

King Hall 1301

Chapter 1301: Three Recommendation Slots! Modesty and Silence!

Both Yang Chao and He Jingting sighed, and Cai Zhengyan could deeply relate to them.

She sighed and said with envy, "Indeed, if I had known this would happen, I would have studied hard back then. Even without a different job now, if I had some cultivation talent like Little Guo, my social status today would be entirely different!"

At this moment, Guo Songlin finished settling the bill and walked over from the counter.

With his Minor Dark Energy level of strength, he naturally heard the sighs of the three people just now.

But he couldn't say much right away, to avoid them thinking he was showing off boastfully.

Because he really couldn't promise to help them much.

"Let's go."

Guo Songlin pretended not to know and waved grandly to the few people, then walked towards the exit.

Mu Jinyu followed them outside, thinking to himself, he didn't know about Cai Zhengyan's cultivation talent but figured their character should be decent. Maybe Mu Hongchen could give them a chance.

After leaving Fragrant Pavilion, everyone bid farewell to each other. Guo Songlin went straight to a BMW parked in front of the restaurant, while Yang Chao and He Jingting rode their e-bikes parked next to it, put on their helmets, ready to return to the construction site to continue their work.

"Ding dong."

Just as Guo Songlin reached the car door preparing to open it, he heard the sound of a text message notification and paused. Then, he took his phone out of his pocket to check.

"Hmm?"

When Guo Songlin glanced at the screen, his eyes were initially indifferent, not paying much attention, but when he noticed the content of the text, his gaze suddenly intensified, shining with insight.

The message was simple; members of the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow could now recommend three friends or relatives, relaxing the testing requirements, and once passed, they could also become members of Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

"Is the organization really this short on people now?!"

Guo Songlin couldn't help but murmur.

Earlier, during dinner, he was late, only arriving past midnight because Great Xia Dragon Sparrow was actively recruiting new members, lowering requirements considerably, which made even someone like him, with a relatively idle job, busy to the point of nearly losing his pants.

He hadn't expected that after relaxing a lot of requirements, even reaching the bottom line, they'd now let even more requirements slide, recruiting people socially, without strictly requiring age or education...

"Hey, not requiring education and age, and I have three recommendation spots..."

Guo Songlin's eyes suddenly lit up. He immediately turned around and quickly ran toward Yang Chao and He Jingting, who were not far from the restaurant entrance, already wearing helmets preparing to drive back to work.

"Hey, wait a minute, don't go, I've got good news..."

Guo Songlin, being a Martial Artist with Minor Dark Energy, sprinted quickly, almost instantly whisking himself in front of Yang Chao and He Jingting, then signaled Cai Zhengyan and Mu Jinyu not to leave.

"What's wrong?"

"What's the good news, Brother Guo?"

Yang Chao and He Jingting stopped the e-bike but stayed on it without taking off their helmets, opening up to ask curiously.

"The organization has relaxed recruitment requirements significantly; no longer requiring candidates to be under twenty-four years old or have any educational background. As long as the test is passed, they can join Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, and I have three recommendation spots now. Do you guys want to try it?"

Guo Songlin spoke with some excitement and eagerness as Cai Zhengyan parked and brought Mu Jinyu over.

"No age requirements; no educational requirements; if you pass the test, you can join Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, is that real, Brother Guo?!"

"If it's true, then this is great, I'll take the day off and not go to work today!"

Yang Chao and He Jingting, upon hearing Guo Songlin's words, paused for a few moments before reacting quickly, suddenly becoming wildly excited.

Upon hearing Guo Songlin's words at first, Cai Zhengyan was quite excited too, thinking they finally endured until spring arrived.

Three recommendation spots, and since Guo Songlin is like them also an orphan, it's clear he has no relatives to recommend, just friends. The four of them are quite close, while other children from the orphanage have distanced themselves over time.

Thus, if Guo Songlin were to recommend anyone, clearly the spots would be for them.

But wait...

If there are only three spots...

Amidst her excitement, Cai Zhengyan suddenly felt like a cold bucket of water was poured over her head, bringing her back to rationality.

She realized the presence of Mu Jinyu beside her, meaning he wouldn't have the chance to qualify for the test.

"Are there really only three spots? Can't there be one more?"

Cai Zhengyan asked Guo Songlin with a hint of struggle and concern in her eyes.

"My rank is quite low, so there are only three spots..."

Guo Songlin heard Cai Zhengyan's question, glanced at Mu Jinyu on the side, knowing what she meant, sighed and replied.

The initially excited Yang Chao and He Jingting suddenly fell silent.

They realized that now the five of them had gathered, and since Guo Songlin didn't need any spots, it's a matter of how the four of them would divide those three spots...

When faced with a chance to leap over the Dragon Gate, thus transforming their status and destiny, no matter how good the relationship, things could turn sour, let alone their connection with Mu Jinyu wasn't that close, having only met once after many years of separation. How could they possibly yield a spot to Mu Jinyu?

Thus, they could only choose to remain silent.

Cai Zhengyan also fell silent upon hearing this, with conflicting and hesitant looks in her eyes...

She really wanted to rely on this spot to turn her life around, but with Mu Jinyu right beside her, she felt reluctant to leave him out and embarrassed by the thought. Plus, considering it's merely a chance to participate in the test, not guaranteeing a spot in Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, and aware of her physical condition, she estimated a high possibility of failure...

So, should she give this opportunity to Mu Jinyu?!

But... she was really reluctant...

Cai Zhengyan struggled internally, finding it hard to decide.

Noticing Cai Zhengyan's hesitation and knowing her personality well enough, Guo Songlin understood she was considering whether to give Mu Jinyu a chance.

He felt a slight sinking sensation in his heart but directly said to Mu Jinyu, "Hey, Little Mu, didn't you just say you're a Unity Realm Stage powerhouse? You shouldn't need any of my spots, right? So let me take them over first..."

In fact, having these recommendation spots suddenly, if his relationship with Mu Jinyu were really poor, he might have chosen to squeeze Mu Jinyu, reveling in his misfortune, hoping he'd beg for this chance...

But his relationship with Mu Jinyu isn't bad to that extent, so there's no need to intentionally upset him.

If he had four recommendation spots in hand, despite not having a close relationship with Mu Jinyu, considering how few friends he knew and due to Cai Zhengyan's influence, he might have also given Mu Jinyu a chance.

But with only three spots available, letting someone like Mu Jinyu, who isn't that familiar to them, squeeze out a closer friend like Cai Zhengyan or Yang Chao, Guo Songlin wasn't willing and didn't want to do it.

Thus, Guo Songlin acted decisively, using Mu Jinyu's words against him to prevent him from shamelessly fighting for the opportunity.

Chapter 1302: Cai Zhengyan's Decision! A Display of Skill! Guo Songlin's Complicated Thoughts!

Faced with Guo Songlin's sarcasm, Mu Jinyu, who was still lost in thought, nodded lightly and responded, "Hmm."

He thought to himself that the sudden opening of talent recruitment by the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow must be to gather enough Wood Spirit Root cultivators, right?!

If that's the case, we'll see if Cai Zhengyan and the others can join the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow later; if they can, then I won't need to intervene in their lives.

If they can't join and end up being tragically eliminated, then I'll have Dragon King Hall step in and let them work there. Although they won't be able to train, the benefits and treatment will surely be better than where they are now.

While Mu Jinyu pondered and casually responded to Guo Songlin's sarcasm, not paying much attention to the changes in everyone's expressions.

Upon hearing Guo Songlin's words, Cai Zhengyan couldn't help but cast a glance at him, then took a deep breath, finally made a decision, and sighed, "Forget it, I'm already twenty-six years old, probably won't pass the test, so this opportunity should go to Little Mu!"

"Big Sis!"

Yang Chao and He Jingting's expressions slightly changed upon hearing Cai Zhengyan's words, and they couldn't help but shout.

Guo Songlin's face also darkened, looking rather unattractive, opened his mouth, wanting to say something, but Cai Zhengyan gave him a deep look and said, "If you consider me your big sis, then listen to me. Otherwise, I won't go..."

Upon hearing this, Guo Songlin couldn't help clenching his fists, feeling utterly helpless and uncomfortable.

Even if Cai Zhengyan went for the aptitude test and was very likely to fail, having tried at least meant failure was acceptable, but now Cai Zhengyan was letting this rare opportunity go to an outsider, making it really hard for him to accept.

Indeed, in Guo Songlin's eyes, Cai Zhengyan could be considered a relative, a big sister, while Mu Jinyu was just an outsider.

But since the big sis said so, he really couldn't go against Cai Zhengyan's wishes, leaving him feeling aggrieved.

At this moment, Guo Songlin somewhat regretted how excited he was when he received the message, directly blocking them to announce the news.

He should have sent Mu Jinyu away first, and then talked to Cai Zhengyan and the others.

