

Martial Arts 511

Chapter 511: Range, 100,000 Meters!

The moment the experience points were added, Chen Fan felt a peculiar sensation in his heart.

[Undying Golden Body: Great Success (0%), Traits: Heaven and Earth Level 4, Solid Essence Level 4, Indestructible Level 3, Undying Golden Body Level 1]

"Unlocked so quickly."

Chen Fan's face showed a hint of a smile.

The earlier the core traits appear, the more beneficial they are to cultivators.

However, he had the panel in his hands and didn't care much about such things.

"Let's see what effects will appear."

With an expectant mood, Chen Fan clicked.

[Undying Golden Body: Passive effect, permanently increases constitution by 10,000 points for each level. Active effect, after activation, consumes one million points of True Qi per second, forming a golden protective shield around the body, invulnerable to blades and spears, impervious to water and fire.

Defense effect is 1,000 times the body's constitution attribute. Each level increase in skill boosts the defense effect by an additional 1,000 times,

Note: This martial art has a weak spot located three inches below the ribs. If the weak spot is struck when the Undying Golden Body is not activated, the Undying Golden Body will be broken and cannot be used again for three days]

"A thousand times defense?"

Chen Fan's breathing became rapid.

No wonder Undying Golden Body could easily block even Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect.

With the constitution enhanced by a thousand times, the defensive strength of even a Three-headed Beast Emperor level body would be just like this.

Moreover, this is not the upper limit; the Undying Golden Body also has a Perfection Realm. Once the Undying Golden Body Level 2 trait is activated, it boosts physical defense by two thousand times!

Of course, the consumption is immense.

With a consumption of one million True Qi per second, even he can hold it for less than ten seconds.

For other True Essence Realm martial artists, this is nearly impossible. No matter their talent, even if they manage to cultivate this technique to the Great Success Realm in the True Essence Realm, they still cannot use it.

Only Celestial Realm martial artists, borrowing the surrounding Power of Heaven and Earth, can use it for a long time.

Additionally, there is a passive effect.

Every level increase boosts constitution attribute by 10,000 points, two levels meaning a 20,000-point increment.

At first glance, this passive effect seems inferior to the Vajra Indestructible Body.

The latter's passive boost increases defense and resistance tenfold.

While this one only has a simple attribute increase.

But the active effects of both Vajra Indestructible Body and Undying Golden Body are directly linked to the constitution attribute.

The higher the constitution, the greater the boost upon activation.

This passive addition of 20,000 constitution points equates to a 20 million-point boost in physique after Undying Golden Body's enhancement.

As for Vajra Indestructible Body, even with a hundred thousand constitution points, a tenfold boost would only result in a million-point body strength.

The difference is tenfold!

Chen Fan's face was brimming with a smile.

In this way, any increase in his constitution attribute in the future would bring significant enhancement.

For others, mastering a Supreme Martial Art is not an easy feat, but for him, this problem simply does not exist.

As long as he stacks enough constitution attributes, even if Undying Golden Body is relatively ordinary among Supreme Martial Arts, it can still yield effects comparable to Divine Demon Martial Arts!

By then, regardless of whether they're from noble families or Beast Emperor level fierce beasts.

He could just stand there and let them hit him, could they possibly break through?

"Unfortunately, the Undying Golden Body has a deadly flaw."

Chen Fan's gaze turned towards the backup.

This martial art has a weak spot.

If not activating the protective shield, and this weak spot is struck, the martial art becomes unusable for a short period.

After all, it evolved from the perfected Golden Bell Shield, so this flaw is quite normal.

"I wonder if these body-refinement martial arts can be fused together."

Chen Fan pondered.

Such as the Thirteen Grand Protectors' Cross Training, which has no weak spot.

The Vajra Indestructible Body similarly lacks a weak spot.

What if Vajra Indestructible Body could be fused with Undying Golden Body?

Chen Fan felt a rush of excitement, but there were no prompts in his mind at that moment.

"Maybe if I elevate the Undying Golden Body to the Perfection Realm, there will be a prompt."

He added over ten million experience points once again.

The original thirty million plus experience points now left only about a thousand.

A warm flow surged within him, Undying Golden Body, Perfection.

[Undying Golden Body: Perfection (Cannot be upgraded further), Traits: Heaven and Earth Level 5, Solid Essence Level 5, Indestructible Level 4, Undying Golden Body Level 2]

Right then, an information prompt appeared in his mind.

[Detected that Undying Golden Body has reached Perfection and shares commonalities with Vajra Indestructible Body. Fuse Vajra Indestructible Body into Undying Golden Body?]

"!!!!"

Chen Fan was overwhelmed with joy. Without hesitation, he clicked yes.

In an instant, the Vajra Indestructible Divine Skill in the skill bar began to fade, transforming into shimmering golden light, merging into the Undying Golden Body.

Undying Golden Body became blurry at first, then gradually solidified, appearing in Chen Fan's view.

Chen Fan gulped nervously and stared intently.

[Undying Golden Body: Pinnacle of Attainments (Cannot be upgraded further), Traits: Heaven and Earth Level 6, Solid Essence Level 6, Indestructible Level 4, Undying Golden Body Level 3]

All the traits of Undying Golden Body upgraded by one level.

Moreover, the defensive effects of the traits also rose from two thousand times to three thousand times.

Most importantly, the weak spot was gone!

Indeed, when Chen Fan checked the description of Undying Golden Body, the initial part was unchanged, but the note regarding the weak spot was gone.

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Chen Fan finally breathed a sigh of relief, his face brimming with a radiant smile.

Without the existence of the cultivation gate, the Undying Golden Body among the many Supreme Martial Arts should be enough to rank at the top.

Moreover, as the user's Physical Attributes increase, so does the upper limit.

"These twenty million experience points were well spent."

He murmured to himself,

If he were to encounter the Liang Family Ancestor again, he wouldn't have to flee so hastily; perhaps it would be the other party who would have to run.

"Next, I need to enhance the Nine Provinces Archery."

Chen Fan's gaze shifted downward.

According to the description, this archery technique has an extremely long attack range, capable of reaching the Land of the Nine Provinces.

However, as usual, these cultivation technique descriptions contain exaggerations, sometimes tenfold or even a hundredfold.

Chen Fan first added one hundred experience points,

The skill level of Nine Provinces Archery soared like a rocket, swiftly rising.

The skill level progressed from beginner level to Small Success, Entering the Hall, Great Success, until it stopped at just over thirty percent.

Chen Fan smiled faintly and added another ten to twenty thousand experience points.

Immediately, the Nine Provinces Archery reached the Perfection Realm.

"Supreme Martial Arts indeed saves experience points."

Seeing this, Chen Fan couldn't help but sigh.

It took just over one hundred and twenty thousand experience points to reach the Perfection Realm.

The next moment, he looked over,

[Nine Provinces Archery: Perfection (cannot be enhanced), Traits: Solid as a Rock Level 5, Strength of a Tiger Level 5, Heaven-Piercing Arrow Level 3, Nine Provinces Arrow Level 1]

A total of four traits were unlocked. The first two, like the Heaven-Burning Arrow Technique, permanently increased Physical Attributes by three thousand points for each level, and Strength Attributes by 5400 points per level for the latter.

