

Martial Arts 391

Chapter 391: Is It You Who Wants to Kill Me?

"Master? What master?"

Sun Wei's thoughts were racing, and he immediately put on an innocent and confused expression.

"Heh."

The few people before him, however, simply sneered.

No matter how brilliant this person's acting was, deceiving their eyes was a joke.

"We don't have time to waste on your nonsense."

"That's right, from now on, answer our questions honestly. If we find out you're lying, don't blame us for being rude."

"Rude?"

A flash of anger rose in Sun Wei's heart, "What do you mean by rude? This is the Martial Arts Association, you dare to cause trouble here?"

"Hahaha."

The few people laughed, bending over with glee as if they had heard the funniest joke, tears almost coming out.

"Song Fu, since he thinks we don't dare to cause trouble here, show him how wrong he is," Xiang Long said lightly.

"Yes."

Song Fu nodded. The next moment, he stretched out his hand, and suddenly, a scream of agony came from someone dozens of meters away.

Everyone turned to see a sight that would be unforgettable for life.

Countless blades surged from the man's nose, mouth, arms, chest, and even his heart and throat.

In an instant, blood splattered everywhere.

The screams of agony echoed through the entire hall.

Seconds later, the man fell among the blades and a pool of blood, a terrifying sight.

Everyone covered their mouths, unable to believe what had just happened.

The person who had died was someone they knew, someone with whom they had fairly good relations. But now he was dead in front of them, in such a painful manner.

Sun Wei was also stunned.

He hadn't expected these people would dare to kill a member of the association right in front of him with such brutal and bloody methods!

The room's atmosphere became terrifyingly tense; no one dared to make a sound, fearing they might be the next to die.

"Now you should believe that we dare to cause trouble here, right?" Song Fu smiled.

As if the person who had just died was nothing more than an ant.

"You! You!"

Sun Wei finally reacted, fury blazing in his eyes.

As the president here, if he stood idly by while his subordinates were killed, he would never be able to hold his head up again.

"Don't let anger cloud your judgment."

Song Fu pointed to his temple, "Because it would do you no good. You cannot kill me, and it would only result in more deaths."

Sun Wei was taken aback.

"What? You don't believe me?"

Song Fu gestured to Gao Shan and Xu Jie behind him and smiled, "These two should be quite close to you, right? You can choose not to cooperate with us, or even try to kill me, but let me tell you, the next one to die will be one of them. Guess which one it will be?"

His tone was so calm, it sent chills down people's spines.

Xiang Long and the others heard this and displayed mocking smiles.

Using this method of killing to warn others could reduce a series of future troubles; perhaps they might even find the person they were looking for.

The people present were as quiet as mice.

The few in front of them still managed to laugh; they were not humans but devils!

Gao Shan and Xu Jie were equally terrified, feeling for the first time how close death was.

Without a doubt, these people must be Awakeners, far stronger than the former City Lord!

Sun Wei clenched his fists, filled with hatred.

But he still had reason and knew that what the other side said was true.

He thought of charging forward to fight, but the other side seemed particularly interested in him and would not harm him but would hurt others.

He guessed these people were here for Brother Chen.

"Looks like you still know how to adapt to circumstances."

Song Fu nodded in satisfaction, "Now, can you answer our questions honestly?"

"Let everyone leave first."

Sun Wei seemed to age ten years in an instant, "Once they leave, ask me whatever you like, I'll tell you everything I know."

"Do you think only you are smart?"

Song Fu sneered, "If we let them leave, will you cooperate sincerely? Besides, do you think they can escape from my Five Finger Mountain?"

"Song Fu, why waste words with him? If he keeps stalling, let's kill a few more to show him."

"Exactly, killing just one is too few. Let's kill ten or eight so that he'll cooperate obediently."

"No! No!" Sun Wei said in shock, "I'll talk, I'll talk, just don't hurt anyone else, I'll tell you everything I know."

Only then did a few people nod. One of them smiled and said:

"That's better, but don't lie. If we find out you're lying or hiding anything, don't blame us for being rude."

"I won't."

Sun Wei quickly shook his head, feeling bitter inside.

If he told everything, he would be betraying Chen Fan.

If he hid anything and they found out, others would suffer.

He could only take it one step at a time.

"Tell us, where is the master in your association? You shouldn't need me to remind you exactly who, right?"

Sun Wei shook his head, "You should be asking about that senior, right? He just passed by occasionally to stay overnight and left this morning. He might have gone back to headquarters or continued hunting Fierce Beasts in the wild."

The few people looked at each other, unable to see any flaws.

"So you should know his identity now. Tell us, who is he?" Song Fu pressed on.

"Uh..."

Sun Wei hesitated.

He could randomly name someone, but what if these people had a list and couldn't find who he mentioned, it would be bad.

If he named someone from the association, it might bring disaster to others.

"It seems you're still unwilling to cooperate faithfully. If that's the case, I don't mind deepening your impression."

As Song Fu spoke, he looked at Gao Shan and Xu Jie behind him.

His superpower could draw out the blood of humans or Fierce Beasts, shaping it into various forms to make the target die in agony.

"No, I'll talk, I'll talk."

A flash of inspiration hit Sun Wei, "Actually, I don't know that senior's exact name."

"Are you playing with me?"

Song Fu's face darkened.

The others also looked displeased.

What a joke, not knowing each other's names in the same association?

"I really don't," Sun Wei quickly waved his hand, "That senior's information is highly confidential in the association. Only a few presidents at headquarters know about it. He is also very secretive about his identity, wearing a mask at all times. I don't know his name or what he looks like."

The few people looked at each other.

In the information they had, the man did indeed wear a mask.

Could it be this person was telling the truth?

Sun Wei lowered his head, not daring to make a sound, fearing these people would find a flaw.

The atmosphere was so quiet that even a pin drop could be heard.

Time passed by second by second without any noise.

Gao Shan and Xu Jie felt a slight relief.

It seemed the president's words had deceived these people.

Every association had secrets, and he believed the association's master was hidden and unknown to the public.

"I'll give you one more chance."

At that moment, Xiang Long, who had remained quiet, spoke.

"One more chance to tell the truth."

Upon hearing this, the pupils of Sun Wei and the others shrank.

"What... do you mean?"

Sun Wei opened his mouth wide, "I already told the truth. I don't know that senior's information. Even if you kill me, I wouldn't know."

"At this point, you are still lying."

Xiang Long's eyes were filled with contempt.

He was just bluffing them, and they really showed their flaws.

"Fine."

Song Fu felt a surge of anger.

"I told you, don't lie. Since you won't listen, I'll kill a few more to teach you a lesson!"

"No! No!"

Sun Wei's face turned pale.

At this moment, a cold snort came from afar, along with a voice full of anger.

"Such big talk!"

"Who is it?"

Hearing the voice, Song Fu and the others turned to the door simultaneously.

A majestic figure stood at the door of the hall, hands behind his back, face gloomy, eyes full of murderous intent.

"Such strong presence!"

Even Xiang Long was secretly shocked.

Could this person be the one they were looking for?

But why was he not wearing a mask?

At this moment, Sun Wei's voice, mixed with shock and joy, rang out, "President! Why are you here?"

"President?"

"President?"

Hearing Sun Wei's shout, many in the association were confused.

Why would the president call someone else president?

Some realized and started trembling uncontrollably, "That's the President! The President of the Headquarters!"

"What! The President! The President!"

"You mean, he's the President!"

In an instant, the hall was filled with cries of surprise.

"President? He is the President of the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association?"

"Shi Tao?"

"He is Shi Tao?"

Xiang Long and his men were also stunned.

This guy should be in Jiangnan City; why is he here? Did someone inform him of the situation here?

But he couldn't have arrived so quickly, could he?

"Were you the ones who just mentioned killing my people?"

Shi Tao's tone was icy and intimidating.

Chapter 392: You? You're Far from It

Anshan City Awakened Association.

When Li Yan and his group entered, they were surprised to find the entire hall sparsely populated. If not for the "Awakened Association" sign nearby, they might have thought they were in the wrong place.

"What's going on with the Anshan City Association? Why are there so few people?"

"I don't know. Could it be that the guy named Li isn't here either?"

"Hmph, even if he's not here, it doesn't matter. Since we know who he is, we can catch him even if he runs to the ends of the earth!"

"That's right. Don't forget, that guy named Li also has an accomplice. Let's catch him first to confirm, it's the same result."

They whispered to each other.

A woman approached them with a smile on her face, about to say something, but was interrupted.

"Where's your chairman? Bring him out here now."

Li Yan spoke in an undeniable tone.

"You're looking for the chairman?" The woman was stunned.

"That's right." Li Yan glanced towards the counter impatiently, "I don't want to repeat myself. Get your chairman here right now, or don't blame us for being rude."

"Yes, yes."

The women turned pale with fright and quickly dialed Hua Jun's phone number.

For one thing, the person on the line was the vice-chairman, second only to the chairman in the association.

Secondly, most of the Awakeners in the association currently were few and far between. Chairman Hua, fortunately, was in the association.

As for the chairman...

They didn't know how to contact him either.

Soon, the phone was connected.

"Hello?"

"Chair... Chairman," the woman on the phone glanced fearfully at Li Yan and the others, trembling, "there are quite a few people in the lobby on the first floor saying they want to see the chairman. Could you come down and take a look?"

"They want to see the chairman?"

Hua Jun's brows furrowed. He opened the surveillance on his laptop and asked, "Do you know who they are?"

"Sorry, chairman, we... we didn't dare to." The woman's voice was weak like a mosquito, wishing she could find a crack in the ground to crawl into.

"Alright, I understand. Tell them I'll be right down."

Hua Jun hung up the phone and looked at the screen.

But just then, "bang."

The cameras in the lobby started bursting one after another.

Obviously, this was no coincidence; someone had noticed and deliberately caused it.

Hua Jun's face instantly darkened.

These people came with ill intentions?

Could it be an enemy of the chairman, coming for revenge?

As they say, blessings and misfortunes are unavoidable. Moreover, since he was standing within the Awakened Association, he didn't think the visitors would dare do anything outrageous.

In the lobby, the women looked at the shattered camera pieces, clueless about what to do next.

