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Chapter 841: Triumphant to the Point of Losing One's Composure, Desperate to Cry but Without Tears!

"Damn it, do you all really think I'm easy to bully?!"

Wei Ziping saw Yun Ge surpassing him, and his anger flared even more. Then, he used his movement technique, going full power like a black whirlwind straight to the peak!

The fourth and fifth-ranked on the List of Outstanding Talents, including Wei Qingfeng, saw this and could only smile bitterly. They tried to catch up but were gradually left behind!

After all, their strength was generally at the Eighth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, lagging behind Yun Ge and Wei Ziping by a notch, making it much harder to resist the gravity.

What made them feel even worse was that Mu Jinyu, an anomaly also at the Eighth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, was even more monstrous than those at the Ninth Layer like Yun Ge.

It truly made them despair!

Mu Jinyu executed the "Ten Steps Move," instantly leaving everyone behind.

However, the higher he climbed, the more he could feel the terrifying pressure bearing down on him, gradually slowing his rapid speed.

"Indeed, this is a great place to hone movement techniques."

Mu Jinyu thought inwardly.

If he had remembered this place earlier, he would have practiced the "Ten Steps Move" to the point of integration and penetration much faster.

Still, he felt that he might soon master the "Ten Steps Move" to a masterful skill level here.

At this moment, the idea of taking first place had slipped Mu Jinyu's mind.

He no longer focused on reaching Zhongfeng Peak as quickly as possible.

He gradually displayed the "Ten Steps Move," gracefully drifting along the mountain path like a feather.

Before long, Yun Ge, going full power, caught up to Mu Jinyu.

He paused slightly and glanced at Mu Jinyu's state, noticing he was in an enlightenment state, smiled slightly, and didn't remind Mu Jinyu to hurry up the mountain, continuing his steps towards Zhongfeng Peak!

As he passed Mu Jinyu, he couldn't help but feel envious, thinking, "Junior Brother Mu's comprehension is truly enviable, even grasping insights during an assessment!"

"Sigh, comparing oneself to others can be truly frustrating!"

Shaking his head slightly, Yun Ge disappeared ahead of Mu Jinyu.

Not long after, Wei Ziping also caught up.

Seeing Mu Jinyu's speed slowing and Yun Ge's absence, Wei Ziping knew that Yun Ge had surpassed Mu Jinyu.

Seeing Mu Jinyu's somewhat "struggling" steps, he sneered, not believing Mu Jinyu was in an enlightenment state, thinking instead that Mu Jinyu, being here for the first time, underestimated the difficulty, ran out of True Yuan, and couldn't keep up anymore.

"That's more like it."

Feeling a bit more balanced, Wei Ziping sneered at Mu Jinyu and quickly surpassed him.

After a while.

The former third and current third on the List of Outstanding Talents, Wei Qingfeng, also slowly caught up.

In this environment, Wei Qingfeng was slightly struggling, with sweat beads covering his forehead.

When he saw that Mu Jinyu's speed was slower than his, his instinctive thought, like Wei Ziping's, was that Mu Jinyu was running out of energy.

But soon, he sensed something was off.

Seeing Mu Jinyu's vacant gaze with no awareness of his presence, Wei Qingfeng had a suspicion, guessing that Mu Jinyu might be in an enlightenment state in this environment!

"Damn, is it possible to gain enlightenment here too?"

Wei Qingfeng felt so envious that he almost wanted to interrupt Mu Jinyu's enlightenment.

However, he ultimately wasn't so shameless, knowing that if he dared to do so, Mu Jinyu would surely not let him off. With a sigh and feeling frustrated, he overtook Mu Jinyu.

Not long after.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh on the List of Outstanding Talents also caught up.

Seeing Mu Jinyu ahead and moving slowly, they got excited and without further thought, prepared to surpass Mu Jinyu first.

But just then.

"Whoosh!!!"

Mu Jinyu's mysterious footwork suddenly changed, speeding up several times, disappearing from their sight in a blink, leaving dust in the wind!

"Bam bam bam!!!"

"Crack... crack..."

They stopped in shock, then noticed deep footprints and cracks in the ground on the mountain path Mu Jinyu passed!

"My God, what kind of movement technique is this?!"

"If I were ahead, wouldn't I have been trampled to death?!"

The three stood frozen, forgetting to keep running forward, stunned.

Meanwhile, Wei Qingfeng, still chasing Yun Ge and Wei Ziping, was grappling with thoughts about Mu Jinyu's enlightenment state.

Then, he had a sudden thought that it might be a good thing since it would reduce Mu Jinyu's overall score significantly.

Just as Wei Qingfeng was rejoicing secretly.

A whoosh sound like a tornado nearly blew him off his feet!

"Damn, what was that?!"

Steadying himself, Wei Qingfeng watched in horror at the series of deep, large footprints left behind, feeling his scalp tingle!

He then realized that apart from Yun Ge and Wei Ziping, only Mu Jinyu could have caused such a phenomenon.

With Wei Ziping and Yun Ge ahead, it meant that Mu Jinyu had broken out of his enlightenment state and was going full power again?

Wei Qingfeng's expression shifted, surprised that Mu Jinyu had ended his enlightenment so quickly.

He wondered if Mu Jinyu was interrupted or if he had succeeded in his enlightenment.

He really hoped Mu Jinyu had been interrupted!

On the mountain path, just over a hundred meters from Zhongfeng Peak.

The gravity here had become incredibly strong, making it hard for Wei Ziping and Yun Ge to climb with ease.

They now seemed like mortals carrying heavy loads up the mountain, each step heavy and trembling, with sweat soaking the ground!

"Yun Ge, you can forget about surpassing me! Just admit defeat!"

Wei Ziping, having surpassed Yun Ge at some point, was now ahead by four or five steps.

Despite the struggle, Wei Ziping still taunted Yun Ge.

Yun Ge ignored him, conserving his strength to continue climbing.

Meanwhile, he wondered about Mu Jinyu's progress. If Mu Jinyu hadn't succeeded, he believed he could secure a top-three spot in the assessment test.

Seeing Yun Ge looking back, Wei Ziping taunted, "Are you still hoping that kid will catch up? The speed test is not like the strength test. It demands high movement technique and thick True Yuan. With his movement technique, making the top ten is already impressive."

"Whoosh!!"

A fierce wind hit, causing Yun Ge to stagger and nearly fall.

Wei Ziping, not as focused, wasn't so fortunate and was blown away, rolling down the mountain path and ending up near Wei Qingfeng.

The reduced gravity on this part of the path allowed Wei Ziping to manage to stabilize his form.

"Damn, what was that?!"

Wei Ziping stood up, back aching and nearly vomiting blood from anger.

Then, he saw Wei Qingfeng nearby and his face changed.

He realized that being here meant he no longer had a chance at first place!

Chapter 842: Deliberately Favoring!

Mu Jinyu woke up, finding himself already at the top of Zhongfeng Mountain.

At the summit, there was only the Examiner Elder, no one else in sight.

"Huh, am I the first?!"

Mu Jinyu murmured to himself in surprise.

In truth, while he was in a state of enlightenment regarding his movement technique, he wasn't entirely unconscious. Focused solely on understanding the technique, he remembered several people passing by him.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu initially thought he wouldn't claim first place in the test, or even make it to the top three. Unexpectedly, as soon as he woke up, he magically found himself in first place.

"Yes, you are indeed the first."

The Examiner Elder heard Mu Jinyu's slightly surprised voice and gave him a strange look before responding.

Yun Ge and Wei Ziping were not far from the summit, so the Examiner Elder had just seen the moment when Mu Jinyu knocked Wei Ziping away.

Initially, the Examiner Elder thought Mu Jinyu did it on purpose, but judging by his expression, it seemed he didn't remember it at all.

So, the Examiner Elder was also somewhat puzzled about what had just happened with Mu Jinyu.

"What's my time?"

Mu Jinyu didn't think too much, respectfully asking the Examiner Elder.

The Examiner Elder replied, "One incense stick."

After speaking, he gave Mu Jinyu another strange look and said, "The previous record holder was our current Sect Leader with a time of one incense stick and one inch..."

This meant that after one incense stick burned out, the second incense stick had burned about an inch before the Sect Leader reached the summit.

So, Mu Jinyu broke the record again.

"Oh."