Such a result was to be expected; after all, being Supreme Martial Arts and both archery techniques, some similarities are quite normal.

Chen Fan turned his gaze to the latter two traits.

[Heaven-Piercing Arrow: Active Skill, upon activation, consumes one million points of True Qi, shoots an arrow with hundredfold power; for every thousand meters of range increase, the power decreases tenfold, with an effective range of ten thousand meters. For every level of skill increase, the power loss per thousand meters decreases by half]

"Ten thousand meters?"

Seeing this, Chen Fan exclaimed in surprise.

Currently, his range is about three thousand meters; extending further is possible, but the power drops significantly, and accuracy also decreases.

But this Heaven-Piercing Arrow has a range of ten thousand meters.

No, not just ten thousand meters.

Chen Fan looked further down.

For every level of skill increase, the power reduction per thousand meters decreases by half, with the additional two words.

In other words.

Chen Fan's eyes showed excitement,

At Level 1, for every thousand meters, the power decreases tenfold, becoming almost powerless at ten thousand meters, hence its effective range of ten thousand meters.

Upon reaching Level 2, the rate of power decrease is half of the original, meaning instead of tenfold, it drops fivefold per thousand meters.

This change doubles the effective range from ten thousand meters to twenty thousand meters!

But this isn't the end.

Because the Heaven-Piercing Arrow is at Level 3.

For every thousand meters, the rate of power decrease further drops from five to 2.5, doubling the range once again to forty thousand meters!

This is the true range of the Heaven-Piercing Arrow!

"Impressive."

Chen Fan admired.

Most ground-to-air missiles have a range barely reaching ten thousand meters.

His attack range is four times that.

Of course, there are shortcomings.

The power is low.

At its highest, the power is hundredfold; at ten thousand meters, the power drops to seventy-fivefold.

If faced with a Beast King-level flying fierce beast, this power would barely scratch the surface.

Luckily, the Flaming Flame Eagle he is dealing with is just a Commander-level fierce beast, even a tenfold powerful arrow would suffice.

"There's still one more trait, the Nine Provinces Arrow."

Chen Fan's eyes showed anticipation.

Honestly, just the Heaven-Piercing Arrow is enough for him right now.

But having more skills doesn't hurt.

[Nine Provinces Arrow: Passive Effect, for every level increase, boosts Strength Attribute by ten thousand points, Active Effect, upon activation, consumes ten million points of True Qi, shoots an arrow with five hundredfold power; for every thousand meters, the power decreases fivefold, each skill level increases, reducing power reduction speed by fifty percent]

"An arrow with five hundredfold power? For every thousand meters, power drops fivefold? Does this mean the effective range can reach one hundred thousand meters?"

Chen Fan gasped in astonishment.

One hundred thousand meters is equivalent to one hundred kilometers.

Admittedly, the name Nine Provinces Arrow is exaggerated; in ancient times, distances between each province were at least four to five hundred kilometers, calculating the Nine Provinces would be four to five thousand kilometers, almost fiftyfold exaggeration.

However, an arrow with such range is indeed astonishing.

For instance, the distance from the Chen Family Fortress to here is approximately one hundred kilometers.

He could shoot an arrow from Anshan City and hit anyone within the fortress!

Some might question if he can see that far.

His current eyesight isn't that exaggerated, but let's not forget, the maximum range of Celestial Response is about one hundred kilometers.

He doesn't need to see, just sensing the aura allows him to attack.

This applies to attacking flying fierce beasts confidently.

If sensed within range, it can be hit!

"It's a pity that it requires too much True Qi; even if I shoot one arrow, I can't shoot a second one."

Chen Fan looked at the description.

Each use requires consuming ten million points of True Qi.

Not something an average True Essence Realm Martial Artist can afford.

And the power seems somewhat average, only five hundredfold.

Upon thinking, Chen Fan felt relieved.

Each has its strengths and weaknesses.

Both are Supreme Martial Arts.

Nine Provinces Archery's advantage lies in range, while power is decent but not exceptionally high.

Heaven-Burning Arrow Technique's strength is its power, but range is mediocre.

"With Nine Provinces Archery, the chances of hunting those Flaming Flame Eagles tomorrow have increased."

Chen Fan smiled, then also upgraded the Undying Seal Technique and the Wisdom Scripture of All Methods to the Perfection Realm.

His Spiritual Power surged again.

The unlocked traits were as expected.

Undying Seal Technique can confuse opponents' spirits, creating illusions. Its strongest aspect lies in absorbing incoming True Qi and converting part into his own or using it to heal injuries, with a conversion rate of thirty percent.

Chen Fan nodded slightly.

With this martial art, his chances of winning against Martial Artists in future battles increase.

Especially against noble family Martial Artists.

The other martial art, Wisdom Scripture of All Methods, has surprising effects.

It can transform a person into an existence similar to an Awakener, due to the trait unlocked upon reaching the Perfection Realm, Transforming Illusion into Reality.

Unlocking this trait consumes Spiritual Power, transforming air or water into solid walls for attack or defense, conjuring fireballs, or controlling thunder, all akin to Awakener abilities.

Even though most Awakeners typically only control one superpower, nearly impossible to manage both Water and Fire Elements simultaneously.

"No wonder it's called Wisdom Scripture of All Methods."

Chen Fan thought.

The downside is high experience point consumption, three to four million, double that of Undying Seal Technique.

This exhausted his experience points.

Secondly, for those who cultivate this martial art, using natural elements consumes Spiritual Power heavily, with smaller power compared to Awakeners.

After all, Awakeners are specialists.

Fortunately, those who cultivate this technique have numerous methods, whereas Awakeners often have singular abilities, easily countered.

"I've heard combining these two martial arts can create a new one, the Black Hand Demon Skill."

Chen Fan muttered, looking into his mind, revealing a faint smile.

Indeed, an information line appeared before his eyes.

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[Detected Undying Seal Technique, Wisdom Scripture of All Methods Perfection, unlock Black Hand Demon Skill?]

"Yes."

Next moment, the skill bar added a line of information.

[Black Hand Demon Skill: Perfection (Cannot be improved), Trait: Giant Spirit Hand Level 1]

"Only one trait?"

Chen Fan was stunned.

At first, he was pleased to see the Black Hand Demon Skill at Perfection Realm, thinking it would save him experience points.

But it turned out there was only this one trait...

"Well, let's see what the effect is first."

[Giant Spirit Hand: Active Skill. Upon activation, consumes True Qi to converge into a black giant hand. The more True Qi consumed, the larger the Giant Spirit Hand's size, and the stronger its power. Maximum consumption of ten million True Qi, forming a giant hand a hundred meters high]

"A hundred meters high."

Chen Fan's face showed contemplative expression.

It seems that only Beast Emperor-level fierce beasts are over a hundred meters tall.

Beast King-level fierce beasts range from thirty to a hundred meters.

Commander-level fierce beasts are shorter, generally around thirty meters, with some slightly taller.

A hundred meter high black giant hand could easily slap a Commander-level fierce beast to death and severely injure a Beast King-level fierce beast, right?

