

Martial Arts 631

Chapter 631: Over a Hundred Million Experience Points_2

True Essence: 327203/4804.75 (+6710%)

Level: 29 (0/1 billion)

Constitution: 331,900

Power: 242,000

Agility: 61,600

Spirit: 2,808,600

Potential Points: 5 million

Experience Points: 150 million

After a night of cultivation, the value of Primordial True Essence increased by about 50%, bringing the total Primordial True Essence to over 4800.

If the efficiency remains unchanged, by tomorrow morning the Primordial True Essence will increase by around 1500 points, reaching a total of over 400,000 points, which equates to over 40 million True Qi Value.

Such a huge increase, True Essence Realm Martial Artist wouldn't even dare to imagine.

However, for Chen Fan, this speed is still somewhat slow.

He glanced at the progress, only 2.72%. A night of cultivation barely increases the progress by 1%, and to reach the threshold to break into the Celestial Human Realm, it would conservatively take over three months.

"I'm afraid there's not that much time left."

Chen Fan sighed lightly.

By midnight tomorrow, a larger beast tide will arrive.

Even if he can safely get through this one, the attacks of Fierce Beasts will only become more ferocious, Beast King-level Fierce Beasts will appear one after another, and even Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beasts might show up.

Even though he has confidence in his current strength, facing Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beasts, his confidence dwindles.

Thus, as he mentioned during the conversation with Elder Wang, he must speed up the progress, and the methods to do so are no more than the following.

Firstly, increasing the efficiency of absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, which means absorbing more Golden Primordial Qi within a unit of time, which is twice as efficient as absorbing White Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi to convert into Primordial True Qi.

Yet, this method, although it sounds simple, is quite difficult to achieve because such Blessed Land, like Supreme-level Martial Arts, is tightly controlled by Noble Families, and it's even more precious than Supreme-level Martial Arts.

They definitely won't let an outsider enter their Treasure Land for cultivation.

Thus, in the short term, this method is not realistic.

Since it's not possible to increase efficiency, then the cultivation time must be extended.

Originally, he would absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi only at night, and even then, half of the time was spent in meditation to recover Spiritual Power.

If he could increase the limit and recovery speed of Spiritual Power, it would effectively enhance absorption efficiency.

As for the daytime,

he actually wants to use the daytime to absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi too.

But the Fierce Beasts around Anshan City need to be cleared out, especially those burrowing types. If they are not exterminated in advance, their numbers will only increase when they appear in Anshan City, causing casualties as severe as in Yu Feng City.

"Unfortunately, it's still some time before I can obtain the Observing the Universe Technique. It would be great if I could get it soon."

Chen Fan murmured to himself, his eyes drifting to the Experience Points.

After resisting the first beast tide and today's battle, his total Experience Points have reached 150 million, the highest ever.

Indeed, he had killed quite a few Commander-level Fierce Beasts and even a Beast King-level Fierce Beast, but the Experience Points they provided weren't as much as he had imagined.

The Beast King-level Fierce Beast, the Winged Black Snake King, only provided a little over 2 million Experience Points after being killed.

A Commander-level Two-winged Black Snake provided only 600,000 to 700,000 Experience Points each, and killing over ten of them added up to just over 10 million. Including other Commander-level Fierce Beasts, it summed up to over 30 to 40 million.

Other Experience Points were brought by Elite Level and Mid to High-level Fierce Beasts. Although their individual Experience Points were low, their large numbers made up for it.

Of course, they couldn't be too low either. For Low-level Fierce Beasts, the Experience Points per beast were just single digits, even with large numbers, it wasn't much.

With such a huge amount of Experience Points, Chen Fan felt that even if he received a complete version of a Divine Demon-level Martial Arts and leveled it up to the Perfection Realm, it wouldn't be an issue.

Like the Observing the Universe Technique.

Unfortunately, as clearly stated, he'll go to the headquarters in three days, which leaves two days after today, and aside from waiting obediently, there's nothing else he can do.

All of the above methods are ways to absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi and convert it to Primordial True Qi.

Besides these, there are other ways.

For example, Potential Points.

Using Potential Points to enhance Primordial True Qi, although this method's efficiency might be lower than absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

In the First Realm of True Essence, every billion Potential Points consumed could raise Primordial True Qi by 1%.

He refined elixirs for an entire night, yielding just two to three billion Potential Points, which equates to raising Primordial True Essence by 3%, incomparable to the absorption of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, increasing by 50% overnight.

Now, he is in the Second Realm of True Essence.

To increase Primordial True Essence by 1%, the consumption of Potential Points was not a billion, and certainly not an exaggerated hundred billion, but ten billion. After trying once, he decisively gave up.

With ten billion Potential Points consumed each time to increase Primordial True Essence by 1%, two or three nights used to absorb Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi would already have doubled his Primordial True Essence.

Unless he can refine higher-level elixirs without worrying about material supply, but considering the special circumstances, it's clearly too demanding.

However, it's not to say that the method of consuming Potential Points is without value.

When his Primordial True Essence is sufficient, even if each time increases by only 1%, if the raised value exceeds the enhancement through absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, it will work.

For instance, right now, his nightly increase in Primordial True Essence is 1500 points. If his total Primordial True Essence exceeds 150,000 points, the time needed to reach the breakthrough threshold through consuming Potential Points would actually be shorter.

Once he reaches this point, his total True Essence within him would nearly be ten million points, close to twelve million.

If he learns some more Cultivation Techniques to elevate the ratio of True Qi additional boosts, the time needed could be further shortened.

This is the fourth method, which is what he plans to pursue next.

Leaving 1.5 billion Experience Points lying idle on the panel, waiting foolishly for the Observing the Universe Technique, is not wise. There's no lack of Fierce Beasts outside Anshan City, how much Experience Points does he want?

Therefore, he plans to use all these Experience Points to unlock Cultivation Techniques.

Such as the Cloud Dispelling Palm, Wind God Leg, Celestial Frost Fist... Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect.

That's right, the Sword Technique, Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect, has also been completely unlocked.

Because in the first wave of Anshan City's beast tide, he gathered True Qi into a simple and unadorned Sword Qi, killing tens of thousands of Fierce Beasts, the Basic Sword Technique level soared, within a day reaching the completion of Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect.

With this Sword Technique and the immense True Essence within him, the Ten Thousand Swords Attack he utilizes would be genuine, and the efficiency of slaughtering Fierce Beasts would be incomparable to before.

If he exchanges for the Twenty-Third Sword, completing the Sentimental Sword Twenty-Third Sword's technique, he could form a Sword Qi Domain where ordinary people would emerge unscathed, but the Fierce Beasts within wouldn't have such luck.

This move is simply the ultimate defender of the city; as long as the Sword Qi Domain exists, regardless of the number of Fierce Beasts, regardless of where they appear, the result would be the same.

The fifth method to increase Primordial True Essence is to consume various Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that can elevate Primordial True Qi.

This method provides immediate enhancement; just one treasure in the stomach and Primordial True Qi grows instantly.

The downside is that it requires a large number of points and has a diminishing return.

His current points aren't enough to exchange for Supreme-level Martial Arts, let alone spare any for these treasures.

Fortunately, once he masters the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, he will be able to find traces of these treasures, like Vice President Shen Si, directly searching them out instead of spending points to purchase them.

Thinking of this made him impatient.

