear in their hearts, which are now fully taking root and sprouting.

After thinking over their strategy, Feng Yuan and his companion decided to first retreat and prepare to go to the other arenas to obtain the opportunities of Spiritual Energy before discussing anything else.

As long as they're not facing two persons, Liang Sheng, they still have confidence because their growth processes have completely surpassed the average Refining Void Dao Monarch.

Maybe afterwards they can also significantly enhance their own strength, because no one can be sure if the incredible strength of Zhou Shen and his companion is attributed to the opportunities from the arena.

Thinking of this, Feng Yuan and the Kaiyuan Child looked at each other and then no longer hesitated. If they kept being indecisive, they would likely face a collapse of their Dao-heart.

Since they don't dare to confront Liang Sheng and Zhou Shen directly for now, they will start with attacking other people first. If they can't even defeat these other Refining Void Dao Monarchs, then they deserve to fall on Talent Road.

After Feng Yuan and his partner had made up their minds, they directly ascended to the previously vacant arena, and this time they did not meet any hindrance. The Floating Arena indeed was clearing the way for them.

To avoid a premature encounter like last time, they split up and claimed the arenas on the east and the west respectively. Their move at this moment instantly served as a wake-up call for the other Refining Void Tao Monarchs.

Since they themselves have to admit that there's some fear in their hearts toward these two newly promoted Dao Monarchs, it's better to start by competing on different arenas. Because no one dares to gamble whether the opportunities on the arena are the reason Zhou Shen and Liang Sheng are so different.

At least they all start from the same line, none of them have grown because of the opportunities from the arena. So, even if they lose the battle and their lives, it's because of their lack of skills.

Thinking of this, the other Refining Void Tao Monarchs also ascended to the arena, took the initiative, and waited for others to challenge them.

The Seeking-Truth Lineage cultivators, however, exchanged glances. Among them, there are also Refining Void Dao Monarchs, but they are few in numbers.

If they rashly ascend the arena and blindly challenge others at this time, they fear they will get nothing in the end. And their goal is in fact different from everyone else's.

They came just to win the recognition of Heaven and Earth. Although they also hope to gain opportunities, they don't want to lose too much.

The death of other talented individuals doesn't have a big impact on the strength of the Immortal Dynasty, but it's different for the Seeking Truth Lineage, it would be a traumatic blow.

But if they don't go up, will they miss the recognition from Heaven and Earth? The leaders of the Refining Void Tao Monarchs of Seeking Truth Lineage looked at each other.

Since they couldn't make a decision at the moment, they might as well communicate with Elder Assembly directly. After all, they were just performing their duties.

As for the Demon Clan, the situation is different. At this time, the Demon Clan Ancestors are all very relaxed, with no intention of competing on the stage.

In their eyes, competing for supremacy on the arena at this time would actually be disrupting the Ancestor's plans. From Zhou Shen's performance, they already have their answers.

When Zhou Shen killed the Demon Emperor, his expression was indifferent, but when it came to competing with the Human Clan, his expression was completely different.

From this, they could infer that Zhou Shen doesn't want the Demon Clan to get involved. At least, he isn't truly intending to exterminate the Demon Clan.

Since that's the case, Zhou Shen must have his arrangements for doing this. They'd better just wait quietly. They believe the Ancestor would definitely give them an answer.

Decisions have been made by the three entities that could be considered as the native forces of Beast Swamp. At this time, when the foreign chosen saw one Refining Void Tao Monarch after another ascending the arena, they naturally wouldn't show weakness and immediately reacted.

None of them wasn't among the proud sons of the heavens, and which one of them was weaker than others? However, when they ascended to the arena, they deliberately avoided Zhou Shen and his two companions.

Saying "three" isn't incorrect because the last victor among the cultivators of the Soul Emergence Realm had also successfully had his breakthrough and awakened as a Refining Void Tao Monarch.

Initially, this third individual to achieve the state of a Refining Void Tao Monarch was somewhat apprehensive, worried that the other Refining Void Tao Monarchs would challenge him immediately.

But to his surprise, since he opened his eyes, the other Refining Void Tao Monarchs didn't even glance at him. Instead, they fought fiercely with the other newly-advanced Refining Void Tao Monarchs.

At first, he was somewhat relieved. But when all the other arenas were filled up, leaving only him and Liang Sheng and Zhou Shen without opponents, an idea occurred to him.

They three had this common point – they all broke through to become Refining Void Tao Monarchs on the arena. Since they lack opponents, could it be that these Refining Void Tao Monarchs were afraid of him?

He thought back to the scene where Zhou Shen had killed a Refining Void Tao Monarch and couldn't help but look at his own hands. Could it be that he was also strong among the Refining Void Tao Monarchs?

He was startled by his own thought but then found it more and more reasonable. It must be like this, otherwise, why would the current situation be like this?

Thinking this way, he looked down at the Refining Void Tao Monarchs gathered at various locations, his eyes somewhat disdainful.

These people are just a step ahead of him. Now they didn't even have the courage to challenge him, how could they be called geniuses?

Maybe his gaze was too blatantly disdainful, that finally, a Two-pattern Taoist Monarch who couldn't take it anymore, didn't want to wait any longer, and directly ascended to the arena.

This Two-pattern Taoist Monarch is from the same Immortal Dynasty as Gai Ye, his name is Yu Yang. Before this, Yu Yang was just cautious about Zhou Shen and Liang Sheng, this is why he didn't act rashly for a while.

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However, neither Zhou Shen nor his ally looked at him with any contemptuous glance. This Refinement Void Dao Lord, who had just breakthrough with no battle achievements whatsoever, how could he be so arrogant?

Of course, although Yu Yang was burning with rage, he was still very careful. After all, based on previous instances, no amount of caution could be too much.

Therefore, after ascending the floating arena, Yu Yang immediately went full-force against his opponent, who was still sizing him up and considering whether or not to test his strength first.

But by the time Yu Yang made his move, he realized he had overthought things, he couldn't even move out of the way in time.

Had he made a fool of himself just now?

Just as he was figuring out how to hold on, under Yu Yang's full-force attack, his vision suddenly turned black and he blacked out completely.

Hmmm?

Seeing this outcome, not only was Yu Yang stunned, but the other Refining Void Dao Lords below were also dumbfounded. How could this newly ascended Refining Void Dao Lord be so fragile?