Hearing this, Mu Jinyu didn't care much about breaking the record again. He stood aside, lowered his eyes in contemplation, and then intentionally practiced the "Ten Steps Move."

He wanted to see if his movement technique had improved following his recent enlightenment.

"Hmm? This is..."

The Examiner Elder initially didn't pay much attention to Mu Jinyu practicing his movement technique, but after a few more glances, his eyes suddenly widened in amazement.

"Is this a masterful-level movement technique?"

"Is this... 'Ten Steps Move'?!"

The Examiner Elder, although not as attentive to Mu Jinyu as the Sect Leader and Elder Cheng, was very familiar with the Heavenly Sword Faction's manuals and immediately recognized Mu Jinyu's technique as the difficult-to-master "Ten Steps Move."

"'Ten Steps Move' is a body technique manual that can only be practiced by Inner Sect Disciples. How long has he been in the Inner Gate, and he's already reached a masterful level?!"

The Examiner Elder looked at Mu Jinyu's rapidly shifting figure with incredulous eyes, feeling a bit numb.

He had vaguely heard that Mu Jinyu's comprehension was extremely high, but hadn't known how high it was. Seeing this today, he understood why the Sect Leader and others valued Mu Jinyu so much.

Then, the Examiner Elder understood why Mu Jinyu, who was previously lagging behind Yun Ge and Wei Ziping, was able to surpass them in the end and take the first place.

Yun Ge and the others still hadn't reached the summit yet.

It seemed that Mu Jinyu had realized the intricacies of "Ten Steps Move" during the test, enabling him to overtake them.

"Very good. With such a talented disciple, who can challenge our Heavenly Sword Faction at the Four Sects Martial Meeting this time!"

The Examiner Elder stroked his beard and smiled contentedly.

"Whew!"

After performing "Ten Steps Move," Mu Jinyu found he had indeed improved significantly, estimating that his proficiency had advanced from integration to masterful skill.

At this moment, Yun Ge finally reached the summit, panting heavily.

"Junior Brother Mu... you've really surprised me again and again..."

Yun Ge panted, adjusting himself, and said with a wry smile to Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu asked in confusion, "Brother Yun, I remember you overtook me earlier, right? How did you end up behind me again? Was it my imagination?"

Yun Ge replied, "No, it wasn't your imagination. Earlier, Wei Ziping and I did overtake you. But at that time, you were in a state of enlightenment, so we overtook you. You quickly came out of it and then surpassed us again. Wei Ziping was overconfident and got knocked away by you..."

He laughed, "I guess it will take him some time before he reaches the summit."

Hearing Yun Ge's words, the Examiner Elder nodded secretly. His guess was confirmed: Mu Jinyu had indeed experienced an enlightenment during the test of speed.

What a monster.

"Did I knock him away?"

Mu Jinyu asked in surprise after hearing Yun Ge's words.

He had no memory of it, then frowned and thought hard.

Gradually, he recalled, vaguely, that he might have indeed knocked someone away.

However, since there was no injury and it didn't hurt, he subconsciously ignored it.

Yun Ge asked, "So, what did you comprehend just now? Techniques, divine skills, or movement technique?"

Since Mu Jinyu's speed was already very fast at first, Yun Ge wasn't sure if Mu Jinyu's enlightenment was about the movement technique.

Hearing Yun Ge's question, Mu Jinyu revealed that he had perfected "Ten Steps Move" to masterful skill.

Yun Ge listened, filled with envy.

He had a movement technique at a masterful level too, but it was of mid-Profound Rank, whereas a top-Profound Rank movement technique remained at the integration level for him.

So sometimes, his mid-Profound Rank movement technique was better than his top-Profound Rank one.

"Huff... huff..."

After two incense sticks' worth of time, Wei Ziping finally arrived, panting heavily.

As soon as he reached the summit, he glared at Mu Jinyu with wide eyes, as if ready to fight.

But he didn't make a move; instead, he complained to the Examiner Elder, "Elder, Mu Jinyu here deliberately knocked me out when I was only a hundred meters from the summit..."

The Examiner Elder nodded with a blank expression, "Yes, I know about this."

"Hmm..." Wei Ziping nodded, staring straight at the Examiner Elder.

The Examiner Elder said nothing more, returning his blank stare.

Wei Ziping got furious, "And? You just know and that's it?"

The Examiner Elder saw he wouldn't let it go and coldly said, "Indeed, I know the full story. At that time, Mu Jinyu was in a state of enlightenment, so he didn't realize he knocked you away; there was no intentional act. Meanwhile, you were deliberately interfering with Yun Ge. If not for you doing so, both you and Yun Ge wouldn't have been hit at the same time, with Yun Ge being fine and you being knocked away..."

"This..."

Wei Ziping was furious.

This Examiner Elder was clearly biased towards Mu Jinyu!

"What, you're not satisfied? Think I'm favoring him on purpose?!"

The Examiner Elder, seeing through Wei Ziping's thoughts, coldly remarked.

Wei Ziping stood firm, "Isn't that the case? Yun Ge has a good relationship with him, so he was spared, and I was knocked away. Besides, you just received a life-saving pill from him; that's why you turn a blind eye to his actions. Aren't you biased towards him?"

Chapter 843: Profound Light Mirror!

"Wei Ziping, you are too arrogant!"

The Examiner Elder heard Wei Ziping's words, and his face suddenly sank. He then said, "Since you don't believe me, let's prove it with facts!"

With that, he waved his hand, and immediately the Heaven and Earth Vital Energy gathered, forming an ice crystal-like mirror in front of him.

This technique is called the "Profound Light Mirror", which can display the recorded scenes of the caster.

In the speed test, there naturally wouldn't be any formations used to observe the dynamics, otherwise, if something happened, wouldn't they be unable to find the culprit?

Soon, under the spell of the Examiner Elder, the picture on the Profound Light Mirror shook from being blurry and began to clear, soon showing the image of Mu Jinyu.

Wei Ziping and Yun Ge could clearly see that Mu Jinyu was far ahead of them at that time, but suddenly, his speed slowed down, and a mysterious Dao Rhyme surrounded him.

Then, he was gradually surpassed by Yun Ge and Wei Ziping.

When Wei Ziping saw this scene, he looked at himself sneering as he passed by Mu Jinyu and knew that this was not a fabrication by the Examiner Elder but was indeed a real occurrence.

He calmed down and seriously considered that Mu Jinyu's state at that time was indeed a bit strange, not like he was slowing down because he couldn't keep up.

That means he really did realize something during the speed test...

"Hehe..."

Wei Ziping clenched his fists tightly, unable to accept that Mu Jinyu was such a monster!

Then, the scene in the Profound Light Mirror accelerated, showing that Wei Qingfeng and the others also overtook Mu Jinyu, but at that moment, Mu Jinyu seemed to have successfully realized something, and his speed suddenly increased.

In an instant, he surpassed the fifth, sixth, and seventh places on the List of Outstanding Talents, then overtook Wei Qingfeng, and rushed straight towards the nearing summit occupied by Wei Ziping and Yun Ge.

In the screen, it was clearly visible that Wei Ziping was incessantly chattering to Yun Ge, and then Mu Jinyu suddenly rushed forward.

The Examiner Elder gave a close-up shot of Mu Jinyu rushing forward, making it clear that his eyes were unfocused, and he wasn't completely free from the state of enlightenment.

Therefore, he wasn't deliberately targeting Yun Ge or intentionally aiming at Wei Ziping.

He was charging at both of them without discrimination.

Only, Yun Ge was on alert at all times, so when Mu Jinyu rushed over, he sensed something off and dodged in time.

But Wei Ziping, still chattering to Yun Ge, didn't notice the danger from behind, and thus was sent flying by Mu Jinyu.

The scene ended here, with the next part showing Mu Jinyu reaching the summit and waking up to converse with the Examiner Elder.

"Hoo!"

The Examiner Elder waved his hand, dissolving the Profound Light Mirror, and coldly looked at the extremely pale Wei Ziping, saying, "Do you still claim I'm deliberately covering for him? That he was intentionally targeting you?"

Wei Ziping's face turned ashen, his eyes red, and his fists clenched, but he was unable to retort. Finally, he let out a long breath and said, "Elder, I was wrong..."

The Examiner Elder said, "The person you should apologize to is not me, but Mu Jinyu!"