He focused on the [Black Hand Demon Skill].

In terms of power, this martial art was far beyond the Undying Seal Technique and Wisdom Scripture of All Methods.

Enough to compare with Supreme Martial Arts.

"Unfortunately, it only has this one trait."

Chen Fan chuckled bitterly.

This Black Hand Demon Skill, rather than a martial art, was more like a martial technique.

However, thinking again, this martial technique was free, so why be dissatisfied?

Moreover, with this martial art in hand, he would have the confidence to kill Beast King-level fierce beasts bare-handed without using a bow and arrow.

"Finally, all these martial arts have been elevated to Perfection Realm."

Chen Fan breathed a sigh of relief.

Looking at the panel:

Realm: True Essence Realm-First Realm (78.3%) (+)

True Essence: 94027.5/1804.75 (+5210%)

Level: 29 (0/100 million)

Constitution: 181900

Strength: 242000

Agility: 61600

Spirit: 2808600

Potential Points: 5000000

Experience Points: 2000000

After elevating several martial arts to Perfection Realm, True Qi Attribute increased from over seven million to over nine million, just a step away from ten million.

Chen Fan thought it was a pity.

Just a little more.

Just a little more, he would be able to use Giant Spirit Hand and Nine Provinces Arrow.

But there's no rush. Even if he could use them, he would need to consider carefully whether he should.

Because once used, his True Qi would be depleted instantly, and he might not even escape.

Meanwhile, all four Basic Attributes, except for Agility Attribute, increased to varying degrees.

Especially Constitution and Spirit Attributes, almost doubling.

The increase in Strength Attribute was smaller, only two to three thousand points.

"Nearly 200 thousand Constitution Attribute."

Chen Fan felt a surge of excitement.

This meant that after activating the Undying Golden Body, the protective shield's defense strength would be comparable to sixty million points of Constitution Attribute.

"No rush,"

Chen Fan's eyes flashed with brilliance, "Once I learn more Supreme-tier techniques, increasing Constitution Attribute to a million points won't be impossible. Next, I'll quickly refine the exotic True Qi within me. After refining, I'll seek out a couple of ruthless individuals and use the Star Absorption Technique to drain their True Qi. It'll also be an act of justice."

By then, the Ice Heart Technique would have been unlocked.

There'd be no need to worry too much about the backlash from the Star Absorption Technique.

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At the same time, thousands of miles away in Rat City.

The people scared away earlier sneaked back together in the underground space.

Even though half a day had passed, the bloody smell in the passage was still very strong.

But the people present had long been accustomed to it and didn't find it strange.

Compared to that, they were more concerned about what had happened earlier.

"Who would have thought, this time a Celestial Realm Martial Artist came, and even the Rat King wasn't his match." Someone said with lingering fear.

"Indeed, those were two Commander-level fierce beasts. I saw the corpses, their heads were smashed, surrounded by Vajra Rat corpses."

"The Rat King is also missing, probably dead, right?"

"No doubt. If he wasn't dead, he'd have come out by now."

"That may not be the case." In the north corner, someone let out a cold laugh, "Anyone who comes here isn't a good person. When the Rat King was powerful, no one dared to plot against him. Now that his Vajra Rats are gone, he's likely severely injured. Even if alive, he wouldn't dare come out."

The crowd exchanged glances, admitting the reasoning of those words.

Everyone knew the Rat King had many valuable things.

If he appeared now, people might not act openly, but stealthily, who knows? They could fight fiercely, resulting in numerous deaths.

Moreover, his head was worth a lot of money. If they claimed the reward, they'd be rich overnight.

"Cough, cough," Someone cleared his throat, changing the subject, "Do you think that person will come back again?"

As soon as the words fell, the underground space fell into silence.

Most people showed expressions of fear and dread.

Actually, their return this time required great courage, because if they had bad luck and encountered that person, their fate would be sealed in one word: death!

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Luckily, they guessed right, the person had indeed left.

But, if that person were to return, just like in the morning, appearing in front of them without a sound, what then?

"Probably, won't come back, right?"

Someone said anxiously, "There's nothing here to attract the attention of the Awakened Association, right?"

"Yes, the only things attractive were the Rat King and Elder Jin. Now they are all dead, only we little fish and shrimp are left. They shouldn't bother coming here for us."

"I agree. Besides, when I was peeking from the side, that masked guy didn't seem to come for us, but for the rat horde here."

"What, not for us?"

"For the rat horde here?"

"Really?"

Hearing this, the others were invigorated.

"Yes,"

The person nodded, recalling carefully, then said, "When Elder Jin appeared with his people, that person did not seem to want to attack them. Unfortunately, Elder Jin and his people pressed on, provoking the other party, leading to their own deaths. Then, the Rat King appeared, and you know the rest."

"That's right, I was also there. That's exactly what happened."

"Indeed."

Many voices echoed.

"So, Elder Jin and his people's death was their own doing?"

Someone looked shocked.

"Seems like it."

"This...this..."

Everyone didn't know what to say for a moment.

That strong person even gave them a chance to live.

Unfortunately, Elder Jin and they didn't cherish it. Instead, they thought the other party was weak and easy to bully.

And the result?

When they wanted to regret, it was too late.

But thinking about it, it wasn't entirely Elder Jin's fault.

If it were them in Elder Jin's place, for a stranger breaking in without a word, they would also shout and fight.

Just like some of them, peeking from the side, their hearts filled with anger, wishing for the guy to die immediately.

"This is really, fate playing tricks on us."

Someone smiled bitterly.

"Indeed, but if that's the case, what was that person's purpose for coming here? Could it be, just to kill the rat horde?"

"Yeah, if that's the case, it's too strange, right?"

They thought for a long time but couldn't figure it out.

"Forget it, since we can't figure it out, let's not think about it." A fierce-looking man laughed, "It's enough to know that the person didn't come for us."

"That's right, from now on, let's eat and drink as usual, as if nothing happened."

"Yes, get a few women down here. I was almost scared to death today, need to relax." Someone smiled lewdly.

"Third Brother Li, you want women, you're probably dreaming." Someone beside him laughed teasingly.

"What do you mean?"

Third Brother Li paused.

"Seems like you don't know, that person took all the women imprisoned here before leaving." The person laughed.

"What? He took all the women?"

Third Brother Li looked shocked.

"Really?"

"Took them all?"

"How did he take them? I remember there were about one or two thousand women."

"One or two thousand was months ago. Now it's only a few hundred. But, I'm also curious, how did he take so many people?"

"Heard he found some abandoned subway cars underground and had the women enter them and then lifted them away."

Instantly, gasps of surprise filled the surroundings.

This strong?

Carrying the subway cars directly...

"Alright, the past is past. Most of the Vajra Rats here are dead, and not many Black-haired Rats are left. That strong person probably won't come back,"

A tall, burly man scanned the crowd and said slowly, "The Rat King is missing, likely dead as well. Elder Jin and the others are dead. As the saying goes, a nation can't go a day without a ruler, nor a house without a master. Even though only we are left in Rat City, it's best we choose a leader."

After the words fell, many people's minds became active.