Therefore, was it not that the opportunity on the Arena was extraordinary, but those two freaks were extraordinary, or was it that the Void Dao Lord just now, due to carelessness and inferior strength compared to the previous two, was defeated so miserably?

For a short while, the entirety of the place below the arena went silent due to the unexpected outcome. The contrast was so stark that everyone turned their heads to look at Zhou Shen and Liang Sheng in silence.

Could it be that these two are not as strong as we thought? Even though they had these thoughts, no one was in a hurry to get onto the arena.

At this moment, Zhou Shen didn't watch the arena where Yu Yang was. He was already closing his eyes to rest, he felt more and more influenced by Heavenly Secrets, so he was calming his mind in an attempt to balance his emotions.

In the coming time, he would neither be haughty nor restless, and he would remain calm. Only such a state of mind could ensure he wouldn't make any more mistakes.

At that moment, Liang Sheng finally "woke up". After regaining conscious, he glanced towards the other arena where the Refining Void Dao Lords were battling each other.

He was extremely satisfied with this outcome, as, according to the predictions from the Law of Cause and Effect Screen, the grand scene he wanted to see was about to happen.

Counting the number of Refining Void Dao Lords on the battlefield, the conditions for launching the plan he had in mind were met, so he no longer paid much attention.

No one dared to disturb him at this time, so he enjoyed leisure time. Seeing Zhou Shen looking his way too, Liang Sheng simply responded with a smile.

Zhou Shen then bowed respectfully, similar to before, he had his own reasons for behaving like this. Even now, he was still in a human body, and there was still a long way to go until his great achievement.

Under such circumstances, he did not need to bear a grudge against Liang Sheng. He could continue to hide behind him and reap the benefits from the conflicts of others. That would be the best plan.

Seeing this, Liang Sheng immediately guessed Zhou Shen's thoughts. It seemed that Zhou Shen was very confident in his ability to hide and was certain that he couldn't see through it.

Since the other party wanted to play a skit, he would play along. Seeing Liang Sheng's meaningful gaze, Zhou Shen was taken aback.

And since the Refining Void Dao Lord just now was killed in one hit by Yu Yang, there were already some craving for opportunities again.

Zhou Shen happened to glance down at the area below the arena and immediately, someone couldn't stand Zhou Shen's attitude and boldly stood up.

I want to see how much you weigh; you daringly look down on yourself.

Zhou Shen naturally welcomed any challengers. At this time, the other arenas were already crowded, that is to say, more and more Void-Refining geniuses were competing with him for opportunities.

Such being the case, he should give it a shot, but he shouldn't use all his strength, let's start with 30% for now.

Thus, the dreadful scene happened again. The Refining Void Dao Lord who just stepped onto the platform was killed directly by Zhou Shen in one move.

This naturally made the Refining Void Dao Lords below restless. It turned out that Zhou Shen was also performing.

He and Liang Sheng are not ordinary people, and Yu Yang is just lucky to have challenged a weakling.

So, what should he do now?

For a short while, the entire floating platform below was silent.

Chapter 743: Second Stage of Talent Road – Becoming Ordinary!

Beast Swamp.

Floating Arena.

At this moment, Liang Sheng and “Zhou Shen” were standing on the arena, not saying a word, and even their gazes were extremely indifferent. Nonetheless, without any reason, Refinement Void Dao Monarch, who was beneath the stage, felt the pressure increasing.

The main reason was that the strength displayed by Liang Sheng and the others was too astonishing. Even the top geniuses of Refinement Void beneath the stage, who were still confident in not losing, did not think that they could easily defeat their opponents.

With that in mind, there was no need to fight stubbornly. Some of the Refinement Void Dao Monarch geniuses had already changed their minds at this point.

In fact, they were not wrong to think this way. At this point, they really didn't need to force things, nor did they need to send cannon fodder to test the strength of their opponents. It would only result in more casualties.

Therefore...

That thought crossed the minds of the best among the Refinement Void Dao Monarch geniuses. They had reached the point where they had no choice but to take action. However, they would need the cooperation of others. Otherwise, there would be many minor issues arising from disorder.

With this in mind, the top geniuses exchanged glances, and in silence, agreed to cooperate. After discussing the results, someone prepared to step forward.

Whoever faced "Zhou Shen" or Liang Sheng later could only win but not lose. However, before they could make a move, they all changed their expressions at the same time.

This was not only limited to Human Genius Cultivators, but also to all Cultivators with the highest talent in the Human Clan and Demon Clan present, who now sensed Heavenly Secrets at this moment.

The next stage of Talent Road had already begun, ending the arena battles?

What was going on?

Following this sudden information, everyone (and demons) present were a little dumbfounded. It seemed that this Golden Era was different from the previous ones, as there had never been such turbulence before.



This sudden change in Heavenly Secrets made the geniuses, who had originally intended to take action, temporarily halt their steps and watch the changes.

In the depths of Zhou Shen's eyes on the arena, there was a touch of confusion. Why would Heavenly Secrets suddenly stop the killing in the arena?

However, since Heavenly Secrets had already reminded them, there would be no one from beneath the arena who could challenge them. If Heavenly Secrets prevented killing, who could do anything?

"Zhou Shen" couldn't help but glance at the other arenas. Those Daom Monarchs who were fighting were evenly matched, each with their own methods, and it was hard to tell who was superior for a short while.

Even if someone emerged victorious from the clashes, it would mostly be a bitter victory. However, their expressions did not show any regret, only great joy. As they triumphed over their opponents, the immense Spiritual Energy descending from the sky could already make up for all their losses.

It was worthy of being the Golden Era Opportunity; even just a small part of it could save them a hundred years of cultivation. It truly was the Golden Era!

As the arena battles ended one after another, the victors immediately sat down on the arena to cultivate, wanting to quickly convert the opportunity into their own strength.

As for the losers of the arenas, there could only be one outcome: the extinction of their paths. Their bodies would become nutrients for the surface of Beast Swamp, making the color of blood on the ground even more noticeable.

The moment Liang Sheng sensed the change in Heavenly Secrets, he was first stunned, and then he could not help but feel excited. He hadn't expected the next stage to be faster than what he had calculated.