Wei Ziping heard the Examiner Elder's words, his face turned even uglier, and he glanced at Mu Jinyu, finding him standing aside with an always calm expression like water, causing Wei Ziping to snort coldly and remain silent.

His attitude indicated his refusal to apologize to Mu Jinyu.

"You?!"

Seeing his stance, the Examiner Elder became furious and was about to say something.

But Mu Jinyu waved his hand and said calmly, "It's okay. I was at fault in the first place; he doesn't need to apologize. However, he falsely accused me and you just now without understanding the truth, so I will not apologize for my unintentional actions either. Let's call it even!"

"Hmph!"

Wei Ziping snorted coldly, said nothing, but his expression eased considerably.

Apparently, he also felt that calling it even was acceptable for this matter to end.

Although, in his heart, he still felt that he had been greatly wronged by Mu Jinyu, otherwise, his final result wouldn't have been only reaching the summit after two joss sticks' time.

But at this moment, he didn't dare say more.

Mu Jinyu gave Wei Ziping a deep look, saying, "Of course, if you are not convinced, we can test our skills in the actual combat assessment!"

"Alright." Wei Ziping readily agreed.

He was eager to start the actual combat assessment immediately to beat Mu Jinyu!

Mu Jinyu said no more, and Yun Ge and the Examiner Elder saw them setting up a duel and did not say much, the scene fell silent for a while.

But soon, this silence was broken.

Because Wei Qingfeng also reached the summit.

At that time, Wei Ziping was sent flying to Wei Qingfeng's side by Mu Jinyu. If their strengths were evenly matched, they would have reached the summit one after the other.

But Wei Qingfeng was ultimately not as strong as Wei Ziping, so he lagged significantly behind.

He reached the summit only after a third of the third joss stick had burned.

With Wei Qingfeng reaching the summit, soon, the top ten of the List of Outstanding Talents also reached the summit one after another.

And then, just as the third joss stick was about to burn out, the top fifteen of the List of Outstanding Talents arrived.

Thus, in this speed test, only fifteen people barely passed.

The Examiner Elder shook his head slightly, feeling somewhat disappointed, but said nothing more and had people leave Zhongfeng and return to the midway of Tianlan Peak to rest.

During the rest period, many disciples learned that Mu Jinyu had reached the summit using only one joss stick's time and broke the record set by the Sect Leader, they were both amazed and respectful.

At this moment, Mu Jinyu's status in their hearts unknowingly surpassed that of Yun Ge!

In their view, although Mu Jinyu was not the first on the List of Outstanding Talents, once the Inner Gate assessment ended, he would definitely be the first on the List of Outstanding Talents.

The rest period quickly ended.

The Examiner Elder stood in front of the crowd and said, "The rest is over. Now we will begin testing your reaction abilities. Follow me."

With that, he took the lead, walking towards a stone wall in the Inner Sect Square.

Mu Jinyu followed the crowd, feeling a sense of familiarity, as if he had seen it before.

He then recalled that during the Outer Gate examination, the wooden dummies used to filter the following duel candidates were inside such a stone wall.

Sure enough, as the Examiner Elder reached the stone wall, some mechanism was activated, and the stone wall opened, revealing a passage within.

This passage was somewhat different from the Outer Gate examination's wooden dummy area; it had no branching paths, just a single corridor, inside which eighteen bronze men stood.

It seemed a bit simple.

But Mu Jinyu thought that since it was a test of reaction ability, it couldn't be that simple.

The Examiner Elder then said, "This assessment also has a limit. You must reach the end of the passage within three joss sticks' time, and the number of hits you receive must not exceed thirty."

Chapter 844: Reaction Test Begins!

After the Examiner Elder finished speaking, he called out ten names and let them enter to take the test.

It was obvious that these ten people had previously participated in the reaction speed assessment and were quite familiar with the checkpoints inside.

Even before stepping into the passage, they all appeared to be very cautious.

Mu Jinyu and Wen Rou stood together, focusing intently, wanting to observe the hidden intricacies of this reaction speed test.

"Boom!!"

As soon as the ten individuals stepped into the passage, the eighteen Bronze Men trembled slightly, then their eyes gleamed with red light as they began moving.

Seeing this, the ten people hesitated slightly but continued to keep cautious, taking each step very carefully as they advanced!

"In that case, they might as well rush through before the Bronze Men wake up."

Wen Rou, unable to discern any intricacies, questioned seeing the eighteen Bronze Men awakening.

Mu Jinyu said, "It shouldn't be that simple. Let's watch a bit more."

"Boom boom boom!"

In just three seconds, the once stiff-limbed Bronze Men suddenly became as nimble as normal humans, their arms and waists twisting without a trace of stiffness.

Then, the eighteen Bronze Men made great strides towards the ten testers!

Their movements were extremely agile and natural, completely masking the fact that they were Bronze Men.

"Swish swish swish!!"

As the Bronze Men charged at the ten testers, the passageway shook violently, triggering numerous traps. Instantly, countless hidden weapons, darts, crossbow bolts, flowing sand, snares, falling rocks... all shot towards them!

The ten individuals, slightly panicked, quickly displayed their movement techniques to dodge these hidden weapons and avoid the slaughter by the Bronze Men!

The strength showcased by these Bronze Men was far from a rigid and single approach; it adjusted based on their targeted opponents.

For instance, if a Bronze Man's target was at the Fifth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, then his power would elevate to the Sixth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, always overwhelming their target. This left hardly any room for brute force, the only way to get through was skillful footwork and dodging!

"It's indeed very challenging."

Seeing this scene, Mu Jinyu knew that this reaction speed test was by no means simpler than Zhongfeng's test of speed.

"Boom!!"

At this point, someone inadvertently triggered a trap, the ground tiles flipped over, revealing sharp sword tips underneath!

"Ah!!"

One person screamed, nearly falling in. He quickly used his movement technique, narrowly avoiding the trap by dodging sideways.

However, avoiding the pit, he was struck by a flurry of sand and stones on his back, turning his face pale and spitting out a mouthful of blood.

At this time, the Examiner Elder intervened, using his True Essence Power to pull him out.

Otherwise, the person might have died in there.

Being rescued by the Examiner Elder naturally meant he failed the test.

"Boom!"

At the same time, someone else triggered another trap, retracting a stone tile from the passage ceiling, releasing a sea of fire!

"Boom boom boom!!"

Fortunately, that person reacted in time, enduring a few hits from the Bronze Men to escape, avoiding being roasted.

However, even so, he ended up in a miserable state, with burnt hair and tattered clothes from the Bronze Men's grip.

Soon, the time for three joss sticks to burn had passed. Among the remaining nine, the furthest had only made it halfway, each having been hit over thirty times.

They all failed!

Then, another group went in for the test, but they too were entirely defeated.

Batch after batch entered, and soon over a hundred had taken the test, but only a handful managed to pass.

"Why is this test so strict? Most people don't stand a chance of passing!"

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, having failed as well, complained to Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu reached out to pat Wen Rou's head and smiled, "Because this test is to select the talents to participate in the Four Sects Martial Meeting. If Inner Sect disciples could pass the test easily but their overall performance was lacking, wouldn't it bring disgrace to our sect when facing others? Naturally, it has to be much harder than the Outer Gate exam."

"Really?" Wen Rou looked up at Mu Jinyu with sparkling eyes, "But if that's the case, why not just let the top talents from the List of Outstanding Talents go directly?"

Mu Jinyu said, "How do you know that there aren't Inner Sect disciples who prefer not to stand out and love challenges? Some might have the skills to be on the List of Outstanding Talents but never tried for it. They might only show their true potential in such challenges."

"Moreover, aside from the top three, the strength of those in the forefront of the List of Outstanding Talents is fairly similar, between the Eighth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm and the Seventh Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm. Their rankings come from real combat, which doesn't necessarily equate to superior speed or strength."

"The sect's arrangement might be because the Four Sects Martial Meeting includes various challenges, not just duels among disciples..."

Mu Jinyu speculated.

"Hmm, Junior Brother Mu, your guess is correct. The Four Sects Martial Meeting indeed includes various challenges, not just disciples' duels..."

Yun Ge chimed in.

By this time, those taking the test in the passageway had been replaced by the top twenty from the List of Outstanding Talents. From the start, one could see someone using an unusual movement technique, spreading their arms like a crane, swiftly covering a third of the passage without triggering any traps.