"Old Huang, if he wants to watch, let him watch."

Zuo Hong looked at a man behind him and said with a smile.

"I don't like being spied on." The man named Huang drooped his eyelids, "If he likes watching, he can have a good look when he comes down later."

"Hahaha."

Everyone burst into laughter.

Footsteps echoed from afar to near.

In an instant, the gazes of both parties collided.

"These people?"

Hua Jun suddenly felt his body stiffen as if frozen, even his blood circulation became difficult.

He tried to take a step forward, only to find, to his shock, that his body was truly immobilized, unable to move at all.

Panic climbed into his heart as he roared:

"Who... who are you? What do you want to do to me!"

"Who are we?"

"What do we want to do to you?"

As they spoke, they walked towards him.

Soon, they surrounded him from all sides.

"What... what do you want to do?" A woman at the counter saw this and mustered the courage to speak, "This... this is the Awakened Association."

"Stay out of this, shut up."

Wu Fei glared at her, murderous intent gleaming.

"Oh, oh."

The woman squatted down in fear, not daring to make a sound.

Hua Jun regained some composure, his gaze sweeping over the group, "Which city's Awakeners are you? I warn you, this is the Awakened Association. I'm the vice-chairman here. If you harm me, the higher-ups will definitely send people to deal with you."

"Really?"

Li Yan sneered, "What if we are dealing with someone who schemes and kills Awakeners?"

"What's that supposed to mean?" Hua Jun was stunned.

"What do you mean?" Zuo Hong sneered, "The former City Lord of Anshan City, the former chairman of the Anshan City Awakened Association, and Fang Yun — how did they die? Hua Jun, shouldn't you be clearer than us?"

The more Hua Jun heard, the more puzzled he became, muttering to himself,

"How did the City Lord and the rest die? They were killed by a Martial Artist using a knife, right?"

"Even at this point, you're still pretending." Zuo Hong's eyes showed a mocking glint, "Next, you'll probably say you've reported the murderer's information and are waiting for higher-ups to send someone to investigate, right?"

"We... yes?"

Hua Jun looked at him blankly.

He had reported the matter several days ago.

Unfortunately, until now, no one had come to investigate.

Evidently, the higher-ups didn't take this matter seriously. In their view, the death of a few C-level Awakeners wasn't significant.

Unless it was confirmed to be the work of an evil cult or a wanted criminal.

"Hua Jun, you can deceive others, but not us. You know the murderer, don't you?" Zuo Hong suddenly intensified his tone.

This shout startled everyone in the lobby.

What did they hear?

Was Hua Jun really familiar with the murderer who killed the City Lord Yan Ming and others?

Could this be true?

Hua Jun was also stunned, staring wide-eyed at those in front of him.

"Looks like we've hit the mark."

"Hmph, to ensure secrecy, don't act deceitfully."

"Hua Jun, now that everything's out in the open, you know what to do next. Call your accomplice over too."

They spoke one after another.

The reason they dared to act so brazenly in the association was because of this.

Even if questioned by higher-ups later, they would be able to respond confidently.

"What nonsense are you talking about?"

Even the usually mild-mannered Hua Jun was furious now, "I know the murderer?"

"You don't know?"

"Of course, I don't know!"

Hua Jun stared fiercely at the speaker, "If I knew the murderer, I would've reported him long ago. I wouldn't let him still roam free."

"Ha, nice talk." Wu Fei sneered, "Precisely because you know the murderer, you didn't report him."

"Alright, alright." Hua Jun laughed in anger, looking at Wu Fei, "You say I know the murderer. Seems like you know his identity too. Go on then, tell me who the murderer is."

The atmosphere quieted down.

Wu Fei and his group looked at Li Yan.

Li Yan nodded and looked at Hua Jun, "This person is far away yet near at hand."

Hua Jun was startled, then laughed heartily, "Are you implying it's me?"

What a joke, if he had such strength, why would he have involved Li Ping to become chairman? He could have taken the position himself!

"You?"

Li Yan showed a deep disdain in his eyes, "You don't match up."

Someone like Hua Jun, he could crush him with just a finger.

"You!"

Fury burned in Hua Jun's eyes.

"Even now, you're playing dumb. Fine, let me give you a hint," Li Yan said word by word, "That person is your chairman."

"What? The chairman!"

As soon as he spoke, Hua Jun's mouth gaped open in shock.

Not only him, but those around him were also stunned.

Could it be true that the murderer who killed the former City Lord and the chairman is Chairman Li?

How could this be possible?

"He's a good actor." Zuo Hong sneered, "If it wasn't him, why did he show up in Anshan City so soon after Yan Ming and the others had trouble? If you and he aren't acquainted, why not choose someone else to be chairman? Why him?"

"Nonsense!" Hua Jun retorted coldly, "Before the chairman arrived, I didn't know him. When I invited him, it was coincidental. After all, Anshan City needed a powerful C-level Awakened to hold the fort. If someone else had come instead, I would have invited them to be chairman too.

As for the chairman being the murderer, it's ridiculous. He had no grievances with Yan Ming; why would he kill them?"

"That reason is simple," Zuo Hong replied without hesitation, "You both feared the potential of Anshan City. Despite your high status, many others were more powerful, and your words held little weight.

So, you both planned to eliminate Yan Ming and the others, letting Anshan City fall into your hands. Isn't that the reality now? The highest-ranking here is Li Ping, second is you."

"You're slandering me!" Hua Jun shouted.

"I'm slandering you? Ridiculous. If I'm wrong, why are you reacting so strongly? Isn't it proof that I'm right?"

Other people in the hall also looked at Hua Jun with suspicion.

This stranger's explanation sounded plausible.

Could it be true that the former City Lord and chairman were eliminated by Chairman Hua and Chairman Li together?

"You... you all..."

Hua Jun was so angry he couldn't speak.

Why was he reacting so strongly?

Of course!

Anyone falsely accused would react strongly!

Chapter 393: Chairman Li, You Wouldn't Want Your Friend to Get into Trouble, Right?

"Do you know? The only reason you can still stand here and speak with us is thanks to your friend."

Li Ping reached out his hand and patted Hua Jun on the shoulder.

Hua Jun's face suddenly changed.

He could tell that the other party wasn't just trying to scare him; they really intended to kill him!

"What... what do you want?"

"Where is that guy, Li Ping?"

"You're looking for the Chairman?" Hua Jun suddenly realized, then shook his head and said, "The Chairman's whereabouts are uncertain. Even I don't know where he is right now."

Li Yan and the others exchanged glances.

You don't know where he is? Is that possible?

"I'll give you one more chance to rephrase. Where is your Chairman? Is he in the Association?"

Hua Jun shook his head.

"I really don't know where the Chairman is right now, and my relationship with him is not what you think."

His tone carried anger.

After all, such an unexpected situation falling on someone out of the blue wouldn't make anyone happy.

However, the people in front of him just sneered coldly.

"Seems like this guy is determined."

"He thinks if he doesn't talk, we won't have any way to deal with him?"

"Let's make him suffer first."

"Leave it to me. I guarantee that within three seconds, he'll obediently tell us everything."

Wu Fei's face showed an excited expression.

The next moment, Hua Jun immediately felt something was wrong.

A powerful pressure surged from all directions.

First, a swelling sensation came from his ears, as if his eardrums were about to burst at any moment.

Then strange sounds came from his body, accompanied by increasing pain, as if his bones were about to shatter.

Breathing became increasingly difficult.

"Can you feel it?"

Wu Fei laughed, "The pressure around you is getting higher, and the oxygen you can breathe is getting lesser. As time goes on, you'll be crushed into a meat patty. If you don't want to die so miserably, tell us where your Chairman is!"

"I really... don't know... where the Chairman is now!" Hua Jun gritted his teeth.

It felt like his entire body was being squeezed flat. This pain was unprecedented.

"Fine, loyal enough, now let me see how long you can last!" Wu Fei's smile grew even more ferocious.

Hua Jun let out a miserable scream as he spat out a mouthful of blood, mixed with fragments of his internal organs.

The people in the association saw this and couldn't bear to keep watching.

"Is it worth it?" someone shook their head and clicked their tongue, "Just tell us where he's hiding, and you won't have to suffer so much. Cooperate a little, and we might let you go."

"Exactly, you're suffering here, but your companion might be enjoying himself somewhere else. If it were me, I wouldn't be happy."

"Could it be that he's hiding in the Association right now? Watching you suffer without showing himself?"

"Come on, just tell us. Save us all some time."

"I said, I don't know!"

Hua Jun shouted in rage.

When he opened his mouth, blood gushed out, staining the clothes on his chest red.

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Li Yan and the others were stunned.

Even Wu Fei was taken aback.

"You really don't know?"

One of them asked in disbelief.

Hua Jun glared at him.

"This..."

They looked at each other.

This guy's expression didn't seem like he was lying.

So does that mean he really doesn't know where that guy is now?

"Even if you don't know where he is now, you should have a way to contact him, right?" One of them stepped back and asked.

Upon hearing this, Hua Jun lowered his head and remained silent.

Because he understood that if he didn't reveal the Chairman's contact information, he might still have a chance to live.

Once he said it, these people would immediately kill him, and they might even torture him before doing so.

Judging by their previous behavior, there was no doubt they would do it!

"It seems like you really are a stubborn piece of rock."

"How about this, just give us his contact information and call him here, and we'll let you go, how about that?"

"Heh."

Hua Jun let out a miserable laugh, "You think I'd believe that?"

"Alright, let's see how long you can keep that stiff attitude!" Wu Fei, feeling offended, was about to use his superpower again, but Li Yan stretched out his hand to stop him.

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Wu Fei looked at him in confusion.

Li Yan said nothing, reaching into Hua Jun's pocket.

Soon, he found a cell phone.

Hua Jun's face changed dramatically.

Under everyone's gaze, Li Yan took out a phone from his pants pocket.

"If I am not mistaken, his contact information must be on this, right?"

Li Yan looked at him and said.

"You're overthinking."

Hua Jun said nervously.

He wasn't out hunting, so of course, he had his phone on him. Besides, there had been many things happening in the past few days, and he received calls frequently.

As for Li Ping's contact information, it was naturally on it, along with call records.

"Liar."

