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Chapter 561: Taking a Different Path

Cyan Wood Club.

This is a well-known high-end club in Jiangnan City; everyone qualified to enter is of prominent status.

On the second floor, in a private room, a few young men with distinguished bearing and expensive attire were sitting, speaking softly among themselves.

Besides them, there were more than ten women dressed in traditional clothing, all beautiful in appearance. Some were peeling fruits, some were serving tea and water, while others were giving massages.

However, these young men seemed somewhat inattentive to the beauties around them, conversing amongst themselves, occasionally glancing towards the door as if waiting for someone.

Just then, the door was pushed open, and a young man appeared at the entrance.

"Young Master Ling!"

"Young Master Ling is here!"

In an instant, the young men in the private room simultaneously stood up from their sofas, each with a broad smile on their face, some even showing a hint of flattery.

More than ten women cast amorous glances towards the man at the door.

"Sorry for being late. Have you been waiting long?"

Ling Yu walked in with a smile, his eyes sweeping over the crowd, then lingering on the women, seemingly unable to tear his gaze away.

The young men exchanged glances, revealing knowing smiles.

For these young aristocrats, they've seen all kinds of women, except for those most favored by fate.

Even though the women in Cyan Wood Club are considered top-tier, one can tire of even the finest delicacies if consumed daily.

But this person before them was different.

He lived like an ascetic, spending all day in cultivation. It was natural for him to be captivated by beautiful women.

"Not at all, Young Master Ling is too polite. We just arrived ourselves."

"Yes, our seats aren't even warm yet and you were already here."

"Indeed, indeed."

They echoed each other, one of them tentatively asked:

"Young Master Ling, if you don't mind, shall I have these ladies serve you tonight?"

The women straightened up, their faces showing expectant expressions.

Years of experience told them that the person in front of them held an extraordinary status.

And he was quite attractive as well.

"No need."

Ling Yu smiled lightly, "I just came out for a bit; I need to return to cultivation tonight."

As he spoke, he walked into the private room and sat down on a sofa. Once seated, a clear intelligence was evident in his eyes, starkly different from a moment ago.

These ordinary beauties around him did not catch his eye at all.

The young men quickly started flattering him.

"As expected, Young Master Ling. Not only are you far more talented than us, but you're also so diligent. How can we ordinary people survive?"

"Exactly, in terms of age, Young Master Ling is the youngest among us, yet your Realm is already in True Essence. As for us, we're still stuck in Meridian Refining Realm."

"Yes, the most capable among us is Brother Ye, but even he has only cleared the seventh meridian and still has the eighth to go."

"Comparing oneself to others truly brings frustration."

"Enough,"

Ling Yu lay back on the sofa with a smile and asked, "Instead of flattering me, how about telling me about the task I gave you? Any progress?"

The young men looked at each other with embarrassed expressions and simultaneously turned towards an older man.

This was the Ye they had mentioned, who'd cleared the seventh meridian.

"Well..."

Ye Cheng stammered, "Young Master Ling, we did bribe people in Anshan City Martial Arts Association, but we haven't received any valuable information from them."

Ling Yu's smile froze on his face, "Nothing at all?"

Since hearing some rumors, he had instructed these people to investigate Chen Fan's recent activities.

Instinct told him that anything involving Chen Fan and having Shen Si send him away was not trivial.

Perhaps there was an opportunity hidden within.

Ye Cheng's forehead was dripping with cold sweat, "I'm very sorry, Young Master Ling, it was our incompetence. However, that Chen Fan is quite mysterious. According to our informants, it's difficult to see him, let alone track his movements."

"Indeed, Young Master Ling, I heard that he goes hunting before dawn and returns after dark, even the association's president doesn't know where he goes."

"Maybe the people we bribed are just too useless. We should send our own people over." Someone suggested.

Hearing their comments, Ling Yu was clearly displeased.

This group had previously vowed confidently, but now they couldn't even handle such a small matter.

"Young Master Ling, it's not that there's absolutely no information about that person." Ye Cheng spoke cautiously, "We did manage to find out some things."

"Speak."

Ling Yu spat out a single word.

"According to our informants, just an hour ago, that Chen appeared at the association and sparred with a woman."

"And then?"

Ling Yu glanced at him.

What kind of information was this? It didn't matter even if he sparred with ten women; what did that have to do with him?

"That woman seemed to be a True Essence Realm Martial Artist." Ye Cheng spoke softly, "That Chen also admitted to being a True Essence Realm Martial Artist in front of everyone, and he then defeated her. The process seemed quite effortless."

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He explained the events in detail.

"That's it? That doesn't prove anything."

Ling Yu didn't hesitate to say.

Besides, whether that woman is truly a True Essence Realm Martial Artist.

Even if she is, then what?

The strength gap between Meridian Refining Realm Martial Artists is already vast, let alone True Essence Realm Martial Artists.

Several people lowered their heads upon hearing this.

"I'll give you all another day or two. By then, I don't want to hear such answers again. Is that clear?"

He asked.

"This..."

The people around him all showed hesitation.

"Young Master Ling," someone cautiously said, "If this were a normal time, we could definitely do it. But now, the situation is more complicated."

"More complicated?" Ling Yu sneered, "How complicated can it be?"

"Young Master Ling, have you forgotten that the Beast Tide has already erupted?"

With these words, the atmosphere in the private room instantly fell silent.

The faces of the women present turned pale in unison.

Some of them had heard similar rumors but didn't dare to believe them.

Seeing the expressions on the faces of the men now, did that confirm it? Has the Beast Tide really erupted?

"Beast Tide."

Ling Yu's face changed slightly.

If it weren't for the reminder just now, he would have almost forgotten about this matter.

After all, it had been ten years, and living in Jiangnan City, he hadn't seen such an event in a long time.

"Yes, the Beast Tide. According to reliable information, this time the Beast Tide is much larger than before. It's likely to spread to large cities. The small and medium cities outside surely won't be able to hold. Anshan City is just a small city, isn't it?"

"Young Master Ling, in a day or two, Anshan City might have already been overrun by Fierce Beasts, and that Chen fellow might also die in the Beast Tide."

"Yes, even if he's a True Essence Realm Martial Artist, he's still weak in the face of a Beast Tide. If he manages to escape, finding his whereabouts would be just as difficult."

"If he dies in the Beast Tide, that would be letting him off easy."

Ling Yu snorted.

He had to admit, what these people said did make some sense.

The Beast Tide's arrival has disrupted even first-tier families' control over the situation, let alone the families of the people in front of him, who only have some influence in Jiangnan City.

"If we can't break through by dealing with Chen, maybe we should try another angle?"

Shen Si had mentioned Chen Fan when she called her master.

Most likely, Shen Si was also involved or knew what had happened.

Starting from Shen Si's perspective might be a good strategy.

At that moment, a flash of inspiration struck his mind.

Because that very morning, something related to Shen Si had stirred up quite a discussion at headquarters, and he hadn't given it much thought.

Thinking about it, he pondered for a moment before asking, "Has anything happened to the Song Family recently? You all know, the relationships between these noble families and our Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association aren't particularly good. Yet today, the Patriarch of the Song Family himself came to our headquarters. It's rather odd."

"The Patriarch of the Song Family went to the headquarters?"

Everyone was shocked by these words.

"Young Master Ling, you're right. The Song Family recently experienced a major event," Ye Cheng quickly said. "Song Gang of the Song Family, along with Werewolf John from the Revival Association, went to the Rainforest to compete for the Cyan Dragon Fruit. They were ambushed midway and killed."