If Mu Jinyu weren't present, Cai Zhengyan might not have softened her heart and given the opportunity to Mu Jinyu.

Even if she had that thought, with some persuasion from him and Yang Chao, they could easily dispel Cai Zhengyan's intention.

Yang Chao and He Jingting, upon hearing Cai Zhengyan's words, also showed signs of struggle, clenched their fists in consideration, debating whether to give up their own slots to ensure that big sis had a chance.

But... a rare opportunity, an opportunity for a turnaround, to change their destiny, they really didn't want to miss it...

Just as the courage they had painstakingly gathered was rapidly declining, and still unable to speak up.

Mu Jinyu also realized something was off, raised his head to look at them, and saw Guo Songlin's depressed and unwilling expression, Yang Chao and He Jingting's struggles, and Cai Zhengyan's relief and regretful expression.

After contemplating for a bit, Mu Jinyu recalled their conversation and his casual response, understanding why they were acting this way.

The kind big sis wants to give her opportunity to himself, while Yang Chao and He Jingting respect Cai Zhengyan as an elder sister but can't summon the courage to sacrifice their own slots, while Guo Songlin is unwilling to give the opportunity to himself, an outsider, frustrated by his silent response.

He must be feeling disgusted inside, deliberately using his lowered head and silence to trigger Cai Zhengyan's compassion and sympathy, vying for this slot...

With a helpless smile, Mu Jinyu said, "You don't need to keep making concessions like this. Big Sis, I truly don't need this slot, really, I'm not lying to you, what I said earlier is true..."

As he said that, he figured his explanation might be weak and unconvincing, causing them not to believe him. Coincidentally, a leaf fell from the roadside banyan tree, flying to their side.

Mu Jinyu reached out to grab the leaf and then threw it with a raised hand.

"Swoosh!"

The leaf shot out like an arrow, piercing straight into the concrete ground, deeply embedded, with only the tip of the leaf root slightly trembling.

Cai Zhengyan, Guo Songlin, and the others were dumbfounded.

"This is..."

"Flying flowers and falling leaves, the supreme realm of martial arts where anything can be weaponized!"

"Master of Energy Transformation! Only a Master of Energy Transformation can pull off such a feat!"

"Oh my God, you weren't lying?! You really have been cultivating..."

Cai Zhengyan and the others struggled to peel their gaze away from the leaf tip, then looked at Mu Jinyu with astonishment and disbelief, repeatedly exclaiming.

Guo Songlin's eyes towards Mu Jinyu were filled with shock, unwillingness, and traces of envy.

He had always considered himself exceptional, with decent cultivation talent, now possessing minor dark energy strength, yet couldn't match Mu Jinyu's displayed skill.

Mu Jinyu, this guy without an academic background, whom he had held in contempt and dismissed, now, after Mu Jinyu's display, their statuses were instantly reversed, making him feel deeply humiliated and unwilling...

A nineteen-year-old Master of Energy Transformation, even within Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, counts as a top-notch talent. If he passes the assessment and joins Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, the treatment, welfare, and nurturing he would receive definitely surpasses his own.

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In the BMW car, Guo Songlin was driving, heading to the location where the participants would take the assessment, Great Xia Martial Pavilion.

Cai Zhengyan sat in the front passenger seat, while Yang Chao, He Jingting, and Mu Jinyu sat in the back seat.

The assessment had a time limit, and Guo Songlin chose to drive them there himself instead of letting them ride electric scooters leisurely.

They had been in the car for a while, but Yang Chao and the others still couldn't shake off the surprise from Mu Jinyu's earlier display of "flying flowers and falling leaves, all can hurt."

They truly hadn't expected that among people they knew, there was a Master of Energy Transformation, and real age was so young...

"That's how it is. My master is a cultivator, who was quite strong even before the Spiritual Energy Revival, so Ah-Xiang and I learned martial arts and medicine from him, therefore didn't attend school..."

Mu Jinyu explained to them why he had never been to school, nor joined Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, yet had such high skill.

"Oh, a loose cultivator..."

Up front, driving, Guo Songlin finally understood after hearing Mu Jinyu's explanation, yet his tone still carried a sour, envious note.

Of course, he was somewhat relieved that at the time, Mu Jinyu hadn't gone to school but instead followed his master to train. Now, being a loose cultivator, it's quite easy for him to have a history with factions, making it challenging to be absorbed into Great Xia Dragon Sparrow now.

If he had gone to school then, now he would be in college, discovered for his talent during the Spiritual Energy Revival, and absorbed into Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, then he'd be in a remarkable position. He would definitely achieve Energy Transformation quickly, becoming a key cultivation target, with significant resources tilted in his favor; by now, he might even have become a God Realm powerhouse, the backbone of Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

Indeed, even though Mu Jinyu showed such skill, Guo Songlin still did not believe Mu Jinyu surpassed God Realm, reaching Unity Realm Stage!

No matter how talented a person could be, how could anyone, not yet twenty, achieve such unrivaled power?

The fact that he possesses Master of Energy Transformation strength at his age, without Great Xia Dragon Sparrow's substantial cultivation resources, should make him laugh with joy in his dreams.

Chapter 1303: Great Xia Martial Pavilion! Guo Songlin's Recommendation!

Since Mu Jinyu is just a loose cultivator, it's hard for Huaxia's official organization, Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, to recruit him. His future development is destined to be less promising than mine, which makes Guo Songlin feel somewhat relieved.

Sitting in the passenger seat, Cai Zhengyan feels rather complicated inside—there's both surprise and relief...

She feels relieved about her difficult decision to give up a place for Mu Jinyu.

Even if Mu Jinyu doesn't need this place, it still counts as doing him a favor.

Otherwise, with only three places available, if none of them wanted to give it to Mu Jinyu and chose silence, then let Mu Jinyu leave and contact him another day, their friendship would probably end here.

But after making such a decision, it's considered doing Mu Jinyu a favor, enhancing their friendship. Even though Mu Jinyu is just a loose cultivator, a Master of Energy Transformation is still a Master of Energy Transformation. Having a Master of Energy Transformation as a brother will make life easier.

As her thoughts turned, Cai Zhengyan suddenly thought of something and wanted to ask Guo Songlin but hesitated, then took out her phone and sent a message to Guo Songlin, who was driving.

She asked him if, with Mu Jinyu's power as a Master of Energy Transformation, even if he's not officially recognized as a loose cultivator, should be possible to be exceptionally recruited into Great Xia Dragon Sparrow with the current lowered recruitment standards?

After all, a Master of Energy Transformation at nineteen is quite talented.

Guo Songlin saw the message and quickly replied to Cai Zhengyan while keeping an eye on the road.

"Sis, it's difficult. His personality and worldview are basically fixed, but there's still some hope. Let's try again when the time comes..."

After sending it, he worried that Cai Zhengyan might want to give up her place for Mu Jinyu, so he quickly edited and sent another message.

"Of course, don't think about giving up your spot. Given his situation, I can reach out to some contacts and possibly secure an additional spot for him to test..."

"Okay, I got it..." Cai Zhengyan replied.

Pausing briefly, she sent another message, "Little Guo, I know you might feel some jealousy and frustration about Little Mu's situation, but think carefully—if he is strong enough and joins Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, is it more beneficial or harmful to you?"

"Will he suppress you after becoming a God Realm expert, or will he support you? Think carefully..."

She knows Guo Songlin's personality well and worries that he might be superficially responding, and when the time comes, won't help Mu Jinyu connect, preventing him from entering Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, so she intentionally reminded him.

Seeing Cai Zhengyan's message, Guo Songlin's eyes flashed with complexity.

Indeed, he had just planned to let Cai Zhengyan and the others participate in the test first, and then he would make an excuse to help Mu Jinyu network, but actually, not care and hope Mu Jinyu wouldn't join Great Xia Dragon Sparrow and compete with him, leaving his life as it is...

But Cai Zhengyan guessed his thoughts, leaving him a bit helpless.

However, after slightly pondering Cai Zhengyan's earnest words, he realized they made sense.

If Mu Jinyu joined Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, they wouldn't be in competition, rather they could mutually assist each other—clearly more beneficial!

"Alright, Sis, I understand..." Guo Songlin replied.

Cai Zhengyan saw Guo Songlin's message and, observing his change in expression, she knew he listened, showing a comforting look.

Then she put away her phone without saying much more.

Instead, she occasionally joined in on the conversation with Mu Jinyu and the others.

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Ten minutes later.

The car parked in the spacious parking lot in front of Great Xia Martial Pavilion.

"We're here, let's get out..."

Guo Songlin turned off the engine, looked back, and said to everyone.

Mu Jinyu opened the car door and got out, followed by Yang Chao and He Jingting.

"Bang!"

Guo Songlin and Cai Zhengyan also got out and closed the car door.

"Let's go."

