

Martial Arts 731

Chapter 731: Am I Going to Eat You Up?_2

"Shut up!"

The shadow roared in anger, "It's just an inexperienced brat, you think I can't handle him? We've made an agreement, this prey is mine, none of you are to interfere! Otherwise, don't blame me for being rude!"

"Oh my, you got angry before anyone finished talking."

The earlier female voice sneered again.

"Relax, we won't interfere, but let's be clear upfront, if you can't handle the boy, we'll step in. After all, it's been centuries since we've had a decent living human to torture, we also want to have some fun with him."

"Heh heh heh."

The other shadows laughed.

And then each of them disappeared, as if they had never been there.

The original shadow's already dark face turned even darker.

"Senior, Senior?"

Outside, Chen Fan looked around, "Why did you go silent, Senior? Have you left? If you've left, I'll go ahead with my business."

"I can't come out."

A voice suddenly echoed deep within Chen Fan's heart.

"Can't come out?"

Chen Fan had expected the other party wouldn't give up easily.

So, hearing the voice didn't feel surprising, but rather normal.

"Yes," the shadow responded, "I'm trapped by the array here and can't leave the sect. Do you think I want to waste so much breath talking to you?"

It would've already turned into a black smoke, rushed out, and torn the latter into pieces!

"I see,"

Chen Fan sneered inwardly.

"Senior, may I ask what array has trapped you? If you tell me, I might have a way to unravel it."

"You?"

The other party sneered, "I can't solve it, and you think you can? Fine, I'll tell you, just so you know it's not that I don't want to hand over the Cultivation Technique, but that I lack the power. If you want it, you'll have to come in and get it yourself."

"I'll pass."

Chen Fan shook his head.

"You!"

The shadow was furious.

"Are you that scared? Just come in, what's there to fear? Am I really going to eat you?"

After saying this, it paused.

"Yes, Senior,"

Chen Fan nodded, "Honestly, I do fear you'll do something to me. After all, we are strangers, not even acquaintances, and you suddenly offer me a Divine Demon-level Martial Arts. That's too bizarre. As the saying goes, there's no such thing as a free lunch, only traps, unless..."

"Unless what?"

The shadow sensed a glimmer of hope.

"Unless you first give me a Supreme-level Martial Arts, to prove your sincerity. If it's real, then I'll believe you're not up to something malicious."

Chen Fan said.

The other party had wasted a lot of his time.

If he didn't get some benefits in return, it would be a loss.

Besides, he believed the other party would agree to his request to lure him in.

"Supreme-level Martial Arts?"

The shadow paused, then revealed a proud expression.

Fearing the other party's demands wasn't a problem, rather fearing no demands at all.

Because a person without greed is the most terrifying.

But it didn't agree immediately, instead saying, "Boy, I thought you were truly someone without desires, even the Longevity Technique in front of you didn't tempt you. But now I see you're not like that, you want not just the Longevity Technique but also a Supreme-level Martial Arts. Quite greedy."

"Senior, you're mistaken."

Chen Fan smiled, "I just want reassurance and to see your sincerity, Senior. If you are unwilling, I'll leave now and hope you won't bother me again."

After all, he was fighting a Demon Beast.

Yet a voice kept echoing in his mind.

This would drive anyone insane.

"Heh, fine, since we are fated, a Supreme-level Martial Arts isn't difficult to give."

The shadow sighed, "Have you heard of Great Vajra Divine Power, this Martial Arts?"

"Great Vajra Divine Power?"

Chen Fan shuddered.

Of course he had heard of it.

This Supreme-level Martial Arts was also on the Awakened Association's exchange list.

The price was 600,000 points, and like other Supreme-level Martial Arts, it was also incomplete.

This Martial Arts was rumored to be derived from the Thirty-Two Vajra Dharma Facets of Buddhism, granting Demon-Slaying Power, unmatched by humans.