However, for Liang Sheng, this was actually a good thing. This way, all the means he had previously arranged for the Floating Arena would be erased by Heavenly Secrets, leaving no trace.

When the time came, the Heavenly Secrets' perception would become even more blurred. Even the Great Might of Independent Cultivators like Zi Zai might only be able to deduce an approximate idea, allowing Liang Sheng even more room to operate.

After all, this was like a reassurance. At the very least, Heaven and Earth didn't care about Liang Sheng's arrangements. Instead, they went along with his arrangements and made up for them, creating new stages.

All of this was within the possible plans Liang Sheng had deduced following the Law of Cause and Effect, and it was still one of the better outcomes.

This was also why Liang Sheng had previously appeared in the Genius War. Liang Sheng never expected that Heaven and Earth would eventually choose the scheme that would help him the most.

At this moment, whether the Heavenly Talented Cultivators had Trump Cards or not had no impact on Liang Sheng.

With such strength, Liang Sheng naturally had nothing to worry about. However, Liang Sheng would not be arrogant. If Talent Road was truly that simple, it would hardly be called the Golden Era.

In other words, although Heaven and Earth had helped Liang Sheng, there would be more twists and turns to come.

What Liang Sheng needed to do next was to strive for opportunities step by step under caution. In the end, the victor could only be him.

He wanted everything.

As Liang Sheng pondered, with one body after another falling onto the ground from the Floating Arena, all the battles were determined, and no new challengers appeared.

All the geniuses on the ground were waiting for the new opportunities that appeared in Heavenly Secrets' perception. In the meantime, the victorious Cultivators also awoke one by one from their cultivation.

Their originally excited expressions from gaining insight through cultivation were instantly overshadowed by the somber atmosphere beneath them, and their agitated hearts gradually calmed down.

For a short while, the entire Beast Swamp quieted down, with everyone waiting, even Liang Sheng having the same expression on the surface.

Finally...

First, they heard a rustling sound, followed by a gradually increasing deafening roar. The expressions of the geniuses standing on the ground changed, and without any hesitation, they rose into midair with their followers in tow.

Chapter 744: Second Stage of Talent Road – Mortal Transformation!

At this moment, the surface of Beast Swamp was undulating like waves, and even the Demon Emperor Ancestors were somewhat puzzled by this sight.

What on earth is going on?

Immediately after, the blood-stained ground of Beast Swamp began to churn slowly, and patterns gradually emerged. As the patterns became clearer and clearer, the expressions on the faces of all the Heavenly Arrogants in the sky began to change.

Is this...

A chessboard!?

As the thick crisscrossed lines appeared on the surface of Beast Swamp, a huge underground chessboard also appeared on the ground.

Before everyone could recover from their surprise at the chessboard, there was a sudden cry coming from the crowd.

At this time, one of the floating arenas suddenly fell, and the previously victorious Heavenly Arrogant standing on it cried out in surprise without any warning.

This seemed to set off a domino effect; one fell, then another, and soon all the floating arenas were falling from the sky and landing on the chessboard.

Zhou Shen and Liang Sheng were among the last few chess pieces to fall.

Liang Sheng's face showed panic at this situation, but no one knew how calm he was inside.

That's because this was one of the outcomes he had predicted. However, due to the changes in the heavenly secrets, the current situation was slightly different from his previous calculations.

At least the changes to the chessboard were no longer under his control. As the saying goes, the heavenly secrets are like a knife, and humans cannot fight against heaven.

Fortunately, his previous arrangements did not expose his true intentions to Heaven and Earth, so this change in the heavenly secrets was only a second creation based on the superficial situation of his previous plan.

However, to be on the safe side, Liang Sheng still deduced the following situation based on the Law of Cause and Effect, so he could guess the next heavenly secret challenge.

As the floating arenas dropped one by one onto the chessboard, all the Heavenly Arrogant cultivators suspended in mid-air were also trying their best to perceive the Qi of the crisscrossed chessboard.

As Liang Sheng's arena landed on the chessboard, a short while later, a glint flashed in his eyes. By now, he had vaguely deduced what might happen next.

If that's the case, it was as if it was tailor-made for him, even more advantageous to him. Did he pick up the protagonist's script?

Keep in mind that he had come step-by-step from the Mortal World. If these talented Heavenly Arrogants were reduced to mortals again, how would they fare?

Mortal Transformation?

At this time, Liang Sheng could not figure out why the heavenly secrets had arranged it like this, but how he felt about it was no longer important and not worth mentioning.

Now that all the floating arenas had landed on the chessboard like chess pieces, all the Heavenly Arrogant cultivators couldn't help but hold their breath.

They were not sure about the situation that would follow, but one thing was certain: something they could not have predicted before might happen.

As expected, as the floating arenas' chess pieces landed, they seemed like white chess pieces, making the chessboard look somewhat empty.

Where were the black chess pieces?

Just as all the Heavenly Arrogant cultivators were pondering over why there were no black chess pieces on the chessboard, the blood-stained land on the surface suddenly swelled up into a big chunk, rising into the air and condensing.

In the next moment, blood-colored chess pieces fell onto the chessboard, followed by more blood-colored chess pieces rising from the ground, quickly filling up the entire chess layout.

Under the crisscrossing of blood and white colors, only two empty spaces were left on the chessboard, and an indescribable obscure Qi instantly hit the perception of both the human and demon clan cultivators.

Seeing this, Liang Sheng understood that the heavenly secrets had been accomplished, but the eerie atmosphere of the chessboard probably made other cultivators feel uneasy.

Even though they were all talented Heavenly Arrogants, they couldn't help but feel numb in the face of this sudden emergence of the chessboard.

It was as if something terrifying was about to happen. Amidst their worries, the blood-colored and white-colored chess pieces on the chessboard began to merge.

The victorious cultivators on the arenas had not yet reacted when they were suddenly swept up by a whirlwind formed by the merging of the chess pieces and disappeared into the vortex.

After seeing all the people who were left disappearing in an instant, leaving only a whirlwind rotating and roaring in place, Hu Fei of the Demon Emperor Ancestor was actually the first to take action.

Upon hearing Hu Fei's secret message, the other Demon Emperor Ancestors hesitated for a moment before following suit.

