

Leveling Up 1051

Chapter 1051: Registration Undercurrents

These sudden thoughts appeared in Luo Tian's mind when he found Lin Dong.

But these thoughts were merely his daydreams.

After encountering Hai Yulong, he realized how strong the Hai family was.

Since the Ancient World was a place where power was king, then why not establish a force of his own? A brand new force that were kings among the strong. This force he was going to establish was going to surpass all the king-level forces and reach something like transcendent-level existence.

Discovering Lin Dong was only the beginning.

Luo Tian was very clear that since the system allowed him to trigger such a quest, there should be follow-up quests after that. Xiao Yan, Lin Lei, Luo Feng, Tang San... All these awesome novel protagonists might appear before him!

How can he not become a transcendent force with all these awesome protagonists from the novels?

It was absolutely going to happen, and it was necessary for it to happen.

Wasn't the Hai family very strong?

A peak king level existence, right?

Then let's crush them with his own power!

Use a transcendent level force to suppress them, and see what qualifications they have to continue acting arrogant!

Lin Dong smiled and replied, "Of course I want to. Who doesn't want to become a student of the Misty Cloud Academy? You have to know that Misty Cloud Academy is the highest level school in this world, a sacred place for every martial artist. Being able to enter the Misty Cloud Academy is something a person can be proud of for a lifetime!"

"But a single quota in the black market has reached more than 300,000 xuan coins. And that's the purported price because there is no stock. Which family would sell their quota? Everyone wants to give it a shot. Once someone succeeds, even if you only manage to enter the second stage of the competition, the influence around you would still reach a very high level."

Luo Tian smiled, "It's fine as long as you want to. You don't need to worry about anything else that comes after."

Lin Dong was instantly shocked. He looked at Luo Tian in agitation, "Boss, could it be that you managed to get me a selection spot?"

Luo Tian replied, "As a boss, I naturally have to look out for my little brother. Hahaha..."

The Towering Cloud City didn't have a lot of cultivation resources.

It was even rarer for a rogue cultivator.

Towering Cloud City would only bury Lin Dong's talent.

Luo Tian didn't want Lin Dong's talent to go to waste. Even if the whole world's super geniuses fused together, they still couldn't compare with him. He was like a piece of uncut gem that would absolutely blind everyone's eyes once it was carved and polished.

Lin Dong was so moved that he almost cried. He was very clear about how precious a selection slot was. His heart tightened upon thinking about how Luo Tian was treating him. He then said with gratitude, "In the future, no matter how much I, Lin Dong, achieve and how far I can go in the martial path, you will always be my boss. I will always and forever be your little brother!"

“Ding!”

A system alert suddenly sounded off in Luo Tian’s mind.

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for accepting your first disciple, Lin Dong!”

Disciple: Lin Dong

Level: Condensation Element 3rd rank

Potential: Five star

Nurturing: Five star

Lin Dong’s attributes all appeared in Luo Tian’s mind.

The Disciple System has been activated!

This was a new feature of the level 2 system.

Luo Tian was secretly rejoicing inside. He once again affirmed, “Sure enough, sure enough! His potential value is five stars! Based on this alone, he is definitely the Lin Dong in Wu Dong Qian Kun! The strongest little brother legion is about to be born, hahaha...”

Excitement!

Luo Tian was justifiably excited.

Luo Tian patted Lin Dong's shoulder and said, "There's no need to mention being a little brother, etc. We are all brothers. Since we're brothers, then we need to take care of each other."

Luo Tian was laughing uncontrollably inside. Lin Dong was his little brother!

This was similar to tripping over a treasure!

Lin Dong nodded, "Got it, boss!"

"Creak~!" The sound of a door opening was heard.

Finally, the doors to the Misty Cloud Academy's Towering Cloud City branch opened up.

Two old men walked out.

One of the old men, dressed in white robes, walked forward with a slight smile and said, "The enrollment begins!"

"It's finally starting."

"Master, quickly come over and line up. Stand in front of me." Bai Xiong waved his hand.

Luo Tian glanced at Lin Dong and said, "Let's go sign up."

Lin Dong immediately followed behind Luo Tian.

Bai Lingling glanced at Lin Dong with surprise in her eyes. She then asked Luo Tian, "You gave the quota to him?"

Luo Tian didn't stand in front of Bai Xiong and said, "What about it? Do you know him?"

Lin Dong smiled bitterly, "I am the trash of Towering Cloud City, so anyone in my generation knows of me. Miss Bai naturally knows who I am."

Among his own peers, there was no one who didn't recognize Lin Dong.

In many people's eyes, he was a piece of trash that couldn't cultivate. It was kind of like Luo Tian when he first arrived on the Tianxuan Continent. Nearly everyone treated him like a useless wastrel.

Luo Tian smiled and said, "It's good you know each other. More people will know you in the future, and more people will be stepped on by you. Don't worry about the past because the future is what's important."

Bai Lingling didn't say anything.

Bai Xiong extended his hand to Lin Dong and said with a smile, "I am Bai Xiong, Boss Luo Tian's disciple, heh heh."

Lin Dong shook his hand, "I am Lin Dong!"

Bai Xiong was able to get acquainted with anyone very quickly. Right after introducing himself, he pulled Lin Dong over in front of himself and said, "You stand in front of me."

Being ranked early was very important because it could determine one's life and death.

Bai Xiong looked like he didn't care too much, which made Lin Dong feel grateful. But he knew clearly that Luo Tian had given all of this to him.

Upon seeing them chatting happily, Bai Lingling said softly, "Don't you know that he can't cultivate? Even if he gets a spot in the selection, he will only end up suffering from humiliation. You aren't helping him but harming him."

Luo Tian replied, "That's all in the past. From today onward, his name will resound throughout the Ancient World. Maybe even realms in all directions."

Bai Lingling was briefly stunned, as she didn't understand what was inside Luo Tian's head.

She didn't say anything more on that subject.

The group slowly went forward.

The Deng family disciples were right at the front, followed by the other three great families. The Bai family was last.

Every disciple would receive a wooden sign after reporting their name. There was a string of numbers written on the wooden sign, a code that represented a person's identity. The assessment would be based on this wooden sign.

"Next!"

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The old man made some calculations before lowering his head to write down the name while a disciple on the side handed over the xuan coins. Over a dozen people had done this, so the old man had received hundreds of thousands of xuan coins by now. This was all blatant, like a normal transaction.

"My lord, this is a small token of appreciation from my Ouyang family. I hope your lordship can accept it." Ouyang Hong said respectfully. He was very careful with his words as if he was afraid of upsetting the old man.

The white-robed old man glanced at the large pile of xuan coins and didn't reveal any particular expression. He just coldly said, "Put it there. Next!"

A completely unappreciative look like he was originally owed that money.

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A look on his face like he didn't appreciate it at all.

But Ouyang Hong sighed in relief after dropping off the xuan coins.

Moreover, he glanced at his numerical code, and it was a little higher than some of the disciples of the Deng family. This was the benefit of giving away more money than others. He was secretly happy and said to himself, "I will definitely succeed in this selection exam!"

A few more disciples after him all bribed the old man with xuan coins in broad daylight.

Moreover, anyone who paid a bribe will be ranked slightly higher. And the more money you give, the higher the ranking you receive.

"Next."

Lin Dong walked over and said politely, "Bai family's disciple, Lin Dong."

He had to say this because the Bai family was given four spots.

The old man looked up at Lin Dong.

Lin Dong stood there without moving.

The old man kept staring at him before glancing over at the large pile of xuan coins on his table.

Lin Dong knew what that glance meant, but he didn't have any xuan coins. He had absolutely zero money on him, so what was he going to bring out for a bribe?

At this time, Bai Xiong stepped forward and smiled, "My lord, this is a small gesture from the Bai family. I hope you will accept it."

The old man pulled back his disdainful gaze and took the bag of xuan coins. He weighed it with his hand, and his expression instantly became dissatisfied. He looked at Bai Xiong coldly and said, "That's it?"

Bai Xiong said with embarrassment, "The Bai family recently went through an upheaval, so money has become a little tight. I hope that my lord can forgive..."

Before Bai Xiong could finish, the old man sneered, "Why are you participating when you don't even have money? Do you think the Misty Cloud Academy is that easy to get into? What does your Bai family's upheaval have anything to fucking do with me? Humph~!"

After saying that, he wrote a long number on Lin Dong's wooden sign to denote a ranking at the back.

"Next!"

Lin Dong clenched his fists and glanced over at Luo Tian.

Luo Tian shook his head to show not to act recklessly.

Bai Xiong stepped forward and said, "Bai family, Bai Xiong."

The old man didn't even look at him and wrote down a number for a ranking in the back.

"Next!"

Bai Xiong's heart sank when he saw his identity number.

Bai Lingling walked over and said, "Bai family, Bai Lingling."

The old man was faintly stunned when he heard a voice that was extremely pleasing to his ears. He looked up at Bai Lingling and was immediately attracted by her beauty. He revealed a smile and said, "Little girl, you're a disciple of the Bai family? Look how soft your hands look. Do you want to rank a little higher? If you do, come to the Skywatch Tower tonight and have a drink with me. I guarantee that your ranking will be in the top 100."

Top 100!

This was a ranking that had never appeared in Towering Cloud City before.

These rankings were all fixed internally, either by having connections or having someone paying a lot of money to get them.

The surrounding people gasped in shock.

Bai Lingling's hands were being held and caressed like crazy by the old man. She was angry about it, but she didn't dare to offend the old man. The reason was that not only was her ranking involved, but Luo Tian, who was right behind her, his ranking was under the control of this old man as well.

As she was contemplating how to deal with the situation, Luo Tian stepped forward and pulled Bai Lingling's hand back. He then said with a smile, "I'm sorry, but she's my wife. If my lord wants to find someone to accompany you for a drink, I can come and keep you company."

After saying that, he kissed Bai Lingling on her lips in front of the old man.

Bai Lingling tried to struggle free, but Luo Tian had held onto her tightly. She could only lower her head afterward, with her cheeks going red.

