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Chapter 721: Inexplicably Familiar_2

The place where people from the Martial Arts Association gathered also could not be found.

"Isn't it quite normal not to see it?"

Mrs. Chen glanced at him, "There are so many people on the city wall, and it's dark. How could it be easy to see?"

"Yeah, Dad, actually, I saw you guys, but it was a bit far, and the atmosphere was tense, so I didn't go over to greet you."

Chen Fan smiled.

He wasn't lying.

Standing on the city wall, he had an unobstructed view of both inside and outside the city.

However, Chen Guodong and the others, even though he was standing in the most conspicuous place, could not recognize him.

Nonetheless, he did not intend to reveal his other identity. There was no need for that, and it might cause them trouble.

"I see."

Chen Guodong did not suspect anything.

He thought to himself, I really overthought it. How could Chairman Li be Chen Fan? Fortunately, when Liu Yong asked, I didn't tell the truth. Otherwise, I would have been laughed at.

"Dad, I heard from my older brother that the fierce beasts attacking our Anshan City this time numbered over a million, right? Among them, there were two Beast King-level fierce beasts? One was over thirty meters long, and the other was over fifty meters long with three snake heads. Is that true?"

Chen Chen's eyes lit up, and he was very excited.

Upon hearing that, Mrs. Chen's eyes were filled with deep worry.

If Chen Fan hadn't told her, she wouldn't have known how dangerous it was this time!

A giant snake over thirty meters long, if it reared up, wouldn't it be as high as the city wall?

And a fifty-plus-meter giant snake with three heads?

What kind of monster is that? If it were her standing on the city wall, she would probably faint at the first sight of it.

"Yes."

Chen Guodong glanced at Chen Fan and nodded, "Those were two Beast King-level fierce beasts. I heard the one with three heads was a High-level Beast King. Even more powerful would be the Top-level Beast King and the Three-headed Beast Emperor level fierce beasts."

"So powerful!"

Chen Chen's mouth fell open.

He had long known about the existence of Beast Emperor level fierce beasts, so he understood how formidable the Three-headed Snake King was.

"So what if it's powerful?"

Chen Guodong smiled slightly, "The first Beast King that appeared turned to run when it realized it was no match. But Chairman Li easily killed it. Later, the Three-headed Snake King appeared, very imposing, even killing a Commander-level fierce beast that tried to retreat. But in the end, it also tried to flee when it discovered it was no match."

"Did it escape?" Chen Chen suddenly tensed up.

"Of course, it didn't get away."

Chen Guodong laughed, "Chairman Li is no pushover. He jumped directly from the city wall and obliterated the Three-headed Snake King into powder amid the fierce beasts. Then, he killed all the remaining fierce beasts around. That's how the crisis in Anshan City was resolved. Otherwise, do you think we could have returned so quickly?"

"Wow, Chairman Li is so strong!"

Chen Chen's eyes were filled with admiration, "When I grow up, I want to be like him."

"Didn't you say you wanted to be like your brother?" Chen Fan pretended to be hurt.

"Well, this, this..."

Chen Chen suddenly didn't know what to say.

Usually, he did look up to Chen Fan.

But this time, hearing about Chairman Li's feats, he was even more in awe.

"Alright, just kidding."

Chen Fan reached out and patted his head, "Aiming to be like Chairman Li is good too. Keep it up, little man."

"Yes!"

Chen Chen nodded repeatedly, then said, "Brother, I believe you'll surpass Chairman Li in the future."

Hearing this, the three of them laughed.

"You cheeky kid, you do have some smarts." Chen Fan ruffled his hair again.

He thought to himself, could it be possible that these two people are the same?

After chatting a bit more, Mrs. Chen and Chen Chen went back to their rooms to rest, leaving only Chen Guodong and Chen Fan in the living room.

"Xiaofan," Chen Guodong looked at Chen Fan, full of concern, "Have you been having a tough time lately?"

"Not too bad," Chen Fan smiled, "What's up, Dad? Why bring this up suddenly?"

"No reason."

Chen Guodong shook his head, "I just have a feeling you've been tired. Unfortunately, I don't have much ability to help you. If there's anything I can do for you now, just let me know."

"I'm fine, Dad. Don't worry about me."

Chen Fan picked up his teacup and took a sip of water.

To be honest, he was indeed a bit tired.

Not physically or mentally, since with his current abilities, he could stay active for days without sleep.

It was more of a weariness of the spirit.

After just dealing with the Song family, Anshan City was in crisis again. Although they successfully repelled the second beast tide, the third would soon come. As long as Anshan City wasn't destroyed, those fierce beasts would not give up.

At the same time, the Song family and the Revival Association were also ready to pounce.

Problems came one after another, seemingly without end. Anyone would struggle to handle it in the long run.

Of course, he couldn't tell his family any of this. It wouldn't help the situation, and it would only make them worry.

Fortunately, he wasn't alone. Elder Wang continued to support him.

"Alright, just take care of yourself."

Chen Guodong sighed inwardly.

He understood Chen Fan's state of mind at this moment.

Just like back at the Chen Family Stronghold, he carried the weight of the entire stronghold on his shoulders but still had to keep a smile on his face.

After chatting a bit longer, Chen Fan left the house.

He had many matters to attend to and not much time to spend with his family.

With the second beast tide over, the next step was to have Meng Xue foresee when the third one would happen and assess the fierce beasts' strength.

But since it was already dawn, it wouldn't be appropriate to visit her in the middle of the night. Additionally, he now had the ability to foresee the future, so there was no rush.

First, he should check on those underground flying centipedes.

While guarding the city, he had received a mental message from the leader of the flying centipedes. It said a thirty-plus-meter-long venomous snake had intruded underground, asking what to do.

Since the snake didn't originally appear underground and only showed up after they cleared out the fierce beasts, it was hard to determine its origin.

Without hesitation, Chen Fan instructed them to attack.

Those three Beast Kings were allied. Even if the snake hadn't gone underground, it would have eventually died in his hands.

Arriving underground, the few feasting flying centipedes immediately surrounded him enthusiastically, much like eager puppies.

Grateful and fawning thoughts filled Chen Fan's mind.

Truth be told, when they were first subdued in the Secret Realm, the centipedes were still unwilling to submit, but there was nothing they could do since their lives were in his hands.

Now, they had no complaints and even wished for things to happen sooner.

In the Secret Realm, although there was plenty of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, food was scarce. While the Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures were fine, they grew tired of them quickly. Besides, some of the treasures weren't to their taste.

But out here, things were different. These fierce beasts were not only delicious but also filled with energy. Having consumed so much, their wounds were nearly healed.

Especially the venomous snake they just ate; it was an incredible supplement, making them crave more.

This place was paradise!

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A few Flying Centipedes turned back, carrying the corpses of several Commander-level Fierce Beasts in their mouths, and placed them in front of Chen Fan.

They didn't have the heart to eat these Commander-level Fierce Beasts.

Of course, the Beast King-level Fierce Beast was an exception.

It was too delicious for them to resist.

"For me?"

Chen Fan sensed their thoughts and couldn't help but feel a little amused.