With eyes showing a mix of complexity and goodwill, Guo Songlin nodded to Mu Jinyu, then led the way as they headed toward Great Xia Martial Pavilion.

Soon, inside Great Xia Martial Pavilion, Guo Songlin turned back to everyone and said, "You guys sit here in the rest area for a while, I'll go inform the mentor about your situation."

Saying this, he held a file with some documents related to them, ready to leave the rest area to find someone to handle the three spots, and Mu Jinyu's situation.

"Hello, senior brother!"

"Hello, Brother Guo!"

When Guo Songlin left, several Mingjin Warriors in the rest area noticed him and greeted respectfully.

Guo Songlin, as a Dark Energy Warrior in Great Xia Martial Pavilion run by Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, is considered an Intermediate Student, while Mingjin Warriors are Beginner Students. Energy Transformation Warriors used to have the status of Grandmaster, now merely Senior Students...

Only those with cultivation reaching Divinity Transformation Realm, initially having the ability to fly and hide, can enter the true Great Xia Dragon Sparrow and become a backbone force.

Inside Great Xia Martial Pavilion, the hierarchy is strict, so upon seeing Guo Songlin, these Mingjin Warriors greet him as Brother.

"Hmm, let's go together."

Guo Songlin glanced back at them and smiled, saying, then left the rest area with them.

Yang Chao, Cai Zhengyan, and others sat on chairs in the rest area, curiously observing the spacious room, thinking, this place is indeed larger than a sports stadium!

Mu Jinyu wasn't as surprised as they were. After all, he is the Dragon King of Dragon King Hall.

Although he seldom went to other branches to handle matters, he visited quite a few, and Dragon King Hall's branches in various cities are only stronger than Great Xia Martial Pavilion.

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Guo Songlin and others arrived at an office and gently knocked on the door.

"Come in."

A resonant voice came from inside.

Guo Songlin turned the door handle and entered with them.

Inside the office, at a desk sat a refined man in his thirties. Even as the door opened, he didn't look up but continued his work.

"Director, these are the materials of our friends and family, please have a look."

Guo Songlin and the others swiftly stepped forward, placing their respective documents on an empty table beside them, and said respectfully.

"Alright."

The refined man responded, saying, "Leave them here, you can leave now, I'll look at them later."

Following Guo Songlin into the office, several Beginner Students hesitated as they left the office.

But Guo Songlin, still concerned about Mu Jinyu, didn't leave.

"Little Guo? Is there something else?"

The refined man noticed Guo Songlin staying in the office, stopped his actions, looked at him curiously, and asked.

Guo Songlin hesitantly said, "Director, it's like this, a brother from the orphanage, who was adopted years ago, has been learning martial arts with his master, not studying much, just returned to play with us, I just found out he has Energy Transformation cultivation, so I'm wondering, could you possibly make an exception and give him an opportunity?"

"You want to get an extra spot?" The refined man noted that Guo Songlin had taken three documents earlier.

If this brother was already among them and met the criteria, he wouldn't need to ask this.

Clearly, Guo Songlin was being greedy, still wanting an extra testing spot.

"Yes." Guo Songlin awkwardly nodded.

The refined man's expression remained unchanged, continued his work, and said in a flat tone, "Your recommendation spots are only three, I can't give you more."

Upon hearing this, Guo Songlin gritted his teeth and said, "He's only nineteen now! Just over eighteen..."

The refined man's hand motion suddenly paused!

Chapter 1304: Qiao Family Uncle and Nephew! Trouble in Qinling!

For the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, ordinary Energy Transformation Warriors aren't really significant.

And the identity of a Loose Cultivator makes them harder to manage; they wouldn't have loyalty to the organization, so this kind of person isn't usually recruited by organizations.

But if an Energy Transformation Warrior is eighteen or nineteen years old, the potential is great, and it's not impossible to make exceptions to recruit them.

"Are you sure he is truly an Energy Transformation Warrior and truly eighteen or nineteen?"

The refined man slowly raised his head, reached out and adjusted his gold-thread glasses on his nose bridge, his sharp gaze like an eagle's, fixated on Guo Songlin.

"Yes, I'm sure. This is the recording of him acting just recently."

Guo Songlin, somewhat nervous, took out his phone, and played the video he had just paid someone to retrieve from the roadside surveillance of Fragrant Pavilion showing Mu Jinyu making a move.

"Whew!"

The refined man's gaze never wavered from Guo Songlin's phone video. The surveillance footage wasn't very clear, but he could vaguely discern that Mu Jinyu seemed quite young.

Then, the footage showed Mu Jinyu extending his hand to catch a falling leaf, and with a gentle flick, the leaf embedded deeply into the cement ground beside him.

"Picking Flowers and Flying Leaves, all can harm; indeed, it is the work of Energy Transformation! At least it's at the Early Energy Transformation Stage!"

Despite the blurry footage, the refined man could see Mu Jinyu's speed and strength, deducing that Mu Jinyu indeed possessed Energy Transformation skills.

"Alright, I can give you an extra slot. Take him to participate in the test later. By the way, what's his name, do you have his information?"

The refined man lightly pushed his glasses again, eyes gleaming, and then asked.

Guo Songlin appeared slightly embarrassed, explaining, "His name is Mu Jinyu, currently residing in Jiangnan Province. Specific information... I don't have, since we just reunited today, and I just received the notice that I could bring friends to participate in the assessment test. It was rushed, and I didn't prepare his information."

"Alright then, I'll have someone check his details later anyway. Just let him go and test first, if he passes and everything checks out okay, he should be able to join our Martial Arts School!"

The refined man nodded slightly, pondered a moment, and instructed Guo Songlin.

"Thank you, Director, then I'll take my leave now."

Guo Songlin was overjoyed, hurriedly thanked him, and then bowed out.

"Hmm." The refined man nodded slightly, then took out his phone and made a call to check on anyone named Mu Jinyu in Jiangnan Province...

Guo Songlin opened the door and exited, gently closing it, leaning against the door panel, and letting out a gentle sigh.

"Brother Qiao, I heard there's going to be a big move by the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow this time, as long as the new recruits have some talent, they might become Alchemists. You must find a way to let my friends pass the test..."

In the corridor nearby, stood a pair of young men and women, the woman's voice was coquettish as she spoke to the man.

"Don't worry, Brother Qiao here is guaranteed to take care of it, and I'll make sure you become an Alchemist too..."

The man hugged the woman's slender waist, patting his chest in assurance.

Guo Songlin heard the man's words and glanced over, his gaze turning cold.

That man's name was Qiao Yushu, with great achievement in Dark Energy. They had had conflicts over minor issues, and subsequently were quite at odds in the Great Xia Martial Pavilion.

Unexpectedly, he dared to make promises unafraid that he'd bite his tongue when his plans fail.

However, it was rumored that one of his uncles was a senior instructor in the martial school, if the rumor was true, he could perhaps succeed through the back door.

Guo Songlin felt a bit sour, then thought about Mu Jinyu; if Mu Jinyu successfully joined the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow and later advanced to the God Realm, he'd have support.

Thinking this made Guo Songlin feel better, and he then proceeded to the rest area to find Mu Jinyu and inform him of the news.

"Hmm?!"

Passing Qiao Yushu, Guo Songlin didn't speak to provoke him, but Qiao Yushu noticed him, his gaze chilled, and he taunted:

"Yo, isn't this Brother Guo? Are you also recommending someone? But I remember you're an orphan, right? Wow, so who are you recommending? Don't bring a lost soul to cause trouble in our martial school!"

"Pfft..." The woman hugged by Qiao Yushu couldn't help but laugh at his mockery, and then playfully punched Qiao Yushu's chest, coquettishly saying, "You're so annoying, you're scaring me..."

"Qiao Yushu, do you want to die?"

Guo Songlin's face darkened at Qiao Yushu's words, his gaze filled with killing intent as it locked onto him.

"Come on! Try and make a move, humph..."

Qiao Yushu looked at Guo Songlin disdainfully, completely unafraid of his killing intent, sneered.

Ultimately, Guo Songlin suppressed the hatred and killing intent in his heart, snorted coldly, and turned his head to stride away.

The Great Xia Martial Pavilion doesn't allow private aggression, which would result in severe punishment, and secondly, his strength in Minor Dark Energy couldn't really defeat Qiao Yushu.

Therefore, even if his heart was burning, he couldn't act rashly.

"Humph, useless orphan!"

Qiao Yushu watched Guo Songlin's departure, hugged the woman tighter, pouted, and coldly scoffed.

He had deliberately provoked Guo Songlin, hoping he'd strike so he could defend himself and seriously beat him, and then use the martial school's rules to expel him from the school!

If that happened, without the protection of being a martial school student, wouldn't Guo Songlin be at his mercy?

Unfortunately, Guo Songlin was like a ninja turtle, really able to endure!

Repeatedly causing his plans to fail.