By then, his movement technique couldn't sustain his flight anymore, so he landed, clashing with the Bronze Men for a few moves before dodging and continuing forward.

However, his earlier clash with the Bronze Men triggered certain traps, unleashing another barrage of hidden weapons.

This caused him to spend more time dodging.

Eventually, he passed through, but two joss sticks worth of time had already passed.

Mu Jinyu, seeing this, turned to Wen Rou, "Look, the first one to pass was the twentieth on the List of Outstanding Talents, whereas the eleventh is still stuck two-thirds of the way through. Is this test necessary?"

Wen Rou stuck out her small tongue and said, "I understand now, it is indeed necessary."

Jian Ruyan stood aside, watching Wen Rou's cute movements. Despite having gotten somewhat used to it over time, it still felt a little uncomfortable.

Soon, the time for three joss sticks had passed. This batch, though, passed successfully, with some barely making it within the time limit.

"Next, Yun Ge, Wei Ziping, Mu Jinyu, Wei Qingfeng..."

As the ten finished, the Examiner Elder continued to announce the names.

The reason Mu Jinyu and other top ten talents were called together wasn't intentional but out of consideration for ordinary disciples.

Since the Bronze Men inside would adjust their strength according to the testers, if Yun Ge participated with ordinary disciples, the Bronze Men targeting Yun Ge would rise to the Fanxu Realm. If Yun Ge dodged their attacks, they might accidentally injure others.

The consequences would be dire.

So similar strength participants were grouped together.

Chapter 845: Utter Silence!

"Finally, it's their turn. I wonder how long those in the top ten of the List of Outstanding Talents will take to pass the test?"

"They should all be able to pass within the time it takes for an incense stick to burn."

Everyone watched as Mu Jinyu and the others arrived at the entrance of the passage, and discussions arose.

No one believed that Mu Jinyu and his group would fail this test, and the time they would spend definitely wouldn't exceed the time it takes for two incense sticks to burn.

Most of the crowd's attention was focused on Mu Jinyu, Yun Ge, Wei Ziping, and Wei Qingfeng. After the top five, there weren't many people paying close attention.

"The test begins!"

At this moment, the examiner elder saw that they were all ready and announced loudly.

"Boom!!"

As soon as the elder's voice fell.

Instantly, all ten of the top ranked talents unleashed their power and movement techniques, rushing wildly into the passage!

None of them hesitated like the first ten contestants, who were afraid to move forward, fearing that the traps might cost them their lives.

They felt no such concern, and given their strength, they indeed had no reason to worry.

In a blink of an eye, Mu Jinyu and the other ten had rushed a fifth of the way into the passage. At this moment, the motionless eighteen bronze men sensed the approach and began to tremble, awakening once again.

And their aura was different from when facing the previous testers, who were only at the fifth or sixth layer of the Divine Transformation Realm; now, several of the bronze men displayed strengths reaching the Fanxu Realm!

Even the weakest among them possessed the power of the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, extremely terrifying!

For a moment, the Heaven and Earth Vital Energy within the passage became tumultuous.

Some who intended to rush through in one go were deterred by the turbulent and fierce energy.

Yet Wei Ziping was unconcerned. He coldly glanced at Mu Jinyu and charged straight towards an approaching bronze man with Fanxu Realm power!

"Bang!"

Wei Ziping clenched his fist and fiercely struck the bronze man, causing it to momentarily stiffen before it could fully awaken.

Then, Wei Ziping maneuvered around to the bronze man's back and delivered another punch!

"Roar!"

With Wei Ziping's punch, an imposing and dominant tiger's roar echoed.

His fist manifested a golden tiger head, white-eyed and fierce.

This was Wei Ziping's specialty martial technique, Tiger Tyrant Fist!

Though it was a lower profound rank technique, Wei Ziping had mastered it to a level close to transcendence, and its power surpassed that of a top profound rank martial technique at initial insight!

"Bang!!"

Despite the bronze man's Fanxu Realm strength, it was caught off guard during its awakening, and Wei Ziping's attack sent it flying.

Unable to intercept Wei Ziping!

It so happened that the bronze man with Fanxu Realm power fell right behind Mu Jinyu.

In front of Mu Jinyu were two bronze men of the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

In an instant, Mu Jinyu was besieged by three bronze men!

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan couldn't help but break into a cold sweat for him.

"Junior Brother Mu, need my help?"

Yun Ge, preparing to bypass a bronze man, transmitted his voice to Mu Jinyu, upon seeing his predicament.

Mu Jinyu shook his head and replied, "No need, Brother Yun, you go ahead."

"Alright."

Yun Ge looked deeply at Mu Jinyu, uncertain of his plan, but since he declined the help, Yun Ge went ahead to deal with the awakened bronze man!

"Whoosh!"

Yun Ge spread his arms, emitting a blue-green glow, then moved with the grace of a wandering dragon, swiftly bypassing the bronze man and catching up with the furthest runner, Wei Ziping!

This movement technique was the top profound rank "Wandering Dragon Transformation Step," which Yun Ge had mastered to the level of integration.

Once performed, evading the incompletely awakened bronze man was incredibly easy.

Not only Yun Ge and Wei Ziping, but the others also used their movement techniques to quickly evade the bronze men's pursuit.

They each showcased their divine skills when the Heaven and Earth Vital Energy in the passage stabilized.

Swiftly, they performed their techniques like gods traversing the ocean, escaping the bronze men and moving to the passage's center, dodging the incoming hidden weapons with uncanny precision.

Only Mu Jinyu remained, still battling the three bronze men.

Seeing this, the crowd felt somewhat disappointed and thought it was normal; although Mu Jinyu excelled in the strength assessment, it didn't guarantee his movement speed was superior.

Unaware that Mu Jinyu was the first in the speed assessment, few were interested in watching him anymore.

Everyone's focus shifted to the currently leading Wei Ziping.

"Although Brother Wei is annoying, his strength is impressive. Whether in strength or reaction tests, he's outperforming Brother Yun."

"Indeed, if not for Senior Brother Mu's sudden appearance, Brother Wei would be the biggest dark horse, potentially overthrowing Brother Yun!"

"It's a pity for Senior Brother Mu; movement techniques don't seem to be his forte!"

Amidst the discussions, Wei Ziping's domineering and unparalleled presence in the test passage soared like a cannonball, disregarding potential trap triggers. When hidden weapons approached, he shattered them with punches!

If some hidden weapons were too tricky, Wei Ziping simply ignored them, letting them strike his body.

"Clang!"

Wei Ziping's body seemed made of gold-iron, emitting metallic sounds and sparks when struck by hidden weapons.

They had no effect on him.

"It seems, without surprises, Brother Wei will be the first in the reaction test."

"Yes, I agree. Wait, what is that..."

As the crowd believed Wei Ziping would be the first, someone pointed to the passage's end and screamed in disbelief.

Everyone turned towards the passage's end, and their eyes widened.

"How is this possible? When did he get there?"

"Terrifying speed, how long has he been at the end?"

The crowd screamed in horror.

For the figure at the passage's end was Mu Jinyu, whom they thought would be last!

Unbeknownst to them, he had silently reached the end.

Some, doubting, looked back at the eighteen bronze men's area, terrified to find Mu Jinyu still surrounded by three bronze men!

"What's happening?"

"Is that figure at the end an illusion?"

Just as they doubted, the figure surrounded by the bronze men began to fade.

It turned out that it was merely an afterimage!

Only lingering longer due to the immense speed.

The crowd fell silent, watching the fading figure surrounded by the bronze men.

Chapter 846 He Cheats!

Time goes back to when Mu Jinyu let Yun Ge go first.

As Yun Ge left, Mu Jinyu turned his focus to the gradually awakening bronze men, his eyes filled with anticipation.

What he was most concerned about was the bronze man at the Fanxu Realm that Wei Ziping had thrown at him.

Because he was also wondering, if it was an opponent at the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, he should be able to handle it, but could he handle an opponent at the Fanxu Realm?

He wasn't sure, but he still wanted to give it a try.

Thus, knowing that he would undoubtedly take first place, Mu Jinyu wasn't in a hurry to secure the position but instead wanted to spar with these bronze men.

"Dang! Dang! Dang!"

While almost everyone else had stopped paying attention to him, Mu Jinyu engaged the fully awakened bronze men. The two bronze men at the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm were easily suppressed by him.