Luo Tian then said, "We're already an old married couple, so why are you so embarrassed? The lord isn't an outsider; he's an examination officer of the great Misty Cloud Academy!"

The old man's face instantly changed before he wrote a string of numbers on Bai Lingling's identity wooden plate denoting a ranking in the back. He then stared coldly at Luo Tian and mocked, "A flower stuck on a pile of dung. What bad luck. Next!"

Bai Lingling pulled away from Luo Tian and walked off to the side.

Luo Tian then said with a smile, "Bai family, Luo Tian."

Just when the old man was about to write it down, another old man whispered something in his ear.

The white-robed old man immediately looked up and asked, "You are Luo Tian?"

Luo Tian nodded, "That's right. Is there a problem?"

The white-robed old man sneered, "You don't have the qualifications to participate in the selection."

Luo Tian was immediately stunned before asking, "Why am I not qualified?"

The white-robed old man swept his gaze on Luo Tian to sense his cultivation, then said, "Your cultivation hasn't reached the Condensation Element realm yet. One of the tests of the selection is that participants must have reached the Condensation Element as a minimum."

"Damn you!"

Bai Xiong leaped over and shouted, "There were a bunch of people ahead of us below the Condensation Element realm! How come they can participate and my boss can't?!"

The white-robed old man smiled with his eyes narrowed and replied, "This was a rule that I just came up with. What about it? Unhappy with it? If you aren't happy about it, you can forgo participating in the exam."

Bai Xiong was furious after hearing that.

Luo Tian put his arms out to hold Bai Xiong back. He then said with a smile at the white-robed old man, "Are you deliberately making this difficult for me?"

The white-robed old man wasn't shy about it, "So what if I am?"

Luo Tian replied, "Nothing much. What can a small Four Elements ranker like me do about it?"

Luo Tian then asked, "Can I ask if there's going to be any more rule changes today?"

The white-robed old man then replied, "What about it? You still want to participate in the selection exam? Do you think you can break through to the Condensation Element realm in a day? Kid, don't think that you're invincible just because you're a little bit intelligent. Even if you were given a year's time, you still wouldn't be able to break through to the Condensation Element realm."

If a person wanted to break through to the Condensation Element 1st rank from the Four Elements 9th rank, doing it within a year was considered fast when there wasn't any spiritual medicine or special treasures as support.

Luo Tian wasn't in a hurry and smiled, "What if I do manage to make a breakthrough in a single day?"

A playful expression appeared on the old man's face as he said, "Just based on you? Breaking through to the Condensation Element realm in a day? If you can break through within a day, I will definitely let you participate and give you a top 100 ranking."

Luo Tian raised his voice, "Everyone heard it, right? You were the one that said it."

The surrounding crowd instantly broke out into discussions.

Just as Luo Tian was about to leave, the white-robed old man smiled coldly and said, "A day's time means before the sun sets. Right now, it is less than five hours before sunset, so I would really like to see how you are going to break through to the Condensation Element realm by then."

Breaking through into the Condensation Element realm in five hours?

This was an impossible task!

Everyone knew that the white-robed old man was deliberately making things difficult for Luo Tian.

Lin Dong and the Bai siblings were all trying to suppress their rage.

Luo Tian smiled and said, "Before sunset is before sunset. But since my lord likes to play so much, why don't we just play a little bigger? If I break through to the Condensation Element realm before sunset, how about adding something else besides what you've just said?"

The white-robed old man asked, "Add on what?"

Luo Tian replied, "Let's bet on the xuan coins on your table. If I lose, I'll give you this sword. If you lose, all the xuan coins on the table will be mine."

After saying that, Luo Tian brought out the Heaven Sword.

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The white-robed old man's eyes froze the moment Heaven Sword was brought out.

His eyes trembled, and the glint of greed immediately appeared. He then praised, "Good stuff! Good stuff! This sword is at least a treasure in the sky grade. I can't imagine how such a good item would be in the hands of a piece of trash. What a waste of a heavenly treasure!"

Luo Tian frowned, "Are you betting or not?"

The white-robed old man immediately replied, "Of course I'll bet on it!"

The pile of xuan coins didn't even reach a million on the table.

The white-robed old man doubted Heaven Sword had reached the semi-divine grade, but even if it was an earth grade, it would still be worth millions of xuan coins. The stakes may be high, but you were out of your mind if you didn't gamble on it.

Bai Lingling rushed over, "Are you crazy? The sword is worth over a million xuan coins, while the table has less than a million!"

Before Bai Lingling could speak more, the white-robed old man interrupted, "You already spoke of betting on it and cannot take it back. Once you lose, the sword will belong to me."

He was worried that Luo Tian would renege on his words.

He was definitely going to get this sword!

Luo Tian smiled and said, "I have no intention of backing out, but I'm worried that you would renege on the bet. My lord, your cultivation realm is so high, and your status is so honorable. If you go back on your word and don't give me the xuan coins, what can I do to you?"

The white-robed old man sneered, "Humph~! I, Ao Sheng, do not put these mere hundreds of thousands of xuan coins in my eyes."

Luo Tian then said, "So you say, but what if you renege on it? What happens then? How about this; if you go back on your word later, then you are a dirty lapdog!"

"Humph~!"

Ao Sheng was annoyed by those words, but he suppressed his anger because he really wanted the Heaven Sword. He then smiled coldly, "As you wish, but kid, you better act honestly. If I don't see your face before sunset, I will kill off the entire Bai family without allowing a single survivor!"

After saying that, a strong killing intent surged out of his body.

He was afraid Luo Tian would run away.

If that were to happen, it would be equivalent to a spiritual treasure flying away from the grasp of his hands!

Bai Lingling's face instantly became miserable looking. The Bai family had just gone through a rebellion, yet now they had provoked Misty Cloud Academy's examination officer. If Luo Tian cannot break through to the Condensation Element realm and decides not to show up, then the Bai family would really disappear from the Towering Cloud City.

Bai Xiong's expression was of shock.

Luo Tian maintained that faint smile on his face as he replied, "Fine!"

There was no need to say anything more.

Luo Tian immediately turned around to leave.

Five hours was really tight, but since the words had been said, then he had to break through before sunset. Otherwise, he would have wasted the Bai family's selection spot. As long as he successfully breaks through, he would gain nearly 700 thousand xuan coins for free! Luo Tian could unseal around five martial skills with that kind of money!

With five new upgraded martial skills, his strength would greatly soar.

Looking at Luo Tian's disappearing back, Ao Sheng laughed excitedly inside, "Kid, that divine sword is mine for sure, hahaha! I didn't expect a small place like this to actually have a spiritual treasure. It looks like my trip has not been in vain!"

The old man who had just whispered in Ao Sheng's ears came over and said, "Senior Brother Ao, will this offend the Hai family? The Hai family sent word that the kid cannot be allowed to enter the Misty Cloud Academy. He cannot even qualify to participate in the selection exam. Now, you're giving him a chance..."

Ao Sheng smiled and said, "Junior Brother Chen, you're worrying too much. I've already paid attention just now and noticed his dantian is crippled. Not to mention one day, even if you give him ten years, he won't be able to break through the Condensation Element realm. He definitely won't win, so just wait and see."

Ao Sheng was full of confidence.

Anyone with a bit of common sense knew that a person with a shattered dantian would not be able to cultivate further. He didn't know how Luo Tian attained his Four Elements realm cultivation, but he was very sure that Luo Tian wouldn't be able to break through to the Condensation Element realm no matter what.

The main reason was that the Condensation Element realm required a baptism of one's dantian in order to break through. Otherwise, they couldn't break through.

This was a shackle that had stumped a lot of people and a peak that Luo Tian could never overcome!

Ten minutes later, Towering Cloud City's Bai family manor.

Bai Qi heard the whole story while his brows were locked into a frown. He then said to Luo Tian, "He was obviously making things difficult for you. How come you still fell for it?"

He and the whole Bai family trusted Luo Tian, but no one knew what Luo Tian was thinking.

Bai Qi also knew that breaking through the Condensation Element realm required a baptism of the dantian, or else it would be impossible to make any further progress.

Bai Lingling said angrily, "Father, you should've seen how arrogant that white-robed old man was! I really don't like him!"

"Now isn't the time to talk about those things. He is a member of the Misty Cloud Academy. Just the name is enough for our Bai family to be destroyed ten thousand times, so we cannot afford to provoke him. There's definitely someone in the background intentionally making things difficult for Luo Tian."

Luo Tian then said, "It has to be the Hai family."

"Misty Cloud City's Hai family?"

Bai Qi's eyes widened the moment he recalled the words that Hai Yulong had said when he was rescued by the expert. His face darkened as he said, "Luo Tian, hurry up and leave. Don't take part in the Misty Cloud Academy selection. Even if you manage to pass the selection exam, it will still be useless. The Hai family's power is too powerful, and we're not their match at all."

He didn't think that there would be interference this early.

If the Misty Cloud Academy could wipe out the Bai family ten thousand times over, then the Hai family could make Luo Tian die tens of thousands of times. This was not because the Hai family's king level power was stronger than that of the Misty Cloud Academy but because the Hai family's methods were known to be extremely sinister.

Luo Tian already knew it was most likely the Hai family making things difficult for him.

The four great families of Towering Cloud City wouldn't dare to.

Luo Tian revealed his strength so the other four great families wouldn't dare to provoke him. The only ones left were the Hai family.

Deliberately making things difficult for him?

Towering Cloud City's Hai family?

Luo Tian smiled coldly, "Hai family, you better wait for this daddy. You guys watch how I'm going to fuck you guys over."

Luo Tian immediately said, "Uncle Bai, you don't need to worry. You two don't need to worry, either. Isn't it just breaking through to the Condensation Element realm? Is this all the confidence you have in me? You guys have seen how fast I can make breakthroughs. I will definitely win the bet."