As for the warriors and soldiers under their command, they too were naturally brought into the vortex by them. The number was in the tens of millions.

In a situation where things were still unclear, the Heavenly Arrogant cultivators didn't know what was going on and wanted to see what was happening. However, Hu Fei and the other Demon Emperor Ancestors plunged themselves into the whirlwind without hesitation.

Seeing the whirlwind engulfing the demon clan in an instant, as if nothing had happened afterward, the other Heavenly Arrogants made up their minds and no longer hesitated.

Since the demon clan had entered it, as a Heavenly Arrogant of the human clan, and if they wanted to compete for opportunities, how could they not take risks?

Originally, seeking wealth and dangers was the norm in the Golden Era, but there were just too many accidents happening with the arenas previously, causing the Heavenly Arrogant cultivators to be a little bit apprehensive, and that's why they were slower to act.

Since they had made their decision, these Heavenly Arrogant cultivators were decisive people who did not waste any more time.

"Xihe Immortal Dynasty cultivators, follow me!"

Since some people started to throw themselves into the whirlwind, others naturally followed. In no time, the entire Beast Swamp surface was empty.

Only the sound of the wind's sobbing remained, telling endless tales of vastness.

Chapter 745: Second Stage of Talent Road – Mortal Transformation!

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Longevity Immortal City.

At this time, the Zi Zai independent cultivator was no longer lying leisurely on his chair. After sensing the changes in the Heavenly Secrets of Beast Swamp, he was somewhat dumbfounded, and his expression was still somewhat incredulous.

He also contributed to the Floating Arena's Big Array, so he was well aware of the Floating Arena's ins and outs.

However, he didn't expect that the array, which was originally artificially constructed by his disciple Liang Sheng, would eventually be used by Heaven and Earth.

His disciple could be considered as dressing up Heaven and Earth, and they couldn't say anything about it. All they could say was that Heavenly Secrets worked like a knife.

Even if you plan perfectly, in the end, as long as Heaven and Earth suppress you and sense that you shouldn't exist, you might end up involuntarily becoming part of the Heavenly Secrets.

Just like the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect, ever since the first Ancestor Master sought great freedom under the edge of Heavenly Secrets, they were actually still under the rules of Heaven and Earth.

However, the Zi Zai independent cultivator didn't think about these things at this time, but instead, he began to worry about his disciple's safety.

Previously, he was confident that he could take action at the first moment, and even if there was any accident with Liang Sheng, there would be no danger.

But now, the Heavenly Secrets have become very clear, and the second part of the Talent Road has been opened. Except for the Heavenly Arrogant Monks who can still enter the field later, it's not something these "Old Undying" can interfere with.

Even those Old Undying Saints of the Sacred Land could only watch at this time. Indeed, how could Heaven and Earth so easily give away their opportunities?

His disciple had previously caught a loophole, and now Heaven and Earth have patched it up. Next, it all depends on his disciple's own fortune.

Thinking about this, the Zi Zai independent cultivator sensed another Qi and couldn't help but look in the northeast direction. The white-haired elderly Taoist, who was a Sacred Land Representative previously, seemed to have let out a sigh of relief and headed straight to Outer Space, as if getting rid of a heavy burden.

The reason these Sacred Land Representatives left the major Immortal Dynasties was simple: their task as protectors had been completed.



At this time, the second stage of the Golden Age's Chosen Path challenge has been opened, and with Heavenly Secrets officially intervening, if someone wants to break the rules, Heaven and Earth will naturally handle it themselves.

Seeing this situation, the Zi Zai independent cultivator secretly sighed, and from now on, everything depends on his disciple's own fortune.

Of course, if he sensed that his disciple was in a life-threatening crisis using the Complete Heaven Freedom Technique, he wouldn't just obediently wait for Heaven and Earth to do as they please.

Although doing so might anger Heaven and Earth, the worst-case scenario would be the disappearance of the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect from the world.

Being a single lineage, the Free Gate would be considered wronged by Heaven and Earth if his disciple dies before him.

He was confident in his heart because of this rule that had existed since ancient times. His disciple would never die, and this was the Free Gate's ultimate confidence in survival.

If it weren't for this, he, the Zi Zai independent cultivator, would not have survived in the hands of the Old Undying Saints in those years.

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East Victory Immortal Dynasty, Capital City Soul Song.

Emperor Dongsheng, accompanied by his courtiers, came out of the Hidden Dimension and returned to the world. Lingxuzi and others rushed to the court to pay homage as soon as possible.

Everyone understood what was going on. It was because the second stage of the Chosen Path had been opened, and for those who were not Chosen Seeds, entering the Chosen Path would be a dead end.

It wasn't just the East Victory Immortal Dynasty, but the actions of all Immortal Dynasties in the Ten Thousand Realms were the same. However, there were still those who felt the Heavenly Secrets finally made up their minds and set off for Longevity Immortal City.

Heavenly Secrets were like this, making it very difficult for them to give up their opportunities. Since Heaven and Earth favored them as Chosen, how could they give up their opportunities?

As the second stage of the Chosen Path opened, the truly mighty Chosen who could sense it finally began to head for Longevity Immortal City.

They possessed great opportunities and great fortune and were the true core disciples of the dynasty. According to past records, the first stage of the Chosen Path wasn't even worth their effort.

But now the time has come, and they don't know yet, but after the Chosen in Beast Swamp entered the vortex, they woke up a moment later to find themselves completely bewildered.

Have I become a mortal now?

The next moment, even though they were in mortal bodies, the Heavenly Secrets entered their ears, which made them feel excited in the midst of their confusion.

Chosen Path, second stage.

Mortal Transformation!

Chapter 746: Martial Arts Halls Body Refining, Heavenly Dao Scheme Finally Appears!

Nameless Place.

Inside an ordinary mansion, Liang Sheng slowly woke up. At first, he was still a bit groggy, but in the next moment, he was completely awake.

He had been unconscious and had no idea how much time had passed; luckily, he hadn't encountered any danger.

As he sobered up, he received information from Heavenly Secrets, and couldn't help but stretch out his hands to take a look. The disbelief in his eyes and his slightly ugly expression told the story.

Mortal Transformation!

He didn't expect the second stage of Talent Road to be so tough, forcing everyone back to the same starting point, relying on their own abilities to stand out from the crowd.