However, when sparring with the bronze man at the Fanxu Realm, Mu Jinyu felt it was very strenuous. In the end, he used the "True Dragon Art," which temporarily brought his cultivation to the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, only then managing to fight it to a draw.

"It seems that, for now, I really cannot guarantee a win against someone at the Fanxu Realm. If even a bronze man is such a challenge, I probably wouldn't stand a chance against a real person!"

Mu Jinyu felt a bit disappointed, "If my true strength were at the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, I might stand a better chance with the 'True Dragon Art'."

At this time, Mu Jinyu struck the bronze man away with one palm, no longer interested in continuing the stalemate.

It was meaningless because he knew that no matter how he tangled with the bronze man, he couldn't defeat it.

Then Mu Jinyu saw that Wei Ziping had reached four-fifths of the way through the passage, almost at the end.

"Never mind, I'll try another time."

Mu Jinyu, not wanting Wei Ziping to secure the first place in this assessment, decisively gave up the idea of tangling with the bronze man and used the "Ten Steps Move."

In an instant, he crossed over a hundred meters in distance, ignoring many traps and mechanisms in the passage, and quickly surpassed the hard-fighting Wei Ziping, arriving at the finish line.

At that moment.

Someone followed the direction of Wei Ziping's rush towards the finish line and saw Mu Jinyu already there, exclaiming in disbelief.

As the exclamations rang out, everyone saw Mu Jinyu at the finish line, wondering if they had seen it wrong.

Then they looked back at the bronze man area, where they saw Mu Jinyu's residual shadow lingering.

Just as everyone began to doubt their eyes, wondering which Mu Jinyu was real, the shadow dissipated, and the scene fell into a dead silence.

If it weren't for the appearance and dissipation of this shadow.

Seeing Mu Jinyu at the finish line would not have been that shocking.

It would only indicate that Mu Jinyu's movement technique was superb, silently making his way to the finish line without being noticed.

But the presence of the shadow proved that Mu Jinyu had been playing with the bronze man until it seemed that Wei Ziping would secure first place, and then he got serious, taking one to two seconds to dash to the finish line.

So, the shadow dispersed at that moment.

"What terrible speed! If he had been serious, wouldn't he have taken first place immediately?"

"Right, he would likely have broken the record too!"

"How much time has passed?"

"Half an incense stick!"

"Damn, even without being serious, he broke the record! How terrifying!"

"By the way, who was in first place during the initial testing? I thought it was Brother Wei, but now it seems it was Senior Brother Mu?"

"I don't know, the elders didn't say. But it seems most likely that Senior Brother Mu was first!"

"..."

In the testing passage.

Wei Ziping dodged a dart mid-air, now just one hundred meters away from the finish line.

"Haha, this time, I finally get first place!"

Wei Ziping was confident, not believing that Mu Jinyu could catch up, having glanced back to see Mu Jinyu still tangled with the bronze man.

And Yun Ge, though decent, wasn't as relentless, so the first place was secured by him!

Just as Wei Ziping was about to laugh wild with joy, his eyes swept to the finish line and saw Mu Jinyu waiting, looking somewhat bored.

"Him?! How is this possible?!"

Wei Ziping's eyes widened, unable to believe what he was seeing.

"Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!"

Several hidden weapons hurtled towards Wei Ziping. Bewildered, he didn't notice and let the weapons hit him.

Close to the finish line, the hidden weapons were more powerful, tearing his flesh, with blood blooming in the air.

Yet, despite the severe injuries, Wei Ziping seemed completely numb to the pain.

He didn't reach for the weapons embedded in his arms and chest, instead angrily looking back at the bronze man area.

By then, there was no sign of Mu Jinyu!

"I don't believe it! You must have cheated!"

Wei Ziping's eyes were bloodshot, unable to accept his consistent second and third places!

He roared, muscles bulging, the embedded weapons flying out from his flesh.

Then he charged at Mu Jinyu, intent on ripping him apart in a fit of rage!

"Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!!"

Triggered by Wei Ziping's actions, more traps activated, firing hidden weapons at him like a massive storm!

Yet Wei Ziping didn't care, completely ignoring the pain.

Soon, he reached the finish line.

Wei Ziping, eyes red and frenzied, formed a Fist Seal, his hands exuding golden light, and launched at Mu Jinyu's head!

He wanted to smash Mu Jinyu's head with one punch!

"Stop!"

The Examiner Elder, seeing Wei Ziping losing control, had already rushed into the passage. Seeing what Wei Ziping intended to do, he shouted in anger.

But it was a bit too late.

"Bang!"

Mu Jinyu's eyes flashed coldly, lifted his fist, and clashed with Wei Ziping's, producing a thunderous sound.

Both men stepped back a few paces.

At this point, the Examiner Elder finally stepped between them, glared at Wei Ziping, and said, "Save it for the Actual Combat Assessment if you want to fight, who permitted this rampage?"

"Elder, he cheated!"

Wei Ziping, seeing the elder intervene, knew he couldn't strike Mu Jinyu and complained reluctantly.

The Examiner Elder scolded him, "Cheat my foot! Didn't you realize he gained enlightenment during the speed test? His movement technique is masterful, and he was only playing with the bronze man earlier."

Chapter 847: Transcendence! Flee in Desperate Haste!

"He was playing with the bronze man just now? I don't believe it!"

Wei Ziping, hearing the examiner elder's words, was full of disbelief. He raised his head and glared, "When I was still 130 meters from the finish line, I looked back at him once. At that time, he was still fighting the bronze man!

But when I reached 100 meters, he was already at the finish line. What kind of speed is this? Could he teleport? He's definitely cheating!"

Hearing Wei Ziping's words, the examiner elder nodded, "Yes, it's true. You can say he teleported, but he really just flew from the bronze man area to the finish line in that short amount of time. We saw it clearly from the outside."

"If you don't believe it, you can ask our Junior Brothers who were watching!"

Upon hearing this, Wei Ziping turned, his eyes red, to the crowd outside the test corridor.

The people saw Wei Ziping's furious glare. Although they were somewhat scared, Mu Jinyu's status in their hearts had soared. They would rather offend Wei Ziping than Mu Jinyu. Some stayed silent, but most nodded and said:

"Brother Wei, the elder didn't lie to you. Senior Brother Mu really reached the finish line in just a few seconds."

"Yes, after Senior Brother Mu got to the finish line, we couldn't believe it either, so we turned back to the bronze man area and just saw the afterimage of Senior Brother Mu disappear..."

"I can vouch for this. Senior Brother Mu didn't cheat. I watched him fight the bronze man of the Fanxu Realm to a standstill. Only then did he abandon the fight and rushed to claim victory!"

"..."

The crowd's confirmation left Wei Ziping no choice but to believe.

These people vouched for Mu Jinyu while recalling the examiner elder's words.

Was Mu Jinyu really the first in the speed test? And did he really gain enlightenment on the movement technique under the heavy pressure from Zhongfeng?

No wonder he possessed movement technique nearly as fast as teleportation.

Wei Ziping's expression was extremely unsightly.

At this moment, Yun Ge and the others also arrived at the finish line one after another.

The examiner elder, looking at Wei Ziping, said in a deep voice, "If you still don't believe them, I can show you the Profound Light Mirror."

"No need..."

Wei Ziping shook his head, his face pale.

With so many people supporting Mu Jinyu's claim, he believed it. If the Profound Light Mirror was used again to prove it, his face would be completely lost.

At this moment, Yun Ge, curious about how Mu Jinyu reached the finish line, listened to the conversation between the examiner elder and Wei Ziping. He then approached Mu Jinyu, "Junior Brother Mu, is your movement technique 'Ten Steps Move'?"

Mu Jinyu nodded, "Yes, why?"

Yun Ge looked at Mu Jinyu with a complex expression and asked, "Did you use a masterful 'Ten Steps Move' to reach the finish line in just a few seconds?"

"Yes, do you not believe it?" Mu Jinyu looked at Yun Ge in surprise. "It's just 500-600 meters, nothing too peculiar."

"No!" Yun Ge shook his head quickly, "It's not that I don't believe you. But if you really used 'Ten Steps Move' to reach the finish line in just a few seconds, then your proficiency in 'Ten Steps Move' might be more than just masterful!"

"More than just masterful?"