"Brother Qiao, leave him be, go inside and help my friends apply for more slots..."

After Guo Songlin left, the woman pleaded coquettishly again.

"Wait a bit, my uncle is coming soon; once he arrives, asking him to help speak with the director will be much smoother..."

Qiao Yushu comforted her.

His intermediate student status certainly couldn't make the director give him face and provide more test placements, but if his uncle intervened, there might be an opportunity.

The rules at the Great Xia Martial Pavilion were still quite strict, he wasn't sure he'd succeed, and felt somewhat anxious, but he couldn't show cowardice in front of the sweet little beauty, so he patted his chest and made promises.

After a short wait.

An ordinary-looking middle-aged man appeared from the other end of the corridor, walking straight towards Qiao Yushu and his companion.

"Uncle, you're here."

Qiao Yushu greeted him respectfully.

Completely lacking the defiant arrogance he showed during the previous incident.

"Hmm, let's go in together."

Qiao Hongxi nodded towards Qiao Yushu and his girlfriend and then said to Qiao Yushu.

Qiao Yushu then said to the woman, "You should head back now, I'll definitely handle it for you."

Though the woman was reluctant, she pursed her lips and responded as she left.

After she left, Qiao Yushu quietly asked Qiao Hongxi, "Uncle, can you help my girlfriend apply for more slots?"

"Apply for what! Our Qiao Family still lacks slots that we might not get, yet you want to apply for someone outside?"

Qiao Hongxi immediately turned cold towards Qiao Yushu.

"Alright then, forget it." Qiao Yushu shrugged, indifferently.

Actually, he had already prepared himself, he would just have to calm his girlfriend down later.

"Bang!"

Just as the uncle and nephew duo prepared to enter the director's office, the office door suddenly opened.

The refined man hurried out, looking anxious, holding his phone, he spoke, "What? Something happened over there at Qinling? Okay, okay, I'll go inform the lord right away..."

Without saying much, his stride paused, and he glanced back at Qiao Hongxi and Qiao Yushu, urgently instructing, "Old Qiao, you'll handle the recruitment test for me later, I have urgent matters to attend to..."

Saying this, he hurriedly ran to the end of the corridor, suddenly opened the window, and jumped out, flying far away!

Chapter 1305: Fortune Favors the Bold! The Examination Begins!

Qiao Yushu and his nephew stared blankly as the director's figure disappeared into the distance.

Then, Qiao Hongxi recalled the director's instructions to him just now, and his previously stunned eyes gradually lit up with a strange gleam.

"Heh heh, Uncle, it seems our chance has come?"

Qiao Yushu turned his head, his eyes full of surprise as he looked at Qiao Hongxi, speaking excitedly and eagerly.

"Hmm, I know that the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow recently wants to attack Qinling and make this famous mountain the base of our organization. From what the director said just now, it seems there was a setback on the front line, which means all the God Realm experts from the martial arts schools will be deployed there. This is indeed our golden opportunity..."

Qiao Hongxi, although somewhat exhilarated, still managed to maintain his composure as he spoke.

But in his heart, he was extremely excited!

Because he clearly knew that the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow had recently accumulated enough resources to rise completely, making frequent moves. On one hand, they are preparing to attack the famous Qinling, and on the other, they continue recruiting talents, including Alchemists and other special talents.

Therefore, when the Qiao Clan learned of this news, they wanted to secure more examination slots, so that more of the Qiao Clan's descendants could participate. If even one of them successfully passed the examination and became one of the very few Alchemists or some special talent, their Qiao Clan would greatly benefit.

However, Qiao Hongxi also understood that the director responsible for the Rong City examination had a rather rigid personality, and trying to bribe him for help might be very difficult and likely unsuccessful.

So, he came here anyway, just to give it a try with reluctance.

But unexpectedly, his attempt coincided perfectly with the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow's setback at Qinling, causing the director to hurry away upon receiving the news to contact people, and he happened to meet himself at the door, handing over the job of conducting the test to him...

Doesn't that mean, he can decide how many slots his family gets?

Although if discovered by the Great Xia Martial Pavilion, his outcome would be dire, but if he's careful, it shouldn't be discovered...

As the saying goes, "The timid starve to death, the bold eat their fill." This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was something Qiao Hongxi did not want to miss!

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In the Great Xia Martial Pavilion's rest area.

After leaving the office building, Guo Songlin suppressed his anger and nausea, his face somewhat gloomy, and found Mu Jinyu and the other three.

"What's wrong? Your face looks terrible!"

Cai Zhengyan saw Guo Songlin coming over, but his face looked very unpleasant, causing her heart to thump as she felt a bad premonition and couldn't help asking with concern.

"Hmm?"

Mu Jinyu also turned his gaze toward Guo Songlin. Seeing his expression, akin to having swallowed a live rat, he wondered if Guo Songlin had been troubled and if Cai Zhengyan and the other two's examination qualifications had been canceled.

If that's the case... he wouldn't take it lying down!

He must demand an explanation from the person in charge!

"It's nothing, ran into a disgustingly annoying guy, wanted to beat him up, but the martial arts school doesn't allow private fights, which annoyed me greatly."

Guo Songlin casually explained, not wanting to mention Qiao Yushu further, feeling it would only make him even more disgusted.

After speaking, his face eased somewhat. He then sat beside them, turned to Mu Jinyu, and said, "I just spoke with the director in charge of this examination, told him about your strength, and he agreed to let you join the examination as well. As for your personal information, he will have someone collect it."

After a pause, Guo Songlin added, "Of course, rest assured, this is an extra slot and won't take up the slots for Sister Cai and the others, so you don't need to worry about that..."

"Hmm?!" Mu Jinyu was momentarily taken aback at these words, and then with a helpless expression, he explained:

"Why did you get me a slot? I really don't need it. When I said that earlier, I wasn't humblebragging to reassure Sister Cai and the others; I genuinely don't need it, even if you had five slots, I wouldn't take one..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Guo Songlin's face immediately darkened again, his once slightly relieved expression turning even grimmer.

He had tried hard to smooth over his relationship with Mu Jinyu and had even plucked up the courage to plead with the director, who eventually agreed to give him a chance, yet this guy didn't appreciate it?

Was this all just his unrequited efforts all along?

Cai Zhengyan quickly signaled to Mu Jinyu with her eyes and said, "Little Mu, how can you say that? Little Guo is trying to help you out of kindness. If it weren't for me asking him to help get you another slot, do you think he would go to such lengths for you?"

"Sorry, my tone was indeed off just now. In truth, I am very grateful for your help, Brother Guo."

Having heard Cai Zhengyan's words, Mu Jinyu realized that his explanation indeed came off poorly, so he explained further: "It's just that I already have other commitments, so it's truly impossible for me to join the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow."

"What organization? No matter if it's the Wudang Sect or the Shaolin Temple, could it possibly be stronger than the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow?" Guo Songlin scoffed.

Mu Jinyu replied, "Dragon King Hall."

Cai Zhengyan, Yang Chao, and He Jingting exchanged confused looks, feeling unfamiliar with this organization.

After all, they were just ordinary people, and such matters were beyond their reach.

However, Guo Songlin had a vague sense of familiarity with the name Dragon King Hall, as if he had heard it somewhere before, though he couldn't recall it immediately.

'It probably isn't some big organization either...'

Guo Songlin lightly shook his head, dismissing any further thoughts about Dragon King Hall's background.

"Never heard of that piddly organization. Regardless, I'm telling you now, I've already submitted your slot. Even if you really wish to stay with that broken organization indefinitely, it's irrelevant to me, but you must attend the examination now, or I won't be able to explain to the director..."

Guo Songlin looked at Mu Jinyu with meaningful eyes, emphasizing each word deliberately.

Cai Zhengyan, along with Yang Chao and He Jingting, also began to persuade Mu Jinyu.

"Alright then, I understand..."

Mu Jinyu heard Guo Songlin refer to the Dragon King Hall as just a broken organization and shook his head slightly, finding it both amusing and frustrating.

Unbelievably, in the eyes of ordinary people, the Dragon King Hall had no presence, while the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, which initiated the nationwide Martial Cultivation plan, is seen as the canonical official organization to them?

Moreover, Guo Songlin's words were quite clear: he had already reported his strength and background to the director, so if he didn't participate in the examination and directly left, Guo Songlin wouldn't be able to account for it when the director inquired. Therefore, even if he doesn't want to join the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, he has to participate and then perform poorly, leading the director to give up.

Mu Jinyu thought internally—fine, I'll participate. Just worried that when that director eventually digs up his identity, he might be too scared to come forward.

Time slowly went by.

Finally, it was two in the afternoon, and the examination was about to begin.

Over a hundred people sitting in the resting area began to rise one by one, following the martial arts school students who brought them, moving toward a large martial arts hall.

"Alright, time's about up; we should get ready for the test."