At this moment, he was in an unknown space, and after being transformed into a mortal by the Heavenly Secrets, not much information was revealed. Everything needed to be explored by themselves.

After digesting all the information from Heavenly Secrets, Liang Sheng began to feel his own state. He felt that his powerful cultivation was suppressed by an even more powerful force, completely like a mortal.

However, that was under the influence of the Ascending Immortality Scripture. At this moment, Liang Sheng's heart couldn't help but pound, as if he had become a bug under the Heavenly Secrets.

Because when he stepped onto the Floating Arena, Liang Sheng did not dare to reveal the existence of the Primordial Immortal Sutra. Who knows what the Heavenly Dao's attitude towards ancient cultivation methods is now?

At that time, in order to fully integrate himself into the plan, he hid the Primordial Immortal Sutra under the data panel concealment attribute and only exposed his Refining Void Realm cultivation.

However, now, with the protection of the data panel concealment attribute, he secretly switched to the Primordial Immortal Sutra, and the result was indeed a pleasant surprise.

Under the Heavenly Secrets Mortal Transformation, he wasn't truly powerless. Although 99% of the cultivation within his body was suppressed by Heaven and Earth, there was still 1% of power left in his powerful body.

With just this 1% of bodily strength, he could surpass the Nascent Soul Masters and even match those in the Divinity Transformation Realm.

This allowed him to become an unmatched individual in this stage of Talent Road, much like a bug.

How could other talented individuals, who are mere mortals, compete with him?

Perhaps under the Heavenly and Earth Rules, everyone was forced to undergo Mortal Transformation, to ensure that everyone competed fairly, but now...

Thinking of this, Liang Sheng's lips couldn't help but curl up slightly.

Following this, Liang Sheng also tried to operate the Primordial Immortal Sutra technique within his body, but the result was unexpected. The Primordial Immortal Sutra could be faintly activated, albeit at a very slow speed.

Afterward, he switched to the Ascending Immortality Scripture, and there was no response in his body; all his cultivation was like a stagnant pool.

After several experiments, Liang Sheng was confident that he had the power of cultivation. At his heart's command, he looked at the inch of spiritual power at his fingertip and could not help but shake his head.

Aside from his body, he could even use spiritual power, so how could this be considered a Mortal Transformation?

With spiritual power, he could use Arrays, refining weapons, Talisman Drawing... although his cultivation was restricted, he could only use elementary techniques at most.

But that was enough!

Additionally, considering his own physical strength...

It was simply unbeatable!

His security was now guaranteed. Thinking back to the great fortune omen he showed under the Law of Cause and Effect before, he was now even more confident in his plans.

However, Liang Sheng didn't have any other ideas for the time being. He intended to follow the guidance of the Heavenly Secrets properly.

After all, the Heavenly and Earth Mortal Transformation test had just begun, so he shouldn't be the forerunner. Moreover, Liang Sheng still had some doubts. Although everyone was now a Mortal Transformation and couldn't feel the slightest spiritual energy, Heavenly Secrets still left a glimmer of hope—

Martial Arts practice.

Learning martial arts to break through the Dao?

This was a point that confused Liang Sheng under the Heavenly Secrets. After the drastic changes in ancient cultivation, under modern practice methods, Martial Arts had already become the lowest-ranking path, with no one able to break through this barrier.

Apart from the Seeking Truth Lineage with its Horizontal Training Method and the Demon Clan with their powerful bodies, who else could break through in the Cultivation World?

Was the Heavenly Dao trying to help the Immortal Dynasty cultivators make up for their physical shortcomings, or was it planning something else? Was it trying to reintegrate the Seeking Truth Lineage, or were the Demon Clan about to return?

Thinking about this gave Liang Sheng a headache, especially since his cultivation was restricted. His divine ability under the Law of Cause and Effect had long been obscured by Heaven and Earth, and he couldn't see any scenes.

Fortunately, however, his basic Seeking Fortune and Avoiding Evil ability remained. The news that they could practice martial arts was also good news for the other talented cultivators after Mortal Transformation since Heaven and Earth still left them with a glimmer of hope.

After thinking it through, Liang Sheng roughly understood his current situation. Once he confirmed that there were no issues, he got up and opened the main gate. In an instant, the hustle and bustle poured into his ears.

Looking at the bustling scene before him, Liang Sheng couldn't help but feel a sense of déjà vu, as if he had returned to Jinzhou City. The hawkers' calls on both sides of the street and the flow of people felt so real.

Which world was this?

At this moment, Liang Sheng secretly glanced at the passing crowd, and there were a few familiar faces among them, but they were all mortals, cautiously venturing outside their homes.

Interesting.

Some of the talented ones have already started to explore the truth of this world, and he shouldn't waste any more time. Thinking this, Liang Sheng took big strides forward.

He didn't mind the attention of those with ulterior motives and began to observe the new city step by step as he walked.

Teahouses, wine shops, markets...

There was no difference between all this and the mortal world, but on the two or three streets he had walked through, there were as many as hundreds of large and small martial arts halls.

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How many in that city!?

This should be where the transcendent talents practice martial arts after their mortal transformation. At this time, he had already seen familiar faces trying to join martial arts halls.

Liang Sheng could not help but have this idea. When he returned to the original residence street, he found that people were beginning to learn martial arts at the martial arts hall entrance.

These heavenly arrogant monks seemed to have ideas, thinking that this level is about practicing martial arts, and achieving martial arts with mortal bodies.

However, Liang Sheng did not follow suit. After roughly turning around the two streets around his residence, he returned to his room, closed the main gate, and prepared to think about what to do next.

Among the transcendent talents, some people had the same reaction as him. These were all cautious people, so they did not make a decision at the beginning.

In the room, Liang Sheng's fingers gently tapped on the table. Martial arts were no stranger to Liang Sheng.

After all, he had broken through the innate realm in Jinzhou City and reached the unreachable realm in martial arts. It was then that he took the risk of entering the Cultivation World.

However, from the beginning, he took the wrong path and was restrained by elixirs. It was not until he practiced ancient techniques that he truly embarked on the path of cultivation.

Compared with modern techniques, it is extremely difficult to practice ancient techniques, but under the Talent of Innocent Foolishness, everything is not a problem.