Yes, with the Rat King and others, they obeyed without any thoughts.

But now it's different.

The Rat King and others are dead, so Rat City naturally falls into their hands.

"I agree with Brother Yong. Rat City is in chaos now. We need someone to step up and restore order." Someone smiled.

"Yes, although Rat City's conditions aren't the best, many still dream of entering. Among them, there are also those who fish in troubled waters. We must screen strictly."

"I agree with you all. But the question is, who should we choose to be our leader?"

The atmosphere suddenly quieted down.

After a while, a voice said, "Since Brother Yong suggested it, I think he should be our leader."

The man called Brother Yong showed a smug look but said, "Oh, how can that be? I was just suggesting, not really wanting to be chosen."

"Brother Yong, no need to be modest at this point."

"Right, in terms of skills, you are top-notch among us. For experience, no need to mention. You were here before the Rat King and others."

"Indeed, Brother Yong, aside from you, I can't think of a second choice."

"Really?"

At this moment, a discordant voice interrupted.

"In terms of skills, Boss Cui is also not bad. For experience, Boss Cui isn't much behind."

"Yes, just because this suggestion was made, doesn't mean we should choose hastily."

The atmosphere in the room suddenly became tense.

The two main contenders stared at each other, full of hostility.

Seeing this, the others squinted their eyes.

Not only these two, they also wanted to compete for the leadership position.

But in terms of strength, compared to the two, there was indeed a gap.

"Rumble!"

Just then, the ground shook violently.

Everyone was caught off guard and nearly fell.

Before they could react, the tremors came again.

And continued ceaselessly.

"Wh-what's happening?" Someone held the wall and said in surprise, "An earthquake?"

"Could it be that person, returning?"

"Nonsense, it's the middle of the night, why would that guy come back?"

"Whether it's an earthquake or not, we need to get out first."

This statement gained everyone's approval, and they quickly escaped from the passage.

But as soon as they did, they were stunned.

In the darkness, countless pairs of blood-red eyes were rushing towards them, roaring.

In the distance, it seemed huge shadows were lurking.

Some eyes were as big as houses, some had dozens of eyes!

"Beast, the Beast Tide has erupted!"

Someone used all their strength to say.

"How, how could it be?"

Someone looked confused.

Out of the blue, how could the Beast Tide erupt?

If he knew this would happen, he wouldn't have returned tonight.

"What are you doing? Run!"

Those who regained their senses started running frantically in the opposite direction, some quickly returning to the tunnels.

In less than a minute, countless fierce beasts reached Rat City.

The buildings were like paper in front of the Beast Tide, collapsing at the slightest touch.

Screams erupted continuously.

And this scene was happening elsewhere too.

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Rong City.

Two elderly men sat opposite each other, sipping fragrant tea.

After a moment, one of the elders put down his teacup, frowned slightly, and said, "How strange, why haven't Ji Ming and the others returned yet?"

"Indeed, according to my prediction, they should have brought back the Longevity Technique by noon..."

The elder opposite reacted, promptly changing his tone, "They should have brought back that thing by now, it's already late, and there's not even a message. What's going on?"

"Could something have happened along the way?"

Third Brother of the Qin Family's face changed.

Although the Longevity Technique's disappearance was a closely guarded secret within the Qin Family, even among their own members, few knew.

But what if that little brat had leaked the secret?

In Yan Country, there were plenty of people coveting the Longevity Technique.

"Should I try a divination again?"

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family asked softly upon hearing this.

The elder felt a wave of unease rise in his heart.

"No need."

Third Brother of the Qin Family waved his hand, saying, "I'll call them first and see what's going on. If I can't reach them, then you can try divination."

"Alright."

Fifth Brother nodded.

Third Brother of the Qin Family finished speaking and picked up the phone on the table, dialing Qin Jiming's number.

"Beep, beep, beep..."

After three rings, the call was answered.

"Th-Third Uncle..."

Qin Jiming's voice sounded, somewhat guilty.

There were also several subtle breathing sounds around him, indicating that there were quite a few people.

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family felt a sense of relief in his heart.

Being able to answer the phone meant probably nothing had gone wrong.

But immediately after, a feeling of anger surged in his heart, questioning, "What's going on, it's already this late and you're still not back? And there's not even a message, don't tell me you haven't found that thing?"

This comment caused immediate silence on the other end of the line.

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family's face darkened instantly.

He asked this out of speculation.

Unexpectedly, he guessed correctly?

Earlier when Fifth Brother wasn't there, it was understandable that the juniors failed to find it.

But now Fifth Brother had come and even provided a general location, yet still they hadn't found it?

Opposite Fifth Brother of the Qin Family, sensing the situation, his eyes widened.

On the other side, Qin Jiming and his brothers turned pale as paper.

They dared not return because they hadn't found the item.

But they had tried their best, setting off at dawn and searching till nightfall, yet the jade stone on them showed no reaction.

Originally they thought they were just unlucky, but when they regrouped, they found out no one had encountered it.

This relieved them but also left them incredulous.

Fifth Uncle's capability was well known within the family.

If he said they could find it here, they should be able to find it. But why was everyone saying they found nothing?

Someone must be lying!

Maybe they encountered it but didn't notice, or pursued it alone for credit and failed, then chose to conceal the truth out of fear of punishment.

Thus, suspicion-filled looks began to form among them.

"Speak!"

Third Brother of the Qin Family angrily said, "Are you deaf? Or mute?"

His angry voice transmitted through the phone.

The other members of the Qin Family either looked up at the sky or stared down at their shoes.

Qin Jiming, in his desperation, had to muster the courage, "Reporting to Third Uncle, we have been searching all day but still haven't found the object's whereabouts."

"What!"

Third Brother of the Qin Family stood up abruptly, his beard trembling with rage.

"You dare say that again!"

"Th-Third Uncle."

Qin Jiming's voice shook, "We're really sorry, as of now, we still haven't found any trace of that person. But rest assured, we will continue searching here non-stop until we find it."

"Yes, yes, Third Uncle, we'll keep searching."

"Third Uncle, please grant us some more time, we assure you we will complete the mission."

Hearing this, the others chimed in.

Feeling quite frustrated.

The Longevity Technique was not lost by them, yet they were being dragged out to search.

Where could they justify this?

"Useless! All of you are useless!"

Third Brother of the Qin Family angrily clenched his teeth, if not for Fifth Brother sitting opposite him, he would have kicked the table over.

"Couldn't find it earlier, fine, but now knowing the general location and still can't find? Why did the Qin Family raise you lot? So many resources invested in you, yet you can't handle such a small task? Speak!"

"Sorry, Third Uncle, all faults are mine, it's not the others' fault." Qin Jiming hurriedly admitted.

Beside him, Qin Hao did the same.

He recalled how Third Uncle had never been so angry at him before.

This time, he was evidently extremely disappointed.

Though, he thought if he were in Third Uncle's place, he would react similarly.

This was why he dared not call back when the night fell.

The others might have enjoyed the spectacle, but they knew inside that they were all in the same boat.

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The Longevity Technique cannot be found, and upon returning to the family, they will face the consequences.