At this moment, Qiao Hongxi came forward, holding a list, speaking slowly.

Seeing the somewhat bewildered and confused gazes from the students, he chuckled and explained: "The headquarters had a matter arise, and just like the pavilion master, the director departed for Qinling. Before leaving, he assigned me to oversee this examination!"

Chapter 1306: Brazenly Targeted!

Let Qiao Hongxi take charge of this assessment?!

Guo Songlin heard this sentence, his face changed slightly, and his heart sank.

He knew Qiao Hongxi, a senior instructor at the Rong City's Daxia Martial Arts Hall, and rumored to be the uncle of Qiao Yushu, although they have never openly admitted it.

And if this rumor is true, having Qiao Hongxi in charge of this assessment might mean that some unexpected changes will happen...

A bad premonition suddenly surged in Guo Songlin's heart.

"What's wrong? Does he have issues?"

Mu Jinyu noticed Guo Songlin's profound change of expression and the intense emotional fluctuations when Qiao Hongxi announced he would be in charge of the assessment, and knowing something was amiss, he asked.

"Nothing..."

Guo Songlin shook his head slightly, feeling troubled, unwilling to discuss it further with Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu saw this and didn't ask more, just secretly noting the suspicion.

"Alright, next I'll call names, those who are named, come into the room, and we'll first test the character as usual. If you don't qualify, you won't need to participate in the following tests of strength, speed, and aptitude."

Qiao Hongxi said, leading a few other instructors and Qiao Yushu, stepping into a small office next to the Martial Arts Arena.

"Wang Huan!"

"Yes."

Upon hearing Qiao Hongxi's call, the young man named Wang Huan shuddered, immediately responding loudly, and then asked the martial arts school student who brought him a few questions before quickly walking into the room.

"What specifically will the character test ask?"

Cai Zhengyan felt a bit nervous, turned around, and asked Guo Songlin.

Guo Songlin shook his head and said, "The questions are different, basically to test if you have anti-social personality disorder or any psychological problems, and even if you know the correct standard answers, they can tell from various details whether you're lying or your true thoughts, so you don't need to ask me, just answer according to your own thoughts later."

Mu Jinyu nodded secretly upon hearing this.

That's the reasoning; at the time, he discussed with several elders that if a person has anti-social personality disorder or other personality defects, unpredictable problems may arise, regardless of their talent, they shouldn't be allowed to cultivate along this path.

Otherwise, they'd become a scourge sooner or later.

So the character test is the first test, failing it means no need for further talent tests.

Otherwise, fearing they'd pity someone with great talent later.

Cai Zhengyan, Yang Chao, and He Jingting heard Guo Songlin's advice, gently nodded, and remembered his words.

Soon, the office door opened, and Wang Huan came out, looking slightly invigorated.

"He should have passed the character test, right?"

Everyone saw this and secretly murmured.

"Yang Shiluan!"

Qiao Hongxi's voice continued from the office.

"Yes!"

Someone responded and went into the office.

Time passed slowly, soon over an hour had passed.

More than a hundred people had undergone testing.

Some were joyful, some were worried.

More than twenty people had been eliminated.

The students who brought friends quietly tallied the data and felt something was off.

Clearly, the conditions were supposed to relax, why has the first test become so difficult? It wasn't like this before.

Perhaps too many people in this batch have character flaws?

Of course, since there were three slots, typically one was eliminated, and the other two temporarily passed, no one brought three friends who were all eliminated, so although people felt something was wrong, no one made a fuss.

"Cai Zhengyan!"

Finally, with only a few remaining, Cai Zhengyan's name was called.

Cai Zhengyan jolted mentally, quickly shouted, "Here!"

"Big sister, good luck."

Yang Chao and He Jingting also got nervous, then began encouraging Cai Zhengyan, cheering for themselves as well.

"Good luck." Mu Jinyu also nodded, showing encouragement.

"Hmm."

Cai Zhengyan took a deep breath, then slowly walked into the office.

In the expectant yet tense waiting of Guo Songlin and others, Cai Zhengyan came out with a surprised expression not long after entering the office.

"What's going on? Why did she come out so quickly?"

All the hundred or so people present were surprised to see Cai Zhengyan come out so fast, then whispered discussions ensued:

"Our normal tests take at least three to five minutes to finish; the fastest just now seemed about two minutes, right? She came out in ten seconds, probably indicating a serious issue, don't get too close to her."

"Yes, it's scary, right? Look at her somber face; I feel like she really wants to kill someone..."

"..."

Hearing these opinions, Cai Zhengyan's initially confused and aggrieved heart became even more hurt and aggrieved, and she quickly walked towards Mu Jinyu and the others.

When Guo Songlin saw Cai Zhengyan come out in just ten seconds, the bad premonition that had arisen in his heart upon seeing Qiao Hongxi as the examiner became even stronger.

"Big sister, why did you come out so fast?"

Yang Chao and He Jingting didn't believe that Cai Zhengyan had any personality flaws. Such a kind person, growing up in an orphanage and volunteering weekly as an adult, donating almost two-thirds of her monthly salary for children's needs, how could she have such a big problem?

Surely something went wrong.

So they asked confusedly.

Cai Zhengyan looked slightly dazed, shook her head after coming over, and said, "I also don't know what's going on; they just asked me if I normally eat chicken, duck, or fish, I said not often, then they asked if I do it myself, I nodded, and they let me go, saying I have violent tendencies..."

"This..."

"That's crazy, right?!"

Yang Chao and He Jingting were astonished after hearing Cai Zhengyan's aggrieved words, then spoke angrily.

Guo Songlin didn't speak, pursed his lips, tightened his fists, eyes flickering with hatred.

He knew for sure that Qiao Yushu came out and deliberately targeted him!

"Yang Chao!"

At this moment, Qiao Hongxi's voice came from inside.

"This..."

Yang Chao hesitated.

"Go in and have a look first."

Mu Jinyu spoke, advising him to take the test first and not think too much.

Yang Chao hesitated for a moment, nodded, and said, "Okay, comfort big sister while I go in and see what's happening!"

Mu Jinyu and others had just comforted Cai Zhengyan briefly when the office door suddenly opened, and Yang Chao came out angrily.

Seeing Yang Chao come out so soon, the crowd's discussions grew louder.

Two friends consecutively eliminated in the character test was rare here, which made them suspect that this group had some issues.

"What's your situation now?"

Mu Jinyu frowned tightly and asked Yang Chao.

Yang Chao, feeling speechless and angry, said, "They asked me if I saw an elderly person fall on the road, would I help them up?"

"I replied that it depends; if the elderly person was in bad condition, I'd immediately help them to the hospital, but if they seemed okay, I'd record first and then help... They said I lack public morality!"

Yang Chao's expression looked on the verge of exploding by the end!

Then, he added very reluctantly, "They also reminded me if the elderly person fell badly, I shouldn't randomly help but wait for professionals to handle it to avoid making the situation worse, saying I lack common sense, hence eliminated!"

"What kind of bullshit reason is that?!"

Mu Jinyu listened to Yang Chao's words, his face darkening, knowing they were being targeted by those inside!

Chapter 1307: You Should Look for Problems in Yourself, Not Question Me!

"He Jingting!"

At this moment, Qiao Hongxi's indifferent voice echoed from inside the room.

"Damn it! I'm not going!"

He Jingting cursed angrily, his face full of resentment.

"Just go; let's see what other excuses he can come up with!"

Mu Jinyu calmly suggested to He Jingting, eyes shining with a strange light.

Cai Zhengyan, Yang Chao, and Guo Songlin remained silent, not offering any suggestions, unsure if He Jingting would face the same humiliation if he participated in the test.

So, they didn't suggest whether He Jingting should try it or not.

He Jingting paused for a moment, then finally cursed, "Damn, I'll go in and see what defects in my character he claims I have!"

With that, he stormed towards the office as if heading heroically toward a sacrificial death.

"Bang!"

The door closed.

Everyone present watched the door with curious and amused expressions, silently counting the time to see how long He Jingting would take to come out.

Before long, seconds ticked by, the room opened again, and He Jingting walked out, his face gloomy.

His expression was terrifyingly dark, as if he had any strength, and wasn't an ordinary worker, there would probably be a fight inside!

"These people, all out in less than a minute, looked terrifying, like they've got dozens of lives on their conscience!"

"Usually, not so many people get rejected in a row, right? I guess they all have terrible personality defects. Aren't they supposed to be testing at the Martial Arts School? Did they get these people from a mental institution instead?"

"..."

Everyone watched He Jingting, whispering with schadenfreude in their eyes.

"You're the crazy ones, damn it!"

He Jingting couldn't hold back when he heard their disdainful chatter, turning his head to yell angrily at them.

The crowd might really have thought he was crazy, hunching their shoulders without rebuking, eyes full of contempt and dislike.