Li Yan smiled, "It looks like the Chairman's contact information is indeed on this."

Then, ignoring whether Hua Jun was willing or not, he pressed Hua Jun's thumb to the fingerprint scanner, and the phone was successfully unlocked.

Everyone's eyes were fixed on the phone screen.

"There it is!"

"This is it!"

"Brother Li, you're amazing!"

The onlookers couldn't help but give a thumbs up.

"Not bad." Li Yan looked at the contact labeled "Chairman" and muttered to himself, "Called just yesterday. Yes, this must be it."

"Brother Li, since we have that guy's contact info now, isn't it time to send this guy to his death?" Wu Fei shot a glance at Hua Jun and smiled cruelly.

Evidently planning to torment him thoroughly.

Hua Jun shivered. He knew that once he revealed the Chairman's contact information, his fate would be sealed.

Even though he hadn't said it, the result was the same.

"No rush."

Li Yan waved his hand, "This guy still has some use."

"Hmm."

The others quickly understood the meaning behind his words.

Yes, even though they had the contact information, it was still uncertain if the guy would come. But with Hua Jun here, it was different.

He could serve as bait to force the other guy to talk, or bring him back.

If the guy turned out to be heartless enough to abandon his companion and not return, then killing Hua Jun would not be too late.

The next moment, Li Yan dialed the number.

On the other side, while slaughtering Fierce Beasts, Chen Fan felt his other phone vibrating in his pocket and frowned.

This time, it was the phone on the other side ringing.

Does that mean something happened at the Awakened Association?

Reluctantly, he freed up a hand and took out his phone.

Seeing it was Hua Jun calling, he immediately answered.

Hua Jun was reliable; he wouldn't call unless it was important.

But as soon as he answered, a strange voice came from the other side.

"Is this Chairman Li?"

"It's me. Who are you?"

Chen Fan instantly tensed, squinting his eyes, "How come you're using Hua Jun's phone to call me? What did you do to him?"

"Your friend is fine for now, but whether he stays that way, who can say." Li Yan laughed.

"You're threatening me?"

Chen Fan's tone turned cold.

"You can think of it that way." Li Yan smiled even broader, confident in his victory, "Chairman Li, I believe you don't want to see your friend get hurt, right?"

"Give him the phone."

Chen Fan took a deep breath, "I want to hear his voice to confirm he's still alive."

"Okay."

Li Yan put the phone on speaker, looked at Hua Jun, and said, "Your Chairman wants to hear your voice, to see if you're still alive. Say something."

"Chairman!"

Hua Jun yelled.

"What happened?"

Chen Fan asked.

"I don't know."

Hua Jun glanced at them, "These people came and captured me, accusing us of killing Yan Ming and the others to take over Anshan City. It's ridiculous, but they didn't listen and wanted to know your whereabouts from me."

"Are they Hunters?"

"No."

Hua Jun answered without hesitation.

Are you kidding? How could this group be Hunters?

"Well then."

Li Yan turned off the speaker and put the phone back to his ear, suddenly asking, "Li Ping, was it you who killed Du Hao and his brother?"

"Brother Du? What Brother Du?"

Chen Fan frowned, "What are you talking about? Let my man go."

Despite what he said, he understood everything.

Du Hao?

A man from Jiulong City!

He was both pleased and surprised.

Pleased that his contingency plan worked and Du Hao was really dead.

Surprised that Jiulong City acted so quickly and made him their target.

Of course, he always had the same thought, even if there was evidence right in front of him, he would never admit it.

"Keep pretending."

Li Yan snorted coldly, "Do you think you can fool everyone by being thorough? I tell you, you're dreaming. Not only did you kill Du Hao, but Yan Ming and the others also died by your hand, right?"

Actually, killing them and taking over Anshan City isn't our concern. We wouldn't bother with you for that. But you shouldn't, shouldn't have touched Brother Du.

Li Ping, if you're sensible, come back, and commit suicide before our City Lord. If not, this friend of yours is as good as dead. Even if you flee to the ends of the earth, we'll find you and make you suffer a fate worse than death."

Chapter 394: You Forced Me

"Sorry, I don't understand what you're saying."

Chen Fan frowned and said, "Who is Yan Ming, Du Hao? Their deaths have nothing to do with me. I don't even know what they look like.

Besides, you folks from Jiulong City, causing trouble at the Anshan City Awakened Association in broad daylight, even injuring my subordinates, don't you find that a bit arrogant?"

"Arrogant? Maybe."

Li Yan laughed and said:

"Chairman Li, if this matter truly has nothing to do with you as you say, we will naturally apologize to you and your subordinate. But I wonder, does Chairman Li have the guts to come back and confront us?"

As his voice fell, the hall was deathly silent.

"Chairman! Quickly report this to the headquarters!"

Hua Jun shouted.

He firmly believed that the chairman had nothing to do with this matter.

However, given the way these people operate, saying there will be a confrontation at the scene might mean the chairman will be controlled the moment he arrives, making him fish on the chopping board, ready to be slaughtered.

If they both died then, it would be impossible to investigate this matter, likely ending the same way as with Yan Ming, unresolved.

"Shut up!"

Wu Fei's eyes were full of killing intent, "Do you feel like you haven't suffered enough pain? Should I exert more force?"

"Is this your attitude towards my subordinates?"

Chen Fan's voice turned cold.

"Don't worry, it's just a minor injury."

Li Yan sighed and said, "Actually, we were also forced. If we hadn't done this, we wouldn't have gotten your contact information. If he had cooperated, he wouldn't have suffered this kind of pain.

Chairman Li, I advise you, for your sake and your friend's, to return immediately. Otherwise, I can't guarantee what will happen next."

"Chairman Li, your friend is very loyal to you. Even under these circumstances, he still refuses to reveal your location. If it weren't for Brother Li's quick thinking to get his phone, we might not have been able to contact you." A sarcastic voice chimed in.

"Exactly, Chairman Li. With such a good subordinate, if you leave him to fend for himself, it would be heartbreaking." Others chimed in loudly, ostensibly addressing Chen Fan but really informing others present, putting Chen Fan in a difficult position.

Hearing their threatening words, a strong killing intent rose in Chen Fan's heart.

The reason he killed Du Hao was to avoid further conflicts with people from Jiulong City and to end this matter once and for all.

Unfortunately, fate had other plans.

These people somehow made him a suspect, haunting him and even injuring Hua Jun.

To get justice for his subordinate and to eliminate this issue once and for all, he had to face it head-on.

"Alright, you said you're at the Association now, right?"

Li Yan was a bit surprised, then immediately said, "Yes, we are right in the hall."

"Fine, I'm outside now. It will take me two hours to get back. In two hours, I will return to the hall to confront you. If it turns out you're wrong, what will you do?" Chen Fan asked.

"If we're wrong?"

Li Yan chuckled, "Then we'll immediately apologize."

"That's not enough."

Chen Fan said coldly, "You entered the Association and injured my people. Each person should receive a compensation of one hundred thousand points!"

"One hundred thousand points per person? That's two hundred thousand points? Deal."

Li Yan readily agreed and asked, "But what if it turns out we were right?"

"Then you can do whatever you want with me."

"Great, it's a deal!"

Li Yan laughed heartily, held up two fingers, "Then we'll wait two hours for Chairman Li. If you're not here in two hours, we'll assume you're guilty and have fled."

"Don't worry, I am the chairman of the Anshan City Awakened Association; I would never flee in guilt. Also, within these two hours, I don't want anything to happen to my subordinate. When I get close to Anshan City, I will call again and have Hua Jun answer. If by then..."

"Chairman Li, no need to worry."

Li Yan smiled slightly, "We mainly want to clear things up with you. He is not important to us. If you still have doubts, you can call when the time comes."

"Very well, then that's settled. I will be back within two hours."

"Good, we will be waiting for you here, Chairman Li."

Li Yan hung up the phone, his smile turning colder.

Should he praise this Li Ping for being clever or foolish?

Even if he was framed, so what?

The fact that they didn't want his life was already a heavenly blessing, yet he still hoped to get a compensation of a hundred thousand points per person?

What a joke!

But to keep this guy from playing tricks, he agreed for now. Anyway, once the guy returned, whether he stayed or left would be up to them.

"Brother Li," At this time, Zuo Hong asked curiously, "That guy said he'd be back in two hours?"

"Yes,"

Li Yan nodded.

"Wait for that long?" Wu Fei's eyes widened, shouting.

"Brother Li, could that guy be stalling for time?"

"Yeah, Brother Li, it's too long. The City Lord might bring people over in less than half an hour."

"I don't think so."

Li Yan shook his head, "I could tell, he seems to be hunting the Fierce Beasts outside. I heard sounds of battle in the background. Two hours is the time it will take for him to get back."

"I see."

"That guy is hunting the Fierce Beasts..."

The few people were a bit surprised.

And a bit conflicted.

But thinking about how the guy might be Du Hao's killer, their anger resurfaced.

"Don't worry. If he didn't plan to come back, he wouldn't have made those demands. Besides, don't forget, his comrade is in our hands. If he doesn't show up after two hours, it wouldn't be a bad thing."

"Not a bad thing?"

"Brother Li means, if he doesn't show up, we can confirm he's the one who killed Brother Du Hao." Someone said.

"Indeed."

Li Yan nodded slightly, glanced at Hua Jun, "Then we can kill this guy first, and then look for him."

"Indeed indeed."

Everyone nodded in agreement.

After all, if he's not guilty, why wouldn't he dare to come back?

Nine times out of ten, he's the killer!

Of course, if he comes back in two hours, it doesn't mean he's not the killer.

"Brother Li, in that case, shouldn't we just kill this guy now, to avoid further trouble?" Wu Fei suggested.

Hua Jun immediately broke out in a cold sweat.

"No rush."

Li Yan shook his head, "The time hasn't come yet."

"Alright then."

Wu Fei showed a hint of disappointment in his eyes.

"These bastards!"

Hua Jun breathed a sigh of relief, but also gritted his teeth in anger.

These bastards are from Jiulong City? A medium-sized city, no wonder they're so strong that he couldn't fight back at all.

But does being from Jiulong City give them the right to break into the Association and do whatever they want? He was the vice-chairman here!