After long practice, one is not constrained by Dharma Generating Power, transforming the aspect, retaining divine intent, achieving Divine Intent moves and strength is generated, sitting and hurting people Realms.

At peak mastery, one can create Original Dharma Body according to one's nature, immensely powerful.

It's said that this martial arts is passed down singularly, one master one apprentice, because once Great Vajra Divine Power is mastered, one attains like Great Power Bodhisattva, transcends three realms. If non-human receives it, it causes immense sins, hence the saying that Vajra inheritor's fate is divinely ordained, possessing True Dharma Treasures, unrivaled through ancient times.

So, the other party is willing to share this Martial Arts?

"Yes, Great Vajra Divine Power."

The shadow said, "Once mastered, this Supreme-level Martial Arts is comparable to Divine Demon-level Martial Arts."

"Really?"

Chen Fan showed excitement and cautiously asked, "Senior, is this technique complete?"

"Of course it's complete."

The shadow snorted, "I know the techniques outside are mostly incomplete, even if complete, held by few individuals. But given our destiny, I wouldn't give you an incomplete technique, that would be harming you."

"Senior's words are true."

Chen Fan was deeply moved.

"Boy, just one Supreme-level Cultivation Technique makes you so happy? Have some ambition. But I don't just have Great Vajra Divine Power, if you perform well, I might share more with you."

The shadow said.

"Really?"

"When have I ever lied to you?"

"Senior, please first share the Great Vajra Divine Power's Cultivation Method with me."

Chen Fan smiled.

You need bait when fishing.

Let alone baiting people.

Of course, the other party wouldn't honestly share the complete technique, likely setting traps within.

When he encounters troubles in cultivation, the other party will gain the upper hand.

But with his panel in hand, he's not afraid of deliberate traps.

"Hmph."

It seemed a bit displeased, "Listen carefully, I don't want to repeat it."

Chen Fan quietly listened.

Meanwhile, Great Vajra Divine Power's information appeared on his panel, collecting bit by bit.

After a long time, the shadow said, "I've shared the Great Vajra Divine Power's Cultivation Method fully. If you encounter difficulties in cultivation, come ask me."

"Senior, did you really share the full technique?"

Chen Fan looked at his panel, seeing 90% collected, asked.

"What do you mean?"

The shadow's tone turned harsh, "You think I held back?"

"No, maybe I'm just unfamiliar and don't understand some points."

Chen Fan said.

Meanwhile he clicked to complete it.

Though 10% remained, it wasn't hard to fill with some practice, thus it wasn't a big issue.

This guy was indeed sinister, leaving multiple traps.

"Good, understanding is key. Now you should trust my sincerity and come in, right?"

The shadow eagerly asked.

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"Senior, maybe we should leave it for another time."

Chen Fan sincerely said, "I, the junior, already obtained a supreme-level martial art, and I'm quite satisfied with it. Moreover, to master this martial art will take a considerable amount of time. The Longevity Technique is already placed in the bedroom, it won't run away, will it?"

"What's the big deal?"

The shadow suppressed the anger in his heart and said, "Leaving the Longevity Technique here is of no use; you can take it back and study it slowly. Moreover, the Great Vajra Divine Power is just a supreme-level martial art, how hard can it be? Let me guide you if you really can't manage it."

"No, no, senior has already done so much, how can the junior trouble you further?"

"It's alright, why be polite with me? Come now, let me guide you a bit, it won't take much effort."

"Come on, we are connected by fate, helping you a little is no trouble."

"Young friend, why are your words unreliable? Didn't we agree that I would tell you a supreme-level technique, and you would come to retrieve the Longevity Technique? Are you deceiving me?"

The shadow kept speaking.

With every word, his face grew colder.

"Senior, what are you saying?"

Chen Fan pretended to be surprised. "I, the junior, am greatly thankful for the supreme-level martial art you generously bestowed upon me; how could I deceive you?"