Bai Qi looked at Luo Tian and let out a breath, "I've been researching everything about you these past few days. Don't blame this uncle. After all, I have betrothed my daughter to you, so I have to know everything about you. You can break through realms by killing; killing demonic beasts or killing people. But who can you kill in Towering Cloud City right now? There's no one for you to kill. Where are you going to kill demonic beasts? You have to know that Towering Cloud City is a half-day journey from the nearest mountain range that has demonic beasts. A round trip will take at least a day. Five hours is simply too little, not to mention that there aren't even five hours left right now."

"Unless..."

Bai Lingling asked in surprise, "Unless what?"

Bai Qi looked at Luo Tian and said, "You aren't thinking of entering the Black Wind Cave, are you?"

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"Luo Tian, have you lost your mind? Why are you going into the Black Wind Cave? Don't you know that even ghosts are afraid of going there? You are not allowed to go!"

The Black Wind Cave was a place where ten going in would result in nine dying. Everyone knew this.

Even if that one person survives, they will be left with half a life and basically become a cripple.

When the name Black Wind Cave was mentioned, Bai Lingling immediately said, "You can't! You can't go into the Black Wind Cave!"

Bai Qi also said, "Last time, if I hadn't been hit with the Scorching Sun Poison resulting with yang toxin in my body, I would have died a long time ago. There are also those Corpse Eating Rats in there, and you know very well how strong those rats are. Going in there is equivalent to sending yourself to your own demise."

Bai Xiong added, "Boss, there had to be another way. Don't go inside the Black Wind Cave. You have no clue how many people we know have died there."

Lin Dong added, "Boss, that place is really terrifying. It's a forbidden area of the Towering Cloud City where no one would go near."

Every resident of Towering Cloud City knew how terrifying the Black Wind Cave was.

People would rather die than enter the Black Wind Cave.

Luo Tian planned on entering the Black Wind Cave? Wasn't that equivalent to having a problem with living too long?

However, if he wanted to beat Ao Sheng, slap his face, and slap the Hai family's face, Luo Tian had no other methods.

In order to enter the Misty Cloud Academy, he knew he wouldn't be able to get in through normal means. He wouldn't be able to enter the selection examination normally either. The only way he could get in was by making a bet so that everyone would be an eyewitness to the transaction. And then, he diverted Ao Sheng's thoughts to make it look like he was just greedy for the xuan coins.

Luo Tian's main goal was to make the matter as big as possible. Preferably to the point where the entire city knew about it. Only then would Ao Sheng not make any more rule changes, and only then can he have a chance to participate.

The xuan coins were just something extra. In order to win the bet, Luo Tian had to enter the Black Wind Cave. This was his only choice right now.

There was no way he would suddenly start massacring people on the streets. And the closest location with demonic beasts was the Black Wind Cave.

Most importantly, the experience points of the Corpse Eating Rats in the Black Wind Cave were very high. Just one of them was 10,000 points. He needed about 600,000 experience points to break through to the Condensation Element realm. So, as long as he killed 60 of them, he would be able to level up.

Luo Tian was moved when he saw how each of them was so nervous. He smiled and said, "Don't worry. I was able to come out alive the last time, so I will be able to do it again this time."

After saying that, Luo Tian turned around and proceeded to leave the courtyard.

Time was tight, and he didn't want to waste it. Even though he felt that he had plenty of time, he didn't have a clear understanding of the Black Wind Cave. Therefore, it was better to go in earlier, just in case.

Bai Qi's brow furrowed before stopping Luo Tian. He pulled out a small vial from his pocket and said, "Since you've already made up your mind, I won't stop you. These are some Healing Pills, so keep it on you. It doesn't matter if you can come out of the Black Wind Cave or not; don't worry about the Bai Family. Even if Ao Sheng is more overbearing, he's not going to destroy the Bai family because it will affect the image of the Misty Cloud Academy."

Luo Tian didn't refuse the pills and said, "Thank you."

The courtyard was silent after Luo Tian left.

A brief moment later, Bai Lingling's eyes narrowed before she started running after Luo Tian. She was suddenly stopped by Bai Qi's shout. "You'll only make things more difficult for him! You will not be able to resist for five hours in there, so going in is a death sentence for you!"

Bai Lingling's face was full of anxiety as she was worried about Luo Tian. Even though she always called him a smelly scoundrel, pervert, or miser, she actually had positive feelings for him. Especially when Ao Sheng held onto her hands without letting go, and Luo Tian stepped forward to help her. She was very touched by his actions. She then said anxiously, "Father, we all know what kind of place the Black Wind Cave is. We can't just watch him get killed like that. We need to do something!"

Bai Qi said softly, “Xiong’er, go to the treasury and see how many xuan coins we can take out. Then, go to my room and get the Golden Jade Cicada. The Deng family’s Deng Leigong has always wanted it. Go and see if he wants to buy it based on his previous offer.”

Bai Lingling said with astonishment, “Father, that Golden Jade Cicada was an heirloom left by grandfather. It’s your favorite possession!”

Bai Qi sighed, “We can’t think about those things right now. And that Golden Jade Cicada is actually something I prepared for your dowry. Xiong’er, go ahead and take care of it.”

Bai Xiong didn’t comment and replied, “I will do it now.”

Bai Qi then said to himself, “I hope the xuan coins can satisfy Ao Sheng...”

This was all he could do, even when doing his best. But Bai Qi really wasn’t sure if it would help.

This was the Heaven Sword they were talking about, a treasury at least of the sky grade. A mere few hundred thousand xuan coins were nothing in the eyes of Ao Sheng.

Even if it was only a trace of hope, Bai Qi didn’t want to let it go.

Nothing bad can happen to Luo Tian, especially for his daughter’s future happiness.

Lin Dong was blaming himself off to the side. He felt like he couldn’t do anything to help Luo Tian. He also felt ashamed before saying to himself, “I need to make more breakthroughs! I must become strong! One day, I will take down whoever dares to make things difficult for the boss!”

Black Wind Cave.

An eerie wind was gusting, causing Luo Tian to shiver at the entrance of the cave.

Goosebumps appeared all over his body.

The hair on Luo Tian's arms stood up when he heard the sound of the wind, which was similar to ghosts crying. When the thought of those huge, disgusting-looking rats came up, he almost wanted to throw up. "Fuuu~... Nothing can stop me in this world."

"Hai family, I will trample on top of you one day!"

Luo Tian then took large strides into the cave.

"Squeak~, squeak~..."

"Wooooooooo~... wooooooooo~..."

The eerie wind blew, mixed with the sound of the Corpse Eating Rats gnawing on bones.

Luo Tian walked to the depths openly without any caution. He then shouted, "Corpse Eating Rats! This daddy is back! Come and attack if you want to eat my meat! If you're any slower, there won't be any meat left!"

"Squeak~, squeak~, squeak~..."

Before Luo Tian could say anything more, the sound of dozens of Corpse Eating Rats could be heard scurrying over.

The sound of debris tumbling to the ground was heard. A burst of eerie wind came blowing, followed by a nauseating odor.

"They're here!"

Luo Tian made a move, one hand instantly holding the Heaven Sword and the other the Heavenly Plume Shield. The dozen or so Corpse Eating Rats stared at him like starving wolves discovering free meat. Luo Tian smiled grimly and said, "Man eats meat, and dogs eat shit. If you want to survive in this world, you have to be stronger and more ruthless than others. A bunch of rats want to eat the meat of this daddy? Then come at me!"

Before those Corpse Eating Rats rushed at him, Luo Tian already charged at them head-on.

When he was still a few meters away from the Corpse Eating Rats, Luo Tian shouted fiercely, "Fire Qilin, go and destroy them!"

Chapter 1055: Combination of Divine Explosion and God Flame

Inside the Black Wind Cave, the Fire Qilin had been summoned out.

Compared to before, the current Fire Qilin had become a bit stronger again.

Luo Tian was now certain that the damage output of the Fire Qilin was correlated with his level. The higher his level, the stronger its damage would be. The Fire Qilin was a divine beast that could keep growing stronger along with him.

"Whoosh~!"

"Whoosh~!"

Flames were constantly spraying out.

The fur of the Corpse Eating Rats was burnt crimson red, and the cave was filled with the unpleasant odor of burnt fur.

Luo Tian waved his Heaven Sword and shouted, "Vajra Sword Technique!"

"Buddha of Rage, kill!"

The sword stabbed out, the crushing power of a semi-divine artifact devastating all before it. The first time he entered the Black Wind Cave, Luo Tian's attack couldn't even hurt the Corpse Eating Rats. But it was much easier now with the Heaven Sword.

Each sword strike was capable of dealing huge amounts of damage.

"God Flame!"

"Boom~!"

With a movement of his palm, Luo Tian shot out a God Flame and sent a pouncing Corpse Eating Rat flying away. He followed up with a Shoulder Dash and ended it with a Vajra Sword Technique.

"Ding!"

"Congratulations to player Luo Tian for killing a Corpse Eating Rat. You have gained 10,000 experience points, 1000 yuan energy..."

"The first one!"

Luo Tian checked his experience bar, "I need fifty-something more. I only have about four hours, so I need to quicken the pace."

Luo Tian was feeling irritated the moment he thought of Ao Sheng's disdainful expression and how the Hai family was making things difficult for him.

"No one can stop me."

"Not even the Hai family!"

“The more they try to stop me, the stronger I’ll get.” Luo Tian said to himself. He then shouted internally, “Level 1 Divine Explosion, activate!”

“Ommm~!”

A light of power erupted from his body and surged outward.

All his base attributes suddenly increased.

Especially his critical strike chance!

Luo Tian was now dealing double the damage from each sword strike. In half an hour, the first wave of Corpse Eating Rats was wiped out. Watching his experience bar go up by 140,000 points was a really good feeling.

Fire Qilin was blocking in front while Luo Tian was behind, stabbing and striking.

This was a move he often used in the games of his previous life.

“The experience points are pretty good, except there’s no loot exploding out. The yuan energy I receive is also not enough, so I am pretty much spending more than I get back.” Luo Tian muttered to himself before taking a few medicinal pills.