"Something like that happened?"

Ling Yu's face showed surprise,

The Song Family's strength was significant. If his master hadn't broken through to the Celestial Human Realm, he wouldn't easily provoke them.

Even so, avoiding conflict with them was for the best.

The Revival Association, in some respects, was even more troublesome than the Song Family, not only due to their strength but also because they had considerable support from other noble families secretly.

Who would dare offend them both together? It's outrageous.

"Do you know who did it?" he curiously asked.

"Young Master Ling, if we knew, we wouldn't be sitting here." A young man smiled bitterly.

"Exactly, this matter has nearly shaken the entire Yan Country. Rumor has it that upon learning this, the Revival Association erupted in fury, demanding that the Song Family find the murderer within three days. Otherwise, they would cancel all cooperation with the Song Family. The Song Family mobilized their entire family and even offered a high reward—a million points for anyone providing valuable information."

"A million points! If we knew, we'd have claimed the reward already."

"Really?"

Ling Yu frowned.

"Young Master Ling, do you have any clues?" someone asked.

"How could I have clues?"

Ling Yu smiled and shook his head, "I didn't even know something had happened to the Song Family. I only learned of it from you."

"That's true."

Upon hearing this, several people nodded.

"The Song Family Patriarch must have come to gather some information from your association then?"

"I wonder if they found anything?"

"I doubt it. Whoever dared to do this must have had a well-laid plan. They're not easy to find."

"Exactly, it's a shame about the reward."

"Yes, a million points are nearly equivalent to our family's entire annual income."

Upon hearing this, Ling Yu's mind started formulating a plan.

He had heard that this time the Song Family specifically asked for Shen Si.

If they wanted to gather information, why specifically seek Shen Si and not someone else?

Is there a possibility that Shen Si might know something? And the Song Family discovered this from somewhere?

Tying this with that phone call,

Ling Yu made a bold guess.

The mastermind behind the killing of Song Gang and the Revival Association's member could be Chen Fan!

The more he thought about it, the more sense it made. Why else would Shen Si avoid letting him listen to the call?

But then,

Ling Yu had a lingering doubt.

Is that guy's strength really that formidable?

It's said that Song Gang had been in the True Essence Realm for some time. Even he wouldn't be confident against him, not to mention Werewolf John, who could transform, making his combat power no less than a True Essence Realm Martial Artist.

"Maybe that Chen guy teamed up with Shen Si?"

Ling Yu nodded to himself.

If that's the case, then everything makes sense.

Instantly, his previous frustration vanished, replaced by a sense of joy.

Chen Fan, Chen Fan, last time I underestimated you, letting you succeed.

But this time?

This time, up against the Song Family, what will you do?

Even if it weren't for the million points reward, he would still be pleased to leak the information.

However, he refrained from showing this on his face, sipped some red wine, and stood up:

"Alright, continue the investigation. That guy is a True Essence Realm Martial Artist; he won't die so easily. Don't worry, if you do this well, I won't treat you poorly. And if you don't find anything, I won't hold it against you either. Just do the best you can."

"Yes, yes."

"Don't worry, Young Master Ling, we will give our best!"

They quickly stood and assured him, thumping their chests.

After seeing him off, they each sighed with relief.

"Is that Chen fellow really that important? Worth all this commotion?"

Someone muttered softly.

Moreover, a True Essence Realm Martial Artist under twenty, is that even possible? Even first-tier families don't necessarily have such prodigies, right?

"He may not be important to us, but he is to that person."

"Yes, whoever gets their limelight stolen would feel unhappy. We'd feel the same if it happened to us."

They nodded,

They were unaware of the deep animosity between Chen Fan and Ling Yu.

They merely thought the two were rivals.

After all, such situations were more common and more malicious in their own families.

Chapter 563: Observing the Universe Technique

Nighttime, after his younger brother had fallen asleep, Chen Fan came to the living room.

He glanced in the direction of his parents' bedroom, where whispers could still be heard.

Clearly, even with his assurance, his mother was still extremely anxious.

Chen Fan sighed softly, took out a phone, logged into the Awakened Association, and smiled upon seeing his account balance.

Yes, the bounty for killing the Rat King and the Skinning Demon had been received, totaling 1.5 million points.

1.5 million...

His previous accumulated points were less than 800,000.

This time, it directly broke the record, with his total accumulated points exceeding 2.3 million.

"If the Association opens the exchange privileges for Divine Demon-level Martial Arts, the price should be around 1 million points, right?"

Chen Fan speculated.

If it hasn't been opened, that's understandable.

After all, Shen Si had mentioned that most of the Divine Demon-level Martial Arts were controlled by the noble families of Yan Country.

Even the Awakened Association found it hard to acquire them from those families.

"Actually, even if the exchange privileges were opened, it would probably just be eye candy."

He thought to himself.

A thousand-mile-high building starts from the ground. Wanting to complete a Divine Demon-level Martial Art is no easy task.

It's possible that one of the requirements might be reaching the Celestial Human Realm, which could be the easiest part.

In the next moment, he clicked on the points mall and switched to the cultivation techniques section, his eyes widening immediately.

Because at the top of the list was a Divine Demon-level Martial Art.

Celestial Demon Godslaying Technique: Divine Demon-level Martial Art, priced at 2 million points. This cultivation technique enhances one's power by absorbing Yin energy from the heavens and the earth. It is rumored to have nine forms: Yin Absorption Form, Soul Breaking, Demon Soul Soaring, Heaven Absorption and Sun Erosion, Thousand Soul Slaughter City, Demon-Locked God, Illusionary Demon Ball, Demon Chaos Heaven and Earth, and Demon Extinction. Currently, only the first, second, and fourth forms are preserved, while the others are missing.

Note: Due to the unique nature of Divine Demon-level Martial Arts, purchasers must visit the headquarters to receive authentic transmission.

"2 million points..."

Chen Fan sighed, how expensive it was.

Even he couldn't afford it at the moment.

He looked again and thought, this Celestial Demon Godslaying Technique seemed to lean towards an evil cultivation technique, enhancing one's power through absorbing Yin energy.

He shook his head.

Just from the name, it seemed that this cultivation technique was created by the Demon Race in ancient times; it's not quite suitable for humans to practice.

Moreover, like the Longevity Technique, to view this martial art, one must go to the headquarters and see the original copy.

"It is indeed a bit troublesome. Could it be that all Divine Demon-level Martial Arts are like this?"

His gaze continued down, and he immediately let out a small gasp.

Observing the Universe Technique: Divine Demon-level Martial Art, priced at 1 million points. This martial art was created by the Thunder Emperor, War Emperor, and Ice Emperor. It enhances spiritual power by visualizing the universe in one's mind.

Note: Due to the unique nature of Divine Demon Martial Arts, the purchaser must visit one of the three super large cities to receive authentic transmission.

"Observing the Universe Technique."

Chen Fan muttered these four words,

Back in the Chen Family Stronghold, he had long heard of this cultivation technique's name.

Now, he finally saw it.

His gaze fell on the creators.

Thunder Emperor, War Emperor, Ice Emperor.

These three were the current S-Class Awakened of Yan Country.

Ten years ago, they already had the power to contend with Beast Emperor Level Fierce Beasts. Ten years later, who knows how much they've progressed.

"Perhaps, I could directly exchange for this cultivation technique?"