Mu Jinyu raised an eyebrow, "You mean I actually reached the mastery level during that enlightenment?"

"No!" Yun Ge shook his head, his expression extremely complex, filled with loss, joy, and bitterness, "More than mastery; you reached divine mastery."

"Only a 'Ten Steps Move' at the divine mastery level could possess an almost teleportation-like speed. That's why it's called divine mastery, turning decay into wonder!"

The surrounding Wei Qingfeng and others were also filled with complex emotions as they listened to Mu Jinyu and Yun Ge's conversation.

What kind of monster is this?

After just entering the Inner Gate, he had soared from the Fourth Layer to the Eighth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

He did visit the Heavenly Sword Pool for cultivation.

But why could he cultivate a completely new movement technique in just a few days to such an integrated level, and then gain enlightenment to divine mastery under Zhongfeng's test?!

Is he even human?!

Wei Qingfeng and the others were deeply struck by Mu Jinyu's talent. They couldn't even speak.

Wei Ziping, listening to the conversation between Mu Jinyu and Yun Ge, was also doubtful, his face looking worse.

The examiner elder, seeing him silent, said coldly:

"Let's go, I'll announce the results outside!"

The crowd followed the examiner elder, walking through the now-stilled corridor that had stopped firing hidden weapons.

Along the way, Wei Ziping repeatedly glanced at Mu Jinyu, wanting to see how Mu Jinyu ran the nearly 800-meter corridor in a few seconds.

But Mu Jinyu didn't demonstrate that miraculous movement technique, leaving him disappointed and even more convinced that Mu Jinyu had cheated!

Soon, everyone followed the examiner elder out of the corridor.

The examiner elder stood in front of them and announced with a flat expression, "Mu Jinyu, the first to reach the finish line, time is half an incense stick, excellent result!"

"Wei Ziping, the second to reach the finish line, time near one joss stick, result unqualified!"

Wei Ziping, initially feeling disgraced by his second-place finish, looked up sharply upon hearing the elder's words, his eyes bloodshot, blood vessels clearly visible. He shouted:

"What! Why is my result unqualified?!"

The examiner elder coldly glanced at him, impatient, "I'm not intentionally suppressing you. You were hit by hidden weapons over thirty times at the last moment. Your reaction test failed!"

Upon hearing this, Wei Ziping froze.

The qualification criteria for the reaction test were reaching the finish line within three joss sticks' time without being hit more than thirty times.

If there was no limit, it would be called a speed test; the reaction test wouldn't make sense.

At that moment, Wei Ziping recalled seeing Mu Jinyu suddenly appear at the finish line. Unable to accept the result, he charged recklessly towards the end, getting hit over thirty times by hidden weapons!

He looked down at his tattered clothes, looking like a beggar, his body covered with wounds, fresh blood oozing out continually.

These confirmed that he had indeed been hit over thirty times.

"Nothing to say?" The examiner elder asked coldly.

Wei Ziping's face turned blue and white. Clenching his fists, he felt extremely humiliated.

"I'll go change my clothes first."

Wei Ziping took off, rushing towards Tianlan Peak Summit.

The crowd couldn't help but burst into laughter, seeing Wei Ziping flee in disgrace.

The examiner elder couldn't help but smile as he shook his head and proceeded to announce Yun Ge and the others' test results!

Chapter 848: Self Realm!

After the Examiner Elder announced the results of Mu Jinyu's group, Wei Ziping had already changed his clothes and returned.

As soon as he returned and saw the Elder announcing the test results, his face turned ashen, and he coldly looked at Mu Jinyu, saying:

"Next is the Actual Combat Assessment. I originally intended to challenge Yun Ge, but now, you've made me very angry. I won't challenge Yun Ge first now. If you have the guts, come challenge me!"

The rules of the Actual Combat Assessment are simple: Inner Sect disciples can only challenge the genius disciples on the List of Outstanding Talents. Those on the list can only challenge opponents ranked higher than themselves.

Take Yun Ge for example. He is currently ranked first on the List of Outstanding Talents, so he cannot challenge Wei Ziping and Mu Jinyu actively. Wei Ziping, who ranks second, also cannot actively challenge Mu Jinyu. But Mu Jinyu can challenge them anytime.

The assessment is judged by the best of five, with each person having five opportunities to challenge their opponent. They must win three times against stronger opponents to pass.

This counts as passing the Actual Combat Assessment!

Of course, if no one dares to challenge, it is naturally considered a pass.

Like Yun Ge, he cannot actively challenge anyone and can only passively accept challenges from others. However, only a few like Wei Ziping and Wei Qingfeng would dare to challenge him.

After defeating these few, if no one dares to challenge him, he naturally passes the assessment.

"Alright, since you are determined to be defeated, I will not refuse."

Mu Jinyu saw Wei Ziping eager to challenge him and said calmly.

"Hmph, you sound confident. I hope your true combat prowess matches your cheating skills!" Wei Ziping said disdainfully.

He still couldn't accept Mu Jinyu's heaven-defying performance on the tests and insisted that Mu Jinyu's scores were obtained through cheating!

But the Elders and others were blinded by Mu Jinyu, while he saw through Mu Jinyu's true nature!

Mu Jinyu smiled and ignored him.

Wei Ziping always felt that the guy had a bit of a problem with his brain, being both arrogant and conceited, exuding an indescribable sense of superiority.

When the Examiner Elder saw they were finished talking, he slightly unfurrowed his brows and then explained the rules and passing criteria of the Actual Combat Assessment before announcing the start of the challenges!

As his voice fell, no one at the scene could wait to challenge anyone.

Everyone looked at Mu Jinyu expectantly, wondering if he would challenge Wei Ziping!

Wei Ziping also stared at Mu Jinyu anxiously with warning eyes, hinting to him, hurry up and challenge me, or you are a useless coward...

Mu Jinyu sensed the anticipation in everyone's eyes, smiled lightly, and said: "Since no one wants to challenge anyone, I will be the first to take action and challenge Brother Wei."

"Good, you have guts. Come on!"

Wei Ziping, seeing Mu Jinyu challenge him, immediately burst forth with blazing battle intent in his cold eyes. He smirked and, after speaking, stomped the ground with both feet, leaping into the air and landing on the nearby Combat Platform!

Standing on the Combat Platform, Wei Ziping unhurriedly took out a pair of knuckles and put them on, waiting for Mu Jinyu to come up!

Mu Jinyu, not showing off like him, walked toward the Combat Platform.

The crowd saw this and automatically made way for Mu Jinyu to pass easily.

"Tap, tap, tap..."

Mu Jinyu walked up to the Combat Platform, looking relaxed and unhurried without a trace of tension or fear of challenging Wei Ziping.

On the contrary, Wei Ziping, seeing Mu Jinyu's slow steps, couldn't help but frown and scold: "What are you dawdling for? Like a sissy!"

Mu Jinyu said nothing, took out the Sacred Wood Branch, and said: "Please!"

Facing Wei Ziping, who repeatedly provoked him, Mu Jinyu, though generally good-tempered, was somewhat angered, especially since his temper wasn't particularly good to begin with!

So, since Wei Ziping was intent on defeat, Mu Jinyu would fulfill his wish and took out the Sacred Wood Branch right away.

"Hmph!"

Wei Ziping, seeing Mu Jinyu take out the Sacred Wood Branch, flashed a trace of fear in his eyes but soon snorted coldly, his fear vanishing instantly.

He roared, leaping into the air, with his fists flashing tiger-head shadows and golden light, smashing toward Mu Jinyu's head!

"Tiger Tyrant Fist!"

Mu Jinyu, watching Wei Ziping's terrifying punch, remained expressionless, lightly swinging the Sacred Wood Branch to perform the 'Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi'!

"Boom!!"

Instantly, a sharp and unparalleled sword Qi emanated from the Sacred Wood Branch, slicing straight at Wei Ziping in mid-air!

"Bang!!"

Wei Ziping, seeing this, showed no fear. His eyes were filled with more arrogance and disdain as he punched out and shattered Mu Jinyu's sword Qi. Then, sinking his waist, he descended toward Mu Jinyu!

"Die!"

Wei Ziping descended from the sky, like a heavenly god descending, shouting ferociously, and punched out fiercely. His violent fist intent surged like raging waves toward Mu Jinyu!