The Healing Pills helped his body recover from the minor injuries he suffered and also allowed him to replenish a bit of yuan energy.

Right after that, Luo Tian made a command in his mind, “Fire Qilin, keep heading forward.”

“Whoooooo~ Eeeeeeee~...”

The eerie wind started up again.

The wind kept blowing from somewhere within the dark cave. The air contained the scent of death, like it was coming from the depths of hell. Based on common sense, the wind should have been created from the mixing of hot and cold air pressure.

There had to be an exit to someplace that created this environment.

But there were all kinds of miraculous places in the Ancient World. So, there could be anything deep down inside the cave.

The only thing he was certain of was that this cave was definitely not simple.

Every time Luo Tian walked further in, that sense of oppression weighed heavier on his heart. It was as if he was approaching something powerful down there.

“Squeak~, squeak~!”

“Squeak~, squeak~!”

“Squeak~, squeak~!”

Ten minutes or so later, the second wave of Corpse Eating Rats came out from a deep hole. This time, their bodies were glittering with specks of golden light. Their speed, strength, and the aura they emitted were all stronger than the first wave.

Most of them were coming out from the grounds and the walls.

Luo Tian didn't dare to put his back against the wall because he was afraid of being sneak attacked by them.

“Level 1 Divine Explosion, activate!”

“God Flame, lock on...”

Luo Tian didn't skimp on yuan energy. He had to level up the proficiency of his skills, especially the two strongest ones like God Flame and Divine Explosion. Only when the skill proficiency levels go up will the skill become stronger. Raising God Flame by one level will allow its instant kill probability to go up by 5%.

He would also become stronger when he leveled up his skills.

Every year, the Misty Cloud Academy has hundreds of thousands of candidates from the Central Continent participating. How difficult was it if only a thousand or so got in?

It was even more difficult than getting into Tsinghua University in his previous life.

Most of these candidates had high talent or even super talent. The lowest of them had a middle talent, and those were few and far between. Basically, those participating were the geniuses among geniuses.

In order to stand out from all these people, just relying on his transformation cards wouldn't work.

He had to be superior in every aspect.

Leveling was the only correct path to take!

“Ding!”

“Target locked.”

Luo Tian shouted without hesitation, “Blow them up!”

God Flame shot out like lightning from his palm under the enhancement of Divine Explosion.

“Boom~!”

The fireball landed on the frontmost Corpse Eating Rat.

“Squeak~, squeak~!”

The Corpse Eating Rat started cracking apart, light bursting out from its body.

“Bang~!”

Its body exploded.

Instant kill!

Luo Tian was briefly stunned, “Instant kill was triggered?”

This was the first time he combined God Flame with Divine Explosion, which unexpectedly triggered instant kill. The corner of Luo Tian’s mouth curved up into a smile, “It looks like I have created a combo skill by using God Flame with Divine Explosion.”

“Divine Explosion had increased the chance for instant kill to trigger.”

Upon thinking to this point, a glint flashed in Luo Tian’s eyes. He then muttered to himself, “If both Divine Explosion and God Flame were leveled up to the great perfection stage, wouldn’t their combo trigger instant kill every time? God damn! Who the hell can fight against me in the future?”

Soul Sovereign?

Divine Monarch Seven Light?

Those two were overlord characters in the Ancient World. They had sworn that they would kill Luo Tian when he was back on the Tianxuan Continent. He was worried about running into them ever since he came to this world, but little did he know that the Ancient World was bigger than he thought. It was actually very difficult for those two to find him.

Even though that was the case, Luo Tian still wouldn't take this threat lightly.

"Let's level up the proficiency of those two skills as my priority. When the time comes, I'll go look for them even if they don't come looking for me." Luo Tian said to himself. The threat of those two had to be resolved so as to not leave any future problems behind.

"Ding!"

The system gave off an alert.

Luo Tian took advantage of the fact that the timer for Divine Explosion hadn't ended yet. He started going crazy on them, not bothering with defending. He had to kill these Corpse Eating Rats as quickly as possible.

"Ding!"

"Ding!"

"Ding!"

In one hour, the second wave of Corpse Eating Rats was taken care of.

It was a bit tiring.

Apart from the first Corpse Eating Rat being instantly killed, the rest were rather difficult to deal with. Fire Qilin's damage to them wasn't as high as the first wave, so Luo Tian relied on his Divine Explosion and the Heaven Sword to kill them. This resulted in a lot of wasted time.

"I'm halfway to leveling up. Ao Sheng, you just wait for this daddy!"

Chapter 1056: Being Played With

Towering Cloud City, the branch of the Misty Cloud Academy.

"Before we arrived here, the Hai family specifically told us not to let that kid participate in the selection process. I'm afraid you will upset the Hai family by doing what you did. We really can't afford to offend the Hai family," said an old man in a yellow dao robe.

He was a bit unhappy with what Ao Sheng had done prior because he was personally quite afraid of the Hai family.

Originally, it wasn't supposed to be them being in charge of Towering Cloud City's examination process.

It should have been Yi Yunmeng in charge.

But for some reason, the academy suddenly transferred Yi Yunmeng back and then replaced her with them. Before coming to Towering Cloud City, the Hai family sent a message telling them to find a way to avoid letting Luo Tian participate in the selection.

Although the two of them didn't know what happened, it was the Hai family that allowed them to come here to manage the new disciple selection exam.

This was a very lucrative position.

They didn't have to do much, and they earned nearly a million xuan coins in a short afternoon.

Ao Sheng would have done his job and just changed some rules so that Luo Tian wouldn't be qualified for the selection exam. But beyond their expectation, Luo Tian pulled out a spiritual treasure that was at or above the sky grade.

One needs to understand that even in the Misty Cloud Academy, a sky grade spirit treasure was rarely seen.

The minimum grade of the Heaven Sword was the sky grade. It might even be a divine artifact. Ao Sheng felt that if he could obtain the Heaven Sword, then his strength would definitely rise many times. This was an irresistible temptation for any martial artist, so Ao Sheng also fell for it.

Ao Sheng smiled faintly and said, "Brother Huang, there's really no need for you to worry about it. Even if we gave that kid ten years, he still wouldn't be able to break through to the Condensation Element realm, let alone five hours. Look, two hours have already passed, and we are only three hours from sunset. Do you really think the kid can break through to the Condensation Element realm? It's not like you don't know that a person needs to have their dantian baptized in order to break through to the Condensation Element realm. That kid has a shattered dantian, so he cannot baptize it. That basically means he cannot make a breakthrough. If that kid can break through, then wouldn't that trashy boy of the Yi family already be famous throughout the world?"

The yellow-robed old man exhaled as he was still feeling worried.

He didn't know why the Hai family was targeting that kid, but he could feel Luo Tian was different from other martial artists.

Seeing how the yellow-robed old man still looked worried, Ao Sheng patted his shoulder and said, "Don't worry. I will definitely win. Once I get that spiritual treasure sword, I will give my Ephemeral Sword to you. Just help me with some words later on with the Hai family. There's no way that kid can make a breakthrough."

The yellow-robed old man flashed a smile as he had always been envious of the Ephemeral Sword. But he then frowned, "What if he does break through?"

"What if?"

“There is no what if!”

Ao Sheng looked at the outside of the house with a disdainful expression on his face. The disdainful expression slowly became sinister with killing intent. “If he does manage to break through... heh heh... Do you remember the saying that an innocent person can still get into trouble because of their wealth? It is a waste for such a sword to remain in his hands. If he were to really breakthrough, I would make him die before he can participate in the selection exam.”

He had already thought of everything and was determined to get his hands on that Heaven Sword.

The only thing on Ao Sheng’s mind was the sharpness of the Heaven Sword. He wanted to snatch it right now.

The eyes of the yellow-robed old man darkened as he whispered, “Brother Ao, the crime of assassinating a selection candidate isn’t light.”

Ao Sheng chuckled and replied, “If you don’t say anything and I don’t say anything, who would find out? In the Middle Continent, many people die every day. The death of one or two Misty Cloud Academy candidates is also a very normal thing, not to mention that he’s just a piece of trash with a shattered dantian. Who would care if he was dead?”

The yellow-robed old man chuckled along.

Indeed, many people die each day. It was very normal for a few candidates to die as well. After going to a small place like Towering Cloud City for dozens of years, there weren’t any candidates who were able to enter the Misty Cloud Academy. The academy wouldn’t really care what went on here.

Especially, no one would care about a low talent trash with a shattered dantian.

At this point, the yellow-robed old man finally felt relieved.

No matter what, Luo Tian wouldn’t be able to participate in the selection. How can a dead person participate?

At this time, a servant came into the house.

The servant said respectfully, "My lord, one of the five great families of Towering Cloud City, Bai Qi, wishes to meet with you."

The yellow-robed old man asked, "What does he want?"

Ao Sheng said, "Of course, he came to plead for mercy. What else? They knew that kid couldn't break through to the Condensation Element realm in five hours, so they came to plead on his behalf. You see, Brother Huang? They don't even believe in their own people. Do you think that kid can win the bet?"

The yellow-robed old man replied, "Then we shouldn't see him. Don't give him a chance to beg for forgiveness."

Just when the servant turned to relay their words, Ao Sheng stopped him. "Let's meet with him. Why should we avoid it? Maybe he will send us some free money while at it?"

The yellow-robed old man was briefly stunned, "Brother Ao's meaning is..."

He couldn't understand what Ao Sheng was trying to get at.

Ao Sheng replied, "Brother Huang, just stand to the side and watch."

"Let's go."

"Bring Bai Qi in. I want to see how many xuan coins he can bring us." Ao Sheng's face showed a playful smile as he said that. Money was never enough for any person, and xuan coins were particularly important for martial artists.

Xuan coins were the only common currency in the Ancient World.

A few minutes later.

Bai Qi, Bai Lingling, and Bai Xiong arrived at a small courtyard.