"Third Brother, let me speak to him."

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family said.

Upon hearing the result, anger filled his heart.

But emotions could not resolve the problem.

He must find out exactly where the issue lies.

Third Brother of the Qin Family took a deep breath and handed over the phone.

"Ji Ming, did you not find that item?"

"Yes, Fifth Uncle, I am sorry." Qin Jiming wished he could find a crack in the ground to hide.

The family had given him immense support.

In the end, he deeply disappointed them.

"Tell me, what exactly happened."

Suppressing his anger, Fifth Brother of the Qin Family said calmly, "Tell me everything that happened today, one by one."

"Yes."

Qin Jiming immediately recounted all the places he visited.

"So, you spent an entire day without any discoveries?"

"Yes, that's right."

Qin Jiming assented, "I kept my eyes on the jade all day, not daring to relax or be careless, but after an entire day, there was no reaction from it."

"Alright, can you swear to the ancestors that every word you said is true?"

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family suddenly asked.

The eyes of Third Brother of the Qin Family showed surprise at his words.

Does this mean Fifth Brother does not believe Ji Ming?

Swearing to the ancestors is no joke; for the Qin Family, it is even more formal than swearing to heaven and earth.

Nonetheless, the matter deserves such seriousness.

Upon hearing this, Qin Jiming immediately swore, "I, Qin Jiming, swear to the ancestors that if any of my words just now were false, let me be struck by lightning and perish horribly."

"Xiaohao, you swear to the ancestors too."

"Yes, Dad."

Qin Hao repeated the earlier statements, with only the names changed.

Seeing this, several members of the Qin Family squinted their eyes.

Clearly, the oath was demanded by Fifth Uncle on the other side.

Not just Qin Jiming and his son, but likely the remaining people could not escape it either.

This way, it could reveal who is lying.

With this in mind, their eyes scanned each other.

"Alright, hand the phone to the next person."

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family nodded.

Given that Qin Jiming and his son dared to swear such a severe oath, it indicates they did not lie.

It seems the issue does not lie with them.

Next person took the phone, though his account was slightly different from Qin Jiming's, the meaning was similar.

After finishing, he didn't even need a reminder to swear an oath.

"It's not him either."

"Then it must be one of the remaining individuals."

"Hmph, acting innocent now, but wait until it's his turn. He will be scared then."

The remaining individuals exchanged glances and felt somewhat vindicated.

But as time ticked by.

The eventual result shocked everyone, including the elderly Qin Family members on the phone.

Since everyone claimed the jade in their hands showed no reaction.

Furthermore, each of them swore to the ancestors.

"This..."

Qin Jiming and the others stared at each other.

Every one of them dared to swear to the ancestors?

No one lied?

How could this be?

If someone did lie, they must be stubborn and unwilling to admit it.

But these people grew up with such heavy influence; even with ten guts, they wouldn't dare to commit such a heinous act.

Or.

They thought of one possibility.

That Fifth Uncle's divination was flawed.

Not that his divination was inaccurate.

But is it possible that during the divination, the target was in the vicinity, but soon left?

Because of this, they searched all day for nothing?

On the other side of the phone.

Third Brother and Fifth Brother of the Qin Family exchanged glances.

They also realized the matter might not be so simple.

The juniors would not dare to lie to the ancestors, nor would they.

"You should come back first."

After a moment of silence, Fifth Brother said, "It's so late, that woman wouldn't be foolish enough to come out now."

"Yes."

Everyone felt relieved.

Frankly, with so many Fierce Beasts out in the wild, even they faced risks.

Otherwise, they wouldn't gather and act collectively.

"Fifth Uncle, I'm deeply sorry for failing your expectations." Qin Jiming murmured.

"Alright, we can discuss this more when you return."

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family ended the call.

Qin Jiming quietly put down the phone and sighed.

"Do you think any of us dared to lie to the ancestors?"

One person questioned suspiciously.

"What do you mean by that?"

"Lie to the ancestors? That's suicidal!"

"Isn't it you who lied?"

Instantly, everyone glared at him.

"Me? Impossible."

The person raised both hands, shaking his head vigorously, "I wouldn't have the guts to do that, just curious, if none of us lied, where is the problem?"

As his words fell, the atmosphere grew subtle.

"Enough."

Qin Jiming frowned and said, "The matter is already done, discussing this now has no meaning. Let's go back and see what Fifth Uncle says."

"Tch."

Several individuals scoffed.

The root cause was Qin Jiming.

If he hadn't abused his authority, taking out the Longevity Technique for his son to view, they would not have been deceived by that woman and caused such a huge incident.

"Let's go."

With that, they ignored Qin Jiming and his son, heading towards Rong City.

"Dad, I'm sorry, it's all my fault."

Qin Hao cried in remorse, "If not for me, you wouldn't have been implicated, nor needed to..."

"Alright."

Qin Jiming patted his shoulder, smiling slightly, "You're my son, who else would I help? Besides, I have some responsibility too."

"But..."

"Let's discuss this back with the family."

Qin Jiming sighed, "The urgent matter is to quickly retrieve the Longevity Technique; the longer it drags on, the worse for us."

In Rong City.

Fifth Brother of the Qin Family sighed, "If none of them lied, then the problem lies with me."

"Old Five..."

Third Brother's face changed, wanting to say something but was interrupted.

"Enough, Third Brother, there's no need to comfort me. I'm confident in my divination, but I missed something."

"What?"

"People can run."

Fifth Brother smiled wryly, "That woman fears our pursuit; she's been fleeing constantly. After my divination yesterday, we should have gone immediately, but I was careless, thinking today would be timely, missing the chance."

"It's not your fault."

Third Brother nodded, "That woman, so young, yet deceitful like a fox. It's normal she escaped, but she won't escape a second time."

"Indeed."

Fifth Brother's eyes gleamed, "I'll divinate again later, find where she'll be tomorrow. Then we'll all move out, catch her and retrieve the item."

"Good."

Killing intent flashed in Third Brother's eyes.

That woman caused such trouble for the Qin Family.

When caught tomorrow, they'll make sure she's neither able to live nor die peacefully.

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Late at night.

Within the Martial Arts Association.

Chen Fan listened to the voice on the phone. After a moment, he let out a sigh of relief and said, "So you're saying that the Beast Tide attacking Anshan City the day after tomorrow won't include any underground Fierce Beasts, right?"

"Yes."

Meng Xue said, "Thanks to your actions over the past two days, the Bloodthirsty Ant Swarm and the Vajra Rat Swarm have been cleared out, significantly reducing casualties in the city."

"That's good."

Chen Fan smiled slightly.

In that case, only the Flaming Flame Eagles remain.

These flying Fierce Beasts are incredibly fast and, being high in the sky, very difficult to deal with.

However, the threat they pose to ordinary people is not as great as that of those coming from the underground.

After all, as long as ordinary people are hiding inside their houses, it's hard to attract the attention of those Flaming Flame Eagles.

If they take further precautions and hide in garages, tunnels, or other underground spaces, even the Flaming Flame Eagles won't be able to do much to them.

But the underground Fierce Beasts are different.