The materials on a Commander-level Fierce Beast were indeed worth some money, but for him now, a casual stroll around picking some Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures would be worth hundreds of thousands of points.

"You guys can keep them to eat."

He shook his head and then asked, "Your injuries should be almost healed by now, right?"

Hearing his words, the few Flying Centipedes immediately straightened up, letting out hissing sounds from their mouths.

"Mm, very good."

Seeing this, Chen Fan smiled slightly.

He planned to rest for a while and recover all his True Qi before heading to the Secret Realm again.

Most of the treasures on these Flying Centipedes' territory had been taken by him. Next, if he wanted to quickly enhance his True Qi, he had to venture into other Demon Beasts' territories.

These Flying Centipedes had almost fully recovered, and they could attract a lot of firepower for him. In this way, it was unnecessary to make Elder Wang take the risk together with them.

Of course, it's not just the Secret Realm.

The upcoming battle with the Song Family and the Revival Association would also benefit from their participation, achieving an unexpected effect.

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Juque City.

Awakened Association.

Although it was already past one in the morning, almost two,

the association building was still brightly lit.

In the president's office, Han Xu sat behind his desk, dealing with some matters.

As a B-level Awakened, not sleeping for two days and nights was not a big problem, and now being a turbulent time, even as the vice president of the association, he had to work through the night.

At this moment, the phone on the desk vibrated.

Han Xu looked at it instinctively and showed a trace of surprise on his face.

It was a call from Qin Jin.

He had been thinking about calling Qin Jin for the past two days to ask about the situation in Anshan City, but had been too busy to remember.

"Calling me so late, could it be?"

His face showed a hint of solemnity.

Could it be that Anshan City had already fallen?

Yes, even though Chairman Li was powerful, he was just one person. So many cities had already been overrun by the Beast Tide. That Anshan City, a small town, could hold out until now was already a miracle.

Just wondering how Chairman Li is doing now.

He put down what he was doing and answered the phone.

"Chairman, it's me."

Qin Jin's voice sounded.

"Mm."

Han Xu nodded and asked, "How's the situation over there? Are there any casualties?"

Qin Jin and the others went there on his orders, so he naturally had to ask.

"Thanks to Chairman Li, our team not only suffered no casualties but also earned a lot of points."

Qin Jin said with a laugh.

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Han Xu was stunned.

He thought Qin Jin's call would bring bad news, but judging by the tone, he seemed very happy?

"How is Anshan City now?"

He asked curiously.

"Chairman, I was just about to report this to you."

Qin Jin took a deep breath and said, "If I hadn't witnessed it myself, I wouldn't dare to believe what happened tonight, even if it killed me."

"What do you mean?"

A big question mark appeared over Han Xu's head.

"Chairman, just tonight, a massive Beast Tide attacked Anshan City, numbering over a million!"

"What! Over a million!!"

Hearing this, Han Xu jumped up from his chair, his eyes wide like saucers.

"A million Fierce Beasts, Qin Jin, you must be joking with me?"

What's a million Fierce Beasts?

Even Juque City would be under significant pressure facing such a number of Fierce Beasts.

Of course, even then, it would be difficult to breach Juque City. After all, it's a large city with many A-level Awakened, and its firepower is very substantial.

"Chairman, how could I joke about this? I'm not the type who doesn't grasp the gravity of the situation."

Qin Jin hurriedly said, "Everything I witnessed with my own eyes, not just me. The others in our team saw it clearly as well. This time, the Beast Tide included two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts. One was the Profound Ice Python, an ordinary Beast King, followed later by a high-level Beast King, the Three-headed Snake King."

"Profound Ice Python, Three-headed Snake King?"

Hearing these two names, Han Xu shivered.

The Three-headed Snake King reminded him of a six-headed snake-shaped Fierce Beast, one of the Three-headed Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beasts.

"And then?"

He quickly asked.

In his impression, the Three-headed Snake King's body length exceeded fifty meters, and when it stood upright, it could reach over thirty meters. Ordinary small towns' walls were around this height, right?

A million Fierce Beasts.

Two Beast Kings.

Could Anshan City withstand it?

"Later, Chairman Li showed immense prowess alone, killing the two Beast Kings and the million Fierce Beasts, leaving none alive."

Qin Jin said excitedly.

"W-what!"

Han Xu was completely stunned.

"What did you just say? Say it again."

"Chairman, I just said Chairman Li killed the two Beast Kings and the million Fierce Beasts alone, turning the tide for Anshan City. That's why I have this chance to call you." Qin Jin laughed.

Chapter 723: Speak Your Mind (Part 2)

Across the phone, he could imagine how marvelous the expression on the other end of the line was.

Han Xu's body was like it had been hit by the Body-Stabilizing Technique, standing there motionless with the phone in hand, his gaze fixed forward.

Li Ping single-handedly killed two Beast Kings and a million Fierce Beasts?

This, this is impossible, isn't it?

Indeed, he thought highly of the other party, believing their strength to be extraordinary, their potential immense, and each time they came, it brought him amazing surprises.

He thought the other party shouldn't be just B-Class, they were clearly an A-Class.

However, even an A-Class Awakener couldn't achieve such a feat, right?

Not to mention the two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts, just killing that million Fierce Beasts wouldn't be an easy task; does he have that much Spiritual Power at his disposal?

More than a minute passed before he gradually regained clarity, hurriedly asking, "What exactly happened? How did he do it?"

"Chairman, it's like this..."

Qin Jin recounted everything he had seen and heard.

Including his reactions at that time.

Han Xu was incredibly shocked by what he heard.

"Chairman, that's the gist of it. Every word I said is absolutely true. If you don't believe me, you can ask others in our team."

Qin Jin said.

"No worries, I believe you."

Han Xu took a deep breath.

Qin Jin indeed had no reason to lie to him. After all, saying this wouldn't bring him any benefit.

That means, this matter is true.

Li Ping, alone, can even effortlessly kill a High-level Beast King.

How terrifyingly strong is this person's strength?

"I guess there was never some awakened team; all the spoils he brought back the last few times were his own gains. Yes, only this could explain everything that happened in Anshan City."

Realizing this, Han Xu felt a sense of sudden enlightenment.

"Besides me, who else did you tell about this?" he asked.

"No one."

Qin Jin shook his head, "As soon as we got back from the city wall, I called you first. Oh no, I forgot to remind them."

They all had phones with signals on them, after all.

They could call others like he did, or post messages on social platforms.

But unlike ten years ago, those without background and resources struggled to post anything on social platforms, let alone log in and view things.

"That's fine."

Han Xu shook his head, "It's not a big deal. Are you all still in Anshan City? Find an opportunity and come back first."

According to what Qin Jin said, having Chairman Li alone in Anshan City would be enough.

The people he sent over, including Qin Jin, couldn't really be much help, and it wouldn't be meaningful for them to stay.

"Chairman, we're not planning to come back just yet."

Qin Jin smiled.

"Not planning to come back yet?" Han Xu was a bit surprised and then said, "Aren't you worried that Anshan City won't hold up? To tell you the truth, Anshan City is now like an isolated island, surrounded by Fierce Beasts. Anshan City may have held up this time, but what about the next?"