Bai Qi advised in a low voice, "The two of you will watch from the side and keep quiet. If you make them unhappy, you will definitely not stand a chance in this examination. Do you both understand? Especially you, Ling'er. Your father will take care of everything."

Bai Lingling nodded, "En~."

Bai Xiong grumbled, "Father, shouldn't we believe in the boss? I think master will not lie to us or do something he wasn't confident in. I think..."

Bai Qi sighed, "It's no use what you think Xiong'er. If Luo Tian breaks through, that means he's going to win the bet against Ao Sheng. Do you think he will let you guys pass the selection examination that easily after losing a bet? He will definitely cause trouble for all of you."

Bai Xiong didn't say anything.

"Hahaha..."

"Patriarch Bai, I wonder what has caused you to suddenly come here?" Ao Sheng chuckled politely, pretending he didn't know what was going on.

Bai Qi bent at the waist for a slight bow and greeted respectfully, "My lord, you have worked hard. I have specially brought some gifts over to show my gratitude. I hope you will forgive my son-in-law for offending you this morning."

After saying that, Bai Qi handed over some expensive gifts.

They were considered quite good spiritual treasures worth thousands of xuan coins. This amount can feed and clothe a family of five for their entire lives.

But Ao Sheng didn't even look at them and said, "The young have always been wild and frivolous. We, too, have been wild in our past. There's no need to talk about forgiving or accommodating..."

Bai Qi's heart relaxed when he heard those words.

Bai Lingling and Bai Xiong's gaze turn to relief.

But Ao Sheng's voice suddenly turned grim as he said, "But that kid is too insolent, daring to make a bet with me. And wanting me to admit being some mongrel lapdog has made me very upset. Even if the young are wild and frivolous, one needs to see what kind of status they have. A piece of trash dares to act arrogant in front of me? One who doesn't know the immensity of the heavens and earth. If it weren't for me having a good heart, he would already have become a corpse."

Ao Sheng's voice contained cold, killing intent.

While he was talking, he also released a trace of his oppressive power.

Bai Qi was almost forced to kneel on the ground.

Bai Lingling and Bai Xiong's faces paled, their bodies trembling, and they could hardly take a proper breath.

When facing a high ranking member of the Misty Cloud Academy, the three of them could only accept being suppressed.

Bai Qi said in a strained manner, "My lord, please don't bother with a junior. He is still young and unintelligent and happened to offend my lord. Can the bet be..."

"Be what?"

Ao Sheng said, "He was the one who wanted to gamble. Do you think this matter can go away that easily? He was making me look bad in front of so many people. I really want to see if he can break through to the Condensation Element realm in five hours."

"Humph~!"

Ao Sheng flicked his sleeves in anger and turned to have his back facing Bai Qi.

His oppressive power strengthened another step.

Bai Qi's body was trembling as he said anxiously, "I will have him host a banquet for you at the Skywatch Tower and admit his mistake in front of the whole city. My lord, please forgive him for his earlier offense. I, Bai Qi, will be grateful for the rest of my life."

Ao Sheng snorted coldly and said with disdain, "You will be grateful to me all your life? What kind of a thing are you? Do I need your gratitude? A patriarch of a small silver family in Towering Cloud City doesn't even have the qualifications to be grateful to me!"

Completely looking down on and insulting Bai Qi.

Upon seeing her father being humiliated, Bai Lingling was completely pissed off. She then said with great difficulty, "What kind of a thing are you then? Like hell, we would be grateful to you!"

Ao Sheng's figure made an aggressive turn as he stared at Bai Lingling from head to toe. He then said with a cold smile, "Originally, sparing his life would have been a simple matter. Just having your daughter accompany me for a night would have been fine. But I'm a person who hates it when the woman I like is already someone else's woman. I have no interest in those kinds of women. But it's different if that kid is dead. Little beauty, do you want to follow me? I guarantee that you will have food to eat and drink for the rest of your life. It's even possible for you to directly become a disciple of the Misty Cloud Academy."

"Ptooy~!"

Bai Lingling spat out a glob of phlegm on the ground and said, "Father! Let's go!"

Bai Qi was also nursing flames of anger inside him.

Anyone would be upset when hearing such words talking about their daughter, but Bai Qi knew how to hold back. He forced a smile and said, "Young children don't understand things, so please don't bother with her."

Ao Sheng waved his hand before looking at Bai Lingling pervertedly. He then said to himself, "Damn slut, wait until I kill that kid first before I will take care of you. I refuse to believe I won't be able to get you into bed."

Ao Sheng then smiled, "It is possible if you want me to forgive him. It's up to you..."

He rubbed his fingers together faintly when saying those words.

Bai Qi instantly understood the meaning and took out all the xuan coins that the Bai family could take out for now. Adding the inherited heirloom his father had left him, the Golden Jade Cicada, he was able to gather a total of 400,000 xuan coins. All of it was handed over to Ao Sheng.

Ao Sheng weighed the coins with his hands and smiled in satisfaction.

He then pulled back his oppressive pressure.

Bai Qi felt relieved and said respectfully, "Thank you, my lord. I'll make sure that Luo Tian admits his fault for gambling with you. Thank you for forgiving him."

Ao Sheng put away the 400,000 xuan coins into his spatial ring. His gaze suddenly changed, and his mouth curved into a playful sneer. "No need to thank me. I've already forgiven him for offending me, but I never said anything about revoking the bet."

“Hahaha...” Ao Sheng started laughing sinisterly.

Chapter 1057: Can You Create Miracles?

He was played!

Blatantly being played with!

Even if Bai Qi could endure, he couldn't help raising his voice, “You... Lord Ao, a person of character, needs to keep their word. You just said you would forgive Luo Tian, but now you are continuing with the bet. Why are you doing this?”

He was angry.

Ao Sheng sneered before saying playfully, “When did I say I was going to revoke the bet? I only said that I would forgive the kid for his offense. Bai Qi, saying that I am a person who doesn't keep his word is a big insult to my character. Now, get out of here, or else I will send you three out in a lying position. Humph~!”

He was breaking all pretenses and turning hostile.

Ao Sheng played the Bai family.

This was 400,000 xuan coins. This was all the money the Bai family could amass for now. It usually took the Bai family a few years to save this kind of money. Many Elders were already unhappy that Bai Qi wanted so many xuan coins to save Luo Tian. Now, he couldn't save Luo Tian and pretty much wasted all that money. Once the Elders find out, this will probably cause a public outrage.

But Bai Qi didn't care what the Bai family Elders would say. He was only worried about Luo Tian.

Now that they have offended Ao Sheng, it will be absolutely impossible for anyone representing the Bai family to pass the first round of the examination.

Ao Sheng can decide whether they lived or died!

Bai Lingling was clenching her teeth, wishing she could slap Ao Sheng's old face. She then said ruthlessly, "In that case, return the money back to us. Let's see who is going to win or lose at sunset. Just hope that you won't lose then, or else you won't know where to put your old face anymore."

Bai Xiong stepped forward and shouted, "Give us back the money!"

However, how can money already in his pocket be taken out?

Ao Sheng's gaze darkened while anger contorted his face, "Money? What money? Did I ever receive any money from you guys? Bai Qi, you had better teach your children properly, or else I would be happy to teach them the meaning of respect. Humph~!"

"You..."

"..."

Before the siblings could say anything, Bai Qi held them both back. He knew very well that it would be impossible to get the money back now. He knew they had been tricked and played with. He just never imagined Ao Sheng would be such a sinister individual. Bai Qi then shouted, "You two, shut your mouths!"

Right after that, Bai Qi forced out a smile and said, "We have disturbed my lord. We shall leave now."

After saying that, Bai Qi pulled the two fuming siblings out of the courtyard. He then lectured, "Don't say another word! We will talk about it at home!"

Bai Qi could feel a trace of killing intent coming from Ao Sheng.

Ao Sheng was a person of the Misty Cloud Academy, someone the Bai family couldn't afford to offend. No one would care if he killed a few people who dared to insult an examiner of the Misty Cloud Academy. People may even cheer on, saying it was a good kill.

Ao Sheng took out the 400,000 xuan coins and patted the bundle with his hands. He then started chuckling when the yellow-robed old man walked out of the house. "Brother Huang, I told you that someone will be giving us free money."

"Hahaha..."

The yellow-robed old man said with a smile, "Brother Ao, what a brilliant move. You were able to take the Bai family's money and not cancel the bet. You will also be able to get that kid's divine sword. This is basically shooting down two birds with a single arrow. My admirations to you, hahaha..."

Ao Sheng replied, "Since the Bai family took out 400,000 xuan coins in order to cancel the bet, that means the kid has no hope of breaking through. We are both going to win. I will have my divine sword, and you will get the Ephemeral Sword. Hahaha... Just thinking about this is making me happy. Let's go to the Skywatch Tower tonight, my treat!"

"Hahaha..."

The courtyard was filled with joyous laughter.

After leaving the courtyard, Bai Lingling couldn't hold it anymore and said unhappily, "Father, we can't let this go just like that. That old bastard is too sinister!"

Bai Xiong added, "I really want to kill him."

Bai Qi frowned as he said, "You two cannot act recklessly. You guys aren't his match. His cultivation has reached the peak of the Martial Void realm, where even I am not his match."

“The Misty Cloud Academy is a colossal existence. We can only admit defeat this time.”

There was no other way because they were no match.

What can you do about it?

Most importantly, Ao Sheng was the examiner for the selection competition. He can pretty much decide on everything. Unless he dies... But in reality, not to mention Towering Cloud City, even the number one city of the Middle Continent, the Misty Cloud City, no one would dare to easily kill an examiner of the Misty Cloud Academy.

No matter which direction you looked from, the Bai family was fully suppressed.

This was reality. This was the suppression due to the difference in strength.

How could Bai Qi not feel angry after being played like that? But he was very clear that once he made a move, their family of three would definitely die there. Don't forget, there was another examiner in the courtyard, too.

The other examiner was also an expert in the Martial Void realm.