"No, something's not right, the chairman!"

Hua Jun suddenly thought of something, his face turned ugly again.

The chairman will be back in two hours?

What's the point of coming back? He needs to inform the higher-ups immediately! What is the chairman thinking? Even though he's strong, any of these guys could be as strong or stronger than him, right?

No, wait, maybe the chairman is just saying that on the surface, but secretly informing the higher-ups!

Realizing this, Hua Jun nodded to himself.

Yes, even someone like him could figure this out, the chairman would surely see through it, right?

Sigh, let's hope everything turns out safe in the end.

In fact, Chen Fan had no intention of informing the higher-ups.

Because he knew, even if he reported this, it would only solve the immediate crisis. Who knows, they could come back that night.

If that were the case, it would be better to kill them all to end the problem for good.

"Still have two hours."

Chen Fan put his phone back in his pocket, looking at the surrounding beast horde.

The reason he asked for two hours was to kill all the Fierce Beasts in the city, earning more experience points to further enhance his strength.

If he used his Archery with the Demon-Breaking Arrow, he could kill them all right away and return.

However, unless absolutely necessary, he didn't want to reveal his real identity, so he opted for close combat.

He had initially planned to max out the Sun Observation Technique and then upgrade the Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill and Dragon Elephant Wisdom Skill, saving a lot of experience points.

Now it seemed, the order had to be changed.

First, he would learn the two Supreme Martial Arts that could greatly enhance his combat strength, and then use the remaining experience points to upgrade the last Supreme Martial Arts skill.

Otherwise, it would be awkward if there weren't enough experience points.

Once he mastered the Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill and Dragon Elephant Wisdom Skill, even if he couldn't defeat so many of them, his chances of retreating safely would increase significantly.

"Hua Jun, I'm really sorry for dragging you into this."

Chen Fan sighed, feeling guilty.

If he could successfully save him upon returning, he would definitely compensate him.

If he couldn't save him, then every single person from Jiulong City would pay with their lives!

Chapter 395: Do You Want to Kill Us Along with Them?

At the Awakened Association hall, there was a dead silence. Everyone was waiting for Li Ping to return. On the other side, the Martial Arts Association hall was just as frighteningly quiet.

The two groups stared at each other, the atmosphere tense like a powder keg that could be ignited with just a spark.

"Is this our Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association President? He's so cool!"

"I've only seen him on screen before, never thought I'd see him in person today!"

"The President's aura is so powerful! No wonder he's the President!"

The eyes of numerous Martial Artists sparkled like stars.

However, quite a few maintained their clarity, glancing at Shi Tao and then at Xiang Long and others opposite, licking their lips.

On the President's side, there was only one person.

On the other side, there were six people! They are likely Awakeners!

If a fight breaks out, can the President stand against them?

"So, you're Shi Tao."

After a brief silence, Xiang Long spoke, his expression unchanged even with Shi Tao's arrival.

"That's me."

Shi Tao stretched his hand towards the distant corpse lying in a pool of blood, his voice booming, "Who killed this person?"

Several Awakeners glanced at one another, showing contempt on their faces.

Of course, they were also somewhat guilty.

After all, they hadn't anticipated running into the soul of Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association upon arrival.

The Martial Artists looked at each other with a desire to speak but lacking the courage.

"President, it was him!"

Sun Wei pointed at Song Fu with raw hatred in his eyes.

If not for the President arriving in time, he and Xu Jie might already be corpses.

"You killed him?"

Shi Tao locked his gaze on Song Fu.

The latter flinched, then sneered, holding his head high, "Yes, I did! So what? Not satisfied?"

Who cares if it's the President of Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association?

Isn't he just a True Essence Realm Martial Artist?

If it's a one-on-one, who knows who would win?

Besides, we have six people here! The City Lord is also here.

"Good, as long as you admit."

However, Shi Tao didn't show the anger many expected. Instead, he nodded, "Debt must be repaid, killing must be compensated, it's a heavenly principle. You have no objections, don't you?"

With this statement, even Xiang Long was stunned.

This guy, is he really going to confront us here for an ordinary Martial Artist?

Martial Artists were invigorated, cheering loudly.

"You want to kill me? Just you?"

Song Fu widened his eyes, as though hearing something impossible.

"Just me."

Shi Tao spoke calmly, like stating a fact.

"Hahaha! HAHAAHAHA!"

As his words fell, the hall erupted in laughter.

It wasn't just Song Fu laughing.

He laughed the hardest, tears streaming down his face.

"Shi, I know you're the President of Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association, but are you overestimating yourself trying to kill me to win favor? Do you know who I am?"

Shi Tao shook his head.

Yet, he was curious—who are these people? Why are they causing trouble here? Could it be related to Chen Fan?

"I'm from Jiulong City! B-level Awakener! Song Fu!" Song Fu glared at Shi Tao, enunciating each word.

"What, Jiulong City!"

"B-level Awakener!"

"He's a B-level Awakener!"

Upon hearing this, everyone's faces showed terror.

In their minds, the Awakeners in Anshan City were just C-level, yet even they oppressed them relentlessly.

What kind of existence is a B-level Awakener?

Everyone's gaze fell on Song Fu then shifted to those beside him.

The same thought rose in their minds.

Could all these people be B-level Awakeners?

If that's the case, not only they present, even the President who just arrived would be in danger!

Sun Wei, Xu Jie, and the others felt their hearts sink.

Feeling told them, these people might all be B-level Awakeners!

"So, all of you are from Jiulong City?" Shi Tao's face was as calm as a deep well, showing no emotions.

"Yes, we are all from Jiulong City, all B-level Awakeners. This is our City Lord."

In an instant, all eyes turned to Xiang Long.

The Martial Artists were terrified.

These people aren't just B-level Awakeners!

Even the Jiulong City Lord came!!!

What's going on? Why would so many strong people come to a mere Anshan City Martial Arts Association?

"Jiulong City Lord, Xiang Long?"

Shi Tao looked over and asked.

"That's me."

Xiang Long looked at Shi Tao, smirking insincerely, "Chairman Shi, I just heard you want to attack my subordinates, right?"

When they heard this, Song Fu and his companions showed arrogant expressions.

As if saying, Chairman Shi, if you're a man, repeat your words again?

Earlier, the cheering Martial Artists now realized the seriousness of the matter and silently sweated for Shi Tao.

"You heard correctly."

Unexpectedly, Shi Tao directly admitted, "He killed a member of my Martial Arts Association. One death for one life, very reasonable."

"You!"

Song Fu was enraged.

Martial Artists, so what?

Are they different from ordinary people?

His life cannot be exchanged for a Martial Artist's life!

"Shut up!"

Suddenly, Xiang Long roared.

Song Fu flinched, shrinking his neck.

His expression turned sullen.

Xiang Long glanced at him then turned to Shi Tao, "Chairman Shi, Song Fu did kill that person, but I ordered him to do it. So, you can say he died by my hands,

If according to what you said, debt must be repaid, killing must be compensated, then you must kill me as well?"

"Haha, the City Lord is right, we all participated in killing that ant!"

"Yes, we all made a move, Chairman Shi, will you kill us all?"

The few laughed arrogantly.

Upon seeing this, Martial Artists gritted their teeth in resentment.

Clearly, the one who killed was the one in white, but they took the blame unto themselves.

Thus,

If the Chairman wanted to act, they could justify bullying with numbers.

So shameless!

"Why not."

Shi Tao's voice rang out, surprising everyone again.

Song Fu and his companions' smiles froze.

Even Xiang Long showed a moment's surprise before anger rose in his heart, "Shi Tao, do you know what you're saying?"

"Of course, I do."

Shi Tao stood with hands behind, firmly, "This is Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association's territory. Since its creation, no Awakener has ever intruded to kill a Martial Artist until today.

His gaze icy, "If I let you go today, I can't deter others or prevent this from happening again. I must also account to my brothers and sisters. As President, failing to ensure their safety means I have no right to be their leader."

With those words, many Martial Artists were moved to tears, their mouths agape, speechless.

Behind him, Sun Wei felt touched, realizing that the President wasn't only protective of his own disciples but outsiders as well.

"Good, good, good! Excellent!"

Xiang Long laughed furiously, saying "good" three times.

"Shi Tao, earlier I showed respect calling you Chairman Shi. Without respect, what are you?"

"Right, City Lord, if he doesn't respect us, we don't need to be courteous."

"Does he think he can defeat all of us alone?"

"What a joke! I can kill him alone!" Song Fu gritted his teeth.

"Yes, we originally didn't plan to cause trouble, but Shi Tao pushed us. If so, let's kill him and everyone here!"

"Agreed!"

They sneered.

The Awakened Association and Martial Arts Association have always had a strained relationship.

If this gets out, they won't be punished, might even be praised secretly.

As for Martial Arts Association?

Haha, if the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association President falls to them, the rest are powerless.

The Martial Artists turned pale, speechless.

The President's actions were deeply moving.

But, is this too reckless?

There are six Awakeners! Six B-level Awakeners! And the leader is the City Lord!

If they fight, even a little battle residual could kill them multiple times.

As for the President, perhaps...

"Good, seems you're prepared. Let's begin."

Shi Tao waved his arm.

A golden light enveloped him and Xiang Long's group.

In the next moment, all seven people disappeared as if they evaporated.

A curious item, resembling a mini pyramid, hovered above, only two or three centimeters in size.

On a grassy field, Shi Tao looked at the bewildered Xiang Long and companions, explaining, "This is a treasure I accidentally acquired, called the Yellow Sand Tower. Preserved through time, it serves as storage space.

But unlike normal storage spaces, it holds living beings too, even people with my permission, for short stays. The space here spans 10 miles in range with unknown height. You'll be forcibly ejected after 24 hours or by killing me and seizing the treasure.

I give you one minute. After that, I'll fully engage, or you can attack now and I'll assume you understand, also engaging fully."

Chapter 396: This Is the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand

In the hall of the Martial Artist Association, everyone looked at each other in confusion.

Where is the Chairman?

And those Awakeners from Jiulong City,

So many people, yet they suddenly disappeared! Only a finger-sized cube hovered in the air.

"What the hell is going on?" Someone asked, and others began to gather their courage.