As long as you're not hidden in the sky and don't come down from there, they can attack you.

"At dawn tomorrow, I'll go to Flame Valley and clear out those Flaming Flame Eagles."

Hearing Chen Fan's confident words, Meng Xue furrowed her brows.

According to the original plan, that's how it should be.

As long as the flying Fierce Beasts are cleared out, the situation in Anshan City will be much safer. But...

After hesitating for a moment, she sighed and said,

"Chen Fan, maybe you should reconsider. Those Flaming Flame Eagles are very hard to deal with, and the Beast Tide has already burst out."

"It's already burst out?"

Chen Fan was stunned.

Then he understood and said in a low voice, "It burst out tonight?"

"Yes."

Meng Xue replied, "Just one or two hours ago. Taking advantage of the night, the Beast Tide surged from all directions. Now, many places are already occupied by Fierce Beasts, and at their current speed, they'll reach Anshan City by tomorrow morning."

"Flame Valley is just over a thousand kilometers from here. If you go tomorrow, once you encounter the Beast Tide, you'll have to deal with not only those Flaming Flame Eagles but also countless other Fierce Beasts. So, maybe you should reconsider."

Those flying Fierce Beasts are certainly dangerous, but without the cooperation of underground Fierce Beasts, their damage is limited. At that point, having people in the city hide underground should significantly reduce casualties."

"Let's give it a try."

Without hesitation, Chen Fan said, "If I can take out those Flaming Flame Eagles, that would be great. If not, even if I encounter the Beast Tide, I should be able to escape. Although the Beast Tide's burst is inevitable, if one less ordinary person dies, then one less will die."

"Alright."

Meng Xue sighed, knowing she couldn't persuade him.

Actually, she was more worried that even if Anshan City could survive the first wave, what about the second, and the third, and the fourth?

After all, the surrounding cities don't have someone as powerful as Chen Fan. The outbreak of the Beast Tide and their eventual downfall is almost certain.

By then, Anshan City would be like an isolated island in a vast sea.

"By the way, Chen Fan, there's one more thing."

"Go on."

"Do you remember the Wang Lingling I mentioned to you yesterday?"

"She's back?"

Chen Fan frowned.

He had warned her twice already, and the second time, he had given her a kindly reminder.

Now Meng Xue said she's back?

As the saying goes, three strikes and you're out, but he didn't intend to give her a third chance. If she still intends to conceal things this time, he would take action.

"Yes, she's back, but this time it's a bit different."

Meng Xue paused, "This time, she came specifically to warn you about the Beast Tide bursting out."

"To warn me about the Beast Tide."

Chen Fan's face showed a strange expression.

"Yes."

Meng Xue said, "However, she came a bit too late. By the time she arrived, you had already left Anshan City, and the people at the Awakened Association didn't give her a chance. She had no choice but to convey the message through word of mouth to get the news to you."

"I see."

Chen Fan nodded slightly.

That made sense. After all, he was the president of the Awakened Association. If anyone could see him freely, what would Hua Jun and the others be there for?

On another note, that woman did have a bit of conscience.

She actually tried to inform him of this news, though he didn't really need it...

"Then she left?"

Chen Fan asked.

"She wanted to leave, but unfortunately, she couldn't." Meng Xue's voice carried a hint of helplessness.

"Was it the Qin Family?"

"Yes,"

Meng Xue replied, "Just as she was about to leave, she found herself surrounded by the Qin Family, and a battle broke out. She was captured, her legs were broken, and she was taken away. Many members of the Anshan City Awakened Association also suffered heavy casualties."

"What?"

Chen Fan's eyes widened.

It made sense that Wang Lingling was apprehended for stealing from the Qin Family, but why were members of the Anshan City Awakened Association also heavily injured?

Additionally, his feelings were complicated.

After all, this woman was captured by the Qin Family because she came to Anshan City specifically to warn him about the Beast Tide.

"You don't need to feel guilty."

Meng Xue said, "In fact, whether she came to Anshan City or not, it was only a matter of time before the Qin Family caught her. This time, there was someone in the Qin Family who cultivated the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, and it was through this skill that they were able to find her."

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Chen Fan nodded.

Because of the existence of that person from the Qin Family, even if Wang Lingling doesn't come to Anshan City early tomorrow, she will be captured by the Qin Family members elsewhere.

Moreover, with the outbreak of the Beast Tide on the outskirts, she has no choice but to go to the central city.

"Besides, it is precisely because of her arrival that the Anshan City Awakened Association suffered heavy losses," Meng Xue said with a bitter smile.

"Is it because their fighting involved others?"

Chen Fan asked instinctively.

In the next second, he denied this thought internally.

Because no matter how intense the aftershocks of the battle, the people in the association aren't fools. They would definitely stay far away, and they all have protective items to block some of the aftershocks. The ordinary people should be the ones heavily affected.

"No, it was those people from the Qin Family who killed them," Meng Xue said.

"What exactly happened?"

A cold light flashed in Chen Fan's eyes.

The people of the Awakened Association, although not very skilled, were loyal to him and handled many small matters for him.

Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to hunt or even cultivate peacefully in the city.

As a result, these people were killed by the Qin Family members, which he couldn't just stand by and watch happen.

"It starts with the thing Wang Lingling stole. As I told you earlier, my intuition told me that what she stole was not simple. If I tried to divine it, it would consume a large amount of my spiritual power. But this time, from their conversation, I finally learned what it was."

"What is it?"

"It's a Divine Demon-level technique, the Longevity Technique."

"Divine Demon-level technique, the Longevity Technique?"

Chen Fan's mind buzzed.

Divine Demon-level martial arts!

Just talking about its value, it surpasses tens of millions of points, even hundreds of millions, and it's something that can't be bought even if you have points.

Even he was tempted at this moment.

Meng Xue said, "After knowing that she couldn't escape death, Wang Lingling chose to burn bridges and revealed that she stole the Longevity Technique. Her goal was likely to disgust the Qin Family members so they couldn't bring the Longevity Technique back to their family smoothly. However, as a result, those martial artists from the Qin Family, to prevent the news from leaking, began silencing those around them. Not only the Awakeners but also many ordinary people were killed by them. They left only after confirming no one was left alive."

"I see."

Chen Fan didn't know what to say.

A second ago, he thought this woman had a bit of conscience for coming to inform him.

But after hearing Meng Xue's account, he felt it would have been better if she hadn't come.

If she hadn't come, the people of the Awakened Association wouldn't have died.

Of course, the culprits were the people from the Qin Family,

but from their standpoint, what they did wasn't wrong. It was just a matter of different positions.

"Chen Fan, what do you plan to do?"

Meng Xue asked.

After all, she had informed Chen Fan about what would happen in the future.

It was possible to stop Wang Lingling from arriving.

After a brief thought, Chen Fan said, "If heaven gives you an opportunity and you don't take it, you will suffer for it. Besides, Wang Lingling did have good intentions. I'll save her once, but I want the Longevity Technique in her hands."

"Okay."

Meng Xue smiled.

She had roughly guessed that Chen Fan would make this choice.

"But you better be prepared to offend the Qin Family."

She reminded.

"Hmm."