"Chairman, I understand what you mean, but I think Chairman Li might not have used his full strength yet."

Qin Jin voiced his suspicion, "That High-level Beast King, facing Chairman Li, fled in panic after a short while. I think, even if a top-level Beast King comes, Chairman Li could also kill it. I want to stay and witness it."

"That would be too reckless."

Han Xu shook his head.

"Even if Chairman Li's strength surpasses a top-level Beast King, what if it's not a Beast King-level Fierce Beast that shows up, but a Beast Emperor-level one?"

Qin Jin fell silent.

He had considered this possibility.

But unconsciously, he had been captivated by Chairman Li's charisma.

He felt that perhaps the other party could indeed create a miracle, even deterring a Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beast from breaking through Anshan City, though he didn't quite dare to believe it himself.

"Come back tomorrow."

Han Xu's tone left no room for doubt, "Better safe than sorry. If the city falls, it'll be too late for you to leave then."

"Yes, Chairman."

After a moment of hesitation, Qin Jin agreed.

He knew that Han Xu had their best interests at heart.

Anshan City was now a prime target. The longer they stayed, the greater the danger.

"What about Chairman Li?"

"You're worried that Chairman Li, staying here, will be in danger if a Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beast shows up, right?"

"Yes, Chairman."

Qin Jin nodded repeatedly, "Chairman Li is so powerful, if something were to happen to him here, it would be a great loss for our Awakened Association and our Yan Country."

"I understand your concern, but my relationship with him is just barely stronger than yours; we're far from being close friends. Moreover, Chairman Li looks like someone with firm opinions. Once such a person makes a decision, no matter how others try to persuade him, he won't change his mind."

Han Xu sighed.

"Indeed."

"Alright, you guys get ready. Tomorrow morning, say your goodbyes to Chairman Li and head back to Juque City. There are quite a few Fierce Beasts on the way; be careful. As for Chairman Li, I'll figure something out."

"Yes, Chairman."

Qin Jin hung up the phone.

He let out a sigh.

After Han Xu hung up the phone, he didn't put it down but found a contact number in his address book, surprisingly none other than Li Ping.

After hesitating for a moment, he still dialed the number.

Chen Fan, who was sitting and recovering his True Qi, felt the phone vibrate. Seeing the caller ID, he showed a hint of surprise, then seemed to realize something and answered the call.

"Chairman Li, it's me."

Han Xu greeted warmly, his face full of smiles.

"I heard from Qin Jin that a Beast Tide broke out outside Anshan City just now, with over a million attacking Fierce Beasts, including two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts, right?"

"Yes."

Chen Fan replied, "It's just a shame that the materials from those beasts weren't preserved. Otherwise, I could have sold them to you, Chairman Han, for some points."

"Chairman Li, you jest."

Han Xu was at a loss whether to laugh or cry, "That was a battlefield. If you were fixated on preserving the spoils, who knows how many times you would have died? For you to single-handedly kill a million Fierce Beasts and protect a city is a great merit."

"You flatter me, Chairman Han. I only did what I could."

Chen Fan shook his head, "Chairman Han, if you have something to say, please just say it."

"Chairman Li is as forthright as ever."

Han Xu smiled awkwardly, "I'll get straight to the point. I called you this time, firstly, to confirm what Qin Jin said. Secondly, to invite you to our Juque City. Please don't rush to decline."

He hastened to add, "I know you have feelings for this city and its people, but those Fierce Beasts are not fools. Knowing that this siege failed, their next attack will be even harder to fend off, possibly involving Beast Emperor-level Fierce Beasts. At that time, protecting others in the city, let alone yourself, would be uncertain."

If you come to our Juque City, you'll definitely be much safer. Your addition to Juque City will greatly enhance our security. Even if a Beast Emperor-level appears, we have three mega urban centers in the inner ring. Those three S-Class Awakened can quickly come to our aid."

Chapter 724: It's Much Better if We Share the Burden Together

Qin Jin and the others might not be fully aware of Juque City's current situation, but Han Xu knows it all too well.

This time, the beast tide is even more fierce than the previous ones.

In less than a week, all the surrounding cities have fallen.

In less than two days, the beast tide will reach Juque City.

As a large city, Juque City's defense strength far exceeds that of medium-sized cities, and there are quite a few A-level Awakened within the city.

But whether they can fend it off by then, no one knows for sure.

After all, there are quite a few large cities in Yan Country.

Each large city is now vying for strong allies, preparing for the impending beast tide.

With Chen Fan's strength being so formidable and known to so few, Han Xu sees no reason not to win him over.

"I understand Chairman Han's intentions."

Chen Fan nodded, "But as long as Anshan City hasn't fallen, I won't go anywhere."

"I understand your sentiment, Chairman Li."

Han Xu said, "But let me speak frankly, it seems unlikely that Anshan City will hold out. Chairman Li, you should know, with so many fierce beasts attacking this time and being repelled, the next wave will only be harder to deal with. I know, Chairman Li, that you are reluctant to abandon the people living in the city and leave them behind."

He sighed.

"Unfortunately, I'm just a vice president of a branch office in the city and don't have much authority. Otherwise, I would definitely want to send people over to migrate everyone in Anshan City to Juque City."

Chen Fan chuckled silently at those words.

He couldn't tell if Han Xu genuinely had such thoughts.

Or if it was just a ploy to win him over.

In actuality, he had considered doing just that.

With his strength, relocating the tens of thousands of people in the city wouldn't be difficult.

The main issue was finding a place for them.

After all, not every city lord viewed ordinary people as companions like he did.

"Chairman Han, I appreciate your kindness. If Anshan City does fall, I would consider moving to Juque City, especially since I already bought a house there."

Chen Fan said with a smile.

"Really!"

Han Xu exclaimed excitedly.

With him joining, Juque City would be like a tiger growing wings!

"Yes."

Chen Fan responded, "Is there anything else you need, Chairman Han?"

"No, that's all."

Han Xu said hurriedly, suddenly remembering something, "Chairman Li, you came to me a few days ago to exchange some heavenly materials and earthly treasures to enhance your Primordial True Qi. Do you need more?"

"I do need more."

Chen Fan was silent for a moment, "But I don't have enough points on hand to exchange for them."

The heavenly materials and earthly treasures in the Awakened Association might not match those found in a Secret Realm, but they could still enhance his Primordial True Essence by one to two hundred points. Some even more.

And there were quite a few of them; just the branch Han Xu was in could offer heavenly materials and earthly treasures worth tens of millions of points.

Counting those from other branches, it could go up to a billion points.

"No problem."

Han Xu smiled and said, "If Chairman Li needs them, I can decide to lend you those heavenly materials and earthly treasures from our branch that can enhance True Essence. You can pay back the points later."

"Oh?"

Chen Fan was slightly surprised.

He hadn't expected Han Xu to come up with this idea.

Having those heavenly materials and earthly treasures would certainly be beneficial, but it wouldn't be a big loss if he didn't get them.

Since Han Xu had offered, he saw no reason to decline.

Earning a few million points was easy for him, just by killing some fierce beasts.