"I have no idea either!"

"Yeah, they were just here moments ago. Could it be related to that thing in the middle?"

"What is that?"

"Chairman?"

Many turned their eyes to Sun Wei.

Sun Wei also shook his head in a face full of confusion.

Instinct told him that the thing before him was not simple.

"Chairman, do you think it's possible," Xu Jie pointed at the small cube, "that the Chairman and those Awakeners are inside there?"

"What? They're inside that thing?"

"No, that's impossible, right? That thing is so small! The Chairman is over 1.8 meters tall, how can he fit inside there?"

"That's not necessarily true! The Awakened Association has people with Space Items on them that can store several cubic meters of stuff!"

"That's just the smaller ones. I've heard there are ones that can store dozens of cubic meters!"

"So, the Chairman and those few people are in there?"

Everyone pointed at the small cube, their faces full of disbelief.

Sun Wei also turned his gaze over.

If Xu Jie was right, then the President at this moment would have to fight against six people alone?

Those are all B-level Awakeners! Any one of them could crush the whole Anshan City; can the President really be a match?

"Chairman, I think we don't need to worry too much."

Gao Shan spoke, "If this is all orchestrated by the President, then I believe he must have confidence in this, and we just need to wait quietly to see the result."

"Right, I believe the President can defeat those people."

"Indeed, the President will definitely win!"

"Victory! Victory!"

Everyone came to their senses and raised their arms, shouting out.

"Yes!"

Sun Wei nodded heavily, also believing the President would emerge victorious!

Inside the space of the Yellow Sand Tower.

"Countdown, one minute."

Shi Tao said, extending a finger, while his other hand remained behind his back, looking very confident.

"City Lord."

Someone beside him whispered, "I just tried using a Space Item, but it didn't work."

"Same here, the Space Item didn't respond at all. Could the spatial rules here be different from the outside, causing them to fail?"

"Mine too."

The people around spoke one after another, faces full of shock.

They didn't expect that Shi Tao had such a thing on him and pulled them in without asking their consent.

Does this also mean that Shi Tao could pull them in one by one for a fight?

However, Shi Tao didn't do so, likely because he feared someone would start a massacre outside.

But, where does this guy get the confidence to think he can kill all six of them alone?

"Hmm."

Xiang Long nodded.

He also noticed the dysfunction of Space Items here.

Indeed, he is the Chairman of the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association!

To possess such a valuable item.

If he could get his hands on this treasure, dealing with other Awakeners in the future would be effortless, without worrying about them running away.

"City Lord, what should we do next? Should we act now or wait and see?" Someone asked.

"Isn't there still a minute left? Let's pretend to accommodate him and strike suddenly; we will definitely kill this guy."

"Hmph, we are many, and he is just one. Why use underhanded methods? Just a full-on assault, we won't even need a second to kill him!" Song Fu sneered.

He felt he could kill Shi Tao alone without needing someone else's help.

"Song Fu is right, merely one Martial Artist, even if he is the President of Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association, so what? No need for all of us to act, one is enough. But to be safe, two should act together."

They whispered, discussing their plan.

"No rush."

Xiang Long curtly said, then turned to Shi Tao, smiling sarcastically, "Chairman Shi, isn't there some hidden mechanism here waiting for us?"

Right after his words, faces changed.

Damn!

The City Lord is right!

If not, how does Shi Tao dare to pull all of them in?

"I don't employ tricks like that, there's no need to worry."

Shi Tao calmly said, raising three fingers, "Thirty seconds left."

"Alright, since Chairman Shi says so, we'll relax."

Xiang Long said, scanning around but didn't find anything unusual.

Clearly, he didn't believe Shi Tao's words.

Song Fu and others also kept a vigilant watch around, even inspecting the grass on the ground.

"Twenty seconds."

Shi Tao's voice sounded again.

"This guy!"

Song Fu gritted his teeth in anger.

If not for fear of Xiang Long's reprimand, he would have rushed over already.

"City Lord?"

Others looked at Xiang Long.

Xiang Long shook his head.

The atmosphere became silent as time ticked by.

"Ten seconds..."

Before Shi Tao finished, Xiang Long roared, "Let's act together!"

Song Fu and others immediately reacted, in an instant, several flaming fireballs, each about four or five meters in diameter, flew towards Shi Tao like lightning.

Alongside, dense ice cones rained down like a storm.

Several lightning balls the size of basins moved even faster, surpassing the fireballs, aiming directly at Shi Tao's heart.

At that moment, Song Fu also triggered his superpower, intending to drain Shi Tao's blood instantly.

At that moment, Shi Tao moved.

But to everyone's shock, instead of dodging left or right, he charged right at them.

"Is this guy looking to die?"

That thought raced through their minds.

These attacks, hitting even a top-level Commander-level Fierce Beast head-on would be fatal or severely injuring.

This guy charged straight into it?

Mad?

"Stay alert!"

Xiang Long shouted.

They couldn't use Space Items, but it didn't mean Shi Tao couldn't.

However, what followed stunned them beyond belief.

Shi Tao didn't use any Space Items but rammed directly into those lightning balls and fireballs.

There was no explosion as expected.

A golden ripple appeared around his body, like water, causing the fireballs and ice cones to ripple before disappearing without a trace.

"Impossible!"

They stared wide-eyed, as if seeing a ghost.

Isn't this guy a Martial Artist?

How does he have a superpower? A space-type superpower, diverting all attacks into another space.

"No, wrong!"

Suddenly someone shouted.

He could sense the elements were still there – the attacks weren't diverted but rebroken into elements, existing in space.

In the blink of an eye, Shi Tao appeared before them.

Two large hands, carrying thunderous force, grabbed two among them, one being Song Fu.

The latter not only wasn't scared but showed delight, seemingly saying, "Shi Tao, you chose death yourself!"

He had talismans that could withstand several attacks from top-level Commander-level Fierce Beast and more.

Enough time to drain Shi Tao's blood multiple times.

The other was an Ice Element Awakener, unable to escape, conjured a thick ice shield and an ice spear to strike.

Shi Tao seemed oblivious to it, grabbing their necks with clawed hands.

Golden ripples flowed from his fingers.

"Crack!"

A crisp sound.

The ice shield shattered upon contact.

Even the protective shield formed by the talisman failed to withstand.

"What?"

Both faces changed, feeling impending doom.

One showed despair.

While the other, seeing the hand nearing his throat, Song Fu, eyes bloodshot, desperately triggered his spiritual power to extract Shi Tao's blood.

Knowing survival depended on speed!

To his shock, despite all efforts, only a fleeting blood disorder, unable to move further – like a mountain unmoved.

"Crack!"

A crisp sound.

His neck broke, head rotated 180 degrees, falling with horror.

The other met the same fate.

Two B-level Awakeners died in a blink.

The remaining four were stunned.

Feeling like dreaming.

Song Fu dead? Killed so easily?

Where were their talismans?

Here, not only Space Items, even talismans failed?

"Five-Thunder Transformation Hand!"

Xiang Long first reacted, incredulously asked, "This is your Five-Thunder Transformation Hand?"

"Indeed, this is the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand."

Shi Tao turned, expression as cold as ever.

Chapter 397: Dragon-man vs. Golden Man?

After Shi Tao finished speaking, the remaining few people looked at each other.

They knew that the president of the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association had cultivated the most profound martial art, the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand.

However, they had never seen the true power of the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand, because even in the Awakened Association, there was only a fragmented version of it.

Since it was a fragmented version, how could it possess any real power?

But just now?

Someone swallowed and said, "You were clearly hit by those attacks just now, but you came out unscathed. Is it also because of the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand?"

"That's right."

Shi Tao nodded and patiently explained, "My Five-Thunder Transformation Hand has reached the Perfection Realm. Under Perfection, the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand can not only neutralize the vast majority of attacks in the world but also form a layer of Protective Gang Qi on the body. The reason why your attacks just now couldn't harm me is because of this."

After hearing Shi Tao's explanation, several people's mouths twitched, not knowing what to say.

Except for Xiang Long, all three of them had awakened elemental attacks. Because of the great power of this superpower, it was quicker to cultivate than others.

But encountering Shi Tao, weren't they completely restrained?

"What about the Protective Talisman? Can you neutralize the Protective Talisman too?"

"Of course."

Shi Tao said.

"..."

Upon hearing this, the three of them showed expressions of despair.

They finally understood why Shi Tao had the audacity to pull so many of them into this.

The Five-Thunder Transformation Hand was simply a nemesis for the vast majority of Awakeners!

If they were outside, they could still use their space items to leave. Even if someone was caught, they wouldn't all be wiped out.

But now, they were trapped here.

Shi Tao was truly ruthless!

"Don't be afraid!" One of them gritted his teeth and said, "Who knows if what he's saying is true, maybe he just got lucky just now."

"That's right, even if what he says is true, I don't believe he can neutralize it once, twice, or even ten, twenty times?"

"I truly can't."

Unexpectedly, Shi Tao admitted it.

This scene left the enemies bewildered too.

"Although my True Essence is abundant, I haven't reached the Celestial Human Realm yet. The Five-Thunder Transformation Hand is a martial art that consumes a lot of True Essence. However,"

Shi Tao changed his tone and continued, "as long as you don't have the chance to use your superpower ten or twenty times, that's enough."

"You!"

The few people were so angry that they almost spat blood.

Should they call Shi Tao foolish or arrogant?

To blatantly reveal his own weakness, it was either he looked down on them or underestimated them by a large margin, right?

"Good! What a Five-Thunder Transformation Hand! Hahaha!"

At this moment, Xiang Long suddenly burst into laughter, then quickly stopped and signaled to the three to retreat.

The three were stunned but quickly reacted, showing joy in their eyes.

Yes, how could they forget about the City Lord?

The opponent's awakened superpower was precisely the one least afraid of the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand.

"I must say, Shi Tao, I really underestimated you before, which allowed you to kill two people. But from now on, you won't have this chance again."

As he spoke, he moved his neck.

"Crack!"

A crisp sound echoed as the clothes on his chest were torn open, revealing a muscular build.

Followed by more tearing sounds.

Rip!

Rip!

A few seconds later, the original Xiang Long was gone.