Chen Fan was extremely tempted.

This is a Divine Demon-level Martial Art, still in its complete form. Once acquired, it could be practiced immediately to boost his battle power.

In the midst of a beast tide outbreak, it seemed the most suitable option.

However, acquiring this martial art required meeting one of the three S-Class Awakened, which was even more troublesome than the Celestial Demon Godslaying Technique.

For most people, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity since those three are the topmost powerhouses in Yan Country. Even A-level Awakened find it hard to meet them.

Now, buying this martial art offers a chance to meet any one of them.

This also confirms the difficulty in meeting them. Even the Song Family would find spending 1 million points quite painful.

"Let's add it to the shopping list first."

Chen Fan hesitated for a moment but still added this cultivation technique to his shopping list.

It's just meeting them; he's done nothing shameful, nothing to worry about.

As for the trouble, there's no helping it. Future exchanges of Divine Demon-level Martial Arts would probably be the same.

Out of 1.5 million points, spending 1 million would leave 500,000 points.

Continuing to browse, to his surprise, he saw another Divine Demon-level Martial Art.

Emperor's Swordsmanship: Divine Demon-level Martial Art, priced at 1 million points. It includes nine sword techniques: Fire Dragon Soaring into the Nine Heavens, Divine Dragon Spits Pearl to Illuminate the World, Dragon Crossing Thousand Peaks and Subduing All Directions, Cyan Dragon Breaks Ground and Shakes the Universe, White Dragon Inverting Sea and Drowning Divine Land, Dragon Roaming the Heavens and Picking Stars, Black Dragon Roars at Heaven and Swallows the Sun and Moon, Golden Dragon's Fury Shocks Heaven and Earth, and Supreme Purple Dragon's Aura, each move carrying divine power of tremendous might.

Most of the techniques have been lost. This martial art only contains the first and third techniques.

Note: Due to the unique nature of Divine Demon-level Martial Arts, purchasers must visit the headquarters to receive authentic transmission.

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Indeed, the final notes were exactly the same.

"What a pity, it's a Sword Technique."

Chen Fan shook his head.

Never mind that he only had 500,000 points available; even with a million points, he couldn't complete it once he obtained it.

He glanced upwards, wondering if there were any Divine Demon-level Martial Arts above the 2 million points that were yet to be unlocked.

"Forget it, once I have enough points, I'll know. Besides, mastering as many Supreme-level Martial Arts as possible, completion won't be that easy either."

Chen Fan muttered to himself, looking downwards.

Below the 1 million points, there must be Supreme-level Martial Arts.

Six Extinctions Sword Twenty-Three: Supreme-level Martial Arts, priced at 900,000 points, derived from the Twenty-Third Sword, after usage, forms a Sword Qi Barrier where all things pause and can be easily slaughtered. This Martial Art has mostly been lost, with only a small portion preserved until today.

Red Fire Divine Skill: Supreme-level Martial Arts, priced at 800,000 points, the cultivation technique is extremely difficult, even a slight mistake may result in self-immolation, but the power is immense. In battle, it burns like an unceasing fire. If cultivated to the 9th Floor, even if the physical body is destroyed, the Primordial Spirit can still exist in the world. This cultivation technique is mostly lost, with only the earlier part retained.

Mok Wu Liang: Supreme-level Martial Arts, priced at 800,000 points, needing two people with a harmonious mind to perform, its power is earth-shattering. This cultivation technique is nearly lost, with only a very minor portion preserved.

Further down, there was the previously unlocked Heavenly Chaos Four Extremes, priced at 700,000 points.

Chen Fan exhaled slowly, he had unlocked all Martial Arts below Divine Demon-level Martial Arts. As long as he had enough points, he could buy them.

Among the newly unlocked Martial Arts, his favorite was naturally the Six Extinctions Sword Twenty-Three priced at 900,000 points, derived from the Twenty-Third Sword.

The Twenty-Third Sword was the strongest move among Sword Techniques, capable of forming a Sword Qi Barrier, pausing time within. However, the practitioner's Primordial Spirit would leave the body, causing a weakness in the physical form.

But the Six Extinctions Sword Twenty-Three did not require the Primordial Spirit to leave the body to execute the move, and it extended to a move called Twenty-Third of the Sentimental Sword, which could precisely target without harming the innocent.

Next was the Red Fire Divine Skill.

This Martial Art might be extremely dangerous for others, as described, even a slight mistake could result in self-immolation.

But for him, there was no worry at all.

With enough Experience Points, he could directly enhance this cultivation technique to the highest Realm, even to the 10th Floor, Flameless Flame.

This cultivation technique also sparked a curiosity in him.

Because according to the description, anyone cultivating to the 9th Floor could preserve their Primordial Spirit even if their physical body was destroyed.

Could there be someone who had successfully practiced it and lived until today?

"Maybe there's such a person,"

Chen Fan thought.

As for the third one, Mok Wu Liang.

He had always been curious about these Martial Arts that required multiple people to perform, wondering if he could do it alone.

The panel suggested it was possible.

But the requirements of the cultivation technique were also clear.

To experiment, he'd need a lot of Experience Points; after all, this was a Supreme-level Martial Art priced at 800,000 points, implying a significant expenditure in Experience Points, likely in the millions.

With that many Experience Points, wouldn't it be better to use them on the Six Extinctions Sword Twenty-Three or the Red Fire Divine Skill?

So, after a brief hesitation, he pushed the priority of redeeming this Martial Art back.

Once he had an excess of Experience Points, he would consider this cultivation technique.

"Next up, how to spend these 500,000 points."

Chen Fan continued browsing down.

There were quite a few Supreme-level Martial Arts priced below 500,000 points.

For instance, Ten Tribulations of the Evil King priced at 500,000 points, Profound Yin Twelve Swords priced at 400,000 points, Divine Seizing Seven Void priced at 350,000 points, Heaven-Shifting Divine Technique priced at 300,000 points, Sacred Heart Technique priced at 250,000 points, and so on.

Logically, it would be the most cost-effective to redeem the most expensive ones.

But, considering these Secret Manuals were incomplete, such choices weren't wise.

Even a Supreme Martial Art priced at 100,000 points wasn't wise at this time.

His gaze fell on several Unparalleled Techniques.

For example, Celestial Blade Technique priced at 90,000 points, Nine-Character Mantra Hand Seal priced at 80,000 points, Three-Point Divine Finger priced at 70,000 points, and so on.

Compared to Supreme Martial Arts, the power of these techniques was considerably weaker, but for him, they held the greatest hope of immediate completion upon acquisition.

Moreover, mastering these Unparalleled Techniques would greatly increase the possibility of completing those ten-to-twenty-thousand-point Supreme-level Martial Arts.

Like the Three-Point Divine Finger; mastering it would definitely aid in completing the Three-Part Returning Essence Qi priced at 150,000 points.

Similarly, mastering the Sword Techniques at the Unparalleled level would help unlock and learn the most potent move in the Supreme Martial Art Holy Spirit Swordsmanship, the Heaven and Earth Destruction Sword Twenty-Three, thereby unlocking the Six Extinctions Sword Twenty-Three priced at 900,000 points.

That was the train of thought. Chen Fan added several Unparalleled Techniques to his shopping list.

Points appeared valuable now.

500,000 points redeemed eight Unparalleled Techniques, with a bit left over.

Looking at the top Divine Demon-level Martial Arts, Observing the Universe Technique, Chen Fan took a deep breath and clicked confirm.