Seeing them fall silent and looking at him with such repulsive eyes, He Jingting felt as if his punch landed on air, with no outlet for his anger.

After all, they hadn't said anything else to him; it seemed wrong to keep swearing at them, or he'd really look nuts!

"Hmph!"

He snorted coldly and walked boldly toward Mu Jinyu and the others.

Cai Zhengyan and Yang Chao met his approach with little emotional change, only sharing a sense of helplessness as fellow sufferers.

Mu Jinyu asked, "What reason did they find to trouble you this time?"

He Jingting, recalling the scene, couldn't help but laugh, full of sarcasm and anger, "They asked me what I'd do if I found a penny on the roadside. I said, of course, I'd give it to a police officer, and they said I was lying and told me to leave!"

Continuing, He Jingting had such a gloomy expression he seemed ready to commit murder, "Damn it, it's only a penny; would I bother to keep it? What did I lie about? Besides, does a penny even circulate anymore these days?"

He nearly lost it and cursed out the examiners' entire families!

But knowing these people were powerful, and he was just an ordinary man, he feared recklessly cursing would lead to trouble for himself and Guo Songlin, so he held back his anger, resisting the urge to speak out.

"Heh, interesting..."

Mu Jinyu, after listening, replied with an icy look and a mocking smile, "Three consecutive times of deliberate difficulties, let's see how they'll trouble me next and where they found the nerve to do so!"

Although the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow isn't under his control, the Dragon King Hall does have some connections with them, not to mention they still rely on him. He couldn't believe Xia Ruochen would ignore any discovered deceptions within the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

If, in the end, Xia Ruochen turned a blind eye and blocked his interference, fine, he'd handle it himself then!

"Don't talk nonsense, Little Mu..."

Cai Zhengyan, hearing Mu Jinyu's words, looked worried and hurriedly advised him not to act rashly to avoid bringing trouble upon himself.

"Alright, the character test ends here; next, please follow me to the practice field's 'Punch Strength Tester' to test your strength!"

At this point, Qiao Hongxi and other examiners filed out of the office, list in hand, announcing to the crowd.

Upon hearing Qiao Hongxi's words, Cai Zhengyan and Guo Songlin looked surprised, even Mu Jinyu showed a hint of astonishment in his eyes.

"Little Mu hasn't taken the character test yet; why's it ending so suddenly?"

Cai Zhengyan asked Guo Songlin in surprise, "Didn't you get him a spot?"

"Yes, the director did promise me, but the current one isn't the director. Instructor Qiao said earlier that the director left due to an emergency and left the testing in his hands!"

After saying this, Guo Songlin took a deep breath, unable to contain his anger any longer, feeling this was extremely unjust!

Exhaling a deep breath of frustration, Guo Songlin strode directly toward Qiao Hongxi and others, shouting, "Instructor Qiao, wait a moment!"

Cai Zhengyan, Yang Chao, and He Jingting hadn't expected Guo Songlin to demand an explanation from Qiao Hongxi. After being momentarily stunned, it was too late to intervene.

Cai Zhengyan gritted his teeth, followed Guo Songlin, and pulled on his sleeve, trying to signal him not to say anything rashly.

Mu Jinyu, watching this unfold, showed a gaze of commendation at Guo Songlin's back, surprised by his bravery.

Fearing any trouble for Guo Songlin, he stepped forward to follow.

"Hm?!"

Qiao Hongxi and others were about to head to the practice field but halted at Guo Songlin's words, turning back with indifferent looks to ask, "What's the matter?"

Qiao Yushu stood lazily by the side, a look of disdain and contempt flickering in his eyes when seeing Guo Songlin couldn't hold back stepping forward.

Guo Songlin ignored Qiao Yushu, keeping his gaze steady on Qiao Hongxi as he questioned coldly, "May I ask, Instructor Qiao, why according to standard procedure, the first round character test needs over twenty questions to make a basic judgment, but for my friends' evaluation, you judged their failure with just one question, claiming character defects?"

"Could Instructor Qiao give me an explanation?"

Disregarding Cai Zhengyan pulling at his sleeve, Guo Songlin's eyes were bloodshot, staring intently at Qiao Hongxi.

"Haha... what a joke!" Qiao Hongxi, upon hearing Guo Songlin's questioning, was momentarily stunned before scoffing, "Are you here to instruct me on how to do my job? Who's the examiner, you or me?"

"Do I owe you an explanation for how I do things?!"

With eyes full of disdain, Qiao Hongxi responded calmly.

"Of course, normally, I wouldn't bother explaining to fools like you, but as the examiner, I'll give you an explanation to keep formalities and avoid being accused of deliberately giving you a hard time!"

"With limited time, I can't ask everyone over twenty questions, can I? Asking someone takes a good ten minutes; if I did that with over a hundred people here, wouldn't it be nighttime before I'm done?"

"So, for this test, I didn't ask anyone over twenty questions; I only asked five or six, or three or four questions, enough to fairly judge their character!"

"You can ask around if I'm lying!"

Qiao Hongxi spoke confidently.

The crowd exchanged glances, then nodded, "Indeed, the instructor only asked us a few questions."

Qiao Hongxi looked at Guo Songlin with a mocking gaze, sneering, "See? Am I lying?"

"And none of your friends passed the character test. I think you should reflect on your own issues before questioning me!"

Chapter 1308: Interrogation! Distorting the Truth! Slander by the Masses!

"Good! I won't argue why others got two or three questions, while my friend only got one, and I won't comment on how absurd and amusing that question was. Let me ask Instructor Qiao one more thing!"

Upon hearing Qiao Hongxi's explanation, Guo Songlin's face turned ashen. With a sarcastic tone, he questioned, "My friend has Energy Transformation cultivation. I talked to the director, who decided after understanding the details to let him take the test too. So why didn't you let him test, and directly ended the character assessment?"

While speaking, Guo Songlin raised his hand to point at Mu Jinyu and asked coldly.

"What?"

"He has Energy Transformation cultivation?"

"Really?"

Upon hearing Guo Songlin's words, the crowd shifted their gaze from Guo Songlin and Qiao Hongxi to Mu Jinyu, murmuring in disbelief.

Among them, the Martial Arts School students present only had Mingjin and Dark energy cultivation, with only a few possessing Energy Transformation cultivation.

And those specially invited to the test were certain to have no cultivation at all, or they would have joined the Great Xia Martial Pavilion during school.

Thus, Mu Jinyu's Energy Transformation cultivation was indeed shocking to them!

Upon hearing this, Qiao Hongxi glanced at Mu Jinyu, his eyes filled with doubt. He himself had Peak Energy Transformation, or he wouldn't be in the instructor role, yet he couldn't perceive any cultivation in Mu Jinyu.

He then shook his head slightly, not bothering to think more about it. Even if Mu Jinyu truly had Energy Transformation, so what? The Great Xia Dragon Sparrow simply doesn't want him, can Guo Songlin force him in?

With a cold laugh, Qiao Hongxi said, "Firstly, I don't know if what you said is true or not, nor do I know if you actually spoke to the director. In any case, when I took over this assessment task, the director didn't mention this to me, and I didn't find this person's info among the materials in the director's office..."

He looked at Guo Songlin with blatant contempt and continued, "Do you think, as a Martial Arts School instructor, I'd allow someone with an unclear background to test? You're overthinking!"

"Enough, your questions are almost done. I'm following procedures, don't disrupt our assessment process!"

After speaking, Qiao Hongxi ignored Guo Songlin and turned to continue heading towards the practice field.

"You!"

"Fine, fine..." Seeing Qiao Hongxi twist facts righteously, Guo Songlin was both angry and amused. He then took out his phone, saying, "I'll call the director now to have him evaluate if your actions are within normal procedures!"

"Hmm?!"

Hearing the implicit threat in Guo Songlin's words, Qiao Hongxi walking ahead suddenly flashed a fierce gaze!

He hadn't expected Guo Songlin to be so unrelenting and continue opposing him!

If the director knew his arrangements now, his plan would fail miserably, possibly causing trouble. So, might as well go all out...

"Hmph!"

Qiao Hongxi coldly snorted, suddenly turning back with eyes as cold as looking at a deceased. He said to Guo Songlin, "You have the nerve to repeatedly provoke me? Do you really think I have no temper?!"

"You really believe defying the instructor carries no punishment? Detain him now, we'll deal with him once the director returns!"

As Qiao Hongxi spoke, he raised a hand and a powerful, vigorous Qi surged straight toward Guo Songlin.

Guo Songlin was utterly shocked upon witnessing this. It was his first time experiencing the pressure from a Peak Energy Transformation Martial Artist, realizing his minor Dark energy cultivation was utterly powerless against him!

Just as Guo Songlin thought it was over for him.

Suddenly, a figure appeared before him, intercepting the terrifying energy Qiao Hongxi had unleashed.

"Jinyu?"