Standing in his place was a humanoid creature over three meters tall, covered in Dragon Scales, with a tail over a meter long, fangs, and claws.

"A Lizardman?"

Shi Tao squinted his eyes, and a serious expression appeared on his face.

"Don't compare those Lizardmen to me."

Xiang Long opened his mouth wide, showing his sparkling teeth, "Dragon! I am a Dragon! One day, I will transform into a Giant Dragon, spewing Dragon Breath and burning everything to ashes!"

He roared furiously.

If it weren't for the tattered clothing hanging on him, it would be difficult to connect him to his previous appearance.

"I see."

Shi Tao's eyes revealed a look of pity.

He roughly understood what Xiang Long's superpower was now.

Undoubtedly, if this guy were to continue growing, he would soar through the sky like the Red Dragon and Black Dragon of the Dragon-man Race, spitting Dragon Breath and burning everything.

But is that also called a Dragon?

It's just a flying Lizard.

"Come on, show me your power."

"You seek death!"

Xiang Long stomped the ground fiercely, causing a loud boom. The ground beneath his feet instantly caved in more than ten meters deep.

The next moment, he appeared right in front of Shi Tao and delivered a fierce knee strike.

"Boom!"

A loud noise echoed.

Shi Tao flew out like a kite with a broken string.

"Is that all?"

Xiang Long laughed loudly, with strong contempt in his eyes.

Then, he transformed into a flash of lightning and chased after him.

"Dragon God Fist!"

He shouted, his arms furiously swinging as countless fist shadows attacked. Each punch landed solidly on Shi Tao, producing dull thuds.

"So strong."

The other three Awakeners were excited and joyful watching this scene.

"The City Lord's Dragon-man Transformation is indeed powerful, hitting Shi Tao so he can't fight back!"

"Of course, once the City Lord activates his superpower, all physical attributes multiply geometrically. Not just a person, even a top-level Commander-level Fierce Beast would be beaten to death by him!"

"Hmph, the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand can neutralize our superpowers, but the City Lord is using real strength! What's he going to do now?"

"Clang, clang, clang!"

At this moment, a strange sound rang out.

The three of them looked at each other, confused.

This?

What is that sound?

It sounds like metal striking metal?

"Clang, clang!"

The clear sound came again.

"Look over there!"

One of them pointed in the direction of the fight.

"What!"

"What is that!"

The other two were stunned by the sight.

A small Golden Man stood on the grass.

A Dragon-man over three meters tall rained punches on the opponent, causing sparks to fly!

Each punch was accompanied by a crisp sound.

"What's going on? What's happening with that small Golden Man?" one of them asked.

"I-I don't know. It looks a bit like Shi Tao?"

"It's not just a bit like, that man seems to be Shi Tao, right?"

"But why did he turn golden?"

Xiang Long, who was furiously punching, also wanted to ask this question.

He originally thought that with his storm-like attacks, Shi Tao would turn into a pile of meat paste in no time.

Unexpectedly, after dozens of punches, Shi Tao merely vomited blood.

And as time went on, every punch he landed caused faint golden light to appear at the impact point, producing a clear and pleasant sound.

Gradually, Shi Tao's entire body turned golden.

Every punch seemed to hit the hardest metal, and now, his own hands were hurting badly.

The more Xiang Long thought about it, the angrier he got. "What kind of Demon Technique is this? Are you also an Awakener?"

"An Awakener?"

Shi Tao shook his head and sighed, "Haven't you heard of the Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill?"

"Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill?"

Xiang Long was taken aback.

He vaguely remembered seeing these words somewhere.

But it was too late now to say anything. He didn't believe that in his Dragon-man form, he couldn't destroy this so-called Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill!

In the next moment, he roared and threw another punch upwards.

Shi Tao slightly shook his head, took a deep breath, and threw a punch of his own.

"Boom!"

A loud crash.

A violent wave of energy surged from the center, sweeping in all directions.

The three people in the distance were caught off guard, thrown to the ground, and rolled far away until they finally collided with an invisible barrier.

"Crack!"

A crisp sound accompanied by a hysterical scream.

Xiang Long's entire right arm drooped down, with white bones piercing through the skin, stained with blood, exposed to the air, making one's hair stand on end.

The most terrifying thing was that all five fingers were broken.

"No! This can't be! This is impossible!"

Xiang Long was sweating profusely, looking at his broken arm, shouting.

His fist was almost as big as half of Shi Tao's body. In front of him, Shi Tao's fist was pathetically small.

But the result was that his arm and fingers were broken. How was this possible?

"Nothing is impossible."

Shi Tao's eyes showed a look of compassion.

"You have great brute strength but don't know how to use techniques. Without True Essence to enhance this strength, you are naturally not my opponent."

But then again, if Xiang Long could use True Essence, he would fall into the trap of Shi Tao's Undying Seal Technique.

"You! Shut! Up! Go! Die!"

Xiang Long roared and charged with his left fist.

Having completely lost his mind, all he could think of was to kill this guy in front of him!

"Crack!"

Another crisp sound.

Xiang Long's left arm broke too, meeting the same fate.

With consecutive severe injuries, he couldn't maintain his Dragon-man form and began to shrink, soon returning to his original size.

His broken arms hung limply by his sides, blood dripping down, an unbearable sight.

"Plop!"

Xiang Long fell, sitting on the ground, with a dazed expression, seemingly unable to believe he had lost, and so thoroughly.

Shi Tao also regained his original form from the Golden Man state.

His gaze passed over the heavily injured Xiang Long, resting on the last three people. He calmly said:

"Activating the Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill has consumed most of my True Essence. If you seize this moment to kill me, there might be a chance to survive. But if you delay, allowing me to gradually recover my True Essence, you will die without a doubt."

Chapter 398: You Have Another Group of People?

Shi Tao's words sounded sincere, but to the parties involved, they were full of provocation.

The three looked at each other, not knowing what to do.

After all, who knows if what Shi Tao said was true?

If he's deliberately saying this to trick them, what should they do?

But what if he's bluffing? His True Essence may already be almost depleted, otherwise, why hasn't he made a move yet? But the expression on Shi Tao's face didn't reveal any flaws.

The only certainty was that if they delayed further, Shi Tao's True Essence would gradually recover, making it even harder to kill him.

"What should we do? Attack?"

One person whispered, "If we wait until his True Essence fully recovers, we really won't have a chance."

"But do we have a chance now?"

The person on the left showed a hint of fear on his face.

When the words were spoken, the three fell silent.

Yeah, do they have a chance now if they attack?

In the distance, the corpses of Song Fu and another lay there, both killed by Shi Tao in one strike!

If Shi Tao's target was them rather than Song Fu from the start, their bodies would be cold by now.

The most terrifying thing was that even the City Lord, who had initiated Dragon-man form, was no match for Shi Tao, having his hands crippled, reverting to his original state, completely losing his combat ability.

Even if Shi Tao had only a small amount of True Essence left, would they be able to kill him? That was still an unknown.

"How about we seek peace?"

The man on the right licked his lips and said with difficulty.

"?"

The other two instantly showed surprise, looking at him as if to say, "Is this possible?"

"Try it, what if?"

The man smiled bitterly, "You've seen how strong he is. Even if we attack together now, we might be wasting our efforts. Instead of that, let's try talking to him. Maybe it could work? Don't forget, we have another group."

"Hmm."

"Then let's try."

The other two nodded in agreement.

As the saying goes, it's better to live shamefully than die well. Losing some dignity is nothing.

Moreover, there were no other people around here, right?

"Ahem."

The man in the middle coughed lightly, glanced at Xiang Long sitting on the ground with a dazed expression, then said, "Chairman Shi, you've killed the man who killed the martial artist of your association. I think there's no need for us to continue fighting to the death."

Shi Tao seemed not to hear, his face remained unchanged, but he found it amusing inside.

Actually, what he said earlier wasn't deliberate deceit but the truth.

After using the Five-Thunder Transformation Hand and Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill consecutively, his True Essence was almost depleted.

If the remaining three attacked together, it might indeed pose some threat to him.

However, judging from the opponent's intention, they seemed to want to resolve the matter peacefully and avoid further conflict?

Where were they earlier then?

"Chairman Shi."

Seeing this, one person spoke anxiously,

"Old Hu is right. Song Fu has died by your hands, and even the City Lord was heavily injured by you. Even if he recovers, it would come at a high cost. It's better to end this here."

"Chairman Shi, if you insist on fighting us to the death, we might die, but you would also pay a heavy price. Why do this? Besides,"

Another person spoke coldly, "We didn't come alone from Jiulong City to Anshan City. If our group doesn't return and another group arrives, how will Chairman Shi handle the situation then?"

"You have another group?"

Shi Tao frowned.

"Correct."

The three were delighted at this.

But also felt somewhat aggrieved.

If they hadn't split into two teams, Shi Tao would have been lying on the ground by now.

"There are more than ten of us who came over. After entering Anshan City, we split into two groups. One group led by the City Lord came to the Martial Arts Association, and the other led by Brother Li went to the Awakened Association. They have even more people, Chairman Shi,"

Hu Yuan paused and said, "We agreed to meet after half an hour. If they don't hear from us after this, what might happen, I don't need to elaborate, right?"

"Half an hour?"

Shi Tao pondered for a moment and nodded, "That's enough."

"Shi Tao, you!"

"Shi Tao! You're underestimating us too much!"

The remaining two were enraged.

This Shi Tao is arrogant, isn't he?

Does he truly intend to single-handedly eliminate all the B-level Awakened from Jiulong City?

But then again, even though they didn't want to admit it, this guy probably could...

"Chairman Shi,"

Hu Yuan took a deep breath, "I admit your strength exceeds our expectations. But as they say, a rabbit cornered bites back. If you really force us, we might sacrifice just to drag you down. Even if you survive, you'll suffer,

When our companions arrive in half an hour, it won't only affect you, but also the Anshan City Martial Arts Association and the entire Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association, facing our Jiulong City's rampant retaliation. Do you really want things to escalate to this point?"

"Chairman Shi, don't push us too far!"

"So be it, we'll fight to the death, there's nothing to fear!"

The other two also showed determination.

Shi Tao scoffed inwardly.

If these three truly understood the gravity, they wouldn't be talking here instead of attacking directly.