The next moment, a prompt appeared on the screen, reminding him that because he purchased a Divine Demon-level Martial Art, he needed to make a choice before finalizing the order.

Should he choose the Thunder Emperor, Ice Emperor, or War Emperor?

Chen Fan hesitated slightly before selecting Thunder Emperor.

He knew Ice Emperor was the only female among the three, an exceptional beauty.

Most people would likely choose her.

But Chen Fan preferred avoiding trouble.

He clicked confirm again, input the password, and completed the transaction.

Within two or three seconds, he received an email.

Besides Observing the Universe Technique, the other eight Unparalleled Techniques were attached, and the headquarters would notify Thunder Emperor about his purchase of the Divine Demon-level Martial Art, providing a response within three days.

"Seems like I was overthinking."

Chen Fan smiled bitterly.

He had hoped to begin cultivation immediately upon obtaining this Divine Demon-level Martial Art, but unexpected delays required him to wait three days.

Nevertheless, this seemed reasonable.

Thunder Emperor, as Yan Country's top-level powerhouse, even if not busy with affairs, would spend most of his time in cultivation, indifferent to other matters.

If given a chance to choose again, he would probably still choose Thunder Emperor; the allure of a complete Divine Demon-level Martial Art was simply too great.

"Let's first review these Unparalleled Techniques, then proceed with cultivating the Longevity Technique."

Chen Fan opened the attachments, thoroughly reviewing the eight techniques. Information prompts immediately appeared in his mind.

As he expected, techniques like Celestial Blade Technique, Celestial Frost Fist, Cloud Dispelling Palm, Wind God Leg—all Unparalleled Techniques—could be completed immediately, taking only one or two days for fist and kick Martial Arts.

Even Sword Technique, like Yi Swordsmanship, could be done, though it took slightly longer, around three to four days.

"If I had another tens of thousands of points, I could redeem all other Unparalleled Techniques. Once mastered, I could start redeeming Supreme Martial Arts."

Chen Fan's eyes revealed anticipation.

The Beast Tide outbreak was indeed a bad event.

But it also meant he wouldn't need to worry about Experience Points shortly.

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[Longevity Technique (Water): Completely Ignorant (0%)]

Looking at the skill bar with these words, Chen Fan's eyes gleamed.

After obtaining this volume, he specially went online to search for information about the Longevity Technique, and the results were quite good.

As its name suggests, the Longevity Technique is a supreme art of staying young and maintaining health. After cultivation, one can not only live as long as a tortoise but also retain youth forever, not aging in appearance.

The entire technique is divided into seven volumes, which are Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth, and Yin and Yang. Each volume seems to be a completely different cultivation technique, with the characters on it being obscure and difficult to understand. Forced cultivation of it may easily lead to deviation and severe danger.

But even so, for tens of thousands of years, countless powerful figures have been searching for the whereabouts of this martial art. Even a rumor would stir up a bloody storm.

It is said that the Longevity Technique contains the principles of Heaven and Earth, believing that the human body is a small Heaven and Earth, with another Heaven and Earth outside. As long as one can grasp the connection between these two, the two can merge into one, reaching the Unity of Heaven and Man Realm.

What is the Unity of Heaven and Man Realm? Yes, it is the Celestial Human Realm.

In other words, even someone who cannot cultivate inner strength, if they can understand the secrets within the Longevity Technique, they can directly absorb Primordial Qi from Heaven and Earth for their own cultivation, which is the Innate True Qi mentioned in the Longevity Technique.

In the Yan Country, martial artists must strengthen bones and muscles, refine qi and blood, first feeling a hint of qi in their body. Then, they must enlarge their True Qi, transform the True Qi into True Essence, and condense the Martial Arts True Pill, before communicating with Heaven and Earth and absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

It is imaginable how tempting this martial art is to martial artists.

Unfortunately, since the birth of the Longevity Technique until today, those who can truly understand its secrets are few, leaving behind a sea of explanatory books, confusing later generations.

Even the wise, able to grasp its secrets, cannot explain it to future generations.

Today, several volumes are missing, and even the circulated volumes are preserved by various major families, making it difficult for the general public to see them. Moreover, the preserving families generally keep them locked away, seldomly viewing them over decades.

Chen Fan sighed lightly.

These remnants of Divine Demon Martial Arts, staying with those families are wasted; lending them to him might bring the full version back to light.

But obviously, this is not easy.

Even the Awakened Association can barely benefit from those families, let alone him.

"If someday, my power can overwhelm everyone, this idea of borrowing might materialize."

Thinking of this, Chen Fan laughed to himself, eyes returning to the skill bar.

The Longevity Technique is divided into seven volumes of Metal, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth, Yin, and Yang. Since no one has successfully cultivated them, the effects of each volume are speculative once mastered.

Chen Fan glanced at his experience points, accumulated over fifty million, the most ever.

However, he dared not celebrate too soon, as cultivating the Undying Golden Body to the highest realm consumed twenty million points.

This volume of the Longevity Technique might be a Supreme-level Martial Arts, though whether fifty million points are sufficient remains uncertain.

"Hopefully, it's enough. If not, I will have to wait until tomorrow."

Chen Fan murmured, adding another million experience points to test the waters.

Immediately, the cultivation progress of the Longevity Technique jumped to two-thirds.

"1.5 million."

Chen Fan calculated inwardly; excluding the experience reduction effect from the Sun Observation Technique, generally it should be 2.5 million points to reach the beginner level.

"Half more than the Undying Golden Body."

He exhaled slightly, thinking maybe 30 million points could bring this martial art to Perfection.

Not daring to drop his guard, he added the remaining required points of 500,000.

Instantly, he felt a warm surge across his body, his senses sharpening, even hearing the sounds from deep underground clearly.

"Constitution improved? And significantly more than just a little?"

With doubts, he looked at the skill bar.

[Longevity Technique (Water): Initial Glimpse (0%), Traits: Longevity Level 1, Art of Staying Young Level 1]

[Longevity: For each skill level increase, the physical attribute enhances by 30,000 points]

[Art of Staying Young: For each skill level increase, aging slows by 10%]

"Two traits indeed."

Chen Fan, surprised and delighted, sighed with admiration that indeed it is part of the Divine Demon Martial Arts; although the same rank as Supreme Martial Arts, its effects are significantly stronger.

Like the first trait, Longevity, each level increase boosts the physical attribute by 30,000 points!

Whereas the Undying Golden Body boosts only 10,000 points per level, differing by threefold!

Reaching the Perfection Realm could boost the physical attribute by 150,000 points! Almost doubling his current attribute.

"No wonder since ancient times, countless people have attempted to decipher its secrets. Just the benefits from reaching the beginner level outmatch most of my past efforts." Chen Fan sighed.

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He had over two hundred thousand physical attributes, a feat achieved by supplementing several martial arts and amassing a large quantity of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures.

But even a beginner level of the Longevity Technique already had sixty to seventy percent of its effects, an astonishing result.

However, such immense benefits were not easily obtained. From ancient times to the present, very few have been able to unlock its mysteries, which speaks volumes.

The second trait, the Art of Staying Young, might not seem as remarkable at first glance, but it is not so simple.

The effect at Level 1 is a ten percent reduction in the rate of aging.

However, a martial artist's constitution is vastly different from that of an ordinary person.

An average person who doesn't exercise or maintain their health might go from a vigorous youth to a middle-aged person in ten years.