Bai Lingling asked, “What should we do about it? What about Luo Tian? He is going to lose this bet, and the outcome might be his death. That guy will not spare Luo Tian. Or we could say the Hai family will not spare him.”

The Hai family was obviously behind all of this.

If it weren't for the Hai family's interference, Luo Tian would have registered his name already.

How could Bai Qi not know all of this? He gave a long sigh while looking up at the sun starting to come down. He then said, “He can only rely on himself now. I just hope that he can create miracles.”

Even though he knew this was impossible, he had done everything he could. Luo Tian can only rely on himself.

Bai Xiong suddenly said, "I believe in master. He can definitely do it and break through to the Condensation Element realm. Ao Sheng will lose. At that time, he wouldn't know where to put his old face anymore. I really want to see the boss slap his face soon!"

Bai Lingling was filled with anticipation as she said, "I can't wait to see that scene too."

Bai Qi smiled before saying to himself, "Luo Tian, can you create miracles?"

In the depths of the Black Wind Cave, Luo Tian was covered in blood, and the Fire Qilin by his side looked like it was about to die. It only had a tiny bit of health remaining.

Around him were the bodies of many Corpse Eating Rats.

Luo Tian was panting for air. He glanced at his experience bar and said to himself, "I am only short of one Corpse Eating Rat in order to level up. Ao Sheng, I can't hold back anymore and want to slap your old face right now."

He heavily exhaled.

Luo Tian swallowed over ten pills and felt his yuan energy recover slightly. He looked at the Fire Qilin, who was covered in injuries, and said apologetically, "Brother, accompany me for a while longer. When I win the money, I will unseal the Regeneration Skill, and I will be able to heal you then."

As long as one has a healing technique, then they can heal their pets.

At that time, there was no need to worry about the Fire Qilin having too few health points.

As if it understood, the Fire Qilin rushed out with large strides. It kept spraying out thick, hellish flames, and the dark cave became a little brighter.

Luo Tian suddenly looked at the depths of the cave with shock in his eyes.

Chapter 1058: Little Handsome Brother, Come In and Play

“I knew there was something strange going on here.”

“How could a large, prosperous city have such a place?”

“The Black Wind Cave, permeated with eeriness, was a place where almost everyone who enters will die and has a bunch of Corpse Eating Rats that try to kill people. How can such a place not have any abnormalities?” Luo Tian muttered to himself. After more than three hours of clearing, Luo Tian didn’t know how many meters deep he had trekked inside the Black Wind Cave.

He thought the cave had no end and would really reach the depths of hell.

But now, he finally reached the bottom of the cave.

Moreover, the deepest part of the cave was a very weird looking place.

A large door!

There were three crooked words etched above the door. Because it was so old, he could only vaguely make out the three words Black Wind Sect.

“Did the Black Wind Cave used to be the Black Wind Sect?”

“So I’m in the underground ruins of the Black Wind Sect?” Luo Tian muttered. Judging from the rust peeling off the door, this door was at least thousands of years old. What happened here?

Not even ghosts knew.

Most likely, even the people of Towering Cloud City had no knowledge of this.

Thousands of years of change was too long.

Luo Tian didn't have time to delve into the mysteries. From the moment he saw that iron door that looked thick and heavy, he felt an impulse to go in. It was as if there was a powerful force behind the door that was tempting him.

An irresistible temptation!

It was as if there was a voice saying, "Come. Come in. You should come in."

The voice was flirtatious.

The voice was even more flirty than Black Widow's voice. Luo Tian's heart felt like a cat was scratching it. The evil fire inside him rose, similar to the temptation he had experienced in his previous life in the red light district. He would walk past those special stores, back and forth, wondering if he should go in or not.

Those girls with half of their breasts exposed would wave at him and say, "Handsome, come in and play for a bit."

Every time, his mouth would go dry, and he wouldn't dare to go in. It was like he was afraid of being eaten by them, but he still wanted to go in to be eaten. Ultimately, he would return to his small, dark apartment and ravage Teacher Sola Aoi. He endured many nights of impulsive thoughts and temptations where he could barely sleep a wink.

That tempting feeling had appeared again, just like that of his previous life.

Luo Tian's mouth went dry, and his mind became chaotic. He felt like he couldn't hold back any longer.

Without realizing it, he was slowly losing his mind.

The power behind the door was too strong!

Just when Luo Tian walked closer, the Fire Qilin acted like it knew Luo Tian had been bewitched. The Fire Qilin directly sprayed out a mouthful of flames at its master.

“Fwoosh~!”

“Fwoosh~!”

Luo Tian’s face turned dry and hot, and his body was in severe pain. Only when under this intense pain did he snap out of it. When he looked at where he was, cold sweat seeped out of his back. “Holy shit, I almost kicked the bucket!”

“Good brother! Thank you!” Luo Tian said gratefully.

If the Fire Qilin hadn’t attacked him and made him snap out of it, the consequences would have been unimaginable.

Luo Tian didn’t dare to treat this lightly and guarded his heart. He narrowed his eyes and didn’t look at the iron door any longer. Instead, he began searching around the area for the last Corpse Eating Rat he was short of leveling up. He didn’t have time to bother with what was behind the iron door because he had to level up first.

There wasn’t much time left.

If he didn’t hurry it up to level up, he would lose the bet, and the Heaven Sword would end up as someone else’s belonging. This was something he couldn’t allow to happen.

“Squeak~, squeak~...”

“Squeak~, squeak~...”

Squeaking sounds were suddenly heard coming from the side of the iron door.

This Corpse Eating Rat's physique was a bit bigger than the other Corpse Eating Rats. There was also a faint golden glow coming from the soles of its feet. Even though it wasn't that strong, it was enough to show that its level was higher than the average Corpse Eating Rat. Luo Tian guessed that it should be an elite level monster.

"I am just missing you!"

Luo Tian smiled coldly and taunted the Corpse Eating Rat, "Grandson, come over here."

"Squeak~, squeak~..."

The Corpse Eating Rat glared fiercely at Luo Tian, its eyes filled with disdain like it was trying to say, "You're the grandson! You come over here!"

"Holy shit! Fire Qilin, go fuck him up!"

Luo Tian made a thought, commanding Fire Qilin to draw aggro. He wanted to pull the elite Corpse Eating Rat over to him and away from the iron door.

The Fire Qilin quickly charged over with ferocity.

Fire Qilin was a divine beast that possessed divine might. The aura coming from it was very strong, seemingly scaring the Corpse Eating Rat. Even though its body looked like it was trembling in fear, Luo Tian could see in its eyes that it wasn't fear but a deceptive, sinister gaze.

Luo Tian felt that something weird was going on.

An unsettling feeling appeared in his heart.

He hastily tried to recall Fire Qilin, but the Corpse Eating Rat had already pounced over.

Clanking sounds were heard.

There was an iron chain attached to one of the Corpse Eating Rat's legs. The clanking sound was caused by the chain being pulled. When it pounced over, its sharp claws made a swipe, releasing two sharp wind blades.

"Fwoosh~!"

The Fire Qilin's reaction wasn't slow. The moment the Corpse Eating Rat pounced over, it directly sprayed out a mouthful of thick inferno flame.

Fire splashed in all directions, lighting up every inch of the cave.

The walls of the cave were carved with all kinds of mysterious looking runes, as if there were some kind of secret behind them. It also looked like a kind of rune intended to seal something. Luo Tian couldn't tell. The first feeling he got from seeing them was fear because he could sense a terrifying power coming from each character.

"What on earth is behind that door?"

If Luo Tian had known more about the Ancient World, he would have known that the mysterious and terrifying runes inside this cave were carved by a sorcerer, which meant that the Black Wind Sect was most likely sealed up in the depths of the earth by a powerful sorcerer.

"Swish~, swish~!" Two wind blades sliced over.

"Bang~!"

"Bang~!"

The Fire Qilin's body slowly disappeared.

Its health bar was too little, instantly killed off by the two wind blades.

The Fire Qilin turned to look at Luo Tian, its eyes trying to convey, "You need to be careful!"

The moment the Fire Qilin died, its attack inflicted around 10,000 points of damage on the Corpse Eating Rat. This revealed the health of the elite Corpse Eating Rat, totaling 30,000. It had around 19,000 health points left, which was more than double the health of an ordinary Corpse Eating Rat.

Most importantly, the Fire Qilin was no longer here, so the surroundings were instantly plunged into darkness. Luo Tian's cultivation at the Four Elements 9th rank only allowed him to see three meters around him. And it was just a fuzzy image. He couldn't see anything further than three meters away.

"Squeak~, squeak~..."

"Squeak~, squeak~, squeak~, squeak~!"

The Corpse Eating Rat let out a series of joyful squeaks as if it were mocking Luo Tian.

Rage surged up inside Luo Tian.

"This daddy will fuck you up alone! Do you think I'm afraid of you?!"

Luo Tian stomped down and charged over. He had memorized the surroundings briefly, so he moved in a certain direction without actually attacking. Since his vision had been reduced, he was going to rely on his other senses to decide when to attack.

He released his spiritual senses in order to detect any fluctuations of energy around him.

“Squeak~, squeak~...”

The Corpse Eating Rat suddenly made a move after squeaking.

“Clank~, clank~!”

Sparks splattered from the ground when it was suddenly pulled.

Luo Tian furrowed his brow as he readied the Heaven Sword.

“Ommm~!” The sword started humming.

“Divine Explosion!”

“Boom~!”

A violent explosion surged from inside his body, releasing a powerful force outward. This force carried a trace of what seemed to be the power of the Gods. When Berserk was upgraded to Divine Explosion, the power it embodied was no longer the old Berserk.

Luo Tian’s attributes instantly increased.

He started using up his yuan energy and allowed it to flow into his arms. The energy flowed into the Heaven Sword he was holding, and the aura the blade was exuding turned even brighter.

“Swish~, swish~!”

The Corpse Eating Rat swiped its claws out, and two sharp wind blades sliced over.

The airflow in the cave changed.

The direction of the yin infused air changed.