Although it is difficult to practice ancient techniques, they also have the effect of tempering the physical body, so at this time, Liang Sheng's physical strength might be like the ancient gods and demons when practicing martial arts.

So for Liang Sheng, practicing martial arts is not worth mentioning, but he is still contemplating the intentions of Heavenly Dao?

Is it just about learning martial arts and letting the talented cultivators start from the same line?

It looks like this on the surface, but Liang Sheng's first intuition is not like this, but how Heavenly Dao is, will be clear later.

With this thought, Liang Sheng could not help but clench his fists. With his explosive strength, he could probably kill a Nascent Soul True Monarch with just one punch.

In the following days, Liang Sheng still had no action. As he strolled around the city, he collected more and more information as he walked through every corner of the city.

The people of the Human Clan here are not worry-free, because the forests outside the city are extremely dangerous, and demonic beasts are watching the Human Clan closely.

From time to time, demonic beasts will invade the city, and the backbone of resisting the Demon Clan is the various martial arts halls in the city.

Therefore, there are countless martial arts halls in a city. They are the guardians of the city, but the inheritance of the martial arts halls here is surprisingly similar to ancient Huaxia, extremely conservative.

If you can't become a direct disciple of a martial arts hall, you can't learn the bottom-line skills and become a real master.

Liang Sheng couldn't help but be speechless. The fact that human cities can still stand under the invasion of the demon clan shows that the strength of martial artists is not inferior to the demon clan.



In addition to this harsh inheritance, he even suspects that the martial arts halls are intentionally like this in order to consolidate their status.

The martial arts halls protect the citizens, so they naturally enjoy support from the city's taxes. The people have no complaints about this.

If you want to become a higher being, go practice martial arts!

However, martial arts are difficult, and not everyone can succeed.

After understanding the general situation of this world, Liang Sheng once secretly climbed the city wall at night and saw that the outside was indeed full of dangers, and there were many demonic beasts.

Because Liang Sheng had traveled through every corner of the city, the strength of the various martial arts school masters varied, with the highest being comparable to a Nascent Soul cultivator.

That is to say, Liang Sheng's current strength is unmatched in the city, and from this, he can also infer the strength of the demonic beasts outside the city.

Therefore, Liang Sheng also sneaked out of the city, inspecting the dangerous forests outside the city. The strength of the demonic beasts was mostly physical martial arts, and there was no so-called divine ability.

Is it just a martial arts world?

What does Heavenly Dao want to do?

Liang Sheng couldn't figure this out. However, after figuring out the strength comparison between the Human Clan and the Demon Clan in this world, he also made the final decision.

Join the martial arts halls, participate in the main storyline of this world, and he will definitely figure out what Heavenly Dao is planning.

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Hengxing Martial Arts Academy.

Liang Sheng looked up at the sign of the martial arts hall, and without any hesitation, stepped in. A disciple saw a stranger coming in and immediately stopped in front of Liang Sheng.

“Sir, what can I do for you?”

“I am Liang Sheng, and I want to learn martial arts.”

After Liang Sheng spoke, the other party showed no surprise. During this time, more than thirty adult men have come to learn martial arts.

If it were before, martial arts halls would never accept adult disciples, but for some reason, the school master suddenly relented and accepted these adult disciples.

Not only Hengxing Martial Arts Academy, but other martial arts halls also did the same. As disciples of martial arts halls, they naturally had some doubts, but since the school master personally ordered it, no one dared to resist.

“You know the rules to join the martial arts hall, right?”

Liang Sheng nodded, took out ten taels of silver, which was a rule gradually formed after these heavenly arrogant monks joined the martial arts hall.

Seeing the ten taels of silver, the disciple of the martial arts hall nodded and led Liang Sheng inside.

“It seems that you also know the rules of our Hengxing Martial Arts Academy. You all started learning martial arts after becoming adults, so if you don’t practice your inner strength within a month, you will have to leave the martial arts hall, and these ten taels of silver will not be returned.

I will put it bluntly now; since your roots have already been set, it will be extremely difficult for you to succeed in martial arts. I can still give you a chance to regret it.

Once you register later, you will no longer have the opportunity to regret it. Are you still sure you want to join our Hengxing Martial Arts Academy to learn martial arts?”

Liang Sheng nodded.

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Seeing that Liang Sheng was heedless of his advice, the other party did not care, registered Liang Sheng, handed him two sets of Martial Arts Academy Disciple’s uniforms, and arranged him to stay in the backyard chamber.

Ever since then, this was the place Liang Sheng practiced martial arts for a month, and if he hadn’t developed Inner Strength after a month, he would automatically leave.

The arrival of Liang Sheng did not draw much attention from the Martial Arts Academy Disciples, however, those who had previously joined the martial arts academy as adult disciples sighed with flashing eyes.

Which of the talented prideful disciples wouldn’t have deeply engrained in their minds the previously impressive feats of Liang Sheng and “Zhou Shen” on the Floating Arena?

However, Liang Sheng didn’t mind them, but according to the arrangement of the Martial Arts Academy Disciples, he started practicing martial arts in a regular and standard manner.

After he began practicing martial arts officially, Liang Sheng was surprised beyond measure inwardly, yet his appearance remained unchanged. This was not at all the martial arts technique he had learned in Jinzhou City.

If to be compared with the Cultivation World, it was more like the Immortal Path’s Horizontal Training Method, only with a touch of ancient Dao charm added.

Liang Sheng calmed himself secretly. Indeed, the second stage of the Talent Road was somewhat unique, however, for Liang Sheng, it was not hard at all.

With his physical strength, he was able to generate the so-called Inner Strength instantly. However, Liang Sheng didn't show it

Although he actively cooperated with the Heavenly Dao, Liang Sheng could not be the one to make the first move. He just honestly followed along with the training of the Martial Arts Academy Disciples.

As for the Martial Arts School Master, he didn't appear at all.

Not until twenty days later when a Mortal Transformation gifted child successfully practiced the Inner Strength, did Liang Sheng and the others see the true face of the Martial Arts School Master at Mount Lu.

Hong Jingang, the Martial Arts School Master of Hengxing Martial Arts Academy, was a robust man with a muscular body and full of strength. Liang Sheng secretly estimated that he might have the strength close to the Golden Core.

He's great!