For one who exercises daily and maintains their health, this process might take fifteen to twenty years.

For a martial artist, this process could last thirty to forty years. On that basis, a further ten percent reduction could extend this period to over forty years.

That's just the effect at Level 1. At the Perfection Realm, the effect at Level 5 can slow the aging rate by nearly forty percent!

Martial artists at the same level would have graying hair while practitioners of the Longevity Technique would still have jet-black hair or only a few wrinkles.

As the saying goes, "Flowers may bloom again, but a person never regains youth." This kind of effect is irresistible.

To further slow down the aging process, one would need to acquire the subsequent volumes of the Longevity Technique.

Of course, this trait means it can only slow down aging, not stop it completely; it just makes the process much slower.

Chen Fan's face revealed a look of anticipation.

This was just the beginner level; the traits unlocked later would be even more powerful.

Earlier, he spent one and a half million experience points. This time, he invested three million experience points.

Instantly, the cultivation progress of the Longevity Technique skyrocketed to one hundred percent, directly entering the Small Success Realm.

This time, in addition to the physical changes, Chen Fan felt a significant increase in his True Qi.

"Is this the trait that boosts the Primordial True Qi?"

Chen Fan was delighted.

He currently mastered several secret techniques but was limited by his insufficient True Qi.

For example, the Heaven-Piercing Arrow and the Giant Spirit Hand each required ten million points of True Qi, while his most powerful attack, the Heaven-Burning Arrow, needed a staggering fifteen million points of True Qi!

As one of the top-tier supreme martial arts, the Longevity Technique surely wouldn't lack in its amplification effects on True Qi. It might even boost his True Qi to over ten million points in one go.

Chen Fan looked excitedly,

[Longevity Technique (Water): Initial Glimpse (0%), Traits: Longevity Level 2, Art of Staying Young Level 2, Strengthening the Foundation and Nourishing the Essence Level 1]

[Strengthening the Foundation and Nourishing the Essence: Each skill level increases Primordial True Qi by three times]

"Indeed."

Chen Fan's face lit up with a smile.

The trait of the Undying Golden Body was a one-time Primordial True Qi increase.

The Longevity Technique directly boosts it by three times!

At the Perfection Realm, it adds an additional twelve times!

Chen Fan looked at the attribute bar.

His current True Essence Value was over ninety-nine thousand, just short of one hundred thousand points. Another enhancement of the Longevity Technique, and his True Qi would undoubtedly break through the ten million point mark.

If he reached the Perfection Realm...

A bold thought crossed Chen Fan's mind.

The Sea of Qi in his dantian could be so full of True Essence that he could attempt to break through to the Celestial Human Realm?

He had heard some things about breaking through to the Celestial Human Realm: the Martial Arts True Pill that martial artists condense affects how much they can absorb and use the power of heaven and earth. The better the quality of the Martial Arts True Pill, the higher the limits.

For instance, the President Shi Tao had condensed a First-grade Martial Arts True Pill, making him one of the standout Celestial Realm martial artists. Most condense Second-grade Martial Arts True Pills, and quite a few condense Third-grade Pills.

There were even rumors of a Celestial grade above First-grade.

However, those who could condense such quality were as rare as phoenix feathers. There were hardly any known successful cases in this era.

Chen Fan's goal was naturally Celestial grade.

After all, if he had the attribute panel, why wouldn't he aim for the best? Otherwise, it would be a waste.

"Let's continue."

He collected his thoughts and this time, invested six million experience points.

As expected, the realm of the Longevity Technique broke through again, reaching the stage of Entering the Hall. Simultaneously, a flash of insight crossed his mind.

"As expected of a Divine Demon-level Martial Art, it unlocked new traits again."

Chen Fan smiled, filled with anticipation.

[Longevity Technique (Water): Initial Glimpse (0%), Traits: Longevity Level 3, Art of Staying Young Level 3, Strengthening the Foundation and Nourishing the Essence Level 2, All Rivers Flow into the Sea Level 1]

[All Rivers Flow into the Sea: Each skill level doubles the natural recovery speed of injuries and True Qi. The more depleted the True Qi, the faster the recovery speed, up to three times]

Chen Fan's eyes widened.

No wonder he didn't feel anything because his True Qi was full and unspent, and he had no injuries. But once he was out in the wild, this trait would truly shine, especially during a Beast Tide.

Why were Beast Tides terrifying? It's because of the endless Fierce Beasts. They couldn't be killed off completely, and the natural recovery speed of True Qi for martial artists was too slow to keep up with the consumption. As for injuries, they'd also need True Qi to heal, further increasing the consumption.

Mid to High-level Fierce Beasts might be dumb, but not so much that they'd watch you meditate and recover without attacking. Especially since Beast Tides are often commanded by Commander-level or even Beast King-level Fierce Beasts.

No matter how strong a martial artist, once their True Qi was exhausted, they'd have to rely on physical strength, and if that too was exhausted, they could only wait for death.

This trait, however, would allow a cultivator's True Qi to naturally recover at twice the previous speed. The more depleted the True Qi, the faster the recovery speed, up to four times the previous.

If cultivated to perfection, the normal recovery speed would be four times the previous, and in extreme cases, it could be ten times!

What does this mean?

Chen Fan calculated that in a meditative state, it took three hours to fully recover his True Qi.

If he didn't meditate but let it recover naturally, it would take about twelve hours.

Level 1 of All Rivers Flow into the Sea could cut this time in half. Six hours to fully recover.

At perfection, Level 3 All Rivers Flow into the Sea would require only three hours, identical to meditative recovery.

And he wouldn't need to face the adverse effects of meditation, like sitting still and unable to move.

The key is, this is just the beginning.

The more True Qi expended, the faster the recovery speed!

Reaching ten times, his True Qi could be fully restored within an hour. It might even reach a point where the True Qi used wasn't enough to keep up with the recovery.

"What a horrifying trait."

Chen Fan gasped.

This trait was perhaps the core advantage of the Longevity Technique.

Gold, Wood, Water, Fire, Earth, each had its role.

One significant role of Water is healing.

Everything needs water to survive!

"Indeed, every Divine Demon-level Martial Art must be sought after at all costs; they cannot be missed."

Chen Fan took a deep breath.

Just this trait alone would allow him to remain undefeated in the upcoming Beast Tide, unless a Beast Emperor-level or multiple Beast King-level Fierce Beasts appeared.

If he hadn't obtained this martial art, holding off the flood of fierce beasts would be several times more difficult!

"Just two more realms to Perfection."

Chen Fan's gaze shifted to the experience points bar.

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It takes six million experience points to elevate the Longevity Technique from the Small Success Realm to Entering the Hall.

Then, it should require twelve million experience points to elevate from Entering the Hall to the Great Success Realm.

Further, to elevate from the Great Success Realm to Perfection, it will be twenty-four million.

It seems that fifty million experience points will be just enough.

Chen Fan felt a bit excited and added the twelve million experience points.

Sure enough, the progress bar of the Longevity Technique directly reached one hundred percent, advancing to the next realm.

In an instant, a white light flashed through his mind, and he immediately sensed some sort of elusive energy moving around in the air.

The higher he went, the more this wandering energy increased in number.

Chen Fan shivered and looked up to the sky.

Is this what's called Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi?

Ever since the world's transformation, Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi has always existed in the world, but ordinary people cannot sense it. Only martial artists who have reached the Celestial Human Realm can discover and utilize it.