Guo Songlin widened his eyes, seeing Mu Jinyu standing before him.

He didn't expect Mu Jinyu to block Qiao Hongxi's angry strike; after all, although both had Energy Transformation cultivation, he presumed Mu Jinyu was only at the Early Energy Transformation Stage, while Qiao Hongxi was at the Peak.

So he believed Mu Jinyu was no match for Qiao Hongxi, yet he blocked it!

Did he...get seriously injured blocking this palm?

At this moment, Guo Songlin regretted his impulsive decision to call the director immediately, instead of waiting for Qiao Hongxi and others to leave before informing the director.

As it was, he knowingly reported them despite the clear issues, it was a suicidal act!

Now even dragging others down, Guo Songlin felt deeply remorseful.

Mu Jinyu promptly moved, blocking Qiao Hongxi's strike without any harm, then with a sardonic smile, asked Qiao Hongxi, "Instructor Qiao, were you planning to silence someone?"

"Who said I wanted to silence someone?!"

Qiao Hongxi hadn't expected Mu Jinyu to block his palm, confirming Guo Songlin wasn't lying; this guy indeed had Energy Transformation and was likely between the Completion Stage and Peak, or he couldn't have blocked it so effortlessly and still speak serenely.

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, he panicked, denying urgently, "Who said I wanted to silence someone? I was merely teaching him not to defy me and continue to tamper without end, thus I acted to discipline him, ensuring no disruption to the assessment process!"

Mu Jinyu chuckled mockingly, saying, "Brother Guo is only at minor Dark energy strength; you unleashed full power with Peak Energy Transformation. Do you think he'd only be injured? Not killed instantly? Such precise control!"

Qiao Hongxi opened his mouth to explain, but Mu Jinyu uninterestedly dismissed him, "Enough, no need to argue. This matter is temporarily set aside, I'll handle it later. Now, one question for you: how did your instructors determine my friends were unfit during character test, asking absurd questions like helping elderly, eating chicken, or picking up a penny?"

Infuriated by Mu Jinyu's tone, what did he mean by 'temporarily set aside'? Who did he think he was!

And hearing Mu Jinyu's subsequent inquiry, Qiao Hongxi sneered, his rage clouding his judgment as he said, "Fine, I'll explain well. That woman is a nurse, right?"

"Yes," Mu Jinyu nodded.

Cai Zhengyan looked at Qiao Hongxi aggrieved and puzzled, awaiting his explanation.

Qiao Hongxi coldly said, "As a nurse, she assists doctors with various surgeries daily, frequently witnessing gruesome scenes, so how could she eat meat? Many people eventually switch to only eating vegetables. Yet when I asked her, she licked her lips with eagerness and a bloodthirsty glint in her eyes. Hence, I suspect she has severe mental issues, and no way could she be recruited!"

He then also nitpicked flaws in Yang Chao and He Jingting, saying they're orphans who work in high-intensity construction sites, and with any minor imbalance, money or trivial matters could lead to fatalities...

"Thus, didn't I reasonably judge them unfit?"

"Was there a problem?"

He glanced around, his gaze intimidating the crowd.

"No problem!"

Most present felt Qiao Hongxi was talking nonsense, deliberately causing trouble for Cai Zhengyan and others.

However, these people had basically passed the first character test, even if some were maliciously eliminated, they still had one or two remaining among their relatives or friends, so it wasn't worth a total fallout with Qiao Hongxi.

After all, it relates to their chances of passing the assessment and their own interests, so they wouldn't back Mu Jinyu's stance but rather nodded, agreeing Qiao Hongxi's judgment was sound.

"Instructor Qiao is certainly accurate. I too believe being orphans working construction without family indeed poses societal risks; they definitely shouldn't be exposed to cultivation!"

"Yes, Guo Songlin is an orphan too, often at odds with everyone, obviously problematic, but he at least attended college, while these people generally dropped out of middle school, truly societal scum; hardly worth a test!"

Chapter 1309: Pushed to the Limit! Killing in Fury!

Listening to these martial arts school students and their friends' echoing voices, Qiao Yushu stood beside his uncle, and couldn't help but shake his head secretly.

He looked at Mu Jinyu and them, his eyes full of disdain and mockery.

'If you're brushed off, then you're brushed off. Why insist on not accepting it? You're all just orphaned illiterate trash, yet you have to break the pot to ask the question until the end!'

'Enjoying this now, aren't you? Wanting to deceive yourselves but can't.'

Cai Zhengyan stood behind Mu Jinyu, listening to the crowd's comments, trembling with anger, her eyes red, tears rolling continuously in her eyes.

She felt full of grievance and helplessness.

Why should orphans and illiterate people be ridiculed by them?

Why is their existence a huge social hazard?!

Why, despite working hard every day without deceit, theft, or robbery, they are ridiculed because of their backgrounds?!

They are orphans, but did they eat their family's bread? Steal their family's money? Hurt their family members?

Why are they nailed on the pillar of shame like this?!

They don't need pity from these people, but why won't they even give them a chance?!

Yang Chao and He Jingting, hearing these remarks, couldn't help but clench their fists tightly, almost rushing over to beat these people hard.

However, with people saying one after another, "Look, look, they're mad, they're really going to hit people, indeed they're orphans, no civility at all!"

Thus, they could only endure it, sighing dejectedly, feeling somewhat disheartened and unwilling to act!

"Hahaha..."

Mu Jinyu couldn't help but laugh, and said, "What a ridiculous judgment, and a group of people actually follows it. Really an eye-opener for me!"

Qiao Hongxi's eyes were disdainful, sneering, "Well, I've given you an explanation now, everyone very much agrees with my judgment, so please leave, don't cause trouble in our martial arts school, we still need to continue assessing aptitude issues!"

"Ha, you didn't have this chance..." Mu Jinyu said lightly.

"What do you want to do?" Qiao Hongxi's eyes guardedly fixed on Mu Jinyu, "Let me tell you, we all have energy transformation, you can't take me, and this is the Great Xia Martial Pavilion founded by the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, if you dare cause trouble here, even if you manage to escape alive in the end, you will have no place in the whole of Huaxia!"

The few instructors beside him also looked vigilantly at Mu Jinyu, ready to join Qiao Hongxi to take down Mu Jinyu at any moment.

Mu Jinyu, hands behind his back, said faintly, "Didn't I just tell you? The matter of you going deadly serious on Brother Guo is temporarily suppressed, after I ask you a few questions, it will be dealt with, now, it's time to deal with you..."

"Bang!"

The words fell.

Qiao Hongxi, standing in confrontation with Mu Jinyu, suddenly exploded entirely, turning into a mist of blood that scattered out!

"Uncle?!"

Qiao Yushu saw this sudden scene, looking at Mu Jinyu with disdain and derision not yet faded, shock and panic surged, appearing quite comical.

"Crack crack crack!!"

However, before he and the few instructors with energy transformation could react, their bodies all made a crisp sound of bones cracking like firecrackers, then they just slumped softly on the ground!

Mu Jinyu looked at them coldly, then withdrew his gaze, took out his phone, dialed Xia Ruochen's number, connected, and slowly said, "I am at Rong City's Daxia Martial Arts Hall now, some people need handling, you come yourself, or send someone."

After speaking, without waiting for Xia Ruochen to say anything, he directly hung up.

Mu Jinyu initially wasn't prepared to directly kill Qiao Hongxi, but this guy was indeed somewhat disgusting, so he couldn't help but take action to kill him.

However, it didn't matter, anyway, he still had his nephew there, when the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow's responsible person comes, how to handle those related to him, how to settle people of his kind, can continue just the same!

"Little Mu... you?!"

In the moment Qiao Hongxi suddenly died horribly, turning into a mist, and Qiao Yushu and others became crippled, Cai Zhengyan was stunned for a while before she reacted, speaking with a bit of horror.

She felt the Mu Jinyu in front of her back was somewhat unfamiliar; isn't he at the energy transformation level?

Why was he able not to move and beat these people into this state?

Is he human... or devil?!

Mu Jinyu heard Cai Zhengyan's trembling voice, turned back, the hostility in his eyes dissipating, looked at her gently, and smiled slightly, saying, "Big sister, it's me, didn't I tell you? I am at Unity Realm Stage..."

"Unity Realm Stage?" Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Cai Zhengyan and Guo Songlin's eyes were somewhat dazed, then recalled Mu Jinyu's earlier moves, they suddenly realized, so... Mu Jinyu didn't lie to them?

He truly, is already invincible in the world!

Mu Jinyu gently comforted Cai Zhengyan and them for a few moments, then looked at the crowd dead silent, his gaze turned coldly, and slowly said, "You people can go back, you didn't pass the character assessment!"

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, some people who were initially quite afraid of Mu Jinyu's earlier hand were now unwillingly asked, related to joining the Great Xia Martial Pavilion, "Why?! We clearly passed the assessment, why do you say we didn't pass and must go home!"