The fact that martial arts could be trained up to the Golden Core Realm, was a phenomenon that the previous Cultivation World had never witnessed. The emergence of the School Master also made the eyes of the Mortal Transformation talented children flash.

They had vaguely guessed what the Heavenly Dao intended to do at this time. Previously, they paid more attention to mind cultivation when cultivating, and now they were practicing physical cultivation in martial arts, perhaps because they wanted to make up for their weak areas.

However, looking at the Mortal Transformation gifted child who successfully practiced Inner Strength in just twenty days, they faintly felt a sense of pressure.

They were prideful disciples and were not worried about their inability to practice Inner Strength within a month. If they were worried, how could they be considered gifted children?

After Hong Jingang personally gave guidance to the gifted disciple who had practiced Inner Strength, the gifted child also turned into an Inner Chamber Disciple and no longer practiced in the same place as the other gifted children.

Next, Liang Sheng and the other Mortal Transformation gifted children started to intensify their efforts in practice, and the very next day, three people successfully practiced Inner Strength.

Hong Jingang appeared once again without any change in his attitude, while the native disciples were inexplicably looking at him.

Never before had there been adult disciples who were able to practice Inner Strength within a month. Could these people be martial arts geniuses?

For a short while, the native disciples of the martial arts academy who joined as adult disciples like Liang Sheng, put even more effort into their practice.

The results did not make them feel their efforts were in vain, as all the adult disciples who joined the martial arts academy managed to practice Inner Strength one after another.

It was on the twenty-eighth day when Liang Sheng showed that he had practiced Inner Strength and successfully made it through without any particular performance among the disciples. It could be said that he was quite ordinary.

Liang Sheng was not in a hurry, he was just strictly executing the plan as per what Heavenly Dao had wanted to see. However, after he got the official Hengxing Martial Arts Academy techniques, he fell into deep thought.

The official techniques were increasingly like the Horizontal Training Method stripped out from the ancient techniques. Moreover, as it only practiced the physical body, it was even more domineering.

Other Mortal Transformation gifted children also noticed the difference, however, no one showed it on the surface, everyone was just following along Hong Jingang's practice without showing any impatience.

Though they had undergone Mortal Transformation, as they practiced martial arts, they gradually gained Martial Strength, which was incredibly powerful compared to ordinary people.

Moreover, their growth rate was amazing. Many native disciples who had joined for a shorter period were unknowingly surpassed by them.

For a short while, the native disciples looked at them differently. No wonder the master accepted them, they really are extraordinary.

Liang Sheng didn't care about this at all, he knew they couldn't stay this peaceful for long. Sure enough, after a year, the real Heavenly Dao test arrived.

Liang Sheng looked up at the outside of the city and his lips curled up slightly.

Heavenly Dao, you finally couldn't resist!

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Hengxing Martial Arts Academy.

Suddenly, a sharp assembly whistle sounded, cutting through the quiet night. The disciples of the martial arts school quickly got dressed and rushed out of the gate.

Although Liang Sheng and the other foreign pride disciples had no idea what was going on, they followed suit and headed to the front yard to assemble.

Hong Jingang was already waiting in the front yard, his face serious. After the big apprentice reported that everyone had gathered, he didn't say a word and directly headed towards the city gate.

Hong Jingang's pace wasn't too fast, and the big apprentice immediately called for everyone to follow. For a short while, the atmosphere felt tense.

Liang Sheng and the other pride disciples had their own thoughts, their eyes flashing with excitement.

In this world, martial arts schools hold a high status in cities, enjoying the right to the city's revenue. However, their strength varies, so they share of the revenue based on their strengths and weaknesses.

It's undeniable that martial arts school disciples are like higher beings in the city, and the responsibilities they shoulder are different.

At this moment, the pride disciples' eyes were filled with terror, and after one year of martial arts training, their strength was already comparable to qi cultivators.

Before setting foot on the second stage of Talent Road, they never thought that they would go through this low-level cultivation life again.

Because of Heavenly Secrets' mortal transformation, they realized that the real challenge might come now. According to the rules of the Golden Era, the winner takes all.

Perhaps the sudden commotion tonight was an opportunity for them to progress quickly. As the pride disciples' breathing became heavier, they approached the city gate.

However, as they got closer to the city, they gradually felt pressured. Their assembly point this time was at the West City Gate.

Several martial arts schools had already gathered, and their formations were clear and orderly. Obviously, this kind of scene had happened countless times before.

Among the other martial arts schools, Hengxing Martial Arts Academy's pride disciples also recognized familiar faces.

Everyone wasn't too surprised. How could they live up to the reputation of the gifted child if they couldn't pass the martial arts school test?

At this moment, Hong Jingang let his big apprentice maintain order among the disciples and went straight to the tent near the city gate.

Liang Sheng and the others were waiting outside while other martial arts schools arrived one after another. The masters of these martial arts schools also entered the tent immediately.

For a short while, the entire city gate was crowded but silent. Liang Sheng also imitated the other martial arts school disciples and closed his eyes to rest.

It was obvious that they still had to wait for a while, so the pride disciples also began to rest and close their eyes.

How could they live up to their previous Refinement Void level of cultivation if they didn't even have this state of mind? But while they were calming their emotions and entering a state of stillness, Liang Sheng secretly observed the situation inside the tent with his eyes closed.

Liang Sheng's divine sense gradually expanded as the Primordial Immortal Sutra in his body slowly circulated. However, this unnamed world compressed his divine sense into a range of a hundred meters, so the tent was still within his sensing range.

At this point, there were 38 martial arts school masters gathered. Under the leadership of one person, the masters began discussing how to proceed.

Liang Sheng secretly listened to their conversation for a while and soon understood the situation. It turned out that a group of mobile demons was suddenly attacking the city.

However, according to the scouts' investigations, the strength of these attacking demons was not strong. Therefore, Hengxing Martial Arts Academy and the other 37 martial arts schools showed up here according to the rotation system.



Who would have thought that they were preparing to let these foreign pride disciples take the lead? Liang Sheng was taken aback.

He really didn't expect that under Heavenly Secrets, the trial for pride disciples would be so blatant and out of the ordinary.

However, Liang Sheng had no objections. He couldn't wait to get in touch with the fog of this world where the trial was taking place and see the truth of this stage of Talent Road.