Might as well first elevate the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill to the Perfection Realm.

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The "Emperor's Qi Observation Skill" martial arts technique, categorized as a supreme martial art, only required about one million experience points for Chen Fan to advance it to the Perfection Realm.

Among the unlocked traits, the first two are relatively common, enhancing one's True Qi and Spiritual Power.

Starting from the Great Success Realm, the unlocked traits become exceptional, with a new trait unlocked at each subsequent realm, totaling three traits.

These are: Observing Human Changes, Observing Earth Changes, and Observing Celestial Changes.

Heaven, Earth, and Man, the three transformations, are the core of this martial art, providing insight into all things.

Observing Human Changes, once activated, not only allows internal visualization to detect and treat injuries in one's body but also enables one to see through the True Qi flow of opponents, identifying and targeting weak points accurately.

Observing Earth Changes, once activated, reveals the distribution of earth veins and changes in Primordial Qi. Shen Si can sense the presence of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, which is precisely due to this ability.

From this, it can be inferred that his skill in the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill is not shallow, just one realm away from perfection.

If the cultivation technique he received were complete, perhaps he could have cultivated to the Perfection Realm.

The final Observing Celestial Changes is even more formidable, capable of foreseeing the future. The stronger the cultivator's Spiritual Power, the longer the foresight, for instance, a cultivator with only one thousand points of Spiritual Power could foresee events within a few seconds.

If Spiritual Power is increased to ten thousand, it produces an exponential effect, allowing the cultivator to predict events within a few minutes.

With one hundred thousand points of Spiritual Power, the foresight period can be extended to one or two hours.

After cultivating the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, Chen Fan's Spiritual Power increased from 2.8 million points to just over 3 million, a growth of 200,000 points.

It was inevitable; after all, his Spiritual Power was already very high. For the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, only a supreme martial art, to increase it by this much was not bad at all.

With 3 million points of Spiritual Power, he can foresee events happening within one or two days.

If his Spiritual Power grows to ten million, the foresight period could stretch to ten days to half a month.

Additionally, there are two limitations to using this ability.

One requires consuming Spiritual Power, and the other imposes a cooldown period.

The former is easy to understand: the longer the foresight span, the more targets and stronger individuals involved, the more Spiritual Power it consumes, potentially draining Life Force if it becomes unsustainable, as happened previously with Meng Xue.

The cooldown period refers to the time after use during which the ability cannot be used again, from now until the end of the foresight period.

For example, if he uses this ability now to foresee the future of Anshan City one day from now, the next second, the future of Anshan City would appear in his mind, detailed like a high-definition movie with every detail and sound.

Simultaneously, the trait Observing Celestial Changes would turn gray in the skill bar, unusable until one day later, from the moment he perceives Anshan City's future.

"This second condition is indeed somewhat troublesome," Chen Fan pondered in his mind.

Even if his Spiritual Power reached ten million points and he could foresee events ten days to half a month ahead, he would not dare to use it casually.

Because once used, for those ten days to half a month, the ability cannot be used again.

Unless, if he advances the realm of the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill further, reaching the next level, the Observing Celestial Changes trait increases to Level 2, granting an additional usage opportunity.

Thankfully, this limitation is not terribly daunting; the key lies in how to utilize it effectively.

As long as the time is short and the Spiritual Power is sufficient, it is essentially unlimited use.

Imagine using this ability in combat; one would almost be unbeatable, as every move of the opponent is under control, even if not an evenly matched opponent, one could foresee the result in advance and choose to retreat.

This ability is already terrifying.

Furthermore, the strength of this martial art lies not only in foreseeing the future.

Through Observing Earth Changes, one can find various Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures. After personally consuming them to no further effect, they can be used to nurture others, such as the Meng Xue sisters.

Their Spiritual Power growth would not harm him.

"By the way, the uneasiness I felt earlier, could it indicate that something bad is about to happen?" Chen Fan furrowed his brows.

Now possessing the ability to foresee the future, it felt wasteful not to use it.

If he could foresee it, it would not be a loss.

After all, the enemies or fierce beasts encountered now are hardly strong enough to necessitate continuous foresight in battle.

"However, if I want to foresee, there is a prerequisite: the event must occur within the period I can currently foresee," Chen Fan pondered for a moment and decided to give it a try.

If he could not foresee, then he could consider it as if nothing had happened.

He silently recited, wondering about the uneasy feeling, will something bad happen in the future?

In the next second, most of his Spiritual Power was consumed, and simultaneously, a scene appeared in his mind.

The setting was a grand hall, surrounded by people, with two groups in the center clashing.

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On the left side, they seemed to be the aggressors. One of them bore a slight resemblance to the deceased Song Gang, and among them, there were also two blond, blue-eyed individuals.

The people on the right were all too familiar to him.

Chang Fei, Shen Si, and a few other recognizable faces.

"Is this at headquarters?"

The joy on Chen Fan's face faded, replaced by a look of surprise.

How did this end up at the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association Headquarters?

It was clear that Chang Fei's expression was very angry, his fists clenched, saying something.

Shen Si and the others beside him, although angry, showed more signs of panic on their faces.

"Could it be that they are from the Song Family?"

Chen Fan suddenly thought of something.

Among the group on the left, the two blond, blue-eyed guys were probably from the Revival Association of Feng Country?

Facts proved his guess.

Someone in the Song Family team took out a white bag, a silhouette appeared from the bag, and Chen Fan recognized the face.

The other person showed a look of deep shame.

Shen Si and the others were completely stunned, their mouths agape, unable to utter a word.

But the next moment, they chose to deny it.

The Song Family members were grinding their teeth in anger. At this moment, an elder with silver hair in the Song Family team, seemingly impatient, made a sudden move.

In an instant, everyone from the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association present was seriously injured, flying backwards like broken sacks. Even Chang Fei and Shen Si hit the wall and fell to the ground, spitting out mouthfuls of blood.

The silver-haired elder walked up to Shen Si, looking at him like he was an ant, his lips moved slightly,

"Don't think that just because you are someone important, I wouldn't dare kill you. If you anger me, even Shi Tao coming wouldn't stop me from killing you. Now, I'll give you three breaths' time to tell me the whereabouts of that brat surnamed Chen, or I'll show you that there are things far worse than death."

In the hall, the elder's powerful voice echoed.

Just as he was about to continue watching, a dizzy spell came over him. His body was reminding him that his spiritual power was depleted.

Chen Fan hurriedly interrupted the foresight, his face becoming extremely serious.

Clearly, the situation had already turned for the worse.

The Song Family had captured one of the martial artists and learned the whole story from them, continually asking where Chen Fan was.

It seemed they did not know he was still in Anshan City, instead thinking that he had gone to headquarters.

Thus followed the subsequent events.

"As expected, I was too merciful back then."

Understanding the sequence of events, Chen Fan sighed.

At that time, he had considered silencing them to eliminate future problems.

But that thought had been dismissed immediately.

After all, what would have been the point of saving them, only to kill them later? It would have been redundant.

Now, the Song Family had found a breakthrough, realizing everything was his doing, and stormed into headquarters in fury.

Among the Song Family members that came, there was one person who gave him a very special feeling and was undoubtedly strong, instantly incapacitating everyone present.

In his words, he did not even regard the Celestial Human Realm's Shi Tao.

"It seems that guy is a Celestial Realm Martial Artist, and not just an ordinary Celestial Realm one."