So he agreed.

Han Xu sighed in relief.

He had been worried Chen Fan might refuse, but since he agreed, things would be much easier.

Actually, Han Xu wished he could outright give those million-value treasures to Chen Fan.

That way, their relationship would undoubtedly become even stronger.

Unfortunately, he didn't have that authority, though he might try in the future.

"So, Chairman Li, when would you be available to come by? If you're too busy, I can have someone deliver them to you."

"I'll come by tomorrow morning."

Chen Fan thought for a moment.

Coincidentally, tomorrow he also had to go to Flame Emperor City to receive the Divine Demon Martial Arts and Observing the Universe Technique.

Stopping by Juque City wouldn't be a problem.

"Alright, I will be waiting for you at the Association tomorrow then."

Han Xu said with a laugh.

After hanging up the phone, Han Xu breathed out, realizing his back was drenched in sweat.

When previously collaborating with Chen Fan, he hadn't known his true strength and assumed even if Chen Fan was stronger, it wouldn't be by much.

But after hearing Qin Jin's report, facing Chen Fan felt much different.

Afraid of saying anything wrong that might upset Chen Fan.

"Chairman Li might be a bit cold, but he's still easy to work with, just like before."

He muttered to himself.

He then walked out the door.

Lending out treasures worth over ten million points, he couldn't make that decision alone. He had to inform the branch president.

Fortunately, his relationship with the president was quite good.

Once he explained the situation, the president would surely agree.

A minute later, he reached the president's office and knocked on the door.

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"Come in."

A voice sounded from inside the room.

Han Xu pushed open the door, and what he saw was a man who looked to be in his forties.

His appearance was quite ordinary. Apart from having a lot of hair, there was nothing particularly remarkable about him.

However, he was a genuine A-level Awakened.

Not only in Juque City but also across the entire Yan Country, he was a well-known figure.

"Is it Old Han?"

The man raised his head, and upon seeing Han Xu, a smile appeared on his face.

"Coming here so late, is something the matter?"

"Indeed, there is something very important, and I just received the news."

Han Xu closed the door and walked over.

"Oh?"

Shao Yuandong's eyes revealed a hint of curiosity. He pointed to the chair opposite him and said, "Go ahead, tell me."

"Chairman, do you remember I mentioned to you someone named Li Ping before?"

"Li Ping?"

Shao Yuandong thought for a moment and nodded, "I have a vague impression. That person seems to be from a small city, Anshan City, right?"

"Yes, Chairman, you have a great memory, remembering even this."

Han Xu smiled.

"Alright,"

Shao Yuandong laughed helplessly, "Do we really need to be so formal between us? I remember you saying that you had quite an admiration for him."

"Yes, every time he brought back spoils, they were beyond my expectations. Especially this time, I can hardly believe he achieved this."

"What do you mean?"

Shao Yuandong asked curiously, "What did he do?"

"Chairman, you must know that now, apart from the three super large cities and the major cities like ours, other places in our Yan Country have been destroyed by Fierce Beasts, right?"

Shao Yuandong nodded, "Yes, the Fierce Beasts have come with an unstoppable force this time. Even when we dispatched people, it was to no avail. By the way, that Anshan City you mentioned has also been destroyed by Fierce Beasts, hasn't it? What about that Li Ping? Has he already come here, and are you here to introduce him to me?"

He smiled.

Thinking further, it seemed like the only possibility.

But it didn't matter, we needed people urgently now.

As long as someone has real skills, he wouldn't mind promoting them.

After all, in the upcoming time, the Human Race can only survive by uniting.

"Chairman, I would like to introduce him to you if he were willing to come, but unfortunately, he's not. Also, what I am going to say next, you probably won't believe."

"What is it?"

"Anshan City has not fallen."

"What!"

The smile on Shao Yuandong's face froze instantly.

"Old Han, you must be joking with me, right? Isn't Anshan City a small city? Did I remember it wrong?"

He looked at the computer, his fingers flying over the keyboard.

Soon, a series of information about Anshan City appeared on the screen.

"Anshan City is indeed a small city, but Chairman Li is not an ordinary Awakened. He is at least an A-level, or even a Quasi-S-Class."

"Quasi-S-Class?"

Shao Yuandong's head turned sharply, looking at him in disbelief.

Quasi-S-Class; the weight of these words was heavy.

To achieve such a rating, one must at least have the strength to single-handedly kill a Beast King.

Although he was an A-level Awakened, he admitted to himself that while it wasn't difficult to wrestle with an ordinary Beast King, it was almost impossible to kill one.

"Yes, he single-handedly killed the Three-headed Snake King, the Profound Ice Python, and a million Fierce Beasts."

Han Xu said in one breath.

Shao Yuandong stared straight into his eyes.

The Three-headed Snake King, the Profound Ice Python, and a million Fierce Beasts?

One person?

"One person."

Han Xu seemed to read his mind, speaking out the words in his heart.

"I know you don't believe it, but I dare to guarantee with my integrity that this is absolutely true because someone from our association witnessed the whole thing."

Then, he recounted what Qin Jin had told him and later confirmed with Chen Fan, detailing the events.

Shao Yuandong's mouth gaped wide.

"Are you sure this is true?"

After listening, he still could not believe it.

Someone who could kill a High-level Beast King in such a short time surely had the capability to single-handedly fight with a Top-level Beast King?

In the entire Yan Country, not counting those old monsters, only a few could do this.

"I am very sure."

Han Xu said seriously, "Chairman, I think this person is someone we must desperately try to recruit."

"Currently, he is staying in Anshan City. To be frank, I am not cursing him, but I don't think Anshan City can hold out. Those Fierce Beasts are definitely not easy to deal with. After failing twice, they will certainly put in all their effort the third time."

"You are right."

Shao Yuandong agreed deeply.

Those Fierce Beasts must not be underestimated.

Because their intelligence was high, and their bodies had a greater advantage over humans.

Also, they are extremely vengeful.

It did not matter how many mid to high-level Fierce Beasts died.

But Beast King-level Fierce Beasts were different. If those Three-headed Beast Emperors learned of this, they would definitely not remain indifferent.

"So, Chairman, I made a decision in advance."

Han Xu said, "Chairman Li needs artifacts to enhance Primordial True Essence greatly. Over the years, our branch office has collected quite a lot. Some have been exchanged, but we still have about twenty million points worth left. I told Chairman Li that we are willing to lend him these artifacts first, and he can repay us after earning enough points to repay us."

"You did a good job."

Shao Yuandong agreed, "If he is truly as powerful as you say, twenty million points would be nothing to him. Killing one or two Beast Kings would suffice."

"Yes, that's what I thought. Actually, Chairman, I was wondering if giving him all these things outright might be more effective?"

Han Xu tentatively suggested.

Shao Yuandong paused, his brow furrowed, clearly considering the matter.

Twenty million points were no small sum.

It was worth noting that Divine Demon-level Martial Arts in the Awakened Association only required a million points.

Take the Observing the Universe Technique, for instance.

With twenty million points, one could purchase it more than ten times.

Of course, just qualifying to make the purchase was not the only requirement.