"Could it be?"

Chen Fan looked at the skill bar.

[Longevity Technique (Water): Great Success (0%), Traits: Longevity Level 4, Art of Staying Young Level 4, Strengthening the Foundation and Nourishing the Essence Level 3, All Rivers Flow into the Sea Level 2, Innate Body]

[Innate Body: When not activated, you can sense the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi around you. When actively activated, enter a meditation state, continuously consume Spiritual Power, and actively absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi into the body to increase Primordial True Qi.]

"Innate Body."

Chen Fan took a deep breath after viewing it.

This trait is indeed quite special, it doesn't have levels, but its effect is extremely powerful.

In other words, even though he is not yet a Celestial Human Realm martial artist, thanks to unlocking this trait, he can also absorb the essence of Heaven and Earth to enhance his strength like a Celestial Human Realm martial artist.

Of course, Celestial Human Realm martial artists can do more than just this. They can also borrow the power of Heaven and Earth to enhance their attack potency.

But it seems this trait doesn't achieve that.

However, Chen Fan is already very satisfied, and due to this trait, he is even more resolute in his aim to condense the Heaven-grade Martial Arts True Pill.

"I wonder what the effects are after absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi? Let's give it a try."

Chen Fan glanced at the remaining experience points, realizing they wouldn't run away.

He closed his eyes and activated the Innate Body, instantly feeling his Spiritual Power within his mind being rapidly consumed at a rate of ten thousand points per second.

At the same time, strands of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi were attracted and entered the Elixir Field and Sea of Qi through his body's acupoints.

Soon, a strand of Primordial True Qi appeared inside his body.

Chen Fan's eyes widened immediately.

A strand of Primordial True Qi is equivalent to a point of Primordial True Essence.

It doesn't seem like much.

But for one point of Primordial True Essence, he would need to operate the True Essence within his body for several dozen circulations.

Converted to time, at least two hours minimum.

The further he goes, the longer it takes!

But now?

In just the blink of an eye, Chen Fan felt two more points of Primordial True Essence appearing within his body!

And it was still increasing at a very stable rate.

Chen Fan did not stop; he feared that the surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi might run out. However, this thought seemed superfluous.

A minute passed quickly, and Primordial True Essence had increased by 66 points!

The surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi showed no sign of drying up.

Chen Fan was puzzled about why it increased by 66 points instead of 60.

Because most of the time, the growth rate of Primordial True Essence inside his body was one point per second, but there were about two or three seconds when it was an exception, increasing by two points per second.

Yet, he couldn't figure out the reason in haste. Could it be that he was having a streak of good luck?

Of course, there was a downside too, which was the rapid consumption of Spiritual Power.

Consuming ten thousand points per second, after one minute, 600,000 points of Spiritual Power were consumed, which put considerable pressure on someone whose Spiritual Power reached hundreds of thousands of points.

But it was worth it.

After all, only Celestial Human Realm martial artists can absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi for their cultivation.

Currently, he is only at the True Essence Realm, able to accomplish this, so paying some cost is normal.

"I wonder if the Spiritual Power consumption for Celestial Human Realm martial artists absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi is as fast as this? Probably not."

Chen Fan thought internally.

Celestial Human Realm martial artists can absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi because of the Martial Arts True Pill within their body, which may consume Spiritual Power but not as exaggeratedly as his own.

The next moment, he opened his eyes and exited the meditation state.

Not because he felt the growth of Primordial True Essence was enough but because he planned to continue enhancing the cultivation technique to Perfection.

Maybe there's another powerful perfect trait waiting for him.

He directly added twenty-four million experience points.

The progress bar of the Longevity Technique soared sharply, ultimately reaching one hundred percent and entering the Perfection Realm.

A golden light flashed through his mind.

At this moment, Chen Fan felt the Primordial Qi between heaven and earth become even clearer, and there were even one or two strands of golden Primordial Qi among them, containing twice the energy of those ordinary white Primordial Qi.

"Is that also Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi?"

Chen Fan was astonished, then quickly thought of something.

Was that minute's special situation earlier because he absorbed that golden Primordial Qi?

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Yet earlier, he had definitely not noticed the presence of this golden energy?

He thought of something and looked toward the Longevity Technique,

[Longevity Technique (Water): Perfection (Cannot be Enhanced), Traits: Longevity 5th Level, Art of Staying Young 5th Level, Strengthening the Foundation and Nourishing the Essence 4th Level, All Rivers Flow into the Sea 3rd Level, Innate Body, Unity of Heaven and Man 1st Level]

[Unity of Heaven and Man: Can discover more refined primordial energy between heaven and earth, and each level up of the skill doubles the absorption speed of primordial energy.]

"More refined primordial energy."

Chen Fan realized.

He looked up at the sky again and saw those strands of golden energy floating.

It seems that the reason for the previous growth of Primordial True Essence by two points is due to absorbing these strands of golden energy.

They exist between heaven and earth, but his sensitivity to primordial energy was too low to detect their presence. He blindly absorbed them with the white ordinary energy into his body.

"So, it means that there are even more refined primordial energies in this world."

Chen Fan pondered.

Then, he closed his eyes again to absorb the few strands of golden energy.

In the next moment, the Primordial True Essence in his body increased by 4 points! While the consumption of Spiritual Power remained unchanged.

Chen Fan did not stop and absorbed all the remaining strands of golden energy into his body, so that no golden energy could be seen around anymore.

The growth rate of the Primordial True Essence inside him also dropped from 4 points per second to 2 points.

"Not bad."

Chen Fan thought to himself.

Even refining elixirs to convert into potential points does not have such a fast growth rate.

As long as Spiritual Power was sufficient, he could keep absorbing endlessly.

A few minutes passed, and his Spiritual Power reached its limit. Chen Fan finally felt the long-lost sense of fatigue, as sleepiness swept over him.

He yawned, showing a look of lingering interest on his face.

In less than ten minutes, the Primordial True Essence in his body increased by three to four hundred points. This speed is almost catching up with the Star Absorption Technique.

Moreover, he discovered a point that not only the white primordial energy but also the golden primordial energy seemed to be endless.

Though not as abundant as the former, it appeared occasionally, and whenever it did, he would prioritize absorbing the golden energy before the white primordial energy.

"Exchanging the Observing the Universe Technique earlier was indeed a wise choice."

Chen Fan mused.

Once the Observing the Universe Technique was cultivated to its highest realm and Spiritual Power broke ten million points, that would be indisputable.

By then, his absorption of primordial energy would last longer, and his strength would increase faster.

Additionally, he should find a way to obtain the remaining Chapters of the Longevity Technique.

Even a single Chapter brought such significant improvement. If he collected them all, the result would be unimaginable.

Chen Fan's lips curved upward, as he sat down again and entered meditation.

Now was not the time to sleep. After meditating for a few hours to replenish Spiritual Power, he needed to continue absorbing primordial energy.

One night passed quickly, and dawn broke with a touch of white.

Sitting on the sofa, Chen Fan slowly opened his eyes.

Throughout the night, he meditated twice and absorbed primordial energy three times, causing the Primordial True Essence in his body to increase by nearly 1500 points, almost doubling.

There were notable changes in his panel values.