Chen Fan muttered to himself, a trace of worry between his brows.

Chairman Shi might be in danger.

There were only two Celestial Realm Martial Artists at headquarters in total.

Elder Wang was with him now, meaning the only one at headquarters was Chairman Shi.

Although he had just broken through to the Celestial Realm, facing a Celestial Realm Martial Artist from a noble family would likely put him at a disadvantage.

No, considering the words of that Song Family Celestial Realm elder, even Shi Tao coming would not deter him. Could it be that Chairman Shi wasn't at headquarters at that time?

If he were, given his personality, he wouldn't have shown up only after his subordinates were injured. He should have appeared the moment the other side made a move.

"Damn!"

Chen Fan shuddered.

He suddenly realized why the other side had only brought one Celestial Realm Martial Artist. They must have known Chairman Shi wasn't at the association, leaving only Elder Wang behind. That elder was there just in case of Elder Wang's presence.

But now, Elder Wang wasn't at headquarters, leaving it with no Celestial Realm Martial Artist!

"Fortunately, I saw all this ahead of time."

Chen Fan wiped the cold sweat from his forehead.

If he hadn't used the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, there would have been no Celestial Realm Martial Artist at the association tomorrow, leaving Chairman Chang and others' lives at the mercy of the enemy.

Even though the Song Family would consider the consequences and might not kill them, it was still a guess. If they really wanted to kill, who could stop them?

Revenge afterward wouldn't bring the dead back.

"This is urgent; I need to contact Chairman Shen and inform him of this, and also find out who that Song Family Celestial Realm Martial Artist is and his strength."

Thinking of this, Chen Fan immediately took out his phone and called Shen Si.

Before long, the call was answered, and Shen Si's tense voice came through, "Brother Chen, why are you calling so late? Did something happen? Anshan City hasn't fallen, has it?"

Sigh, I told you the scale of this beast tide is extraordinary. Even major cities might not withstand it, let alone your small city. Never mind that now, how are you doing, are you hurt?"

Chen Fan couldn't help but laugh at the long string of his words.

"Chairman Shen, I'm calling so late because something very important has come up, not because Anshan City has fallen."

"Anshan City hasn't fallen?"

Shen Si was taken aback.

"Chairman Shen, this isn't the time to discuss this. What I'm about to say is very important, please listen carefully."

"Alright, alright, I'm listening."

Shen Si had never seen Chen Fan so serious, and quickly paid attention.

"Chairman Shen, the Song Family's matter has been exposed."

"What!"

Chen Fan's first sentence nearly scared Shen Si out of his wits.

He exclaimed, then quickly covered his mouth and whispered, "Brother Chen, you mean Song Gang and those Feng Country people's matter?"

"What else could it be?" Chen Fan asked.

"But this..." Shen Si couldn't believe it, "How is that possible? We've all been at headquarters since we returned, keeping our mouths shut. Yesterday, the Song Family came to see me, asking if I knew the perpetrator. Could I have given something away?"

"But that's impossible?"

He pondered, "Based on their reaction, they didn't suspect me. Could their acting have been so good they even fooled me?"

"Chairman Shen, the problem lies with someone named Jiang Tao."

"Jiang Tao!"

Shen Si's eyes almost popped out, stuttering, "How, how could it be? Jiang Tao didn't seem like that kind of person. I've known him for years, he wouldn't betray friends.

And tonight, I gathered everyone to emphasize the seriousness of this matter. Jiang Tao didn't seem guilty at all."

"Did he spill the beans after leaving?"

Shen Si kept talking, clearly panicking.

"Chairman Shen, calm down."

Chen Fan shouted.

Shen Si shuddered, regaining some composure.

"Jiang Tao might have betrayed us, but likely not voluntarily. Check if he's still at headquarters."

Chen Fan said, not holding out much hope inside.

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From a good perspective, Jiang Tao is still in the headquarters at this moment and has not been captured by the Song Family. The act of betraying everyone has not happened yet, so there is still room for maneuver.

But not long ago, he felt a sense of discomfort.

If he guessed correctly, at that time Jiang Tao was probably already captured by the Song Family.

The reason he felt this way was also due to his high spiritual power and extraordinary sixth sense, which timely warned him.

"Okay, Brother Chen, wait a moment, I'll contact Jiang Tao right away."

Shen Si also realized.

The more critical the moment, the more one must remain calm, otherwise, things will only get worse.

He hung up the phone and then dialed Jiang Tao's cell number, hoping that he would answer the call, yet worrying that it might be someone from the Song Family answering instead.

"Beep... Beep..."

After a few rings, a female voice sounded, "Sorry, the number you dialed is out of service area, please try again later."

Shen Si frowned.

If the cellphone was placed in the spatial ring, such a situation would indeed occur.

Whenever they went on an adventure before, fearing that a call might disclose their hiding place or that they might get distracted, they always turned off their cell phones or placed them in the spatial ring in advance.

But since their last return, everyone has stayed at the headquarters, keeping their cell phones nearby. Besides, he had contacted them before.

Even if they were captured by the Song Family, it would be within Yan Country, wouldn't it? They surely wouldn't leave the planet, right?

Disbelievingly, he dialed a few more times, but the result was the same.

"What on earth is going on?"

Shen Si felt puzzled.

After pondering for a moment, he made another call to someone else.

Within seconds, the call was answered.

"Hello, Chairman."

The person on the call was panting, "What's up?"

"Where are you now? Are you with Jiang Tao?" Shen Si asked, hoping against hope.

"Jiang Tao?"

The other person was stunned for a moment before responding, "No, when we last parted, we were still together. Later, a few of us decided to find a training room to spar. We asked Jiang Tao if he wanted to join, but he said he was tired and wanted to go back to rest. So, we left."

"So, except for Jiang Tao, the rest of you are all together?" Shen Si was a bit surprised.

"Yes, Chairman Shen, wait a second."

The other person moved his phone aside and shouted to those around him, "Everyone come here, Chairman Shen is calling, he's looking for us."

"Chairman!"

"Chairman is calling?"

"Coming, coming."

Four or five voices sounded, and soon, everyone gathered around.

"Chairman, everyone is here, except for Jiang Tao. What's happened? Has something occurred?"

Shen Si took a deep breath, feeling a chill rising from his feet.

Jiang Tao may have really encountered a mishap.

Just as Chen Fan said, he has been captured by the Song Family?

But he clearly reminded them that these times are extremely critical, and it's best not to leave the headquarters. Did Jiang Tao take his words lightly?

Hearing no sound from the other end, the people in the training room realized that something might be wrong.

"Chairman, did something happen to Jiang Tao?" someone asked softly.

"Impossible, Jiang Tao was just with us over an hour ago, then he went back to rest. What could possibly happen in the headquarters?"

"Yeah, this is the headquarters, not just anyone can get in." said the others.

"Go check the resting room and see if he's there. If not, check the places he usually goes. Inform me immediately if you find anything."

"Yes, Chairman!"

Everyone got tense, hung up the phone, and headed towards Jiang Tao's bedroom.

Some took out their phones and dialed Jiang Tao's number.

The result, of course, was the same as Shen Si's.

"I should go to the monitoring room."

Shen Si muttered to himself, then quickly walked out of the office towards the monitoring room.

There are surveillance cameras in many places within the headquarters, working 24 hours, especially at entry and exit points. If Jiang Tao had left, the cameras would surely capture it.