"Then why don't you come in?"

"That reason, I told you before, the senior who brought me here repeatedly warned me that the ruins of the sect are extremely dangerous, and I must not enter. How could I disregard his words?"

"Outrageous!"

The shadow was so enraged he spat blood.

After all this, we're back to square one, aren't we?

The martial art he just sent out was like meat buns thrown to a dog, gone without return.

"Boy, I am also your senior, even more senior than the one who brought you here. You listen to him, why not listen to me?"

"To be honest, that senior has always taken great care of me. Not to mention, he gave me four supreme-level martial arts at once; you've only given me one. Of course, I trust him more. But,"

Chen Fan quickly added, "I don't mean to imply that you are stingy, senior. Giving me a supreme-level martial art is already very generous, and I am greatly thankful. Truly, I don't mean to imply you are stingy."

No matter how much he would talk today, he wouldn't go inside.

Of course, if he could wrangle one or two more supreme-level martial arts out of the shadow, that would be even better.

He now had experience points that numbered in the billions.

"This brat!"

Hearing Chen Fan's words, the shadow was furious, wishing he could tear the latter into pieces.

What does he mean by not implying stinginess?

If he didn't imply it, would he need to say it again and again?

Clearly a case of 'the guilty conscience speaks louder.'

"If I were to give you a few more supreme-level martial arts, would you trust me then?"

"This!"

Chen Fan was taken aback, "How could the junior be so bold?"

Inwardly, he was secretly rejoicing.

Even if the techniques the shadow tells him next are incomplete or full of traps, he wouldn't mind.

"You brat, you really think the old man is a fool."

The shadow suddenly snorted coldly.

"I don't understand what you mean, senior." Chen Fan feigned ignorance.

"Truly a crafty boy."

The shadow secretly thought.

He wasn't surprised that the other party was cautious.

But what he didn't expect was that the brat would dare to plot against him.

Again and again, does he really think he's a fool?

"I've told you, as long as you come in, for supreme-level martial arts, as many as you want, and there are two more Divine Demon-level martial arts besides the Longevity Technique I mentioned. You can have them all. The opportunity is right in front of you; think it over and come back to me."

He knew he couldn't push too hard.

Just like now, if he kept going, he felt he might lose control and tear off his facade.

If that happened, tricking Chen Fan into coming in would be almost impossible; the others would benefit instead.

But he also had a backup plan.

"Finally, he's gone."

Chen Fan let out a sigh of relief.

However, the feeling of being watched from the dark still lingered.

He glanced in the direction of the sect ruins, thinking to himself how eerie this place truly was.

Still, obtaining a supreme-level martial art was an unexpected gain.

He looked at the three-headed Flying Centipede behind him.

The latter looked clueless, absolutely unaware of what had transpired.

"Who are the ones that you usually don't get along with? Tell me, I'll help you settle scores."

The three-headed Flying Centipede perked up immediately.

Although there were many of them, their strength was the weakest, otherwise, they wouldn't be pushed to the edge of the back mountain.

Now hearing that Chen Fan was willing to help them take revenge, each one was invigorated.

In the sect ruins.

The shadow watched as Chen Fan retreated with the three-headed Flying Centipede, his eyes filled with palpable hatred.

Why, why can these living beings roam freely, unrestrained?

While he was confined to this tiny space, living a monotonous life for thousands of years?

"You let him leave?"

At this moment, another shadow appeared behind him.

"It seems you really can't manage, can't even deal with a mere boy."

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"Why don't we make the first move?"

The previous shadows reappeared.

Their gazes were filled with dissatisfaction.

"Shut up!"

The shadow at the forefront reprimanded, "Do you understand anything? That boy is not the same as the people we've encountered before."

"Different, indeed different. Those people were at least Celestial Realm level, while he is merely in the True Essence Realm. Ha ha ha ha."

The mocking laughter rang out again.