If the Sun Observation Technique didn't reach the perfection realm, it would be a waste of points.

However, according to Han Xu, that person's power was incredibly strong. Even his friend, the City Lord of Juque City, was a Quasi-S-Class Awakened who had killed an ordinary Beast King, wasn't necessarily stronger than him.

If, in the future, Juque City had his protection, unless the Three-headed Beast Emperors personally arrived, Juque City would not fall.

Exchanging twenty million points for this, totally worth it!

"Chairman, I was just saying."

Han Xu quickly said, "We'll stick to the initial plan. I told Chairman Li we were lending, not giving."

"No rush."

Shao Yuandong thought for a while and said, "Juque City is not just our branch office's Juque City; it also belongs to a few other branch offices. If we bear the entire cost of twenty million points, it would certainly put pressure on us. But if everyone shares the burden, it would be much easier."

"Chairman, you mean to...?"

Han Xu widened his eyes.

"Yes, I plan to inform the other branch office leaders about what you said. Although we usually compete against each other, we must unite during such times, building a good relationship with that person first. Otherwise, once other big cities find out, they might steal him from us."

"Don't worry, Chairman. As of now, only people from our association know about this."

Han Xu smiled with satisfaction.

He also felt a bit lucky.

Fortunately, he had sent Qin Jin and the others earlier; otherwise, even he would have been in the dark at this moment.

Chapter 726:: Is It Too Extravagant?

Shao Yuandong moved quickly.

In less than ten minutes, in Juque City, he had pulled the presidents of two other branch offices into a video conference.

"Old Shao, what is so urgent that you need to send us a video call in the middle of the night?"

A displeased voice sounded.

In the video, a man who looked about the same age as him frowned and spoke.

He had just gone to bed and was about to enter dreamland when a phone call woke him up.

The other person was a woman who looked to be in her twenties, with a head of fiery red hair and skin as smooth as porcelain.

At this moment, she also had a face full of complaints.

Indeed, at the level of an A-level Awakener, a few days of sleeplessness wouldn't be an issue.

But everyone loves beauty, especially a woman.

"I sincerely apologize to both of you. I do have something very important that I want to discuss with you. If we delay further, I'm afraid others might get wind of it, and by then, things will not be good for us." Shao Yuandong said with a smile.

"Oh?"

Li Jian perked up a bit. "What is it that we need to worry others knowing about?"

His gaze lingered at Han Xu beside Shao Yuandong.

His intuition told him that what Shao Yuandong was going to talk about next was probably related to Han Xu.

"Chairman Shao, let me be blunt. If what you say next is unimpressive, I'm going to hang up the call." Wang Lu said.

"No problem."

Shao Yuandong agreed readily, then turned to Han Xu beside him and said, "Old Han, you know more about this, so you explain it. Remember, don't leave out any details."

"Don't worry, Chairman."

Han Xu nodded repeatedly.

"Presidents, I apologize for disturbing you at this hour, but here's the situation..."

He briefly recounted how he got to know Chen Fan.

Then, he started explaining what had happened in Anshan City tonight, but halfway through his explanation, he was interrupted by the other two.

"Wait, what did you just say? A million Fierce Beasts attacked Anshan City? As I remember, Anshan City is a small city, right? How can a mere small city attract so many Fierce Beasts?"

Suspicion showed in Li Jian's eyes, as if he was saying, don't think you can fool me just because we know each other.

"Yes, Anshan City is indeed a small city, but before this attack, a similar situation had already occurred."

Han Xu hurriedly explained, "The previous attack involved around 200,000 Fierce Beasts, including three Commander-level Fierce Beasts, which Li Ping repelled. He also brought the materials of over 2,000 Elite-level Fierce Beasts to our branch office for sale."

Li Jian and Wang Lu exchanged glances.

Their expressions became more serious.

"Are you sure he accomplished this alone?" Wang Lu asked.

"Positive."

Han Xu replied without hesitation.

"I have checked the data on Anshan City before; apart from Li Ping, all other Awakeners there are C-level Awakeners."

At this moment, Shao Yuandong added, "I believe that several C-level Awakeners could not have killed so many Fierce Beasts."

"So, he's an A-level Awakener?" Wang Lu's eyes flashed with surprise.

"An A-level Awakener staying in a small city's Awakened Association as its president? What is he thinking?"

Li Jian, on another screen, voiced his confusion.

"This, initially, was also hard to understand, but now, I get it. Li Ping must be someone who grew up in Anshan City. We Yan Country People are deeply attached to our homeland; unless absolutely necessary, we do not want to leave our place of birth. That's what Li Ping is thinking."

"Really?"

The other two exchanged glances, clearly skeptical.

After all, everyone knows that big cities have advantages over small cities in every aspect.

If he was reluctant to leave his family and friends behind, he could have brought them to a big city.

A-level Awakeners, there are only a hundred or two hundred in Yan Country. When distributed across dozens of cities, the numbers are even smaller.

Thus, whether it's those major cities or over ten large cities, they all welcome A-level Awakeners greatly.

Not to mention bringing ten people, even bringing a hundred or a thousand people is no issue.

Han Xu saw their thoughts and sighed lightly, "Li Ping could indeed take his family away easily, but he wants to protect not only his family and friends but all the people in Anshan City."

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The atmosphere went silent.

"During the first Fierce Beast attack on the city, I tried to persuade him to leave Anshan City and bring his family to our place. But he refused. Not long after returning, the second wave of beast attacks commenced. This time, the scale exceeded a million beasts, led by two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts — one Profound Ice Python and one Three-headed Snake King."

"Three-headed Snake King!"

"Three-headed Snake King!"

Upon hearing this name, the two presidents exclaimed in unison.

"And then?"

Wang Lu pursued the matter.

Although Li Jian remained silent, his eyes also showed curiosity.

Despite feeling that Anshan City's fate was evident.

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But this kind of thing, hearing it with your own ears, is more reliable.

"Then, the two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts, and the million Fierce Beasts, were all killed by Li Ping."

"How is that possible!"

Wang Lu's eyes widened, her flaming red hair standing on end.

Never mind a million Fierce Beasts, just that Three-headed Snake King alone had the power to destroy a small city.

If she were in Anshan City, she would have run away as far as possible.

"Old Han, do you know what you're saying?"

Li Jian squinted his eyes, "Even a Quasi-S-Class Awakened might not be able to achieve this. In our Yan Country, only those three could possibly do it, and now you're telling me that some nobody managed to accomplish this?"

Being stared at closely by two A-level Awakened, even through a screen, Han Xu felt immense pressure.

But even so, he still gritted his teeth and said, "Chairmen, every word I said is true. Anshan City not falling is the best proof."

"Old Han is right, look at this."

Shao Yuandong pulled up satellite imagery.

The image showed a city, with towering buildings, seemingly intact, especially the city walls.

Outside the city walls, countless Fierce Beast corpses could be seen.

"This!"

Their pupils dilated sharply.

Through the timestamp still ticking in the upper right corner of the image, it was clear that this was a real-time satellite feed.

The massive number of Fierce Beast corpses outside indicated that the city had just been attacked, yet amazingly, the city itself showed no signs of damage.