"Chairman Shen!"

The people in the monitoring room were startled to see Shen Si coming in and quickly stood up from their chairs.

Why would Chairman Shen suddenly come here? Could he be inspecting their work?

"Retrieve me a piece of footage."

Without wasting words, Shen Si walked to the wall filled with monitors, "Time, an hour ago; place, my office."

"Yes."

Everyone quickly got to work, and within half a minute, retrieved the footage of Jiang Tao and the others entering the office one after another.

"Fast forward to when they leave the office."

The screen rapidly moved forward, the office door suddenly opened, and several figures walked out.

"Focus the camera on this person, ten times speed fast forward."

Shen Si pointed at Jiang Tao on the screen.

Frames flashed quickly on the screen, soon showing the moment when the group parted ways.

"This is it."

Shen Si's eyes fixed on the camera; this is where Jiang Tao separated from the others. Now, keep watching to see what happened next.

On the screen, Jiang Tao was walking alone.

One step, two steps, ten steps, fifty steps.

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Shen Si's brows furrowed deeper and deeper.

What's going on? Based on Jiang Tao's trajectory, he should have gone to the rest area, not left the headquarters as I assumed.

So, how did he get captured by the Song family?

Could it be that Brother Chen made a mistake?

People around him saw this and didn't dare to speak, let alone ask. They just kept staring at the screen silently.

Finally, Jiang Tao reached the bedroom door, took out his keycard, and opened the door. The next moment, a shadow seemed to appear behind him. The door closed as if nothing had happened.

The corridor on the screen was empty and very quiet.

"!!!"

Shen Si's eyes widened in shock. He couldn't believe what he had just seen.

As for the others, they didn't notice a thing and even seemed a bit bored.

Not long after, the door opened again and a person wearing a researcher's uniform walked out and headed outside.

Anyone with half a brain could tell something was wrong.

The person who went in and the person who came out were clearly not the same!!!

"Play this footage at normal speed."

Shen Si took a deep breath. He had an inkling of what had happened, but he couldn't believe it. He couldn't believe the Song family would dare to break into the headquarters in broad daylight and kidnap someone.

"Yes."

The footage went back to the moment Jiang Tao opened the door.

Took out the keycard, opened the door, went in, and when he came out, it was already another person.

"Chairman Shen, could that person be using a Disguise Technique?" someone couldn't help but ask.

Otherwise, how do you explain that the person who came out didn't even look the same?

Shen Si shook his head upon hearing this.

After the normal speed playback, the ghastly figure that had entered at ten times the speed earlier was now visible.

As for the people around, their Martial Arts Realm was too low, so it was normal that they couldn't see it.

"Slow it down to ten times speed."

"Yes."

After slowing the footage to ten times speed, everyone present could finally barely see what had happened.

It wasn't any Disguise Technique at all.

It was just that when the person in front entered, the person in white clothing followed him in.

"This..."

Everyone was stupefied.

Anyone could see that something was wrong.

The person in white who walked out, what about the person who went in before? Could something have happened to them?

Shen Si frowned.

So, did Jiang Tao spill everything in his own room?

But how did that person in white get the information they wanted in less than ten seconds?

Where is Jiang Tao?

Still in the rest area?

If he is, the prospects don't look good for him.

"Buzz, buzz."

At this moment, the phone in his hand vibrated.

Shen Si quickly answered the call.

"Chairman, we've searched, the rest area is empty. We've also checked other places; Jiang Tao hasn't been seen anywhere."

"What?" Shen Si was extremely shocked, "You're saying he's not in the training room?"

"Yes, Chairman, we've checked thoroughly. It seems like Jiang Tao never even came back. The stuff on his bed hasn't been touched. Chairman, do you think he might have secretly left the headquarters?"

"Damn it, Jiang Tao, hasn't the Chairman already instructed everyone not to leave these days? How did he still sneak out?"

"No wonder he refused to join us when we looked for him, saying he was tired. It was just an excuse."

Everyone was angry, feeling deceived.

But what worried them more was that Shen Si had called, probably knowing something.

"Chairman, Jiang Tao, is he...?"

"You all head back first, I'll handle this," Shen Si said.

"Yes."

On the other end of the phone, the group listened to the dial tone and looked at each other.

After a moment, someone asked in a trembling voice, "Jiang Tao, could something have happened to him?"

"I don't know, maybe not?"

"Wouldn't the Chairman call us out of nowhere?"

"Could he have been..."

"Stop guessing, since the Chairman doesn't want us involved, let's not speculate. We shouldn't go out during this time."

"Yes."

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Feeling a sense of doom hanging over their heads, impossible to shake off.

On the other side, Shen Si also felt a dark cloud looming.

"Set one camera here, keep an eye on whether anyone leaves the room, and another camera on that person, track where he goes next."

"Yes."

The screen split into two.

The left screen remained very quiet. Though people occasionally walked by, the door remained untouched.

On the right screen, the man in white walked down the corridor, through the crowd, and eventually into the lobby, then brazenly walked out, disappearing into the crowd outside the door.

"Chairman..."

Someone started to say something.

Shen Si raised his right hand, signaling him to be quiet.

His gaze stayed fixed on the left screen.

Until a few hurried figures appeared on the screen, pounding on the door and calling out Jiang Tao's name.

When there was no response, one of them used brute force to break in.

From the moment the man in white left, to when the others arrived, the door had not opened once.

"So, Jiang Tao disappeared in the room? How did he leave the room?"

Shen Si's eyebrows knit tightly.

Was it through a window or some kind of tunnel?

In theory, it was possible. Even jumping from several floors up wouldn't injure Jiang Tao.

But was it really necessary?

Plus, the appearance of that man in white gave him a very bad feeling. His intuition told him Jiang Tao was likely taken by some Hidden method.

Just like the treasure the Chairman had, capable of holding people and taking them away.

His gut told him the second possibility was more likely.

"What you saw just now, don't tell anyone, got it?" Shen Si said, sweeping his gaze around.

"Un-understood!"

Everyone nodded like pecking chickens.

"Good."

Shen Si gave a nod and then strode out.

Returning to the Chairman's office, he locked the door and dialed Chen Fan's number.

Soon, the call connected, and Chen Fan's voice came through.

"So, Chairman Shen, have you figured it out?"

Shen Si sighed deeply, "Brother Chen, you were right. Jiang Tao has gone missing, and it happened at the headquarters."

"Went missing at the headquarters?"

Chen Fan was a bit taken aback.

"Yes, when he returned to his bedroom, he didn't realize a man in white clothing was following him. As he opened the door, this person followed him in. A few seconds later, the man in white came out, left the headquarters, and Jiang Tao, I suspect, went missing at that moment."

"That makes sense."

Chen Fan nodded.

The Song family infiltrated the headquarters, targeted Chairman Shen, and those few people, and took the opportunity to capture whoever was alone.

"I think the same."

Shen Si took a deep breath, suppressing his anger.

The Song family was too audacious!

To break into the headquarters and kidnap someone was a blatant disregard for the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association.

But venting anger was meaningless now.

With Song Gang's death exposed, Jiang Tao was probably already killed. The trouble now would find them next.

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"I'm sorry, Brother Chen, we have dragged you into this."

Shen Si sighed and said, "If it weren't for us, you wouldn't have gotten into such a big trouble..."