"Have you ever seen a True Essence Realm Martial Artist more powerful than some Celestial Realm Martial Artists?" The shadow turned and glanced at the former speaker.

Upon hearing this, the other shadows fell silent.

That's right, the Secret Realm is only so big. They've been trapped here, with nothing to do. The moment a living person enters, they can sense it.

Therefore, everything Chen Fan did earlier was observed by them.

The former, even in their era, was rare.

"So what?" A woman's voice echoed, "You still failed. Now even if we make a move, the difficulty will increase significantly."

"Who said I failed?"

The shadow said confidently, "He will come back for me."

That boy, thinks he's smart.

Little does he know, the Great Vajra Divine Power I told him about has a deadly flaw.

Once cultivated, a demon seed will form in his body. The deeper he cultivates, the stronger the demon seed will become, until one day he will come to me on his own.

Of course, if he doesn't cultivate it, then naturally nothing will happen.

But with a Supreme-level Martial Art in front of him, can anyone truly remain unmoved?

It doesn't believe such a person exists in this world.

The shadows exchanged glances.

"Are you so sure? Did you leave some contingency plan?"

"Indeed, I did leave a contingency plan. But don't expect me to tell you all about it."

The shadow turned to look at its companions, "If I tell you, and you reveal my plan to him to earn his trust, wouldn't I have wasted all my efforts, only to make you a wedding dress? I'm not that foolish."

After speaking, its body turned into black smoke and dissipated.

"Tch, as if anyone cares to know."

"Couldn't even handle a junior, truly useless."

"Exactly, I want to see if its contingency plan works."

The shadows spoke one by one, naturally hoping the other wouldn't succeed.

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The next morning, Chen Fan returned to Anshan City.

The three-headed Flying Centipede naturally followed him out of the Secret Realm, hiding underground in Anshan City.

The harvest was decent, his Primordial True Essence increased by tens of thousands of points. Apart from that, he acquired many Treasure Medicines that enhanced power, constitution, and other basic attributes.

He didn't consume them all, saving some to exchange for Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that enhance Primordial True Essence when he goes to Juke City.

He initially wanted to subdue those two Demon Beasts and had successfully weakened them, but his spiritual power was still a bit lacking. Subduing nearly ten Flying Centipedes was already his limit. To subdue more, he would have to release control over some or enhance his spiritual power further.

He dared not release control.

Because aside from the three-headed Flying Centipede beside him, the others were all in Anshan City.

Logically speaking, even if he released control over those Flying Centipedes, they wouldn't dare disobey previous orders. But one never knows; after consuming numerous Fierce Beasts, they regained their wild nature, and their strength grew considerably.

If they killed people in Anshan City and then fled far away, it wouldn't be easy for Chen Fan to find them.

So, those three-headed Flying Centipedes had to bear the brunt.

"Thankfully, I can go to Flame Emperor City today and obtain the Observing the Universe Technique."

Chen Fan's eyes showed a hint of anticipation.

If he cultivated the Observing the Universe Technique, his spiritual power could reach billions. By then, returning to the Secret Realm, he should not be easily influenced by those ghosts.

Perhaps, he could walk boldly in front of them.

Of course, this was just a thought. Truly entering would require at least Celestial Realm strength. If he reached the Divine Cultivation Realm, those ghosts would probably avoid him entirely.

Morning in Anshan City was very peaceful.

Although they knew the Beast Tide had been repelled, people's expressions were still very solemn.

Because no one knew if there would be a third, fourth wave.

Would Anshan City be able to hold out by then?

Some were more carefree, adopting the mindset of living day by day.

Awakened Association.

Chen Fan met Qin Jin and others.

"Chairman Li."

Qin Jin's face showed shame, "We came this time to bid you farewell."

Hua Jun and others were initially shocked but then sighed inwardly.

Qin Jin and his team's decision was understandable.

After all, no one knew how long Anshan City could hold. If they had the ability to leave, it was better to do so early.