This year of martial arts training, for Liang Sheng, had not brought him any growth in strength. While other pride disciples progressed step by step, he was only gradually lifting his physical restrictions.

After all, with his true strength, he could probably defeat every martial arts school master in the city.

Just as Liang Sheng was listening to the masters' discussions and pondering his next move, the martial arts school masters finally stopped discussing.

Immediately after, the martial arts school masters walked out with serious expressions. Hong Jingang returned to the forefront of Hengxing Martial Arts Academy disciples and spoke directly, without any concealment.

"Last night, news suddenly came that a small group of demonic beasts was attacking. Therefore, today Hengxing Martial Arts Academy disciples must fight courageously."

An Gu, you take the newly promoted disciples from this past year to the outer city gate. If you see the demonic beasts appear, you shall take action immediately. If anyone dares to retreat from the battle, you shall execute them."

"Yes, Master."

An Gu, as the big apprentice of Hengxing Martial Arts Academy, was actually a bit stunned when he heard this. He almost didn't react in time.

Although they had experienced small-scale demon beast attacks before, there had never been a rule for new disciples to take the lead.

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However, An Gu would not disobey his Master's decision. Although he was puzzled in his heart, he still called out Liang Sheng and other pride disciples to line up.

After confirming that there was nothing wrong, An Gu led these newly joined disciples out of the city gate. As the pride disciples moved forward, their eyes flickered with anticipation.

They all had their own speculations in their hearts, and at this moment they faced the sudden invasion of demonic beasts without any hesitation or fear, but instead were boiling with the desire to fight.

Heaven's secrets were born out of conflict and battle, and they were eager for this opportunity to compete for their own fortunes.

At this time, Hong Jingang stood by and saw the expressions on these disciples' faces. He did not show his emotions, but he could not help nodding secretly in his heart.

Human hearts can be used, and the morale is high.

Then, seeing that there were no troublemakers among the new disciples, he took the remaining old martial arts academy disciples directly to the top of the city tower.

Hong Jingang looked solemnly at the quiet forest outside the city gate, and before long, the other martial arts school masters also led their disciples to the top of the tower.

As for the disciples they sent out, they were naturally the adult disciples newly recruited within a year, and everyone was extremely tacit in their understanding.

At this time, they were not too worried in their hearts, because the number of demonic beasts was actually not much and did not pose too much of a problem.

However, no martial arts academy would really underestimate the enemy when facing a demonic beast attack, because those who had underestimated the enemy before had already died and disappeared, and their graves were covered in grass three meters high, their lives extinguished like a lamp, leaving no trace behind.

At this moment, the newly recruited pride disciples from the various martial arts academies, all focused on the front, having already sensed the new Heavenly Secrets.

Their hearts rejoiced secretly because they had indeed begun to enter the second stage of the Talent Road, and they were the earliest among their peers.

Such luck!

To obtain an opportunity a little bit earlier on the Talent Road means one step ahead of others, and what is it if not a surprise?

Heaven blesses my Immortality Cultivation Path!

Just like before on the Floating Arena, entering the arena a step earlier would give them an opportunity to gain an advantage, such as that mysterious Liang Sheng.

He was just an ordinary Soul Emergence Realm cultivator, but because he was the first to break through the Refining Void Realm on the Floating Arena, his battle strength was comparable to that of a veteran Refinement Void Dao Monarch.

Now they have joined martial arts schools and are on the same starting line, but in this year, these gifted children have already established a gap.

Although the gap between each other is not that big, it is time to test the results, and if they are a step slower, they may fall completely behind.

At this moment, as the wind howled outside the city gate, time flew by, and the black night began to show a faint white light in the sky.

Dawn is approaching.

At this moment, on the city tower, Hong Jingang and other martial arts school masters frowned, as the situation was somewhat unexpected.

It was well known that in the past, some demonic beasts attacked the city and chose to appear before dawn, but this time seemed to be different from before.

However, they took a covert look at the disciples under the city gate and decided to wait a little longer, for they were also curious about these new disciples in their hearts.

As martial arts schools' rules, they never accept adult disciples, because their foundation is already set and their efforts will be half as effective.

However, on a certain night a year ago, the school masters received an arrangement from the Holy Land to receive all adult disciples who had not practiced martial arts.

They had no choice but to accept the order, as the Martial Saint Land was the guardian deity of the major cities and they were also under the protection of the Holy Land.

However, these adult disciples were indeed extraordinary, as they managed to cultivate inner strength within just one month despite their adult bodies.

Not to mention that by now, some disciples' cultivation level and strength were not inferior to those who had practiced for six or seven years.

Thus, they all agreed that these adult disciples were special, and today they arranged for these adult disciples to take the lead, which was actually the unspoken intention of the Holy Land.

If they encountered a demonic beast invasion, they would let these disciples take the front. There was no need to deliberately protect them or care about their casualties.

So even if the school masters had developed a love for their talents due to their extraordinary performances within a year, they had to be ruthless and put these adult disciples, who had only practiced martial arts cultivation for a year, on the front line.

At this moment, as a school master suddenly looked up, all the martial arts school masters soon felt the change in the atmosphere.

They saw that the sky, which was welcoming the Morning Sun, was suddenly dark like a black cloud pressing down on the city, and a murderous aura instantly enveloped the entire city gate.

“The demonic beasts have come!”

As a sudden cry of alarm sounded, the atmosphere became tense without anyone realizing it, but underneath the city gate, the eyes of the pride disciples grew even brighter, almost scarily so.

Their opportunity had come!

If they could successfully obtain the opportunity this time, their starting line on this Talent Road would be a little faster than others.

Actually, they did not know how this segment of the Talent Road’s opportunity would be bestowed, but now they all knew that they only needed to do one thing well.

That was to do their best to kill the invading demonic beasts.

As the pride disciples eagerly awaited their opportunity, no one noticed the slightly furrowed brow of Liang Sheng.

That was because he sensed the presence of Yao Clan's Hu Fei among the demonic beasts. Back in the day, because of his intention to plant chess pieces, he directly planted his thoughts deep in their Sea of Consciousness.

At this moment, his sensing ability was suppressed due to him being in this martial arts world, so it was not until his enemies were within two miles from him that he could sense their presence.