Chen Fan interrupted him and said, "Chairman Shen, talking about this now is meaningless. To be honest, I already anticipated this day back then."

"You, you anticipated this day?" Shen Si was taken aback.

"Yes, you can't hide a fire with paper. Moreover, the Song Family, being a Noble Family, has resources beyond what ordinary people can compare to. Exposure was only a matter of time." Chen Fan said calmly.

"Y-Yes."

Shen Si smiled bitterly upon hearing this.

He had still thought too simply, wishfully assuming he could cover the sky.

But how could things be so easy? Song Gang, plus the people of the Revival Association, the Song Family would never give up under any circumstances.

Indeed, they found a breakthrough point.

"Brother Chen, in your opinion, how should we respond to the Song Family's retaliation from here on?" He took a deep breath and said, "I suspect the Song Family has already figured out our involvement in Song Gang's death. But they haven't taken action yet, probably because they're preparing. Once they're ready, they'll surely cause trouble."

Chen Fan secretly thought this was indeed the case.

Furthermore, the Song Family's actions were faster than he had imagined. By tomorrow noon, they would bring people to the headquarters.

"Chairman Shen, where is Chairman Shi now?"

"The President?"

Shen Si shivered and quickly said, "The President went out on a mission. He left just yesterday. It's terrible, because if the Song Family comes over and the President isn't here..."

He didn't dare to think further.

"Chairman Shen, it's best to notify Chairman Shi as soon as possible. This matter is no small feat."

Although the Song Family was probing his whereabouts, the whole affair ultimately stemmed from Shen Si and others.

Shi Tao certainly couldn't just stand by, and given his character, he wouldn't choose to.

By then, they would have two Celestial Realm Martial Artists on their side. With his current strength, he could easily kill an ordinary Beast King-level Fierce Beast. Dealing with an early stage Celestial Realm Martial Artist shouldn't be a big problem.

In this way, even if all three of Song Family's Celestial Realm Martial Artists came, it would be hard for them to gain the upper hand.

"Alright, I'll notify the President immediately!"

Shen Si readily agreed.

"Then, I'll trouble Chairman Shen to help me investigate a few people. I don't know their names, but I've sketched their appearances. I'll email them to you later."

During that earlier period, he hadn't been idle. He sketched all the people at the scene from memory.

He needed to know how many Celestial Realm Martial Artists would be among the people the Song Family would bring tomorrow. After all, knowing your enemies is the key to winning a hundred battles.

"Alright, no problem. Anything else?" Shen Si asked.

"That's all for now."

Chen Fan shook his head.

That's all he could think of for now.

"I'll head to the headquarters early tomorrow morning. Let's discuss anything else then."

"What, Brother Chen, you're coming to the headquarters? Great! Great!"

Hearing that Chen Fan was coming to the headquarters, Shen Si was initially delighted, but soon, the smile on his face froze.

Chen Fan coming at this time might not be a good thing. He was like a thorn in the Song Family's side - they couldn't wait to eliminate him.

The strength of the Song Family was daunting. If the Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association really had a conflict with them, the former would be the one to get destroyed.

Unless they teamed up with other associations to fight the Song Family.

But the Song Family wasn't an easy target either; they could also unite with other noble families. In this way, the Martial Arts Association would still be at a power disadvantage, and the gap would only widen.

After hanging up, Shen Si immediately called Shi Tao.

"Chairman, no matter what, you must answer the phone!"

He prayed inwardly.

Fortunately, after a while, the call was connected.

"Old Shen, what's the matter?"

Shi Tao's tired voice sounded, "Did something happen at the headquarters?"

"Yes, Chairman."

Shen Si was about to reveal the truth but suddenly thought of something and asked, "Chairman, is it convenient to talk now? What I'm about to discuss is that matter."

"That matter?"

Shi Tao was puzzled, then seemed to understand, "Alright, I get it."

A second or two later, his voice resounded again.

"Is it about the Song Family?"

"Yes, Chairman."

Shen Si anxiously said, "The Song Family probably already knows the truth about Song Gang's death and is planning how to strike at us."

"How do they know?"

Shi Tao's voice sounded calm, as if he had expected it.

"They infiltrated the headquarters and kidnapped Jiang Tao right under my nose. They gleaned everything from him."

Shen Si said angrily and anxiously, "These noble families are too arrogant. Over the years, we've stayed out of each other's way, but they pressed us into a corner for this matter, and they're still at it."

"They came to the headquarters to capture someone?"

Shi Tao's voice turned cold.

Even if they captured someone elsewhere, as long as he knew, it wouldn't end there.

"Yes, Chairman. I'm worried the Song Family may take action within the next two days. I believe they've already figured out that you're not at the headquarters and there's only Elder Wang here. I'm afraid he might not be able to stop them. Even if Elder Wang knows about this, he might not make a move." Shen Si said worriedly.

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Shi Tao narrowed his eyes.

Indeed, that's true.

Unless the Song Family truly intends to level the headquarters, Elder Wang would step in to stop them.

Moreover, the critical point is, Elder Wang is currently not at the headquarters but in Anshan City, over one or two thousand kilometers away...

"I understand, I'll return immediately."

This matter, he definitely had to demand an explanation from the Song Family.

Yes, at this moment his fist indeed is not as strong as the Song Family's, but if they rely on their might to bully others, he wouldn't say anything. When his strength surpasses the Song Family's, he would naturally pay them a visit and return the favor.

"Alright, President."

Shen Si was filled with joy.

With the President's speed, he might return in a few hours.

No matter how fast the Song Family acts, even if they arrive tomorrow morning, there's no need to worry too much.

"Oh, by the way," Shen Si suddenly remembered something, "Brother Chen will also come tomorrow."

"Chen Fan is coming tomorrow, to the headquarters?"

Shi Tao was a bit surprised, "Did you tell him about this matter?"

After all, Chen Fan is thousands of miles away, how could he know about the happenings at the headquarters?

"No, President," Shen Si said with great embarrassment, "Actually, it was Brother Chen who found out first and then called to inform me."

"What?"

Shi Tao's mouth slightly opened.

"He found out first? How did he find out first?"

"Oh dear!"

Shen Si slapped his forehead and smiled bitterly, "The situation was so urgent that I forgot to ask. Now that I think about it, it's indeed incredible. I was at the headquarters and didn't know about Jiang Tao's disappearance, yet he knew and informed me that the Song Family had learned everything from him. Strange indeed, could he have foresight?"

"Foresight?"

Shi Tao frowned slightly.

"By the way, President, Brother Chen also mentioned he would send me an email with portraits of several people for me to investigate their identities."

Shen Si continued.

"Alright, follow his instructions." Shi Tao nodded, "We will discuss the specifics when I return."

"Yes, President, be careful on your way."

"Hmm."

Shi Tao hung up the phone, his deep gaze turned towards the pitch-black night sky.

For some reason, he felt a sense of unease, as if on this return, he would lose something very important.

The Jiangnan Sub-district Martial Arts Association?

It doesn't feel like that.

Because if this matter gets out, the association has reason on their side. The Song Family, no matter how brazen, cannot act wantonly.

But specifically what it is, he couldn't pinpoint.

"Once I return, everything will be clear. I just hope nothing bad happens."

He sighed.

In Anshan City, upon meeting with the association, Chen Fan also let out a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, he had foreseen a wave; otherwise, unexpected consequences truly would occur.