Chen Fan nodded.

There's always a cost. It's normal.

Offending a noble family for a Divine Demon-level martial art is worth it.

Besides, he had already offended one Song Family. Offending another Qin Family, so what?

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Early the next morning, at dawn, a figure rushed from a distance.

This was a woman, panting, with a lot of sweat on her forehead. It appeared she had been traveling for a long time.

"Hmm, the city ahead seems to be Anshan City?"

Wang Lingling looked around and revealed a trace of surprise when she saw a city in the distance.

After being warned off last night, she had run some distance and found a small village to stay in.

During this time, she was concerned that the Qin Family members might track her down, but thankfully, it was a false alarm.

However, she didn't expect the ground to keep shaking at night. She took a curious look and was nearly scared to death. Countless fierce beasts were coming.

She didn't dare waste time and ran all night. It wasn't until dawn that she arrived here.

"The Beast Tide is coming soon. This place is also not safe."

Her eyes showed sorrow.

Once the Beast Tide arrived, everyone in the city would surely die.

Not just here, she had passed many small villages along the way, and their fate would be the same.

"Forget it, I'm having a rough time surviving myself. How can I have the mood to care about others?"

She laughed self-deprecatingly.

She didn't even know where to find a safe place for herself next.

The closer she got to the center, the higher the chance of being found by the Qin Family.

She didn't dare think about the consequences if she were caught.

"I've already stolen it. It's too late to regret it now. Besides, the Qin Family has done countless evil deeds. Stealing something from them is just giving them a lesson."

As she thought this, her mood lightened considerably.

"Alright then, considering Mr. Li is a good person, I'll just go and inform him. It doesn't matter if he believes it or not, I've done my duty."

She suddenly turned towards Anshan City.

At the break of dawn, Anshan City was already bustling.

The steam from buns filled the air.

Wang Lingling easily entered the city and, smelling the aroma, immediately bought some meat buns to eat while heading towards the Awakened Association.

"That guy seems to be the president of the Awakened Association, right?"

She suddenly thought of a key issue.

Such a person is not easy to meet, even for her.

What if she gets stopped?

"If I get stopped, then so be it. I'll say my piece and leave. Believe it or not, their regret will come once the Beast Tide hits."

At the same time, a group of seven or eight figures was rapidly approaching.

These people were none other than the Qin Family members who had been tracking her.

Leading the group was the Third Brother, followed by the Fifth Brother, and then Qin Jiming and others.

Last night, the two elders of the Qin Family were not angry; instead, they told them to rest early as they would leave before dawn.

So now, this scene was unfolding.

"I didn't expect Third Uncle and Fifth Uncle to act with us this time, but they didn't say anything. It seems that yesterday really disappointed them."

Someone thought to themselves.

"Hopefully, we can capture that bitch Wang Lingling this time and retrieve the Longevity Technique for the Qin Family."

Qin Jiming looked worried.

With the two elders personally leading the mission, it was supposed to be a sure thing.

But perhaps due to yesterday's events, he felt uneasy and could only pray nothing would go wrong this time.

"Wang Lingling, you bitch, how dare you deceive me. Just wait, once I catch you, I'll crush your bones and scatter your ashes, making you regret ever coming into this world!" Qin Hao roared with anger in his heart.

This incident had made him the family's scapegoat and the laughingstock of many people.

The past few days had been a nightmare for him.

He wouldn't be satisfied until he got his revenge.

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Anshan City, Awakened Association.

Magnificent and grand.

Most of the people walking by kept their heads down, occasionally daring to steal a glance inside, their eyes filled not just with reverence, but also gratitude.

For it was the existence of the Awakened Association that allowed them to live within the city walls, providing them with a place to settle down, a vast improvement over their past lives.

Wang Lingling felt a bit anxious at this moment.

To be honest, she hadn't really been to the Awakened Association much.

Although, Anshan City was just a small city, and the strongest Awakener here was only at the C-level, no match for her as a True Essence Realm Martial Artist.

"After all, I am a True Essence Realm Martial Artist. If we talk about speed, I'm far ahead of others in my realm, and this time I'm not here to ask for a favor, but to remind them. If they don't appreciate it, so be it."

With that, she raised her head and walked towards the Awakened Association.

People nearby looked at her with eyes full of envy.

Entering the hall, she couldn't help but feel a bit nervous. Just as she was about to call someone to ask, a middle-aged man walked over with a big smile.

"Chairman Hua!"

"Chairman Hua!"

People in the hall greeted the man along the way.

He nodded to each one of them in return.

"Chairman Hua?"

Wang Lingling looked over, realizing it wasn't Chairman Li.

This must be the Vice Chairman of the Awakened Association, she thought.

But the next second, she felt something was off.

Because Chairman Hua seemed to be walking towards her.

"Tap, tap."

The footsteps grew closer until he finally stopped right in front of her, about thirty to forty centimeters away, looking at her with a smile.

"Excuse me, are you Ms. Wang?"

Immediately, the eyes of everyone in the hall turned to her.

Many people were stunned by what they saw.

The woman not far away had a petite and exquisite figure, and a very pretty face, although she looked a bit disheveled, her hair was wet.

But even so, she was undoubtedly a beauty.

Strangely, no one seemed to recognize her. Given the size of the Awakened Association in Anshan City, newcomers were generally noticed right away.

"I am, no, no, I'm not."

Caught off guard, Wang Lingling reacted quickly and shook her head vigorously.

What on earth is happening here?

She had just stepped into the hall, and immediately a chairman-level person had come looking for her, even calling her by her last name.

Which implied he probably knew her real name too.

This...

She felt a wave of unease, thinking perhaps she shouldn't have come here and should have left immediately.

"Aren't you?"

The man across from her watched her with an unreadable expression.

"Of course not."

Wang Lingling coughed, looking suspiciously at the man in front of her, "Why are you looking for Ms. Wang?"

"Hehe,"

Hua Jun smiled slightly, "If you are not Ms. Wang, whatever matter I have with her has nothing to do with you, right? Or perhaps, I didn't actually mistake you for someone else? You are indeed Ms. Wang, aren't you?"

"You..."

Wang Lingling was momentarily speechless.

She wanted to turn around and leave.

But she was curious and wanted to figure out what was going on.

"It seems you are the one our Chairman is looking for."

Hua Jun smiled, "Come with me, our Chairman is waiting for you in his office."

With that, he turned around.

"Why should I go with you?"

Wang Lingling asked defiantly, "How do I know you have no ill intentions?"

Hua Jun turned back, smiling, "The Chairman said you can choose not to come, and we won't stop you. But considering you came specifically to remind us, he asked me to give you a heads up. Sometimes, opportunities only come once. If you miss it, it's too late for regrets."

"What do you mean? What are you talking about?"

Wang Lingling was completely puzzled.

And how did these people know she came to remind them?

What on earth is going on?

However, Hua Jun didn't answer, continuing to walk forward, about to disappear around the corner.

"Hey, wait!"

Wang Lingling gritted her teeth, finally making a decision, and quickly followed.

This time, she chose to trust her intuition.

She felt these people didn't mean her any harm, including Chairman Li.