Luo Tian couldn't see it, but his body could sense it. Before the wind blades could slice him up, he had already moved away in advance, feigning difficulty. The two wind blades slashed by without any danger to him. He then sneered, "Is that all you've got?"

Mocking!

The Corpse Eating Rat became upset as if it could understand Luo Tian. Its body moved through the air once more while pulling the chain behind it. Two sharp fangs were exposed as it hurtled through the air, attempting to bite at Luo Tian's neck.

Luo Tian sneered and said, "I knew you would use this move."

He put away the Heaven Sword, and all the power returned to his arms. His arms instantly grew large, with veins rippling. Instead of attacking with his sword or using the Heavenly Plume Shield to defend, Luo Tian suddenly used Shoulder Dash!

He didn't dash into the Corpse Eating Rat but toward the chain attached to its leg.

"Shoulder Dash!"

"Whoosh~!"

His feet slid on the ground and quickly appeared behind the Corpse Eating Rat. Luo Tian grabbed the chain and smiled coldly, "You want to play sinister with this daddy? You are still way too young for that."

Luo Tian was annoyed by the quick death of his Fire Qilin.

He had a feeling after the Corpse Eating Rat found its first attack missing, it would follow up with a second, different type of attack. That way, the chain attached to its leg would be pulled out a little longer.

If Luo Tian hadn't pretended to barely dodge the first attack, the Corpse Eating Rat might have retreated to assess the situation.

Luo Tian would have no opportunity if that was the case.

When the Corpse Eating Rat realized Luo Tian was behind it and holding onto the chain, it started squeaking in shock.

Luo Tian didn't give it a chance as he smiled arrogantly, "Now you're afraid? It's too late!"

After exerting strength, he held onto the chain and smashed it to the side.

"Bang~!"

The Corpse Eating Rat was slammed against the cave wall, and a red number appeared on top of the Corpse Eating Rat's head.

"Heh heh..."

"Another one!"

The Corpse Eating Rat was slammed to the side a second time.

A third time, a fourth time...

Luo Tian was flinging the chain randomly without any pattern, using all his strength each time. He would level up after killing this elite Corpse Eating Rat. All his yuan energy will be replenished, so he didn't care about its usage. He just kept flinging it all over the place like crazy.

If he were to fight this Corpse Eating Rat head on, Luo Tian felt that he might not be its match.

But with this method, the Corpse Eating Rat was completely powerless to fight back.

“Bang~, bang~, bang~...”

A lot of small rocks were shattered by the impact.

Blood splattered all over, and the Corpse Eating Rat was no longer moving. Luo Tian wasn't going to stop until he heard the system give him an alert.

Half an hour later, the system finally gave an alert.

“Ding!”

Luo Tian sat on the ground while gasping for air. He then said excitedly, “It's time for another system reward!”

Chapter 1059: Don't Worry, I Will Be Back

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for killing the Black Wind Sect's guardian beast Corpse Eating Rat. You have gained 30,000 experience points, 3000 yuan energy...”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for gaining the Black Wind Sect's Secret Scroll.”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for gaining a Witch's Blood.”

Item: Black Wind Sect's Secret Scroll

Description: This volume describes the history of the Black Wind Sect.

Item: Witch's Blood

Description: Opens the Black Wind Sect's iron door (Unique).

Both items were related to the Black Wind Sect. Luo Tian didn't bother looking at them in detail because he was waiting for another system alert. He couldn't wait to know what the system's reward would be this time around.

"Ding!"

"Congratulations to player Luo Tian for leveling up. You are currently at the Condensation Element 1st rank."

"Ommm~!"

The moment he leveled up, Luo Tian could feel a violent surge of dry and hot energy. It felt like boiling hot water was flowing down into his stomach and around his abdominal area. Yuan energy was filled to the brim, allowing him to feel the existence of his dantian for the very first time.

This is the so-called baptism of one's dantian?

Luo Tian contemplated, "My dantian is crippled, so I am not supposed to go through a baptism. It's also useless to me. Yet, how can I now feel a gush of hot energy coming from it?"

"Could it be that my dantian has recovered?"

"Oh shit!"

“My system won’t disappear because I now have a dantian, right?” When the gushing heat gradually disappeared, and he didn’t see any changes, he finally relaxed. He was worried for nothing.

At this time, the system finally gave the third alert.

“Ding!”

“Congratulations to player Luo Tian for gaining a system reward. You have received the Penetration Skill.”

Skill: Penetration

Grade: ? ? ?

Cooldown: None

Attributes: Player can penetrate through any and all obstructions in the world (Unique).

“Where’s my X-ray vision ability?!”

“Why is it Penetration?” Luo Tian was depressed. He thought he would get the X-ray vision and didn’t expect the Penetration skill. This was an ability often seen in modern genre novels where characters could phase through walls.

It was similar to chicken ribs; they were not very valuable but were too much of a waste to throw away.

At the very least, Luo Tian didn’t know what he would do with it for the time being.

“Sigh~!”

“Big sister system, when are you going to reward me with my X-ray vision?” Luo Tian was unwilling. He kept dreaming of X-ray vision so that he could see through the clothes of all women. What a wonderful thing that would be!

The system alerts ended.

Calmness was restored in the cave, but the piercingly eerie wind still seeped out from inside the iron door, easily creeping anyone out.

Luo Tian glanced at the door. Behind the iron door was an existence similar to a dangerous beast pulsating with terrifying power. The seductive and mesmerizing voice was constantly trying to invade his mind, but Luo Tian was able to control himself due to previous experience.

“I wonder what’s behind the iron door...” Luo Tian muttered to himself.

Upon thinking of the Black Wind Sect’s Secret Scroll, he said to himself, “It looks like in order to figure out what’s behind the door, I have to first figure out the Black Wind Sect’s Secret Scroll. Only after that will I decide whether or not I’m going to take a look inside.”

The more dangerous the place, the more chances it holds treasures.

Why was the Black Wind Sect destroyed?

Why would a sorcerer’s seal appear here?

If the Black Wind Sect was once a flourishing sect, would there be a large amount of spiritual treasures inside?

None of that was clear.

Luo Tian didn't have time to think about this right now, or else he would study the information inside the Black Wind Sect's Secret Scroll. He heavily exhaled before turning around to walk back out.

"Don't go..."

"Don't go..."

"Come back. Come back. I have a lot of spiritual treasures. I can give you the ability to overcome anything. I can allow you to screw over the entire Hai family. Come back..."

The voice was speaking inside Luo Tian's heart.

Luo Tian's leg turned extremely heavy as if it were filled with lead. A pressure appeared in his heart that made it very difficult to endure.

"Stand firm!"

"Bai Lingling is waiting for you outside!"

"Do not get mesmerized!"

"You are going out to win the bet against Ao Sheng. You are going to win all of his xuan coins. You are going to unseal your skills. You are going to become a student of the Misty Cloud Academy. You are going to the Misty Cloud City to fuck over the entire Hai family on behalf of the silly queen!" Luo Tian kept repeating those thoughts so that his mind and heart were guarded. His speed of leaving also went up a bit.

I was only a few thousand meters from the iron door to the cave entrance, but it took Luo Tian almost an hour to leave.

It was only about half an hour before the sun fully set.

Luo Tian was drenched in sweat the moment he stepped out of the cave. It was as if he had climbed out from a pool of water with his clothes on. He then said to himself, "That was too terrifying!"

Luo Tian was the weakest when it came to spiritual attacks like this.

If he stayed for half an hour longer, he didn't know if he could endure it anymore. Maybe he will not be able to leave that place at all.

The scariest part of the Black Wind Cave wasn't the eerie wind or the Corpse Eating Rats; it was the mesmerizing voice coming from behind the iron door. The voice seemed to have seen through one's deepest desires, confusing you, drawing you in, and then probably killing you.

This was the main reason nine out of ten people would die after entering the Black Wind Cave.

Previously, Bai Qi was lucky that he didn't go too deep. Otherwise, it would have been hard for him to escape death, even if he had managed to survive the Scorching Sun Poison.

"Don't leave..."

"Come back... come back..."

The voice still continued to transmit straight into Luo Tian's mind.

It didn't want to give up.

In the end, the voice changed into a dismal screech, "Come back, you bastard! I want to kill you! I want to kill you..."

However, Luo Tian was no longer enticed by the voice. He turned around to look at the dark cave and sneered, "Don't be anxious. I will come back later. At that time, it won't be you killing me but me fucking you over. This daddy doesn't have time just yet to accompany you."

The sun was about to fully set.

He had to rush back as quickly as possible, or else it would count as his loss. He would then have to hand over the Heaven Sword even if he didn't want to.

Towering Cloud City, the branch of the Misty Cloud Academy.

A small plaza was packed with people right now.

The matter of Luo Tian and Ao Sheng's bet had already spread throughout Towering Cloud City. Since this afternoon, people had been streaming into the plaza to wait and see who was going to win the bet.

However, the majority of the people determined that Luo Tian was going to lose this bet.

"Breaking through to the Condensation Element realm in five hours? That's impossible. Don't even entertain that thought. Not to mention, that kid's dantian is crippled, so that makes it even more impossible."

"Luo Tian was able to beat Hai Yulong, and he was able to kill Bai Yuan due to his strength. But there are no shortcuts when it comes to cultivation. One cannot ascend to heaven in a single step. It's impossible for him to make a breakthrough in five hours."

"Who would have thought that the divine sword would eventually land in Ao Sheng's hands? He has picked up a huge bargain."

"It's almost sunset. Why is he still not here?"

"Could he have run away?"

Chapter 1060: It Feels Good To Slap Faces

"They're here! They're here!"

The crowd was suddenly in a commotion before slowly opening up a path.

Bai Qi brought Bai Lingling, Bai Xiong, Lin Dong, and several disciples forward.

The group looked anxious, with an unsightly expression on their faces.

When Bai Qi heard about the discussions, he became even more worried.