Because of this matter, he had to invest time, which might lead to increased difficulty in defending Anshan City at dawn tomorrow.

If those burrowing fierce beasts are not thoroughly cleared, casualties within the city would be hard to avoid.

"Do what can be done, leave the rest to fate."

Chen Fan helplessly sighed.

In a chaotic world, protecting oneself and family is most important. If he had excess power, he would help others as much as he could.

Then, his gaze fell upon the skill bar.

It was time to elevate these martial arts to the Perfection Realm.

As flashes of enlightenment crossed his mind, the experience points on the panel visibly decreased at an astonishing rate.

[Celestial Frost Fist],

[Wind God Leg],

[Cloud Dispelling Palm],

These three Supreme Martial Arts vastly enhanced his physical attributes and brought [Three-Part Returning Essence Qi] into completion status.

As a Supreme Martial Art, Three-Part Returning Essence Qi possessed powerful defensive capabilities, though it slightly lagged compared to the Undying Golden Body.

Not to mention, after fusion, the Undying Golden Body lacked a Cultivation Gate.

However, Three-Part Returning Essence Qi had long-range attack abilities, compressing True Essence into a sphere to throw, surpassing ordinary Sword Qi in potency and range; he greatly anticipated this.

Subsequently, other Supreme Martial Arts also advanced to the Perfection Realm.

1.5 billion experience points consumed less than 30 million.

"I've cultivated all Supreme Martial Arts within the Awakened Association to the Perfection Realm, now I can freely exchange for Supreme Martial Arts."

The corners of Chen Fan's mouth slightly lifted.

The power of Supreme Martial Arts far exceeded that of the Supreme Martial Arts.

If not counting Longevity Technique (Water), he currently mastered two Supreme Martial Arts: the Undying Golden Body and Black Hand Demon Skill.

The former enabled him to withstand the Sword Saint of Liang Country's Ten Thousand Swords Attack, and the latter granted him the power to instantaneously kill ordinary Beast King-level fierce beasts, even High-level Beast King; considering Top-level Beast King's stature, only about a hundred meters tall.

Yet, imagining instantaneously killing a Top-level Beast King-level fierce beast with a single blow might be somewhat simplistic.

Now, he was about to master the third Supreme Martial Art, [Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect]!

After consuming another 15 million experience points, Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect reached Perfection Realm.

As expected, the two most potent traits were Ten Thousand Swords Attack and All Swords Return to One.

Ten Thousand Swords Attack, as the name implies, consumes True Qi to summon ten thousand Sword Qi, continuously assaulting enemies, also capable of attacking multiple targets.

Each Sword Qi consumes only 1000 points of True Qi.

What does this mean?

Previously, when Chen Fan stood on Anshan City's wall slaughtering elite-level fierce beasts, each Sword Qi consumed 10,000 points of True Qi, 20 million True Qi could only condense two thousand Sword Qi.

With mastery of Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect, each Sword Qi consumes only 1000 points, 20 million True Qi could condense over 20,000 Sword Qi, allowing consecutive use of Ten Thousand Swords Attack twice.

By tomorrow morning, his True Qi value could potentially exceed 40 million points, enabling consecutive use of Ten Thousand Swords Attack four times!

Furthermore, this Sword Qi's potency is over three times that of ordinary Sword Qi.

The Perfect Trait, All Swords Return to One is equally straightforward, consuming 10 million points of True Qi, merging ten thousand Sword Qi into a hundred-meter-long Sword Qi to strike the opponent.

In terms of size, it is similar to the Giant Spirit Hand.

Regarding potency, Chen Fan guessed it would be quite comparable.

However, Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect is different from Blood Hand Skill; the former is an independent sword technique that can continue to improve, while the latter is a fusion skill, constrained by the Undying Seal Technique and Wisdom Scripture of All Methods, lacking room for advancement.

If All Swords Return to One were elevated to Level 2, it could merge one hundred thousand Sword Qi, amplifying the potency tenfold!

Then, even the Undying Golden Body couldn't withstand such a strike; killing a Top-level Beast King-level fierce beast would be effortless.

Chen Fan glanced at the panel. When that day comes, his total True Qi should surpass 100 million points, enabling use of the enhanced version of All Swords Return to One without any problem.

After a bit more observation, Chen Fan averted his gaze.

All Swords Return to One might not be immediately necessary due to its overlap with the Giant Spirit Hand.

However, Ten Thousand Swords Attack could significantly reduce the difficulty of defending the city.

Suddenly, he thought of the Liang Family Ancestor.

This individual, hailed as a Sword Saint, had also cultivated Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect to Perfection Realm; undoubtedly, a remarkable figure.

If someday he encountered him, wouldn't it be Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect versus Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect?

He couldn't help but laugh.

If such a day arrived, it would certainly be interesting?

But those are matters for the future, whether they would occur remains uncertain.

The trouble caused by the Song Family was a present concern.

"Tomorrow might be another fierce battle."

Chen Fan said, closed his eyes, and began absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

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In the early morning, the first rays of sunlight shone through the window into the Cultivation Room. Chen Fan, sitting cross-legged on a meditation cushion, slowly opened his eyes, showing a look of lingering enjoyment on his face.

One had to admit, this feeling of absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, watching the Primordial True Qi on the panel increase bit by bit, was quite addictive.

If possible, he really wished he could ignore everything else and sit here absorbing Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi until he broke through to the Celestial Human Realm.

What a pity.

He instantly stood up from the ground and looked out the window.

According to the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill's prediction, the Song Family members would arrive at the headquarters by noon today. As the person involved, he couldn't ignore this.

And before setting off, it was best to inform Elder Wang and have the old man return to headquarters.

This time, Elder Wang's arrival had helped him a lot already, and he wasn't a greedy person.

Secondly, the headquarters couldn't lack a Celestial Realm Martial Artist; this instance was a prime example.

"Let's test the perception of the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill."

Chen Fan's lips curled up slightly.

Feeling somewhat curious and very expectant.

The first time he met Elder Wang, he tried using the Celestial Response Technique to sense the other's aura but was surprised to find that he couldn't sense it at all.

He had asked Elder Wang about it, and Elder Wang had explained with a smile that this was the difference between Celestial Realm Martial Artists.

They merge with the surrounding Heaven and Earth, and unless they actively release their aura, Martial Artists below the Celestial Realm, even if they can see, cannot sense it.

Unless it's a special kind of sensing martial arts.

For instance, the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill.

After all, it could perceive the changes of the Three Powers and sense a Celestial Realm Martial Artist's aura; wasn't that just child's play?

In the next second, he activated the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, and immediately, a flood of information rushed into his mind.

These included the auras of Awakeners, Martial Artists, ordinary people, as well as things that even the Celestial Response Technique couldn't sense, such as houses, trees, cars, and so on.

Calling it perception was not quite fitting, it was more like he was overlooking the earth from high above, and his gaze had penetrative power; even the movements hundreds or thousands of meters underground could not escape his eyes.

"How powerful."

Chen Fan couldn't help but sigh.

No wonder it was the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill.

With this level of perception, even if an earth-burrowing Fierce Beast appeared, he could detect it immediately and slay it the moment it emerged.

And the continuous consumption of Spiritual Power was nothing to him at the moment.

"It seems that the second wave of the Beast Tide coming tonight won't be as hard to deal with as imagined."