"Is this Anshan City?"

Li Jian asked in disbelief.

"Yes."

Shao Yuandong took a deep breath.

Even though he had already reviewed the satellite imagery with Han Xu before contacting them.

He still couldn't help but marvel.

To stop a million Fierce Beasts, kill two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts, and keep the city unharmed with no casualties, this Li Ping was incredibly strong.

"There are indeed a lot of Fierce Beast corpses, but there's definitely not a million. And where are the bodies of the two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts?" Wang Lu asked.

"It's a long story."

Han Xu recounted the events Qin Jin had told him.

"Sword Qi? Isn't he using Superpowers?"

"No."

Han Xu replied, "Li Ping is an Awakener, but also a Martial Artist. He once exchanged quite a few Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures with me to enhance his Primordial True Essence, which likely exceeded that of others in the same Realm."

"Is that so?"

Their brows furrowed.

They had some understanding of Martial Arts Techniques.

Li Ping, being able to unleash ten thousand Sword Qi in one go, it must be the Sword Technique Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect.

Cultivating to that point is no easy task.

Among the Celestial Realm Martial Artists in Yan Country, it seems only the Liang Family Ancestor had perfected Ten Thousand Swords Return to the Sect.

But according to Han Xu, Li Ping had condensed ten thousand Sword Qi, and then condensed another ten thousand, eventually reaching one hundred thousand!

One hundred thousand!

What kind of concept is this?

Even the Liang Family Ancestor would be scared to death hearing this.

This is outrageous.

"Old Han, it's not that we don't believe you, but are you sure your association told you the real situation and didn't exaggerate?"

Li Jian looked at the satellite image, "Impossible. Tonight's attack on Anshan City had so many Fierce Beasts, but no Beast King-level, not even many Commander-level ones."

"That's right."

Wang Lu nodded slightly, "Even if the Three-headed Snake King is a High-level Beast King, one head breathes fire, another head spews poison, and the middle head can launch Spiritual Attacks. How could it be scared off after just a few encounters? That's absurd."

"No, Qin Jin wouldn't lie to me."

Han Xu shook his head repeatedly, "I know their character. That's why I didn't send anyone else over, but asked them to assist in Anshan City. Also, after hanging up with Qin Jin, I specifically called Li Ping."

"Oh?"

Wang Lu asked, "What did he say?"

"He admitted it."

Han Xu said.

"Haha."

Wang Lu laughed.

Nearly writing "disbelief" on her face.

"Old Han, it's not that I don't trust you, but this is indeed too far-fetched. Of course, I admit that Li Ping is quite a character."

Li Jian praised, "Being able to withstand the impact of two to three hundred thousand Fierce Beasts and keep the city intact, I couldn't achieve that."

"Chairman Li..."

Han Xu wanted to say something.

"Let me speak."

Shao Yuandong signaled with a glance.

"Both of you, there are many questionable points in this matter that need verification, but Anshan City, holding out for so long under the Beast Tide, and even being the sole survivor among mid-sized cities, his strength is evident."

Li Jian and Wang Lu exchanged glances and nodded, agreeing.

"So, Old Shao, is your late-night video meant to suggest we send reinforcements to Anshan City?" Li Jian asked himself and answered, "If that's the case, it's too risky. The Beast Tide is less than a thousand miles from Juque City and could reach here in a day or two. We're already under pressure and can't afford to send forces to help him."

"Old Li, that's not my intention."

Shao Yuandong shook his head.

"My intention is to recruit such a strong individual. Anshan City won't hold much longer, and when it falls, Li Ping will surely head to the larger cities or the three super cities. If we can offer help now, he'll certainly come to Juque City and assist us against the Fierce Beasts."

"I see."

They understood.

This suggestion was quite good.

With an additional A-level Awakened, the city's defense would be stronger.

Although they held their positions, even if Juque City fell, they could move to other cities or the central three super cities.

But those places are not their own, and they would be under others' control.

If Juque City can be defended, that's the best outcome.

"Old Shao, how do you plan to recruit him?"

"Simple, he's a Martial Artist and needs plenty of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures to improve his Primordial True Essence. We just give him these treasures. Our three branch offices, each contributing five to six million points worth of treasures, totaling around twenty million points, all for him. I believe he'll be grateful and, when Anshan City falls, will join Juque City without hesitation."

After hearing him, the other two fell silent.

Each contributing five to six million points worth of treasures, totaling nearly twenty million, such a big investment would tempt anyone and evoke gratitude.

Is such a huge expenditure for one A-level Awakened too extravagant? Is it necessary?

"Old Shao, five to six million points is too much. Even I couldn't produce that amount immediately. Let's discuss it with the deputy chairmen and offer one million points worth of treasures to make friends with him."

Li Jian said.

"I can offer only one million points as well."

Wang Lu hesitated briefly and said, "No need for so much. Combined three million points from our branches should be enough to recruit an A-level Awakened."

Chapter 728: My Young Friend, You've Come Again

In Wang Lu's opinion, before the Beast Tide erupted, how could it take 1 million points to recruit an A-level Awakened?

Tens of thousands would have been enough.

Especially for A-level Awakened in small cities, what is better about staying in a small city compared to moving to a big city?

But now is an unusual time.

More than ten big cities are scrambling for people, even powerful B-level Awakened. Indeed, there is no need to say more about A-level Awakened. As long as there are no ulterior motives, green lights all the way.

Three million points, that's a lot of sincerity. If she were Li Ping, hearing this offer would certainly be tempting.

"Chairmen, Li Ping is not just an ordinary A-level Awakened."

Upon hearing Li Jian and Wang Lu's words, Han Xu got a bit anxious. He didn't expect this kind of result.

"Chairmen, what I said earlier is absolutely true. There were indeed two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts that attacked Anshan City, and he killed them both. Twenty million points is really high, but I believe it's absolutely worth it."

"You make it sound so easy."

Wang Lu gave him a cool look, "Do you even know what twenty million points mean?"

"That's right, with that many points, you could recruit more than ten A-level Awakened from other big cities." Li Jian's lips twitched.

The points from their two Branch Offices didn't come out of thin air.

Being able to offer one million points was already a concession to Shao Yuandong. Otherwise, they would have ended the video call a long time ago.

Han Xu opened his mouth, not knowing what to say.

He was a bit regretful.

If he had known this would happen, he should have let Qin Jin and the others record a video and present it to the two Chairmen, to see if they would still doubt it then.

But this couldn't be blamed on Qin Jin and the others.

If he were on the scene, he would probably have gone pale with fear, let alone have the mind to take a video.

"I trust our branch's people."

Shao Yuandong spoke, "Since they said there were two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts, which were killed by Li Ping alone, then this must be true because they have no reason to lie about such a thing. Two Chairmen, I hope you reconsider. Li Ping is not an A-level Awakened, but a Quasi-S-Class Awakened. I even have a premonition that he will certainly become an S-Class in the future."

"...."

Li Jian and Wang Lu exchanged glances.

They both felt Shao Yuandong was exaggerating.

Quasi-S-Class Awakened, the whole Yan Country doesn't have much more than S-Class Awakened.