At the main entrance, sitting on an ancient wooden chair, was Ao Sheng, slowly sipping some fragrant tea. When he saw Bai Qi appear, he revealed a cold smile and said, "Patriarch Bai, why do you have such an ugly look on your face? Did someone give your face a few slaps on the way here? Hahaha..."

The people from the other great families started laughing.

They were really enjoying the show.

They felt much more comfortable with one less Bai family competing with them, especially the difficult opponent, Luo Tian.

More importantly, the Bai family has offended the examiner, Ao Sheng. This meant all the disciples of the Bai family who were going to participate in the selection exam would not have a good time. This also meant that none of the Bai family members would pass the first round of the examination this time.

This was very good news for the other families in Towering Cloud City.

Bai Qi coldly harrumphed but didn't say a word.

On the contrary, Bai Lingling said angrily, "Don't be too happy just yet. The time isn't up. Luo Tian will definitely make a breakthrough and will definitely show up. When that time comes, I'll see how you can still laugh, humph~!"

Ao Sheng's eyes narrowed, a brief light flashing through the slits of his eyes. "Do you want to raise the stakes a bit more? If that kid doesn't show up, you'll spend the night with me. If he does come and wins the bet, I will return the 400,000 xuan coins to you guys."

"What do you think? Do you dare to gamble?" Ao Sheng sneered.

When he looked at Bai Lingling's bulging breasts, he unconsciously swallowed his saliva and revealed a perverted smile.

Bai Lingling was extremely angry and was about to retort but was stopped by her father. Bai Qi then said, "My lord, my daughter is ignorant, so please don't lower yourself to her level. If you want to bet, how about we bet on our lives?"

Bai Lingling's eyes widened in shock, "Father..."

Ao Sheng coldly sneered, "Bet on our lives?"

He stood up abruptly and looked at Bai Qi with a teasing gaze, "Bai Qi, who do you think you are? What qualifications do you have to bet your life with me? Even if you add up all the hundreds of Bai family lives together, it still won't be as valuable as the tip of my finger. You are not qualified to gamble your life with me!"

Complete and utter contempt.

Bai Qi chuckled, "Since you don't dare to bet, then let's forget it. I thought my lord would dare to bet on anything, but it seems there is actually something you are afraid of, humph~!"

Bai Qi showed a look of disdain as he was no longer giving Ao Sheng any face.

He was pissed off, and a surging flame of rage was burning inside him.

If he hadn't been pressured by the Misty Cloud Academy and worried about the Bai family's removal from Towering Cloud City, he would have been unable to hold back a long time ago.

Ao Sheng's gaze narrowed as a flash of killing intent appeared. He couldn't make a move in front of so many people; otherwise, he would have made Bai Qi kneel on the ground and beg for forgiveness at that instant. He then said with a faint smile, "There's no need to be in such a rush. If you want to gamble lives with me, wait until that kid shows up first. If that kid doesn't show up, there won't be any need to gamble because I will not spare a single life of the hundreds of lives in your Bai family."

"Humph~!"

After saying that, Ao Sheng looked at the western horizon and saw the sun was about to fully set.

Ao Sheng's expression became even more smug, and said with a smile, "Time is almost up, yet the kid still hasn't appeared. It looks like he thinks he's going to lose and has run away as a result. If that's the case... heh heh..." Ao Sheng narrowed his eyes, and his expression turned fierce, "I have already said that if he dares to run away, I will make the Bai family disappear from Towering Cloud City. It was the kid who didn't keep his words first, so don't blame me for being ruthless!"

He wasn't really worried about Luo Tian running away because he had already stationed people around the eight gates of the city this afternoon.

Luo Tian hadn't left Towering Cloud City yet.

As long as he was still in the city, Ao Sheng wasn't afraid of not getting his hands on the Heaven Sword.

That's why he wasn't worried one bit.

Bai Qi's face darkened as he clenched his fists. He was starting to be worried as he didn't know how Luo Tian was faring. Luo Tian had gone into the Black Wind Cave, a forbidden ground of the Towering Cloud City. It was hard to say if he could come out alive or not, not to mention breaking through to the Condensation Element realm.

Bai Qi didn't say a word.

Bai Xiong was the one who exclaimed, "Why are you in such a rush? The time isn't even up yet."

Ao Sheng did not even look at Bai Xiong and only stared at Bai Lingling with a lecherous face. "Little beauty, your little lover isn't going to show up. He has basically sold off your entire Bai family. Don't worry, though; I definitely won't be killing you. How can I bear to kill such a beautiful girl? I should at least play with you until I'm tired before I kill you, right? Hahaha..."

"Do you want to save your Bai family?"

"If you do, you can try begging me. If you manage to make me happy, I might even spare your Bai family. Your father and your big brother won't have to die." Ao Sheng had a look on his face like Bai Lingling was already his.

He also acted like the Bai family was basically dancing on the palm of his hands. No matter how hard they tried to jump, they wouldn't be able to escape from out of his five fingers.

Bai Lingling's heart was itching with hatred, but she managed to hold her anger back. She was also wondering what would happen if Luo Tian really didn't show up.

What would she do?

Ao Sheng said that he would make the Bai family disappear in front of so many people, and this matter wasn't much of a challenge for him. As long as he declares it, he wouldn't even have to make a move, and the elite disciples the Bai family had cultivated would immediately leave the family to save themselves.

The Bai family name would be erased in less than half a day.

Who would follow the Bai family to their deaths?

Seeing how Bai Lingling had a contemplative look on her face, the smile on Ao Sheng became even more intense. "No need to be anxious. I will give you some time to think about it. Of course, there's a limit to my patience. If you can accompany me in my room tonight, maybe my patience will be much longer."

At this time, a scolding voice came from the crowd.

"Accompany all eighteen generations of your ancestors! You dare to touch this daddy's woman?!"

Ao Sheng's face instantly contorted into anger as he shouted, "Which dog bastard doesn't want to live?! Scram out here for me!"

"Scram your fucking ass!"

There was a sudden movement in the crowd before a guy covered in blood appeared. His face was full of arrogance, dominance, and fury.

"Who is he?"

"Why does he dare to scold Ao Sheng? Is he really tired of living?"

"Eh? This guy looks kind of like Luo Tian."

"No way! He really does!"

"It's him! It's him! Why is he covered in blood? Where did he come from?"

That person was none other than Luo Tian.

He had rushed over with all his strength, afraid that he would be late.

It was fortunate that he made it a few minutes before the sun fully set.

Originally, he only wanted to win a little money and then participate in the selection exam. As for the Hai family, he would slowly settle the score with them. But when he heard those insulting words toward the Bai family and Bai Lingling, he couldn't hold down his fiery temper and directly started cursing.

Ao Sheng's brow furrowed as he stared at Luo Tian stepping out from the crowd. "Kid, you're finally here? I thought you were hiding in a dog hole already. So, are you here to deliver that divine sword to me?"

"Huh?"

"How is this possible?!"

"Impossible!"

"Something like this is not possible..."

Right after Ao Sheng sensed Luo Tian's cultivation, his face looked as if he had seen a ghost. It instantly turned pale with disbelief!

Luo Tian sneered, "What's wrong? Lord Ao, your face looks very ugly right now. Did someone just give you a few slaps to the face? Look at your horrified look. Isn't it just a few hundred thousand xuan coins? You can't afford to lose that or something?"

Luo Tian walked out from the crowd and stood in the center of the plaza.

Bai Xiong and Lin Dong exclaimed in unison, "Boss!"

Bai Lingling almost cried when she saw Luo Tian.

A flash of excitement appeared in Bai Qi's eyes as he slapped his thighs in laughter. "Hahaha... Kid, I was right about you! You really did it! You really created a miracle! You managed to break through!"

As his voice faded, over ten thousand people in the crowd were boiling in excitement.

"B, b, breakthrough?"

"His cultivation is in the Condensation Element realm?"

"How is that possible?"

"Breaking through to the Condensation Element realm in five hours? What kind of speed is that? You need to understand that no one can tell when they will break through. It usually happens all of a sudden. Who here can tell others the specific time that they are going to break through? How did he do it?"

"Lord Ao has lost. That means..."

"There's going to be a good show to watch!"

The crowd was filled with discussions. They, too, had the same incredulous look on their faces as Ao Sheng.

But the facts speak for themselves.

Luo Tian's cultivation level was at the Condensation Element 1st rank, and there weren't any signs that he had used an elixir to temporarily boost his level.

Ao Sheng had been smug for half a day, thinking he was definitely going to win. But now, he felt like Luo Tian had given him several invisible slaps to the face. His face was so unsightly that they looked worse than if he had eaten shit.

It really feels good to slap faces!

Luo Tian said with a playful smile, "My lord, do you want to verify my cultivation? If you don't need to, then you've lost. If you've lost, then you should hand over all those xuan coins you gained in the morning. Of course, you can also choose not to hand them over. But the Misty Cloud Academy will have gained a dirty lapdog, hahaha..."

Ao Sheng's eyes narrowed as intense killing intent appeared on his expression.

But he knew he couldn't do anything in front of so many city residents.

Especially when he was the one that lost the bet.

The yellow-robed old man stepped forward; his face was equally unsightly. Luo Tian had won, so his Ephemeral Sword was gone. Most importantly, they hadn't accomplished what the Hai family had instructed them to do. Luo Tian was now going to participate in the exam!

The yellow-robed old man whispered, "Brother Ao..."

Before he could speak further, Ao Sheng broke out into a smile. He brought out the xuan coins he had gathered in the morning and said, "I, Ao Sheng, am a person true to his words. Since I've made a bet with you, I will abide by the agreement. You have won, and these xuan coins are all yours!"

"There's also one other thing, and that is you are qualified to participate in the selection exam now."

Bai Lingling immediately cheered.

Bai Xiong and Lin Dong laughed and chanted together, "Boss is mighty!"

The yellow-robed old man still had an unsightly look on his face as he whispered, "You're allowing him to participate in the selection exam? How are we going to explain this to the Hai family?"

Ao Sheng whispered back, "Don't be anxious. He won't live for more than a few more days."