Mu Jinyu, below, watched Wei Ziping pounce toward him. Instinctively, he wanted to raise his sword and slash, but in a daze, he seemed to see a fierce tiger breaking through a cage and leaping at him!

The tiger roared with evil Qi, causing tremors in the heart and mind!

Mu Jinyu's movements stagnated for a moment, unable to lift his sword to slash!

"This is!"

Watching from below, Yun Ge and the Examiner Elder, seeing Wei Ziping's punch, both turned pale with a touch of incredulity!

"This is an Intent Domain, not mere Fist Intent!"

"When did he also comprehend the Intent Domain?!"

Yun Ge's mind tightened, feeling extremely uneasy.

He never expected that Wei Ziping, who had always been suppressed by him, had secretly comprehended the Intent Domain, hence his confidence in challenging him!

But when did Wei Ziping comprehend the Intent Domain?!

Yun Ge felt a bit at a loss.

Then he thought about this Inner Gate Assessment. Wei Ziping indeed showed many strange behaviors, which he had subconsciously ignored.

Like his temper, though it was always foul, it wasn't as arrogant as it was today!

And in the Strength Assessment, where he managed to sound the bell and drum simultaneously, outperforming himself...

These had subtly indicated that Wei Ziping's strength had surpassed his own.

Both being in the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, Wei Ziping, who was suppressed by him, couldn't have exceeded him without reason. The only explanation was that Wei Ziping had comprehended the Intent Domain!

Judging from Wei Ziping's behavior, the Intent Domain he comprehended differed from Mu Jinyu's My Way State of Mind. It should be a Self Realm!

As Yun Ge deduced Wei Ziping's Intent Domain, on the Combat Platform, Mu Jinyu was a step slower to react and was sent flying by Wei Ziping's punch, his Sacred Wood Branch slipping from his grasp!

"Puff!"

Mu Jinyu nearly rolled off the Combat Platform but ultimately stood firm, struggling to get up, and spat out a mouthful of clotted blood.

Wei Ziping's punch just now showed no mercy. Caught off guard, Mu Jinyu naturally suffered severe injuries.

However, Mu Jinyu possessed Life Source Energy, ensuring rapid recovery from even severe injuries, so he didn't mind these wounds.

But in the eyes of the onlookers, Mu Jinyu was significantly injured, seemingly no match for Wei Ziping.

Chapter 849: Do You Accept It?!

The audience watched as Mu Jinyu was struck by Wei Ziping, causing him to fly backward spitting blood, almost falling off the combat platform. Struggling, he eventually managed to get up from the ground. Disappointment was evident on the crowd's faces as they whispered:

"It seems that Senior Brother Mu truly is no match for Brother Wei!"

"Yeah, from the strength assessment and reaction speed assessment, I thought Senior Brother Mu had already surpassed Brother Wei, but now..."

"Indeed, all that strength and speed are useless without real combat experience!"

"..."

Hearing the murmurs from the crowd, Wei Ziping's eyes shone with an even deeper sense of pride. He stared at Mu Jinyu, who was standing unsteadily at the edge of the platform, and sneered:

"It is said that you have successfully cultivated the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique' and possess the strength of One Elephant? That you once shattered the arm of Huang Kun, who was ranked thirteenth on the List of Outstanding Talents, with one punch, leaving him bedridden to this day?!"

With a contemptuous laugh, Wei Ziping's voice dripped with disdain, "Do you know that even Huang Kun isn't qualified to carry my shoes?"

"Now that you've lost the Sacred Wood Branch with which you easily defeated Wei Qingfeng, what are you going to use to fight me? Your so-called One Elephant strength?!"

"Ha, die!"

With a wild shout, Wei Ziping charged toward Mu Jinyu!

During his charge, he raised his right fist high, golden light erupting from his fist, and a faint tiger roar indicating its terrifying power!

Wei Ziping intended to finish the fight with one punch and force Mu Jinyu to his knees!

Mu Jinyu calmly watched as Wei Ziping charged at him, his expression serene and unflustered.

Realizing that Wei Ziping had likely also comprehended a certain Intent Domain, Mu Jinyu knew how to counter him now and wouldn't lose his weapon like before.

The audience had no idea what Mu Jinyu was thinking.

They watched as Wei Ziping closed in on Mu Jinyu step by step, while Mu Jinyu remained motionless, making no defensive or evasive movements, and they couldn't help but furrow their brows.

They began to suspect that Mu Jinyu had been struck senseless by Wei Ziping's earlier punch.

Why wouldn't he defend or flee?

Though Wen Rou and Ji Li had a lot of faith in Mu Jinyu, the sight of him spitting blood earlier worried them.

Seeing Mu Jinyu still motionless, their anxiety grew, and both clenched their fists tightly.

Jian Ruyan, though expressionless, couldn't help but grip her sword hilt, ready to risk her life to save Mu Jinyu if he was in danger.

"Thud! Thud! Thud!!"

Wei Ziping advanced, making the platform shake.

At that moment, he was only three meters away from Mu Jinyu.

Then Mu Jinyu finally spoke, "Then give it a try!"

With these words, Mu Jinyu also gently raised his right fist, his demeanor calm, eyes brimming with boundless confidence and vigor, exuding a dominant presence.

As he raised his fist and activated the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique,' the crowd saw what seemed to be an Azure Dragon coiling around his fist.

The dragon's head ended beside his fist, roaring with its head held high!

"Boom!!"

In an instant, the two finally collided, their fists meeting with an earth-shattering sound!

"Roar!"

Dragon roars and tiger growls echoed incessantly!

"Bang!!"

Unexpectedly, when they thought Mu Jinyu's hastily raised fist would lose, it was Wei Ziping who spat blood and was blasted backward!

"Phew..."

Jian Ruyan and the other two women breathed a long sigh of relief, their tense bodies relaxing significantly.

"I knew it, this guy would never be so easily beaten..."

Jian Ruyan's beautiful eyes remained fixed on Mu Jinyu, sparkling as she whispered.

Yun Ge also exhaled and relaxed, murmuring, "Self Realm against My Way State of Mind, seems My Way still comes out on top."

The Self Realm is unbeatable, unbreakable, capable of anything!

But My Way is like Buddha's declaration upon birth, that he alone reigns supreme in all places, under heaven and earth!

Yun Ge didn't know how Mu Jinyu had comprehended the My Way Intent Domain in the Heavenly Sword Pool, but it didn't stop him from admiring Mu Jinyu's comprehension and fortune.

"Pfft!!"

On the platform.

Wei Ziping, struck by Mu Jinyu's punch, felt the shadow of his wild tiger fist shatter and his right arm in excruciating pain, as if his tendons were torn and bones broken!

He felt a burning pain in his chest and couldn't help but spit out a huge mouthful of blood.

"How is this possible?!"

"How can you be so strong?!"

Spitting out the blood, Wei Ziping felt somewhat better and managed to speak, his voice filled with incredulous madness.

His 'Tiger Tyrant Fist' was also a body refining technique, and with his Self Realm comprehension, his punch had the Strength of One Elephant and Three Horses. How could he lose to Mu Jinyu?

"You've only just started learning the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique,' how could it defeat my 'Tiger Tyrant Fist'?! I don't believe it!"

Wei Ziping nearly went crazy!

The Self Realm, unbeatable, unbreakable, capable of anything! But it requires confidence and self-pride as support.

Being beaten into self-doubt and losing confidence meant total defeat!

"Humph!"

Hearing Wei Ziping's crazed questioning, Mu Jinyu snorted coldly. Using 'Ten Steps Move,' he instantly appeared behind Wei Ziping and punched him like a ball away!

"Bang!"

"You accused me of cheating in the reaction test, doubting my near-teleportation movement technique. Now do you see?!"

"Bang!"

Wei Ziping was struck flying again by Mu Jinyu!

"You said Huang Kun wasn't even qualified to carry your shoes. Well, you aren't even qualified to carry mine!"

"Bang!"

"Pfft!!"

Once again, Wei Ziping was punched, spitting blood, his face swelling like a pig's head!

"You said I lost the Sacred Wood Branch, now what am I fighting with? Do you see now?!"

"Bang!"

Mu Jinyu kicked Wei Ziping into the sky!

"You kept provoking me, accusing me of cheating, saying you were unconvinced. Well, are you convinced now?!"

Mu Jinyu said, instantly leaping into the air over Wei Ziping and stomping him down with a kick!