Moreover, they came from a big city.

In contrast, those present, even if they could overcome road dangers, had no place to settle.

"I planned to visit Juque City anyway. You can come with me." Chen Fan nodded.

He visited the Awakened Association to instruct Hua Jun to maintain order in Anshan City.

The other reason was this.

The group had come with him; now was different than before. Bringing them back was fulfilling the journey.

"What, Chairman Li!"

Everyone's eyes lit with joy,

Could it be, Chairman Li would go to Juque City with them?

Hua Jun and the others held their breath.

They thought their Chairman wouldn't abandon Anshan City, because if he wanted to, he would have done so already, not waited until now.

But what if?

If he felt pressured from the Beast Tide, thinking Anshan City couldn't be defended, leaving was possible.

If that were true,

They had no resentment.

The Chairman had done enough already; if it were them, would they choose to stay?

"Just going to make a deal with your Chairman Han." Chen Fan looked at them.

"Ah, I see." They felt awkward but relieved.

"Are you ready?"

"Yes, Chairman Li, we are all ready." Qin Jin quickly responded.

"Good." Chen Fan turned to Hua Jun, "I will leave Anshan City for a few hours. During this time, it's up to you. Though nothing should happen, stay cautious."

"Yes, Chairman." Hua Jun quickly nodded, feeling relieved.

Great, Chairman isn't abandoning them.

"Let's go."

Chen Fan said, heading outside.

"Chairman Hua, we are leaving now. Hopefully, we will meet again." Qin Jin said.

Feeling a bit sad.

If Anshan City falls, except for someone like Chairman Li, everyone else will surely perish.

This farewell was likely the last.

The War Soul Squad felt the same sadness.

Despite Anshan being a small city, Hua Jun and others were weak, but they experienced something different here compared to Juque City.

If they could stay longer, it would be nice.

But for safety, they had to leave.

"Captain Qin, take care." Hua Jun's eyes showed reluctance.

"Take care."

They waved, turning to follow.

When Hua Jun and others walked out of the Awakened Association, the group was gone from sight.

Chapter 734: Bold Moves

Starting from Anshan City, at first, they didn't encounter any Fierce Beasts.

But after walking for hundreds of miles, groups of Fierce Beasts began to emerge like bamboo shoots after a spring rain.

They stretched out for hundreds of kilometers.

Elite-level Fierce Beasts were everywhere.

Commander-level Fierce Beasts were also not in short supply.

Qin Jin and the others following behind Chen Fan turned pale with fear as they witnessed this scene, their hearts filled with terror.

They had truly underestimated the dangers of returning to Juque City.

If Chairman Li hadn't accompanied them this time, whether they could return to Juke City would indeed be questionable.

One misstep, and they would be surrounded by a Beast Tide, unable to advance or retreat.

Two hours later, they finally broke through the Beast Tide.

"Phew..."

Looking at the distant silhouette of Juke City, Qin Jin and the others breathed a sigh of relief in unison.

However, another worry arrived with it.

Because these Fierce Beasts were already so close to Juke City, if those Beast King-level Fierce Beasts wanted, they could probably reach the gates of Juke City overnight.

Although they weren't worried that Juke City, being a large city, couldn't be defended, casualties were certainly unavoidable.

Chen Fan was also observing the surrounding scenery.

Compared to his last two visits, there were noticeably fewer people outside the city, though those still here were packing up and heading forward one after another.

No one was foolish.

Since Juke City was unwilling to take them in.

If they stayed here, they would only become food for the Fierce Beasts.

Given that, it was better to hurry towards the locations of the three mega cities.

Even though those cities would likely not take them in either, staying outside a mega city was surely safer than staying here.

Chen Fan had complex feelings in his heart, but there was nothing he could do.

They arrived at the city gates, validated their identities, and were finally allowed entry.

The city was crowded with people.