Realm: True Essence Realm·Second Realm (1.85%) (+)

True Essence: 221748/3304.75 (+6710%)

Level: 29 (0/1 billion)

Constitution: 331900

Power: 242000

Agility: 61600

Spirit: 2808600

Potential Points: 5000000

Experience Points: 2000000

The most prominent change was in the realm indicator. Previously, it was the First Realm of True Essence; now it has become the Second Realm of True Essence.

During the second absorption of primordial energy, the Elixir Field and Sea of Qi were filled with True Qi again, and Chen Fan's mind received a message or two choices.

One was to elevate the realm to the Second Realm of True Essence, expanding the capacity of the Elixir Field and Sea of Qi by a hundredfold.

The second was to immediately break through to the Celestial Human Realm, with a 95% probability of condensing a First-grade Martial Arts True Pill and a 5% probability of condensing a Heaven-grade Martial Arts True Pill.

Choice two was unexpected for Chen Fan.

But he still chose option one without hesitation.

The reason was simple; his goal was to condense a Heaven-grade Martial Arts True Pill instead of a First-grade. Even if the probability was 99%, he still wouldn't gamble on it.

Hence, he needed an astounding 1.2 billion true qi to fully fill his dantian.

Using the True Qi Pill alone probably would take forever, not to mention the restriction caused by its medicinal ingredients.

But now, his ability to absorb primordial energy made things different.

Moreover, his total True Qi value reached over twenty million.

This meant that he could effortlessly perform powerful techniques like the Heaven-Burning Arrow consuming fifteen million true qi, and the Giant Spirit Hand consuming ten million true qi.

If one day, a Beast King-level Fierce Beast appeared outside the city, he could directly slap it to death, and with the increase of True Qi coupled with the recovery effects of the Longevity Technique, as long as no Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beast attacked, Anshan City would stand firm.

"Daylight has come."

He turned to look outside the window.

According to Meng Xue's information, the beast tide would arrive at the foot of Anshan City by the afternoon and launch attacks toward the city several times.

Generally, small cities barely withstand the first attack and fall during the second or third wave.

But this place was different.

He stood up, left a note on the table, and walked towards the Awakened Association.

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The streets of Anshan City appeared unusually quiet in the early morning.

The usually early-open breakfast shops had their doors shut, and the streets were sparsely populated, with occasional sighs from passersby.

On the city walls, guards stood in a state of high alert, gripping their weapons tightly.

Some used the large telescopes on the walls to scan the horizon, letting out sighs of relief upon not spotting the beast tide but quickly turning anxious again, repeating the cycle.

Time ticked by steadily, and figures began to appear outside the city.

They looked ragged, some wounded, walking step by step towards the city, faces filled with fear and a hint of hope.

Among them was an old man, blending with the crowd, who looked up at the city before him, silently musing, this is Anshan City? Surrounded by mountains on three sides, it indeed was easy to defend and hard to attack.

Yet that young fellow Chen underestimated the beast tide.

The crowd reached the outskirts of the city, uttering cries of plea.

To their surprise, the city gates opened, and the guards, contrary to the expected arrogance, politely registered each person and let them in.

"Old man, did you come here alone?" someone asked Elder Wang in astonishment.

"Yes," Elder Wang smiled wryly, "Luck was on my side, I didn't encounter any fierce beasts. Maybe they saw my old bones and decided to spare me."

"What a stroke of luck."

The guard sighed, then addressed the crowd, "You have come at the right time. After today, entering the city will be difficult."

The crowd exchanged glances and thought about the perils they had faced on the way.

"The beast tide is about to erupt."

The guard sighed, "Possibly within these two or three days, by then, the area outside the city will be filled with fierce beasts, and none of us will be able to leave."

"!!!"

The crowd revealed expressions of shock.

Beast tide? Is it true?

"Hey, big brother, is the beast tide really about to erupt?" someone asked with disbelief.

"I wish it were false, but it's the City Lord's Mansion's notice. The awakeners wouldn't joke about this."

The guard sighed, then waved his hand to urge, "Alright, those who have registered, hurry inside. Behave and don't cause trouble. Even if the beast tide erupts, no one will expel you."

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Hearing what the guard said, the people present didn't dare ask more questions. They quietly lined up and walked into the city.

Seeing the wide road in front of them, and the high buildings of several to more than a dozen stories, the worry on their faces turned into astonishment one by one.

So this is Anshan City?

It's indeed as magnificent as the rumors say.

And at this moment, have they already become a part of it?

"Even if a Beast Tide really breaks out, we should be safe living in the city, right?" A small voice sounded, full of excitement.

"Indeed, look at these city walls, they must be as tall as a dozen-story building? There are even cannons on top. Compared to our village, this place is incredibly powerful."

"Are you kidding? How can this place compare to where we lived before? If a Beast Tide really breaks out, living here is a thousand times better than where we used to be."

"Yes, yes."

Everyone agreed deeply.

They had heard that there was no threshold to enter Anshan City, so they came with a try-your-luck mentality.

Unexpectedly, it was just as the rumors said.

Elder Wang was also in the crowd. His eyes scanned the buildings, finally landing on the Martial Arts Association, then a smile appeared on his face.

Since we're here, let's find that little guy? Let's see what kind of person he really is.

"Old man?"

At this moment, a man in front suddenly turned around and asked with a smile: "Where are you..."

His voice abruptly stopped, staring dumbly at a large man in front of him.

"Brother, do you have something to say?"

The large man looked at him, a bit puzzled.

"No, nothing."

The man smiled awkwardly and looked back, scratched his head, and turned back.

How strange, he clearly remembered that the elderly man was following him, how did he disappear in the blink of an eye?

Before the changes in the world, he was a car salesman, so he had a bit of sharpness.

Generally, elderly people living in the wild are all sallow-skinned, with dirty clothes and dull eyes. Worse, they emit a foul smell, making people avoid them.

But the elder he met at the city gate was all clean, with bright eyes, giving people a very comfortable feeling. And he said he came alone, so this person must be unusual.

He deliberately let others go first, wanting to take the chance to get closer, but the person disappeared?

Unwillingly, he turned around and looked back a few times, finally accepting the result.

Elder Wang walked on the sidewalk.

It was already around seven or eight in the morning, and more people were on the streets.

But oddly, these people seemed unaware of his presence, even when passing by face-to-face, they acted as if they didn't notice him.

"Anshan City Martial Arts Association."

Elder Wang looked up at the big characters above, then lowered his head and walked in.

The hall of the Martial Arts Association was already crowded with people, discussing in groups of three or five.

"There was nothing unusual last night. Will tonight be the same?"

"Who knows? If it's the same as last night, that would be great."

"But according to the information spread by the Awakened Association, the Beast Tide may reach the foot of Anshan City in one or two days. Maybe tonight."

"Shut your crow mouth, Wuzi. If the Beast Tide really comes tonight, I will definitely throw you off the city wall to feed those Fierce Beasts." A burly man glared.

"Brother Liu, you said it, not me. I also hope the Beast Tide won't come." The man shrugged, his face full of helplessness.

If what he said could come true, he would immediately change his words, saying the Beast Tide wouldn't come. Everyone would be happy.

The burly man's lips moved a few times but he didn't say anything.

"Alright, even if the Beast Tide breaks out, everyone shouldn't worry too much. Have you forgotten we have two True Essence Realm Martial Artists in the city now?" Someone showed two fingers,

"When did our Anshan City have two True Essence Realm Martial Artists guarding it? Never, right?"

"Indeed, in the past, several Beast Tides broke out, and we were able to defend. This time, we can definitely do it too."

"Yes, yes."