For him, there was no reason to let any of them go.

Especially considering their companions outside.

But before making a move, he had one doubt to resolve.

"Why didn't you stay in Jiulong City and come to Anshan City?"

Shi Tao asked, "Also, why target the Martial Arts Association?"

"This..."

The three's determined aura began to dissipate.

After exchanging glances, Hu Yuan sighed, "Chairman Shi, if we answer honestly, will you let us and the City Lord leave?"

"Depends on your answer satisfying me." Shi Tao said ambiguously.

The three exchanged looks again.

Instinct told them Shi Tao had no intention of letting them go, but what if?

"Sigh, this matter is long-winded. The City Lord brought us here to find someone who killed his good brother, Du Hao."

"So you're here for revenge?"

Shi Tao's mind involuntarily pictured Chen Fan.

Could it be that Du Hao was killed by Chen Fan?

Reflecting slightly, only Chen Fan had the strength within the Anshan City Martial Arts Association.

"Yes."

Hu Yuan nodded.

"Who are you looking for?"

"We don't know this person's true identity." Hu Yuan showed embarrassment.

"?"

Shi Tao frowned, "You don't know the person's real identity?"

"Chairman Shi, we aren't lying," another hastily said, "We merely have two suspects: Li Ping from Anshan City Awakened Association, or a masked member from your association. The City Lord brought us to inquire about the masked figure."

"Masked figure?"

Shi Tao kept a straight face but mused inside—it's indeed Chen Fan?

"Chairman Shi, do you know this person?" Hu Yuan probed.

"Hehe."

Shi Tao chuckled, "Never heard of such a person in my association."

"Is it? Is it?"

Hu Yuan sighed, "Seems we came to the wrong place."

"Yes, didn't expect it to be a misunderstanding."

"Sigh, such a small misunderstanding led to today's situation. Truly."

The three wisely chimed in.

Regardless of true belief, they must pretend for now.

Once out, regroup with Li Yan, then confront Shi Tao.

"I'm curious why you suspect those two?" Shi Tao asked.

"Well..."

The three exchanged glances.

Then revealed everything.

"So you suspect the masked person for his ability to kill a Commander-level Fierce Beast?"

Shi Tao showed surprise.

To his knowledge, Chen Fan used a bow?

Yet the mentioned suspect excelled in saber techniques.

Could these two be the same?

It's unlikely, given mastering multiple weapon martial arts enough to kill a Commander-level Fierce Beast is exceedingly hard.

Even he abandoned weapon martial arts for fist and kick techniques.

"This..."

The three now regretted deeply.

Initially felt the suspect likely.

Now seemed entirely wrong?

Clearly, Li Ping from Awakened Association was more suspicious.

"Chairman Shi, we were careless. Actually, it mattered little, but Song Fu's impulsiveness escalated our misunderstanding."

"Yes, Chairman Shi, now misunderstandings cleared, let's end it today?"

"Chairman Shi, we swear upon departure, we'll never seek trouble. Chairman Shi, trust us."

The three spoke earnestly.

Unbeknownst to them, Xiang Long also revived from daze, ears perked, awaiting Shi Tao's answer.

Chapter 399: He is Him, I am Me

"Sorry."

Shi Tao shook his head and said calmly, "I never said I would let you all leave here."

"You!"

The three of them showed despair and anger on their faces upon hearing this.

"Shi Tao! You're going too far! We've told you everything you wanted to know. Up to this point, you still won't let us go?"

"You've killed who you needed to kill, and we've apologized. What more do you want? Do you have to drive us to a dead end for you to be satisfied?"

"Don't make yourself sound so innocent."

Shi Tao interrupted him and asked rhetorically, "Just think, if I didn't have enough strength, would you have apologized to me? Probably not, right?"

The three of them were at a loss for words.

Indeed, if it weren't for this battle, they wouldn't have known Shi Tao's true strength and wouldn't have taken him seriously.

In other words, if they hadn't obtained the information about the masked person, even with Shi Tao present, it wouldn't have mattered.

At that time, it was hard to say how many people in the Martial Arts Association would have died.

"Right."

Shi Tao sighed softly, "I'll give you a chance to end yourselves. Of course, you can also come and fight me. It's up to you."

"Let's fight him!" someone shouted. "We're trapped here with no way out, so we might as well fight to the death."

"That's right, even if we die, we must take a piece out of him!"

"Let's go together!"

Hu Yuan and the other two gritted their teeth.

At this point, begging for mercy was too humiliating.

A moment later, three lifeless bodies lay on the ground, their eyes filled with unwillingness and despair.

The gap in strength between the two sides was simply too great.

Even if they used all their might, they couldn't inflict any injury on Shi Tao.

Shi Tao, with his hands clasped behind his back, slowly turned to look at Xiang Long, who was sitting on the ground. "City Lord Xiang, do you have any last words?"

"Please, don't kill me."

Xiang Long's Adam's apple bobbed, and he said in a hurried voice, "If you spare me, I am willing to give up the position of Jiulong City Lord."

A hint of disappointment flashed in Shi Tao's eyes.

"Is that all?"

"You think that's not enough? Of course, you're the President of the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association. Your appetite is surely big."

Xiang Long muttered to himself, then suddenly his eyes lit up, "Chairman Shi, besides the position of Jiulong City Lord, I am also willing to join the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association and follow you alone."

"No need."

A strong look of disgust appeared in Shi Tao's eyes.

He hadn't expected Xiang Long to be such a spineless person, even worse than his subordinates.

"Chairman Shi, you can't kill me!"

Xiang Long shouted hysterically.

His superpower was Dragon-man Transformation, a noble ability far superior to those of common Awakens! Given enough time, he could transform into a Giant Dragon! How could he die here, so ashamed and suffocated?

A sharp pain struck.

It felt as though his internal organs were shattered.

"How could it be..."

Xiang Long spat blood, filled with intense unwillingness, and fell backwards.

"Sigh."

Shi Tao looked at the corpses scattered everywhere and let out a long sigh.

If it hadn't been absolutely necessary, he wouldn't want to draw his blade against his comrades.

Of course, he considered these Awakened as comrades, but whether the Awakened viewed ordinary people, let alone Martial Artists, as comrades was unknown.

"There are still some people at the Anshan City Awakened Association, what a pity."

He shook his head.

Xiang Long and his group invaded the Martial Artists Association to kill people. As the President, from any perspective, killing them posed no problem.

Even if those three S-Class Awakened came, he dared to stand by his actions.

But now, facing the people at Anshan City Awakened Association, he couldn't make a move. He had to wait until he was in the wild, and even then, he had to ensure his actions weren't witnessed.

Otherwise, if exposed, the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association might face utter destruction.

"Let's wait here and hope they come over in half an hour."

After finishing, Shi Tao waved his hand and disappeared from the space.

In the Martial Arts Association.

Sun Wei and others stared intently at the small cube in the middle, their eyes wide open with tension.

If the President and those people from Jiulong City were really inside...

So much time had passed. The President, could he be okay?

Suddenly, a figure appeared out of thin air in the field.

Everyone felt dazed for a moment, and then exclamations rose like a tide.

"President!"

"President! It's the President!"

"My God! The President is out! Wonderful, the President is okay!"

Shi Tao reached out, put the small cube into his sleeve, and looked at everyone, his tone gentle, "I made you all worry."

"President, what about those people from Jiulong City?" someone gathered the courage to ask. The President didn't seem very approachable, but from his previous actions, he didn't appear to be difficult to contact.

"Don't worry."

Shi Tao said, "They're all dead. The bodies are in another place. I will hand them over to the Awakened Association when we return."

Upon hearing this, everyone showed deep shock and admiration.

As expected of the President!

He killed six enemies alone without suffering any injuries!

Of course, he might be injured, but with their skill level, they couldn't tell.

Even so, it didn't change the fact that the President was powerful!

"President..." Sun Wei was about to say something when Shi Tao raised his hand, interrupting him. He scanned the room and said, "You are all members of the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association. As the President, ensuring your safety is my duty. There's nothing more to say. Besides..."

He glanced at the corpse on the ground and gently shook his head. "If I had come earlier, perhaps this wouldn't have happened."

"Sigh, President, it's not your fault. You arrived just in time."

"Yes, President, if you hadn't appeared just now, not only him, but many of us would have been killed by those people!"

"These Awakened are simply too detestable! They rely on their superpowers and disregard our lives!"

"You're right! One day, I'll become strong and trample these Awakened underfoot!"

"Cough, cough!" Coughing came from beside them.

"Why are you coughing? We're all on the same side. Is there anything we can't say?" The man from earlier was displeased.

Shi Tao gave him a glance and reminded, "Mind your words."

"Yes."

The man then lowered his head.

"Give him a proper burial. If he has family, the association will take care of them."

"Yes, President!" Sun Wei quickly nodded. He would have done so even without Shi Tao's instruction.

"Good."

Shi Tao gazed around, "If there is nothing else, let's disperse. By the way, if any more Awakened come, don't be impulsive. Inform me directly."

Upon hearing this, everyone showed a hint of joy.

Could it be?

The President plans to stay here for a while?

Really?

This is the President!

Indeed, the President must be worried that killing these people could bring retaliation, so he's doing this!

"Chairman Sun, come with me. I have something to ask you," Shi Tao said, turning his gaze to Sun Wei.

The latter felt a surge of pressure and hurriedly nodded.

"Gao Shan, go inform the others that everything is settled."

"Yes, President." Gao Shan replied quickly.

Watching Shi Tao and their President enter the meeting room, Gao Shan let out a long breath and couldn't help but exclaim, "As expected of the President, such a strong aura. Just one look and I felt immense pressure."

"Who doesn't,"

Xu Jie responded in agreement.

"Alright," he patted Gao Shan's shoulder, "The President just gave you a task. Don't forget? Go notify them. I'll handle the rest here."

"Alright."

Gao Shan turned and walked out.

In the meeting room.

Sun Wei quickly took out tea leaves and brewed a cup of tea for Shi Tao, then stood there, at a loss.

Understandably so.

The last time he met Shi Tao, it was over a video call, and the atmosphere wasn't great.

Now, it was face-to-face.

"Sit, no need to be so formal."