"That's right, you're not even from the Great Xia Martial Pavilion, you've killed people here, not running away is one thing, but why do you say we didn't pass the character assessment and should leave?"

"..."

The crowd followed excitedly questioning.

Although they were still afraid of Mu Jinyu, especially after Qiao Hongxi just died before them without remains, thinking of Qiao Yushu and the others' survival they feel that Mu Jinyu likely wouldn't randomly attack them; if he planned to act, he wouldn't bother speaking these words.

Thus, they dared to muster up the courage to question Mu Jinyu.

"Ha ha..."

Mu Jinyu coldly sneered, indeed made no move against them because they were only ordinary people or martial artists with mingjin or dark energy level, even though just now they fawned on Qiao Hongxi resoundingly, reprimanding orphan ignorance and such, he didn't think they deserved death.

Spare them their lives, but forget about joining the Great Xia Martial Pavilion!

Not bothering whether they choose to leave, Mu Jinyu turned back to Cai Zhengyan and others and said, "Let's go, let's go inside and rest for a while, wait for someone to come and deal with this matter, give you an explanation."

"Alright."

Cai Zhengyan and Guo Songlin responded somewhat bewilderedly, then followed Mu Jinyu and entered the office where Qiao Hongxi just was.

They now already knew Mu Jinyu's strength is extraordinary, naturally would not hurriedly persuade Mu Jinyu to escape or inform him to surrender later.

They knew, although Mu Jinyu killed someone, surely will have a way to handle this matter later, no need for them to worry.

Everyone watched them walk into the office, their expressions were both shocked and fearful and furious, then they thought, with Qiao Hongxi's death, Qiao Yushu and them becoming heavily disabled, even if they wanted to stubbornly remain here, there were no examiners to continue testing.

And lying on the ground, all bones broken, Qiao Yushu although was already unconscious, still in his mind, angrily roared unwillingly, "No! How could this be, it shouldn't be like this..."

Chapter 1310: Alarm at the Main Hall! Discussing Countermeasures!

Qinling.

Xia Ruochen, who had just launched an offensive against Qinling and suffered a defeat, received a call from Mu Jinyu, wanting to ask a few more questions, but the call was abruptly ended.

He was momentarily stunned, then his expression turned grim. He immediately searched his contact list and called the person in charge in Min Province.

"Hello, Director Gao? The Dragon King of Dragon King Hall seems to be at your Rong City Daxia Martial Arts Hall, encountering some trouble. You should send someone over to see how to resolve it..."

After making the call, Xia Ruochen put away his phone, lifted the tent, and walked out with his hands behind his back, gazing at the towering Qinling with a solemn expression.

"Boss, how is it? We've almost rested enough, should we prepare to continue the offensive?"

Someone saw Xia Ruochen come out, exhaled lightly, put down the wine pot, and asked.

Xia Ruochen shook his head slightly and said, "Let's wait for now. That Great Python is too tricky. We couldn't beat it just now, and it might still be difficult now. However, the Dragon King is currently at our Rong City's branch, so there might be a turning point."

"The Dragon King?"

Upon hearing Xia Ruochen's words, the person's previously dim eyes brightened, muttering, "If the Dragon King comes to help, then he should indeed easily kill that Great Python and avenge our fallen brothers."

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At the Daxia Main Hall in the center of Rong City, after receiving Xia Ruochen's call, Gao Siyuan put down his phone and said puzzled, "Strange, why would the Dragon King come to us..."

Although filled with confusion and puzzlement, he immediately took out his phone to have someone investigate the surveillance and see which branch the Dragon King had come to in Rong City.

Soon, Gao Siyuan confirmed the location as the Eastern District Branch and called the branch's Pavilion Master to come immediately.

"Boss, what's going on?"

Quickly, the Pavilion Master of Rong City's Eastern District Branch, Cheng Xiuzhu, led over a dozen senior members of their Martial Arts School to Gao Siyuan's office in a hurry.

Cheng Xiuzhu's face was somewhat pale, carrying a look of tension.

Originally, he received notice that Xia Ruochen and a group of people had failed on the Qinling front. He hastily brought his subordinates to the Rong City Main Branch to discuss strategies and prepare to head to Qinling for support once everyone gathered.

But unexpectedly, before long, the Eastern District Branch he was responsible for seemed to have some situation, which left him puzzled and quite uneasy.

Gao Siyuan looked up at the group standing in front of his desk, directly at Cheng Xiuzhu, and said, "Director Xia just called and informed me that the Dragon King from the Dragon King Hall is currently at our Rong City Daxia Martial Arts Hall, seemingly encountering some trouble for us to solve. I just investigated; he should be at your Eastern District Branch. Do you know what's going on?"

Though the matter needed urgent attention, Gao Siyuan didn't want to rush over recklessly, fearing offending Mu Jinyu without understanding the situation, which would be disastrous.

Therefore, he summoned Cheng Xiuzhu and the others to first understand the situation, as it wasn't urgent at this moment.

"The Dragon King from Dragon King Hall has come to our branch?"

Cheng Xiuzhu and his group behind him were all puzzled upon hearing this, clearly unaware of the situation.

"We know nothing about this!" With a slight frown, Cheng Xiuzhu asked, "Boss, you've just investigated, how did the Dragon King come to my branch?"

Gao Siyuan replied, "I just checked roadside surveillance videos, it looked like he entered your branch with a few people, and those people don't seem to be students of your Martial Arts School. I don't know the specifics, so I'm asking you!"

"Came with a few people..."

Upon hearing this, Cheng Xiuzhu pondered slightly, thinking their Martial Arts School generally wouldn't allow unrelated people inside; the only exception would be during enrollment...

"By the way, the school was preparing for recruitment today... Could it be that the Dragon King happened to come with friends during recruitment?"

Cheng Xiuzhu mumbled to himself, then hurriedly told Gao Siyuan, "Boss, I might have an idea. It might be because our branch was enrolling today, and accidentally recruited the Dragon King along with them? I'll call the admissions director to ask!"

Hearing his explanation, Gao Siyuan was surprised, finding it somewhat comical. What does it mean to accidentally recruit the Dragon King? Does your Eastern District Branch have such capabilities?

Though feeling absurd, Gao Siyuan nodded and said, "Then hurry and call to find out."

"Okay." Cheng Xiuzhu nodded, intending to take out his phone and find the admissions director's number to call and inquire.

Suddenly, a timid voice came from behind him, "Boss, I'm right here..."

"Hm?!"

Upon hearing this, Cheng Xiuzhu turned abruptly and looked at the group behind him with a suspicious gaze.

"Ring ring!"

At this moment, his phone call connected, and a handsome man among the group behind him also had a melodious phone ringtone.

"Little Jin, why are you here? Who is in charge of admissions?"

Seeing the appearance of the admissions director, Cheng Xiuzhu was immediately astonished.

Jin Ningchen smiled bitterly and said, "Wasn't the leader also notified just now? So, I followed along, and left the admissions matters to one of the instructors in the Martial Arts School..."

Hearing Jin Ningchen's words, Cheng Xiuzhu and Gao Siyuan exchanged glances, almost understanding why the Martial Arts School had incidents that alarmed Xia Ruochen.

Certainly, Mu Jinyu followed his friends to the Martial Arts School, and during the recruitment test, the instructor temporarily assigned by Jin Ningchen had some conflict with his friends. Deliberately making things difficult for them, which led to this situation...

"Alas, what confusion!"

Cheng Xiuzhu sighed, unsure whether to blame himself or blame Jin Ningchen, and then said, "You can temporarily put aside the admissions issues, as there's no urgency to handle them immediately. Just because you were notified to come, you shouldn't randomly delegate tasks..."

"Sorry..." Jin Ningchen lowered his head and said weakly.

He felt helpless. What do you mean there's no urgency to handle them immediately?

Clearly, you mentioned earlier that the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow needs over a thousand cultivators with Wood Spirit Roots, and Fire Spirit Roots are also useful. Urgently recruiting these people would make their Eastern District Branch's position even more significant in the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow!

How could he dare to postpone handling it?

Now an incident occurred, but it's blamed on him!

"Forget it, what's done is done. There's no use saying more. Since we've almost figured out the reason, let's quickly go and see what the situation has developed into."

Gao Siyuan timely spoke, urging them to stop arguing.

He paused, then looked at Jin Ningchen and said, "By the way, call that instructor and see if you can reach him?"

If they could reach that instructor, they might understand the situation on site more clearly. If they couldn't, it would indicate their speculation was likely correct...

Jin Ningchen hurriedly took out his phone and called Qiao Hongxi.

"Can't reach him!"

Finally, Jin Ningchen hung up, shook his head heavily, and told the group.

Seeing this, Gao Siyuan sighed softly and said, "Then let's quickly go handle this; don't let the Dragon King wait too long..."