That an unknown small city could have an A-level Awakened was already unbelievable to them.

A Quasi-S-Class?

That would be a fantasy.

"Old Shao, there is no need to consider it any further."

Li Jian shook his head, "The same as before, our Branch Office can offer at most one million points, and we also need a day or two to discuss it. You know, this is an unusual time, and our branch's points are also tight."

Shao Yuandong heard this and a trace of disappointment appeared on his face.

He looked at Wang Lu, "Chairman Wang, do you agree?"

"Yes."

Wang Lu nodded.

"Alright then," Shao Yuandong nodded reluctantly, "I am really sorry for disturbing you so late."

"It's fine, you did this for the sake of Juque City, we understand." Li Jian smiled, glanced at the time, "Old Shao, if you have no other matters, let's end the meeting here?"

"Alright."

Shao Yuandong nodded.

"I'll hang up first."

Wang Lu finished and cut off the communication.

Li Jian hesitated for a moment and then said, "Old Shao, that Li Ping might not be as powerful as you think. I think you acted a bit hastily. Twenty million points is not a small amount. Even if our three Branch Offices share the cost, each branch would have to come up with six to seven million points. That's quite a lot. You need to think it over seriously."

After speaking, he too cut off the communication.

"Sorry, Chairman."

Han Xu apologized.

"Why are you telling me this now?"

"If I hadn't told you this news, nothing would have happened." Han Xu said.

Anyone with eyes could see that the negotiation had fallen through.

Due to this incident's influence, if anything significant happens in the future, it is highly likely that the other two Chairmen will not agree with their Chairman's opinions.

Shao Yuandong remained silent.

Suddenly, he looked sharply at Han Xu.

"Are you sure that this Li Ping is really that powerful?"

"Chairman, I am very sure."

Han Xu nodded like a pecking chick, "I called him earlier. He said he would come over tomorrow morning. By then, Chairman, you can meet him yourself. He is truly extraordinary."

"Alright, I will meet him tomorrow."

Shao Yuandong squinted his eyes.

If the person is as Han Xu said, then twenty million points is not too much for him to offer, because in the event of a future crisis in Juque City, having this person would be an extra layer of insurance.

But if the person doesn't give him a good impression, then he would follow Han Xu's suggestions.

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After his True Essence fully recovered, Chen Fan left several smaller Flying Centipedes to continue guarding the underground of Anshan City to prevent any stray Fierce Beasts from attacking people on the surface after his departure.

The remaining three larger Flying Centipedes followed him as he left Anshan City, heading towards the Secret Realm.

Chapter 729: Young Friend, You're Here Again_2

Perhaps the previous beast tide had already gathered all the surrounding fierce beasts, as the road was now completely empty.

Upon entering the secret realm, the three-headed flying centipede instantly became excited.

Though the outside was good, this was their true home.

Returning to their territory, everything was as usual.

Chen Fan's gaze turned toward the deeper part of the mountain.

Various auras of heavenly materials and earthly treasures emanated from there, far stronger than his current location.

"It seems that there are not only treasure medicines for Celestial Realm martial artists but possibly some for Divine Cultivation Realm martial artists as well."

Chen Fan's heart warmed.

However, deeper within, there were many powerful demon beast auras, giving him a sense of great danger. Evidently, even he might face life-threatening peril if he ventured in recklessly.

"It's better to wait until I reach the Celestial Realm before exploring deeper. For now, I'll wander around nearby to gather more treasure medicines and tame some demon beasts."

Chen Fan thought to himself.

Just then, a voice echoed in his mind.

"Young friend, you're here again?"

The voice appeared suddenly and caught him off guard.

"Who!"

Chen Fan's expression changed, and he activated the Emperor's Qi Observation Skill to its fullest.

This secret realm was very different from the outside world, allowing him to explore only about one-third of the range he could outside. Moreover, his spiritual power felt like it was sinking into the sea when entering the sect's ruins, with no response at all.

"Hehehe."

The voice continued, seemingly possessing a magical quality that made people subconsciously feel close to it.

"Young friend, don't be alarmed. I mean no harm and just wanted to greet you seeing that you've come."

"Are you from the Red Dragon Sect?"

Chen Fan immediately realized something and his expression turned extremely grave.

He remembered Elder Wang's warning that he should avoid the sect's main hall and not approach it closely, advice he had taken to heart.

This time, he had deliberately avoided it and hadn't even taken a single glance.

But someone had still noticed him?

"Yes."

The voice sighed, "I am the last sect leader of the Red Dragon Sect. I wanted to revive the sect but never imagined it would ultimately be destroyed by my own hands. I truly lack the face to meet our ancestors in the afterlife."

After hearing this, Chen Fan dared not take anything lightly.

Who knew if what the other person said was true?

He claimed to be the sect leader of the Red Dragon Sect, but who could verify it?

Even if he were the sect leader, he couldn't be trusted.

Elder Wang had repeatedly warned that the Red Dragon Sect members were all dead, leaving behind grudges filled with hatred toward the living. Bound to fixed areas and unable to freely move, they would resort to all kinds of tricks to lure the living in.

"Why did you suddenly call out to me? Is there something you need?"

He asked.

"Not really."

The voice chuckled, "I suppose you've heard from your elder that our Red Dragon Sect had been exterminated long ago, leaving only me, the previous sect leader, unwilling to accept it and hoping for the arrival of someone destined to avenge us. Over the years, many have come here, including the one who brought you; he has visited several times, but I found none of them suitable."

I've waited and waited for over a thousand years, and now, finally, my wait is over. Yes, young friend, you are the one destined."

"..."

Chen Fan felt the other person's trickery was rather crude.

This rhetoric was less convincing than those telecom scammers he had encountered before crossing over.

"I understand you don't believe me, so how about I teach you a Divine Demon-level martial art to prove my sincerity, alright?"

Hearing this, Chen Fan took a deep breath.

He retracted his previous thought.

The other person was not a fool; offering a Divine Demon-level martial art right off the bat would tempt anyone.

But it was clear this was just bait.

Even if the other person did share the cultivation technique, who knew if it had any traps? Practicing it could leave him vulnerable, ultimately becoming fish on the chopping block.

Luckily, he had a panel.

If what the other person said was fake, it didn't matter; the panel would be able to discern it, only genuinely valuable content would increase the collection progress.

"Feels like it might be worth extracting some value."

Chen Fan came up with this idea but to avoid raising suspicion, he decisively shook his head and said, "Thank you for your kindness, senior, but my talent is so poor that even with the complete Divine Demon-level martial art, I wouldn't be able to learn it."

"Young friend, you are too humble."

The voice chuckled, "Do you know that among those who have entered here over the centuries, you are the youngest and most promising? The first time you came alone and tamed a group of flying centipedes, while the one who brought you was chased by three-headed flying centipedes. Is there any need for me to point out the difference?"

Chen Fan shivered.

He recalled that when he came previously, there were a few eyes watching him; he had chalked it up to his imagination and didn't mind too much.

Now, it seemed that was not his imagination. The voice leaking into his mind now was from one of those observers.