He thought to himself and suddenly remembered something: he seemed to have forgotten the main purpose, which was to find Elder Wang.

His Spiritual Power swept across the entire city again, not missing a single corner, and then, a look of surprise appeared on his face.

He couldn't sense Elder Wang's aura!

"How could that be?"

Chen Fan frowned.

In the past few days, Elder Wang had been wandering the streets and alleys like an ordinary old man, chatting with people.

Moreover, he had given him a piece of advice just last night.

It's only been one night, and the man is gone?

"Elder Wang would never leave without saying anything. Even if he had something urgent to take care of, he would have let me know. Is it that the old man has a powerful method of concealing his aura, or did I just overlook something?"

Chen Fan swept his Spiritual Power a few more times, even searching around Anshan City, but still, he couldn't sense Elder Wang's aura.

"Where exactly did things go wrong?"

Chen Fan couldn't figure it out.

But he also knew that time could not be delayed any longer; it was time to head to the Jiangnan City headquarters.

It was still alright if Elder Wang didn't follow, because he had received an email from Shen Si last night, informing him that the few people involved were basically from the Song Family. Among them, the silver-haired elder was a Celestial Human Realm Martial Artist from the Song Family, and though he was at the Early Stage, his strength was not to be underestimated because he had cultivated a Supreme-level Martial Arts known as the Four Symbols Profound Skill.

This martial art could summon the powers of wind, rain, thunder, and lightning with immense might.

It was said that he had perfected this martial art to the Great Success Realm, almost reaching Perfection, and could merge the four elements to unleash earth-shattering power.

Besides him, the current Song Family Patriarch, Song Tian, was also among them. His strength was formidable, known as the number one beneath the Celestial Human Realm. Even the former Shi Tao, before his breakthrough, only had a four-in-ten chance of winning against him.

Because Song Tian sought not the First-grade Martial Arts True Pill but the Celestial Grade.

The other few people were also core members of the Song Family.

However, the two other Feng Country people were not to be underestimated either.

The elder among them, named Carl Larson, was the patriarch of the Larsen Clan and also John's father.

He possessed the bloodline of the werewolf progenitor; transformed into a werewolf, he didn't need a full moon to go berserk, which was terrifying because he remained rational even in his berserk state.

Conservatively estimating, his combat power was equivalent to that of an Early Stage Celestial Realm Martial Artist.

When he saw this information, Chen Fan let out a long breath.

Fortunately, he had been cautious enough to portray the appearances of these people. There were actually two Celestial Realm Martial Artists coming this time.

With only Chairman Shi at the headquarters, it would be tough to stop them.

But with himself there, the situation would be different.

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Of course, if Elder Wang follows, it will be a sure thing.

Unfortunately, he can't find Elder Wang.

"I can only inform Chairman Sun first, and tell him my whereabouts when Elder Wang appears."

Chen Fan sighed and made a quick call to Sun Wei. After a brief conversation, he hung up.

His gaze fixed on the direction of Jiangnan City; his intuition told him that a fierce battle was inevitable today, and in the future, he would be caught in a life-and-death struggle with the Song Family.

Is it troublesome?

Indeed, it is troublesome.

Because once he kills them, it means he has thoroughly offended the Song Family and the Revival Association. From then on, the latter two will definitely want him dead.

But it's too late to say anything now.

If they want to kill him, they should be prepared to be killed by him.

Besides that, there are also past grudges that should be ended.

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At the moment, in Jiangnan City, over a thousand kilometers away.

In the President's office at the Martial Arts Association Headquarters, Shi Tao and a few others stared at the screen in front of them, pondering.

No one knew how much time had passed when Chang Fei could no longer hold back and asked, "Old Shen, Chen Fan wants us to investigate the identities of these people. What is his intention?"

Shen Si smiled bitterly and shook his head, "I sent the information about these people last night and specifically asked him. He said, I'll know when the time comes."

"Know when the time comes? What does that mean?"

Chang Fei scratched his head.

When did that kid start liking to speak in riddles?

All riddlers deserve to die!

"Actually, I have some guesses."

Just as Shen Si was about to speak, there was a sudden urgent knocking at the door, "Master, Master, I heard you are back, is it true?"

It was Ling Yu's voice.

The people in the room exchanged glances and their eyes unconsciously fell on Shi Tao.

He had hurried back to the headquarters early in the morning without many people knowing, but his movements had still drawn attention.

It was not surprising that Ling Yu got the news.

Shi Tao nodded.

Someone quickly walked to the door and opened it.

"Master!"

Ling Yu's face lit up with joy upon seeing Shi Tao, but then he was a bit displeased, "Master, you returned to the headquarters but didn't tell me? I only found out because someone else told me."

"I just came back to handle some urgent matters; I planned to look for you later," Shi Tao said patiently, "How has your cultivation been these past few days? Encountered any difficult problems?"

"It's going smoothly. I ran into a minor issue in the middle but resolved it quickly," Ling Yu said, somewhat proudly.

He hurried over also partly to seek praise.

"That's good."

Shi Tao nodded, then looked at Shen Si, not avoiding newly arrived Ling Yu, and asked, "What was your guess just now?"

"My guess is..."

Shen Si glanced at Ling Yu and continued, "I suspect Brother Chen has foreseen that these people would come to cause trouble for us."

Sure enough, hearing the name Chen made Ling Yu's spirit tense up and his pupils contract.

"You should all know about Emperor's Qi Observation Skill,"

Shen Si's voice rang in their ears, "It's true that if this martial art is cultivated to perfection, it can predict the future. Unfortunately, the secret manual recording its mysteries is lost. Even the Awakened Association and various noble families do not have it."

"But Brother Chen is different. Old Chang, do you remember? I asked you about Brother Chen and got his contact information?"

"Oh, that time." Chang Fei nodded after listening, "Of course I remember, but at that time, I told you not to have high expectations. How did it go? I forgot to ask."

After speaking, he glanced at Ling Yu intentionally or unintentionally.

At that time, Chen Fan had a strained relationship with the headquarters, naturally because of Ling Yu.

"In the end, he rejected me."

Shen Si smiled wryly, "Fortunately, I learned a very important piece of information from him."

"What information?" Shi Tao asked curiously.

"Brother Chen has also cultivated the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill, and his realm is not low. It's very likely he has reached perfection. Honestly, I was half-convinced at the time. Cultivating the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill to perfection? How difficult is that? At the very least, you must have the complete secret manual, right?"

"Indeed, how can you cultivate to perfection without a complete manual?"

"It's good enough not to go astray."

"But it's possible; if he is a once-in-a-thousand-years martial arts genius who can infer the missing parts from the incomplete manual, then it's possible."

"Indeed."

Shen Si nodded heavily and said to the speaker, "Brother Chen's cultivation speed is evident to all of you. How could someone like him have poor comprehension? Or, far beyond us. Maybe he really completed the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill and saw future events involving these people,"

He looked up at the screen in front of him, "They might soon come to cause trouble for us. It could be within these two days. Otherwise, why would Brother Chen, who normally doesn't want to come to the headquarters, suddenly decide to come today?"

"What?"

Ling Yu exclaimed, "Chen Fan is coming?"

His mood immediately turned tense, as if he finally realized why ever since he entered the room, Chang Fei and Shen Si had frequently glanced at him.

Shi Tao also looked at him, showing a hint of concern in his eyes.