Shi Tao pointed to the seat opposite him.

"Yes, President."

Sun Wei cautiously sat, only letting half of his butt touch the seat.

"Have you broken through to the Meridian Refining Realm?"

Shi Tao glanced at him and spoke calmly.

"Yes, thanks to Brother Chen."

Sun Wei sat upright and explained, "Because of the previous incidents, Brother Chen felt guilty and used a piece of Cloud Jade Fruit to help me clear my meridians, making me a Meridian Refining Martial Artist."

"I see."

A hint of surprise flashed in Shi Tao's eyes.

Helping someone clear their meridians wasn't easy and could easily go wrong.

At the headquarters, apart from himself and Elder Wang, almost no one else dared to attempt it.

"Regarding the previous incidents, you suffered an undeserved calamity. I'm here to compensate you. How about this, before I leave, I'll also help clear your meridians."

"Ah?"

Sun Wei opened his mouth wide, filled with joy.

But he quickly reacted, waving his hands, "President, you're too kind. Brother Chen helped clear my meridians, and I'm already very grateful. How could I be greedy and..."

"Chen Fan helping you is his matter. My help is the headquarters' compensation. There's no conflict."
Shi Tao stated.

"Yes, yes."

Seeing this, Sun Wei had no choice but to accept.

He was both happy and anxious.

The atmosphere in the meeting room grew quiet.

"President, Brother Chen is out. Should I call him to inform him you're here?"

Chapter 400: Traits, Unbreakable!

Sun Wei showed a smile on his face.

The distance from Anshan City to Jiangnan City is at least a thousand kilometers.

Even if Tu Yue and the others called, the Chairman wouldn't be able to get here that quickly. Besides, it's not yet time for the appointment.

Therefore, it's highly probable that the Chairman had already set off from Jiangnan City before he came here.

Who else in Anshan City, other than Brother Chen, could make the Chairman rush over a thousand kilometers? It surely can't be him, right?

"Let's not bother him for now."

Shi Tao said leisurely, "It will be dark in another couple of hours, and he should be back by then."

"Yes, yes."

Sun Wei nodded like a pecking chicken and said, "Brother Chen usually goes out hunting during the day and returns at night to practice alchemy. He should be back around sundown."

"Hmm."

Shi Tao nodded slightly and suddenly thought of something, "By the way, I heard that the Awakened Association of Anshan City got a new Chairman recently? Named Li Ping?"

"Even the Chairman knows?"

There was a look of admiration in Sun Wei's eyes.

As expected of the President, he can easily get news from here.

Shi Tao glanced at him faintly, "I also learned the name from those people's mouths. What's this person like? What's your relationship with him?"

Sun Wei showed a look of gratitude in his eyes and thought seriously for a moment, "As for the Awakened Association, aside from those in the association, almost no one in Anshan City has seen this newly appointed Chairman."

"Oh?"

Shi Tao was a little surprised, "Not even you?"

"No."

Sun Wei shook his head and said, "Although I haven't seen him, from what he's done, he seems to be a pretty good guy."

"How so?"

"Chairman, did you notice the two empty camps outside the city when you came in? Besides that, there were a lot of ragged people queuing up to register at the city gate?"

"Now that you mention it, I do have a bit of an impression."

Shi Tao recalled, "Are those people now living in the city?"

"Yes."

Sun Wei nodded heavily, "That Chairman Li not only gave the people in the two camps outside the city free entry into Anshan City, but he also sent Awakened from the association to bring people from small villages outside into the city. Honestly, Chairman, if it were me, even if I became the Chairman of the Anshan City Awakened Association, I wouldn't have had the guts to do such a thing."

"Indeed."

Shi Tao took a deep breath, his pupils dilating.

He only wanted to inquire about the relationship between the two associations when he asked about Li Ping.

According to what Xiang Long and the others said, Li Ping appears to be just a C-level Awakened on the surface, but in reality, he possesses the strength to kill multiple B-level Awakened.

Such a person staying in a small place like Anshan City instead of going to medium or large cities is indeed puzzling.

If Chen Fan chooses to stay here, and if the two associations don't get along and a conflict breaks out in the future, he will definitely have to face off against Li Ping. But unexpectedly, this Chairman Li appears to be quite a good person?

"So, there hasn't been any conflict with him recently?"

"No, no."

Sun Wei's head shook like a rattle, "I feel that Chairman Li doesn't even seem to notice our existence, but his subordinates remain as always."

"Hmm."

Shi Tao nodded and then sighed lightly.

"Chairman, what's the matter?" Sun Wei was startled and quickly asked.

"Nothing, it's nothing to do with us, don't overthink it."

"Oh, okay." Sun Wei obediently nodded.

Shi Tao looked at his water cup, thinking to himself, people from Jiulong City, some came here, others went to the Awakened Association to find Chairman Li.

He wondered whether Chairman Li could get through this crisis.

Not to mention, just by moving those ordinary people from outside into Anshan City, he seems like a good person. If he died, it would be a real pity.

But speaking of intervention, even if he wasn't the President of the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association, he wouldn't interfere with another association's matter as an ordinary martial artist.

However, if a battle were to take place outside the city, he could indeed help out.

After all, once he left, and if the Awakened came and found out what happened, they might not dare retaliate against him, but they would have no problem killing a few martial artists.

"Let's wait and see. If those few people weren't lying, they will surely send someone over later."

He thought to himself.

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Huang City.

A strong smell of blood filled the air over the city.

Looking around, there were Fierce Beast corpses and fragments everywhere.

"Boom!"

A loud noise.

Tens of high-level Fierce Beasts were crushed by a True Qi Palm Seal.

Chen Fan exhaled slowly and turned to look around.

Other than a few scattered mid to high-level Fierce Beasts, the place was empty.

"Is it over?"

Chen Fan felt a bit unsatisfied and checked the time. He had finished a quarter of an hour earlier than the agreed two hours.

Including the three Commander-level Fierce Beasts he killed earlier, the experience points from killing all the Fierce Beasts totaled nearly three million points!

This was absolutely the highest amount of experience points in history.

Furthermore, Basic Fist Technique, Basic Palm Technique, Basic Leg Technique, Basic Finger Technique, and Basic Claw Technique had all been merged into one, [Basic Boxing and Kicking].

This meant he no longer needed to separately practice any of the basic martial arts.

Whether he used his fists, legs, palms, or claws, it would all improve the level of [Basic Boxing and Kicking].

Conversely, leveling up [Basic Boxing and Kicking] would also reduce the experience points needed to upgrade all fist and kick martial arts realms.

Chen Fan was quite pleased with this change.

"The Fierce Beast materials can be saved for now. Once I have accumulated more, I can sell them in exchange for points and buy those Unparalleled Techniques and Supreme Martial Arts, but the experience points must be used up as soon as possible."

Chen Fan looked at the skill bar.

[Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill] and [Dragon Elephant Wisdom Skill] were both already advanced.

[Sun Observation Technique] was ready to be learned at any time.

Chen Fan hesitated for a moment and decided to follow the previously set order for cultivation.

The Sun Observation Technique was good for increasing a lot of spiritual power.

But he couldn't rely solely on the Soul-Annihilating Finger to kill people. Although it was fine for killing C-level Awakened before, this time he had managed to kill a B-level Awakened easily, making it likely that those above would suspect he was the same person who killed Yan Ming and others.

At this moment, Dragon Elephant Wisdom Skill came in handy.

No weapons were needed.

Just pure power to crush one after another.

Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill ensured his safety during close combat.

"I'll start with Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill."

Chen Fan's eyes showed a thick color of expectation.

He added ten thousand experience points to it first.

The proficiency of Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill increased by over 60%.

"Excluding the bonus from the Moon Observation Technique, Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill requires twenty thousand experience points to reach the beginner level, which isn't too high."

Chen Fan muttered, adding the remaining experience points to it.

The next moment, a warm current surged through his body.

A peculiar feeling arose in his heart.

[Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill: 0% (Slight Achievement), Traits: Unbreakable Level 1, Round Ruyi]

"Two traits?"

Surprise appeared on Chen Fan's face.

When the warm current passed, he felt his Constitution, Power, and even speed had improved considerably, even his resistance to attacks had grown.

Adding the strange feeling in his mind,

How could there be only two traits?

He curiously tapped the first trait and was startled.

[Unbreakable: Each skill level increases Constitution, Power, and Agility attributes by a thousand points, and physical defense capability doubles]

Chen Fan's mouth hung open for a long time before he came to his senses.

It turned out that some traits, though they appeared to be one, were essentially four.

If Constitution, Power, and Agility each improved by a thousand points, then upon reaching the Perfection Realm, they would each increase by 5000 points.

What did this mean?

His current Physical Attributes were only 48,900, less than 50,000 points.

And the trait unlocked just at the beginner level of Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill had increased his Physical Attributes by ten percent.

Considering the improvement brought by Strength and Agility, his overall power had increased by at least thirty percent!

This didn't even take the other factors into account.

"No wonder it's called an Unparalleled Technique."

Chen Fan sighed.

If the improvements from Unparalleled Techniques were so significant, then how would the Supreme Martial Arts [Undying Golden Body] enhance his power?

"Right, there's still another trait."

Chen Fan turned his gaze to the second trait, Round Ruyi.

This trait seemed peculiar, it had no levels and didn't appear to enhance with martial arts proficiency.

Chen Fan opened it and was taken aback,

[Round Ruyi: Your power has seamlessly merged with your body and soul, making it immune to any external influences. Additionally, you can obtain extra Blessing Power Level 1]

[Blessing Power: Each skill level increases the power of all your attack techniques by ten percent, capable of combining with any martial arts techniques]

Reading these two lines, Chen Fan's breath almost stopped.

This was, way too strong!

When one's power merges seamlessly with body and soul, it means that techniques like the Absorption Technique or Celestial Demon Technique, which steal others' inner strength, would be completely ineffective against him in Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill!

This was a passive trait.

There's another passive!

Blessing Power, a derivative of Round Ruyi, could enhance with the realm of Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill.

Each skill level gained an extra ten percent attack power, applicable in all martial arts techniques.

Ten percent might seem trivial, but what about fifty percent?

That would be a qualitative leap!