Thinking this made his back break out in cold sweat.

So even now, there were several "people" secretly watching him.

"Young friend, when you fought the flying centipedes earlier, the speed at which your true essence recovered was extremely fast, apparently through the water scroll of the Longevity Technique's seven volumes, correct?"

"Senior has sharp eyes."

Chen Fan nodded, internally thinking that this person must have been a Divine Cultivation Realm martial artist during his lifetime.

Even in death, he probably wasn't someone Chen Fan could contend with at this moment.

"Hehe, it's just a minor skill, nothing worth mentioning."

The voice chuckled, "No wonder you haven't reached the Celestial Realm yet despite your abilities. You've been continuously collecting treasure medicines to enhance your primordial true essence; it seems the threshold to reach the Celestial Realm is quite high for you."

"Indeed."

Chen Fan nodded.

It wasn't that he didn't want to hide it; he simply couldn't hide it.

His every move earlier had been under the other person's observation.

"Your eagerness to strengthen your abilities suggests something urgent outside, correct?"

"Senior's sight is penetrating."

Chen Fan sighed, "I've offended many people outside, and time is pressing. If I don't hurry up and strengthen myself, I might end up dead at their hands. Hence, I risked entering the secret realm, seeking a glimmer of hope. Sorry for disturbing your rest, senior."

"No worries."

The voice was very magnanimous, "The treasure medicines are ownerless. If you're capable of taking them, feel free to take them all. However, mere treasure medicines aren't enough without good martial arts techniques. Besides the five volumes of gold, wood, water, fire, earth in the Longevity Technique, there are also the yin and yang volumes. How many of these have you collected?"

Chen Fan knew the critical moment had arrived.

"Honestly, I've only collected the water scroll; the other volumes are tightly controlled by the current noble families, and those are exactly the ones I've offended this time."

"Noble families again!"

The voice suddenly became furious, "Young friend, we indeed have a connection, as the ones who exterminated my sect were the noble families at that time!"

"Is that so?" Chen Fan showed a look of surprise.

"Indeed, young friend, that makes me even more determined to help you. Rest assured, I possess all seven volumes of the Longevity Technique."

"Really!"

Chen Fan exclaimed.

"Of course."

Seeing Chen Fan take the bait, a shadow within the sect revealed a smile.

"You know, any Divine Demon-level martial art requires both the cultivation technique and the corresponding cultivation diagrams. In my chamber, there is a complete set of the Longevity Technique. Follow my instructions closely and you'll find it soon. It's the full Longevity Technique, containing all seven volumes."

Chapter 730: Am I Going to Eat You Up?

Chen Fan felt speechless upon hearing the other party's words.

Did he really look like someone so easily deceived?

Regardless of whether or not there was an entire set of the Longevity Technique in the bedroom, he didn't dare go even if it was true.

"Senior,"

He showed a difficult expression and said, "It's not that I don't believe you, but the elder who brought me here repeatedly emphasized that the Red Dragon Sect is extremely dangerous. Even Celestial Realm Martial Artists risk falling, let alone someone like me who is still in the True Essence Realm."

He didn't know what other means the other party might have, so it wasn't wise to immediately tear the facade. After all, better safe than sorry.

Besides, he actually wanted to see if he could really get something good from the other party.

Although Divine Demon-level Martial Arts required corresponding cultivation route maps, he felt that as long as he learned enough cultivation techniques, even just with the mantras, he could complete them.

"Who said that?"

The other party got excited, "Utter nonsense! I've stayed here for over a thousand years. How could I not know if there's any danger? The idea that even Celestial Realm Martial Artists could fall is ridiculous!"

"Kid, the most important thing on the path of Martial Arts is to stay true to your heart and not follow others blindly. The person who brought you here is quite old, isn't he? Yet his Martial Arts Realm is only at the Celestial Human Realm, can't even defeat a low-level demon beast, do you think you can trust his words?"

Chen Fan felt embarrassed.

Not trusting Elder Wang is one thing, but believing you, a specter?

Speaking of shamelessness, he had never seen anyone so shameless.

The dangers he mentioned in the sect weren't referring to this, were they?

"Kid, this is your fortune. If you don't cherish it, then forget it. I won't force you."

That voice snorted coldly.

"Whatever."

Chen Fan sighed lightly, "It seems that my blessings are too shallow, and I am not destined for this fortune."

"Kid, it's a complete set of the Longevity Technique, especially the Yin and Yang Two Volumes. Even those noble families outside don't have it. Are you not tempted?"

That voice became a little anxious.

This kid, why wasn't he playing by the rules?

Damn, is he really that cautious?

It finally caught him alone to interact with him.

If it failed this time, he wouldn't come alone next time.

Then it would be even harder to lure him in again.

"Tempted, how could I not be?"

Chen Fan acted nonchalant, "But I know my own limits. If I rashly delve into the sect ruins and encounter danger, not only would I not get the Longevity Technique, but I would lose my life."

"What are you afraid of?"

The other party was displeased, "Didn't I just say there's no danger here, just baseless rumors to scare the timid? Even if there is danger, I'm here. What are you afraid of? Boy, you also said there are people outside wanting to kill you, and at this critical moment, you're still hesitating. Are you tired of living?"

"No, no, no."

Chen Fan shook his head internally.

It was precisely because he treasured his life that he didn't want to go in.

But the other party's persistence was really thick-skinned.

And it seemed he wouldn't stop until he agreed.

"Senior,"

Chen Fan couldn't help but ask, "Since you're so eager to give me this fortune, why not take out the complete Longevity Technique and show it to me?"

"You kid, how can you say such disrespectful things!"

The other party was furious.

"This is a Divine Demon-level Martial Art. Do you know how many people have fought to the death for it? Even our Red Dragon Sect lost many elite members, and a few elders fell for it. Now, you can get this Martial Art without shedding a drop of blood, and the only thing you have to do is walk a few steps, and you're not willing? You even want me to bring it to you. You're too presumptuous!"

His words amused Chen Fan.

"Senior, if I remember correctly, it was you who wanted to give me the Longevity Technique from the beginning, right?"

"So what?"

The other party was impatient, "Didn't I say before, I saw you have fate, so I took the initiative to talk to you and give you this opportunity."

"But I already said before, I don't want it, didn't I?"

Chen Fan said helplessly, "I feel my blessings are too shallow. It was you, Senior, who insisted. Since that's the case, why not go all the way and bring the Longevity Technique from the bedroom to me? Don't worry, Senior, I won't leave. I will wait here. If I really get the Longevity Technique, and you have any unfulfilled wishes, as long as I can manage it, I will go all out."

After he spoke, the voice disappeared as if it had never been there.

Within the sect ruins, a shadow watching Chen Fan bore deep killing intent on its face.

What unfulfilled wish?

Its only wish was to torture every living being it encountered to death!

At that moment, several other shadows gathered around it.

"Hehe, frustrated, aren't you?"

A shadow laughed, sounding like a woman's voice.

"I've said before that kid outside is not simple. Even that old man didn't notice our gaze, but he did. Clearly a True Essence Realm Martial Artist, yet his Divine Sense is so strong. Luring him won't be easy."