If they had ill intentions towards her, they wouldn't have waited until now. They would have acted the last time.

Of course, she had full confidence in her own abilities. Even if she couldn't win, she could at least escape.

"You've made a wise choice."

Seeing Wang Lingling follow, Hua Jun smiled.

"Hmph, whether it's wise or not, we'll see," Wang Lingling said defiantly.

Then she curiously asked, "Did that guy named Li tell you my name?"

"The guy named Li?"

Hua Jun was taken aback, a bit displeased, "The Chairman told me your name. But I hope when you refer to our Chairman, you don't use such terms. You should call him Chairman Li."

Seeing her defiant expression, Hua Jun continued, "Putting aside his strength, what the Chairman has done for the people of Anshan City in the past few years, is worth you calling him Chairman Li."

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"Alright then, Chairman Li it is."

Wang Lingling pouted.

She naturally knew that the reason why so many ordinary people could live in Anshan City was because of Chairman Li.

It couldn't be denied that this was indeed a meritorious deed.

Even though she had been to many cities, no one had done anything like this.

"From your previous actions, it seems like your chairman already knew I was coming?" she asked nonchalantly.

"I don't know about that."

Hua Jun shook his head upon hearing this.

"It was only half an hour ago that I received a notice from the chairman saying a Ms. Wang would be coming, and that I should come out to meet you. Those earlier words were also instructed by the chairman."

Actually, not just Wang Lingling.

Even Hua Jun himself was somewhat curious.

But as a qualified subordinate, he knew what to ask and what not to ask.

If the Chairman wanted him to know today's matter, he would naturally be informed.

But if not, it would be rude for him to ask.

"Is that so?"

Wang Lingling furrowed her brows.

Her curiosity grew even stronger.

But as the saying goes, since you're here, settle in.

Since she had already come this far, she might as well see what Chairman Li's plot was.

Soon, they arrived at the chairman's office.

"Knock knock."

Hua Jun knocked on the door twice and said, "Chairman, I've brought the person."

"Let her in."

A familiar voice sounded from inside.

"Ms. Wang, please."

Hua Jun made a welcoming gesture.

Wang Lingling took a deep breath, pushed open the door, and walked in.

"You've arrived."

A man stood by the floor-to-ceiling window, gazing out at the entire Anshan City.

Hearing the noise, he turned around, revealing an ordinary face.

"Go ahead, what's the matter that required my presence?"

Upon entering the office, Wang Lingling's mood lightened.

She plopped down on the sofa, crossed her legs, and asked.

"Wasn't it you who came looking for me?"

Chen Fan retorted.

"You!"

Wang Lingling was stunned, her eyes widened, "Wait a minute, how did you know I would come to see you today?"

Thinking deeper, she felt something was off.

Could this guy be that clever?

No, this guy is an awakener, could it be?

She thought of a possibility.

"If I told you I could foresee the future, would you believe me?"

Chen Fan asked.

"Foresee the future!"

Wang Lingling sprang up from the sofa, covering her mouth.

That was the possibility she had thought of earlier.

But she never expected to hit the mark straight away.

"That's right."

Chen Fan turned back to the window again, speaking calmly, "I knew you would come today, and I also know your purpose for coming."

"What is it?"

Wang Lingling held her breath.

"You're here to inform me about the Beast Tide outbreak, correct?"

Wang Lingling felt like she had been struck by thunderbolt, collapsing onto the sofa, staring at Chen Fan with a shocked expression.

That a beast tide had broken out, it wasn't impossible for the person before her to know through other means.

But being the one to report it, she was sure only she knew.

Because it was a sudden idea she had, and if she hadn't happened to be passing Anshan City, she wouldn't have come specially.

But now, the guy in front of her had nailed it.

Could it be that his superpower really was foresight?

"What? You still don't believe?"

Chen Fan's lips curved slightly.

"Do you know why last time, I advised you to leave here, as far away as possible?"

"I, I don't know."

Wang Lingling shook her head blankly.

"Because I foresaw your death."

Chen Fan said.

"My death?"

Wang Lingling's heart thumped violently, showing an extremely shocked expression.

"Do you know that just yesterday, people from the Qin family were here."

Chen Fan's tone was as calm as ever,

"Among them, some wield a martial art called Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, which produces effects similar to my ability."

"Emperor's Qi Observation Skill..."

Wang Lingling's voice trembled, her face gradually paling.

"It seems you know this martial art quite well."

Chen Fan nodded and continued, "Those people already know your location, so when I found you, I advised you to leave quickly. Luckily you listened, otherwise, you'd be in the Qin family's interrogation room right now."

"How, how do I know if you're telling the truth or lying?"

Cold sweat drenched Wang Lingling's back, but she stubbornly retorted, "Maybe you're just trying to scare me?"

"Why would I need to scare you?"

Chen Fan chuckled.

"Considering the Qin family is a first-tier family in Yan Country, do you think you can just steal their things and walk away easily? Honestly, do you think it's possible?"

Wang Lingling's lips twitched.

She knew it wasn't very likely.

But, what if?

If she managed to evade the Qin family's pursuit, she'd own a divine demon martial art forever.

She was confident with her talent, even if she couldn't master it in a year, how about ten years, twenty years? As long as she had enough time, she believed she could master this martial art.

When that day came, even if the Qin family found her, what would she have to fear?

But according to this guy, the Qin family already knew her hiding place through Emperor's Qi Observation Skill and nearly captured her.

So, if the Qin family had this skill, wouldn't it mean she could evade this time but not necessarily the next?

Even if she dodged the second time, what about the third?

She could evade countless times, but as long as she failed once, everything would be over.

At this moment, she felt her whole body trembling, the future dimming.

"How about a transaction?"

Seeing the timing was right, Chen Fan spoke.

Actually, if he wanted to get the Longevity Technique from her, it would be very easy.

But he didn't want to use dishonorable means.

Besides, this woman came here this time with good intentions.

"Wh... what transaction?"

Wang Lingling stammered.

This person couldn't possibly know she had the Longevity Technique, could he?

No, impossible.

She had been extremely cautious all the way, so it was impossible for anyone to know she carried a divine demon martial art, let alone the specific name.

Even the Qin family wouldn't do that.

Because once it leaked out, not even the Qin family's patriarch might successfully retrieve the cultivation technique.

"The Longevity Technique."

Chen Fan spat out three words.

"Y... you know I have the Longevity Technique?"

She exclaimed in shock, her body trembling.

"I told you, my superpower is foresight. I can know whatever I want to know."

Chen Fan gave her a meaningful glance.

"So,"

She stammered, "you knew from the beginning that I had this technique?"

"Of course."

Chen Fan nodded.

"Then why did you let me leave so easily before?" She couldn't help asking.

Honestly, she would have been tempted in such a situation.

"Because I knew you'd come back."

"..."

Wang Lingling was suddenly enlightened.

Yes, since the person before her could foresee the future, knowing she would return was within reason.

Just like how someone was there to greet her as soon as she entered the Awakened Association's gate.

"Wh... what exactly do you want?" Her voice revealed a touch of fear. It was terrifying for anyone to realize that their every move was within someone else's calculation.