Everyone's spirits lifted immediately.

"Oh? There are actually two True Essence Realm Martial Artists here?" Suddenly, a somewhat surprised voice rang out from the crowd.

The one who asked was none other than Elder Wang.

He clearly remembered that only Chen Fan, that young guy, was a True Essence Realm Martial Artist here. When did another one appear?

As soon as he finished speaking, the hall fell silent. Everyone's eyes turned to him, then they were all stunned.

Who is this elder?

Why don't they know him? No, they seemed to have never seen him.

After all, the Anshan City Martial Arts Association was this big. Although there were a lot of members, there was no one as old and white-haired as him.

Could it be another challenger?

"Old man, who are you?" Someone asked tentatively.

The young woman yesterday had already taught everyone a lesson.

Today, they dared not have any thoughts of underestimating anyone.

"Me?"

Elder Wang smiled, saying: "My surname is Wang. Considering that I'm older than you, just call me Elder Wang."

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"Elder Wang?"

"Elder Wang?"

Everyone in the hall looked at each other, feeling that this Elder Wang was quite mysterious.

"Elder Wang, you shouldn't be a member of our association, right? Even if I don't know everyone in the association, I've at least seen most people. But you..."

"Hehehe."

Elder Wang laughed and nodded, "That's right, I'm indeed not a member of the association. Actually, I came here to see someone from your association."

"Who?"

"Is it our president?"

"Could it be Brother Chen?"

Voices of discussion arose from the crowd.

"That person is called Chen Fan."

Elder Wang did not conceal and directly spoke.

As his words fell, the crowd burst into an uproar.

"He really came to find Brother Chen!"

"He came to find Brother Chen too! Could it be like that woman yesterday, here to challenge Brother Chen?"

"No wonder Brother Chen is so famous; people always come looking for him."

"I don't think we should celebrate too early. What if this person came to trouble Brother Chen?"

"That's right. I think it's better to inform the president as quickly as possible."

Elder Wang smiled at them and waited for the discussion to die down before continuing, "He should be in the association, right?"

"Well..."

Everyone looked at each other.

"Um, Elder Wang," someone muttered, "Brother Chen is in our association, but he is quite busy, and common people hardly get a chance to meet him."

"Yes, Elder Wang, Brother Chen is indeed a True Essence Realm Martial Artist, and the strongest one at that. People like us have no way of knowing his whereabouts. How about you tell us what's the matter with Brother Chen, and we'll inform him when he comes back in a few days?"

"Wait a few days."

Elder Wang smiled and shook his head, "If we wait a few more days, even fresh flowers would wilt."

His gaze swept over everyone, who quickly lowered their heads or looked elsewhere.

"Let's do it this way," Elder Wang smiled, "Your president should be here, right? If convenient, let me talk to your president first."

"Well..."

The crowd looked troubled.

Just at this moment, footsteps sounded.

"I am the president here, Sun Wei. I wonder what your esteemed self wants to discuss?" Sun Wei looked at the elder in front of him with vigilance.

He had been informed about what had happened earlier.

To be frank, this elder gave off a very pleasant feeling, evoking an involuntary sense of goodwill.

However, the more it was so, the more dangerous it felt.

"Let's find a quieter place to chat." Elder Wang said.

"Alright."

Sun Wei nodded, leading Elder Wang into his office.

"Please, have a seat."

Sun Wei said and then poured a cup of tea placing it in front of Elder Wang, saying:

"Elder Wang, I know you are here to find Brother Chen. Honestly, I can contact him, but I must know the reason you want to meet him. Otherwise, I cannot fulfill your request."

To his surprise, the elder did not get angry but rather showed a look of approval, "Let me make a phone call first."

Sun Wei nodded unconsciously.

A phone appeared in Elder Wang's hand, and after dialing a number, he put it to his ear.

Meanwhile, thousands of kilometers away in Jiangnan City, during an important meeting, a phone rang suddenly.

"Sorry, I need to take this call."

Shi Tao smiled apologetically at the few people and took out a phone from his pocket.

The others did not say much upon seeing this.

The person who was about to speak lifted his cup and took a sip of water.

The people present were all top individuals in Jiangnan City, and everyone knew taking a call during a meeting was quite impolite.

Unless, the call was very important.

Judging by Shi Tao answering the call without even looking at the number, it was most likely important.

Indeed, Shi Tao had several phones, but only one person knew this number.

"Shi Tao, I'm at Anshan City Martial Arts Association now, sitting in the president's office, chatting with Chairman Sun. Use your phone to talk to him." Elder Wang said with a smile.

On the other side, Sun Wei widened his eyes, staring at Elder Wang.

Did this person know the President?

Was he from the headquarters?

"No, it's not yet conclusive. Can't make hasty conclusions."

Sun Wei thought internally.

If it's true, it won't take long to receive a call from the President, wouldn't it?

Just as he thought this, the phone in his pocket suddenly vibrated.

He was so startled that he raised his head to look at Elder Wang.

Elder Wang smiled at him.

Sun Wei's fingers trembled as he took out his phone. Seeing the caller ID, he shuddered and almost dropped the phone.

Because the caller was none other than the President.

So, this elder was really from the headquarters?

But what kind of person could command the President?

"Buzz buzz, buzz buzz..."

The phone kept vibrating.

Sun Wei swallowed hard, using his trembling thumb to answer, stuttering, "Pre-President?"

"It's me."

Shi Tao's voice came through.

"Have you met Elder Wang?"

"Ye-yes."

Sun Wei glanced at Elder Wang, his eyes filled with shock.

"Elder Wang is my master. Whatever he wants to do, cooperate with him fully."

"Your master, the President's master?"

Hearing this, Sun Wei was completely taken aback.

He had never heard of the President having a master.

But these words came from the President, how could they be false?

The President was a Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist! His master must also be a Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist, right?

"Hmm."

Shi Tao responded and then hung up the call, looking at the others, "Sorry to delay everyone a bit."

"No problem, no problem."

"Everyone has urgent matters."

"Indeed."

The few people smiled.

Even though they were curious, they didn't ask much.

"Since Chairman Shi's personal matter is resolved, let's continue the discussion..." someone spoke up.

Back in Anshan City, in the president's office, Sun Wei still held his phone, unmoving.

At this moment, he wanted to pinch his thigh hard to see if he was dreaming.

Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist, Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist!

The legendary Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist was sitting right in front of him?

And he was just doubting his identity earlier.

"Elder Wang..."

Sun Wei put down his phone, not knowing where to place his hands.

"No need to be so tense," Elder Wang's smile remained warm, "Just treat me like an ordinary old man. Just now I did that just to make you believe I'm not a bad person."

"Of course, you're not a bad person."

Sun Wei felt like crying.

If this person in front of him was really a bad person, no amount of preparation would help. This was a Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist! Even if Brother Chen came, he would have no resistance.

The power gap between them was far too huge.

"Sit down."

Elder Wang pointed to the sofa opposite him,

"Yes, Elder Wang."

Sun Wei obediently sat on the sofa, cautiously asking, "Elder Wang, I heard you came looking for Brother Chen, Chen Fan, is that right?"

"Yes."

Elder Wang nodded.

"Then I will contact him right away."

Sun Wei quickly said, "However, he may have gone out hunting, and may not return soon."

"I see."

Elder Wang smiled slightly, "No rush, tell me, what kind of person is he?"

"What kind of person is he?" Sun Wei was puzzled.