"Boom!!"

Wei Ziping crashed heavily onto the combat platform, embedding deeply into it.

He struggled desperately to get up and fight Mu Jinyu again, but severely injured, he couldn't bear it. He spat another mouthful of blood, his eyes rolled back, and he fainted!

The entire audience fell silent as they watched.

Though silent, everyone felt their blood boiling, eager to replace Mu Jinyu on the platform and give Wei Ziping a beating!

And ask him, are you convinced now?!

Chapter 850: Drawing a Prison on the Ground!

Yun Ge looked at the majestic figure of Mu Jinyu on the platform, his eyes flickering with light, full of yearning, envy, and a bit of disappointment.

He understood that given the strength Wei Ziping had just shown, especially his comprehension of the Self Realm, if he were to fight him, he would most likely lose at Wei Ziping's hands!

If it hadn't been for Mu Jinyu clashing with Wei Ziping, he might have been the one defeated on the platform, becoming a stepping stone for Wei Ziping.

It turns out that, unknowingly, he had fallen from first to third on the List of Outstanding Talents.

Yun Ge's heart was filled with complex emotions, glad for the emerging talents in the sect, yet saddened by his own situation.

Mu Jinyu wasn't aware of Yun Ge's thoughts. He glanced at the unconscious Wei Ziping and said to the Examiner Elder, "How should he be dealt with?"

The Examiner Elder ascended into the air, landed beside Wei Ziping, carefully checked him over, and secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, Mu Jinyu was measured in his strike; Wei Ziping's injuries were not too severe. With proper care, he could still participate in the Four Sects Martial Meeting and contribute to the sect!

Then, the Examiner Elder called a few people to carry Wei Ziping away.

He simultaneously announced, "Wei Ziping, losing the ability to fight again, has failed the Actual Combat Assessment. His rank on the List of Outstanding Talents falls from second to third, with Mu Jinyu taking his original rank."

As the Examiner Elder's voice fell, Mu Jinyu felt his identity token at his waist flash with light.

He let his Divine Sense flow into it, and found that his ranking on the List of Outstanding Talents had indeed risen from third to second.

"Quite fascinating,"

Mu Jinyu remarked with a smile.

At his current strength, he was already prepared to leave the Heavenly Sword Faction, so he was no longer very concerned about the ranking and rewards on the List of Outstanding Talents.

Therefore, after defeating Wei Ziping, he did not destroy his identity token to seize the second place on the list.

But he had not expected that the Inner Gate assessment would have such an effect.

This also saved the loser the trouble of reissuing an identity token.

Of course, while Mu Jinyu wanted to leave the Heavenly Sword Faction, he had gained much from it and naturally couldn't leave just like that.

He would first help the Heavenly Sword Faction acquire enough resources at the Four Sects Martial Meeting, and then at the Hidden Dragon Conference, he would fight for some Dragon Vein Qi Luck for the faction!

If he succeeded, the Heavenly Sword Faction's fortune would grow, inevitably becoming a breeding ground for talent, no longer confined to the small territory of the Yan Kingdom.

This would also be a repayment of the Heavenly Sword Faction's nurturing of him over this time.

Thinking this way, Mu Jinyu looked at the carried-away Wei Ziping, then walked over to pick up the Sacred Wood Branch that had been knocked down before, and pointed it towards Yun Ge not far below the platform, saying, "Brother Yun, let us fight!"

"Ah?!"

Yun Ge snapped back to reality at Mu Jinyu's words, slightly dazed, then said, "You want to challenge me now?"

He did not mean, are we not on good terms, why challenge me now?

Instead, he meant you just fought Wei Ziping, you must be exhausted; wouldn't it be better to rest a bit before challenging me?

Mu Jinyu smiled and said, "I'm not very tired. The sooner we finish the challenge, the sooner it's over."

Yun Ge felt a bit uneasy hearing these slightly dismissive words from Mu Jinyu.

He thought, yes, I'm probably not your match now, but I won't avoid your challenge, so why humiliate me like this?

Yun Ge's fingers clenched unconsciously, then he nodded, "Very well."

With that, Yun Ge soared into the air, landing on the Combat Platform, opposite to Mu Jinyu, his aura suddenly surging.

For a moment, the surrounding Heaven and Earth Vital Energy seemed disturbed, forming two indistinct vortices of Elemental Qi above their heads!

The crowd below saw that Mu Jinyu finally was going to fight Yun Ge, and couldn't help but hold their breaths, feeling tense and expectant.

Meanwhile, Chen Qiuqiao, Wu Lei, and Li Xiaoxiao had complex expressions as they watched the two opponents on the Combat Platform, filled with mixed feelings.

Half a month ago, they still looked down on Mu Jinyu, thinking that despite his Spirit Root, he wasn't their match and that it would take a few years for him to catch up to them.

Who could have thought that in just half a month?

Mu Jinyu first easily defeated them, taking first place in the Outer Gate examination, and then they all entered the Inner Gate together. While they struggled at the bottom, Mu Jinyu, performing as he did in the Outer Gate, quickly faced the top Inner Gate disciple.

And there was a high probability that he would become the new number one on the List of Outstanding Talents!

Back then, they were still on par with Mu Jinyu. Now they could only look up at his back.

"Senior Brother, please."

Mu Jinyu, unaware of Wu Lei and the others' thoughts, held the Sacred Wood Branch in one hand and slightly raised it towards Yun Ge, saying softly.

"Then, Junior Brother Mu, be careful,"

Yun Ge also didn't stand on ceremony. He knew that if he let Mu Jinyu strike first, his chances of losing would be higher.

So, politely saying a sentence, he raised his hand, took out his magic treasure sword, and performed his Wandering Dragon Technique, charging towards Mu Jinyu in an instant!

"Clang! Clang!"

Mu Jinyu's eyes instantly exuded an air of imperiousness. Holding the Sacred Wood Branch, he blocked Yun Ge's fierce attacks.

Yun Ge didn't lose his composure like Wei Ziping, calmly searching for Mu Jinyu's weaknesses, trying various probing attacks. For a moment, killing intent surged, and the sword wreaked havoc!

The Combat Platform became pitted and cratered.

Mu Jinyu never fully attacked, almost always staying on the defensive, allowing Yun Ge to unleash his attacks!

Seeing this, Yun Ge thought Mu Jinyu was looking down on him, giving him a chance, and gradually stopped holding back, giving it his all!

"Golden Crow Sword Intent!"

"Galaxy Sword Intent!"

"Golden Crow Illuminating the Galaxy!"

Gradually, Yun Ge used all his Completion Stage Sword Intents, even employing a combined method of Dual Sword Intent he wasn't skilled at!

But unfortunately, all were deftly blocked by Mu Jinyu.

The crowd below watched, dazzled, but nobody thought Mu Jinyu was at a disadvantage; instead, they felt Mu Jinyu was incredible, even blocking Brother Yun's ultimate killing move.

They believed that if Wei Ziping had faced Yun Ge's full-strength killing move "Golden Crow Illuminating the Galaxy" like Mu Jinyu did, Wei Ziping would definitely have a hard time blocking it!

Yun Ge was also shocked, never expected that his full-force Dual Sword Intent "Golden Crow Illuminating the Galaxy" couldn't force Mu Jinyu back even a step.

He felt dejected, unwilling, but more than that, his blood boiled, igniting his unyielding fighting spirit!

Today, even if he lost to Mu Jinyu, he would never concede. He would lose magnificently, using up all his strength against Mu Jinyu, so he wouldn't regret his disheartened surrender today in the future!

At this moment, Mu Jinyu sensed that Yun Ge's fighting spirit had reached its peak. With a flash of his eyes, he said, "Brother Yun, you take this move too!"

"Ha!"

Finishing his words, Mu Jinyu raised the Sacred Wood Branch in his hand, striking towards Yun Ge!

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

Instantly, the Great Freedom Heavenly Wood Sword Qi raged across the field, descending gigantic trees from the sky, smashing towards Yun Ge.

'Huh?'"

Seeing this, Yun Ge was also shocked, starting to defend with all his might.

"Boom! Boom! Boom!"

The Combat Platform trembled. Once the dust settled, Yun Ge's figure was no longer visible, instead, a gigantic wooden cage had appeared on the platform.

Yun Ge seemed to be trapped within!