Because he clearly remembered, Chen Fan had said he would come to the headquarters soon to question Ling Yu.

If Xiao Hong's matter had nothing to do with the latter, he could apologize and even compensate. But if it was related, he would inevitably cripple him.

And Shi Tao knew very clearly that the whole matter was orchestrated by his beloved apprentice, Ling Yu.

This time, Chen Fan's sudden arrival might indeed be to assist the headquarters against the Song Family, but it's also possible that he's here to settle with Ling Yu.

Although he's still in the Fourth Realm of True Essence, not in the Celestial Human Realm, Shi Tao internally had no absolute confidence he could defeat him.

"Xiaoyu, continue your cultivation back in the cultivation room. Don't come out until I come to find you." He said.

"No!"

Ling Yu clenched his fists like an enraged lion, "Master, don't you believe me? Don't you trust me? I can defeat him!"

Chang Fei and Shen Si both had awkward expressions upon hearing this.

Ling Yu's ability was not even as strong as theirs.

While their strength was far beneath Chen Fan's.

At the very least, the amount of True Qi possessed in the Fourth Realm of True Essence could crush the latter even without using martial arts.

"Master, I don't believe he is really in the Fourth Realm of True Essence!" Ling Yu's emotions gradually spiraled out of control, his voice rising, "It's all a bluff. If you can't do it, how could he achieve it? I won't go; I'm staying here to wait for him. I want to prove I'm stronger than him!!!"

Chang Fei and others felt terribly awkward, feeling like they could dig out a three-bedroom apartment with a bathroom and kitchen on the floor.

Confidence is a good thing.

If a person has no confidence in themselves, it's hard to accomplish anything.

But one shouldn't be overly confident to the point of being oblivious to reality; otherwise, it's not confidence but arrogance.

They estimated that Chen Fan's strength, even if not as powerful as the President, should not be far off.

Not even ten Ling Yus could stand a chance.

Shi Tao sighed and pointed a finger.

Ling Yu's vision went black, and he lost consciousness, falling straight to the ground.

Shi Tao seemingly teleported in front of him, supporting him in time with a guilty expression.

"Xiaoyu, don't blame me. One day you will understand; I'm doing this for your own good."

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Witnessing this scene, Chang Fei and the others felt mixed emotions deep inside.

They knew the President had no choice but to act this way.

But...

"President."

Shen Si glanced at the sleeping Ling Yu and couldn't help but say, "Brother Chen is coming this time, if he really intends to confront Xiaoyu directly, doing this might be useless because he cultivates the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill. Not to mention if Xiaoyu is hiding in the headquarters, he won't escape Chen Fan's perception even if he hides in Jiangnan City."

"So formidable? He could be found even if hiding in Jiangnan City?" Chang Fei widened his eyes in astonishment.

It's important to know that Jiangnan City is a major city, with a scale ten times that of a medium-sized city, and its population is close to ten million.

"That's right, because even I, with some time expended, can achieve that level. Brother Chen's abilities far exceed mine, so there's no reason he couldn't do that, alas."

He looked at Ling Yu and sighed again.

As an elder who watched the latter grow up, he certainly didn't wish for Ling Yu to have his dantian abolished and become a cripple, because in a certain way, this would be more painful than killing him.

And Chen Fan was a man of clear distinctions between gratitude and enmity.

If his people faced danger, even at the risk of offending powerful individuals, he would intervene. Conversely, if an enemy offended him, no matter the backing they had, he wouldn't show mercy.

Shi Tao didn't speak, he extended his right hand, a two to three centimeters high pyramid appeared in his palm.

"Yellow Sand Tower!"

A voice of astonishment arose around them.

"If that's the case, it could work indeed."

Shen Si murmured to himself.

The Yellow Sand Tower can contain living creatures, humans naturally included, and can isolate external perception.

Only the person holding the Yellow Sand Tower can use Spiritual Power to perceive everything inside.

As his words fell, Ling Yu's body was absorbed into the tower.

Shi Tao took a deep breath, hid the Yellow Sand Tower close to his body, then looked at the few people in the office with a solemn tone, "If Chen Fan asks about Ling Yu's whereabouts, you only need to say you don't know, understand?"

"Yes! President!"

The few people responded in unison.

They naturally wouldn't disobey Shi Tao's orders.

"Alright, let's continue discussing the previous matters."

Shi Tao's gaze fell on the screen, unaware that the group of people on the screen was quickly hurrying their way.

"President, as we mentioned earlier, Brother Chen likely anticipated these people coming to cause trouble. If this guess is false, that would be ideal, but if true, it will be troublesome."

Shen Si said with a grim face, "Song Daoquan is a Celestial Realm Martial Artist, although only in the early stage, he has surely received guidance from the other two Celestial Realm Martial Artists in the Song Family on many occasions, acquiring rich combat experience, and has mastered a Supreme-level Martial Arts skill. If you confront him, the chances are, you would suffer considerable losses."

The others deeply agreed with his words.

Although the President was also an early stage Celestial Realm Martial Artist, however, only having broken through not long ago, Five-Thunder Transformation Hand, Vajra Indestructible Body in perfection, expertise in Undying Seal Technique, despite all three being Supreme Martial Arts skills, they couldn't compare with Supreme Martial Arts.

"Besides Song Daoquan, there's also Carl of the Larsen Clan, he not only interacts with the Song Family but also has considerable ties with several other families in Yan Country. If he exerts his full power, his strength would be equivalent to an early stage Celestial Realm Martial Artist. If they both come, they equate to two Celestial Realm Martial Artists arriving at once. Without Elder Wang stepping in, we definitely can't withstand them."

Shi Tao nodded.

He was naturally aware of these details, which is why he made some preparations, such as calling Elder Wang, hoping he could return, not to intervene, just to deter them. Yet, after multiple attempts, none were answered.

It was clear that something must have happened with Elder Wang, otherwise, he surely would have answered his calls.

"Don't worry too much."

He spoke softly, "I've already had people inquire about the Song Family's situation. If there's any movement over there, we would receive news immediately. Even if the pair decides to come, there should still be some time left, sufficient for us to prepare."

"Alright."

Everyone nodded in agreement.

However, they all knew the Song Family would eventually come, and sooner or later they would have to face them.

"Try contacting Elder Wang again later, if still unreachable, we may have to seek assistance from other Martial Arts Associations."

Shi Tao thought to himself.

Even one Song Daoquan alone, he wouldn't have much assurance in a confrontation.

At this moment, the silence was broken by a sudden ringtone.

Shen Si smiled awkwardly at the crowd, thinking the timing of this call was really unfortunate. After checking his phone, his smile froze instantly, his voice tense, "Pres- President, it's, it's Brother Chen."

"!"

Everyone in the room simultaneously widened their eyes.

Chen Fan's call, does it mean he has arrived?

"Answer it."

Shi Tao said.

Shen Si answered the call and activated the speaker so everyone could hear the voice on the other end.

"Hello? Chairman Shen," Chen Fan's voice sounded, "I've arrived at the headquarters lobby, where are you?"

"With the President here." Shen Si quickly replied, "Brother Chen, stay put in the lobby, I'll come find you right away."

"Alright."

Chen Fan said and directly hung up the call.

"That speed, is it too fast?" Chang Fei couldn't help but remark.

"Indeed, I remember Anshan City is over a thousand, nearly two thousand kilometers away from here?"

"Did he set off early this morning?"