From the city gates to the Awakened Branch Office, it took them two to three times longer than usual to walk.

Seeing that they were about to enter the hall, Qin Jin hurriedly said, "Chairman Li, thank you so much for escorting us back this time. Otherwise, with so many Fierce Beasts on the way, even if we had ten lives, they wouldn't be enough."

"Indeed, indeed."

The others also nodded repeatedly.

On this entire journey, they almost didn't need to act; they just had to move as quickly as they could.

"It was just convenient for me. Besides, you all only came because you accepted my task. Take care of yourselves."

Chen Fan nodded to them and walked ahead.

"..."

Watching Chen Fan's departing figure, Qin Jin's heart was filled with mixed emotions.

"If only Chairman Li could stay."

The green-haired woman in the team whispered, "That way, we can fight alongside him."

"Yes, everyone saw what happened along the way. It won't be long before Juque City faces an attack from the Fierce Beasts. If Chairman Li were here, the casualties in Juque City would be greatly reduced."

"Unfortunately, Chairman Li has already made up his mind. No matter what we say, he won't stay. He will return to Anshan City later."

Qin Jin sighed inwardly.

There was nothing he could do. The only thing he could do was pray internally for Chairman Li's safety.

Chen Fan's arrival was soon reported to Han Xu.

He quickly contacted Chairman Shao Yuandong, and the two came to meet Chen Fan together.

"Chairman Li, let me introduce you."

Han Xu slightly bowed, "This is our Branch Office Chairman, Chairman Shao, one of the A-level Awakened in Juque City."

"Chairman, this is the Chairman Li I've been telling you about."

"Nice to meet you, Chairman Li, I've heard a lot about you."

Shao Yuandong warmly extended his hand.

At the first sight of Chen Fan, he realized that this person was extraordinary.

Even he couldn't gauge the depth of this individual.

"Nice to meet you."

Chen Fan also extended his hand and shook it.

Internally, he felt no waves of emotions.

After all, with his current strength, a mere A-level Awakened was nothing to him. However, since the other party was respectful, there was no need for him to show a hostile face.

"Chairman Li, please sit."

Han Xu smiled and then explained proactively: "It's like this, Chairman Li, we agreed last night to lend you the remaining Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures worth over ten million points in our Branch Office. You can return them to us when you have the points in the future. As an assistant chairman, I couldn't make this decision alone, so I invited our chairman. After hearing about you, he also admires you very much."

"Indeed, Chairman Li, I've heard all about you."

Shao Yuandong gave a thumbs up, "You have risen step by step from a small city to where you are today; it is truly remarkable. Your current strength must have already reached the Quasi-S Level, right?"

Chen Fan gave him a glance, understanding that this question was somewhat probing.

Investing one to two million points, being cautious was reasonable. However, he came prepared this time.

Thus, he didn't answer the question directly. Instead, he took out a palm-sized, crystal-clear green fruit from his Spatial Ring and placed it on the table.

"I wonder if the two Chairmen can recognize what this is."

He asked.

"This?"

Han Xu widened his eyes, closely staring at the fruit on the table. His intuition told him that the item Chairman Li took out was absolutely extraordinary!

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But even though he committed to memory all kinds of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures within the association, he still couldn't figure out what this thing in front of him was or what its purpose was.

"This... Is this a Cyan Jade Fruit?"

At this moment, Shao Yuandong spoke up, his eyes wide with incredulity.

"Chairman Shao has good eyes."

Chen Fan smiled slightly.

Actually, he didn't know the names and uses of the Treasure Medicines within the Secret Realm at first either. It was Elder Wang who gave him a scroll documenting all kinds of rare treasures from his era.

But the vast majority of those rare treasures had already gone extinct, and the Secret Realm where the Red Dragon Sect was located preserved less than one ten-thousandth of them.

The Cyan Jade Fruit was also a Low Grade Treasure Medicine, able to increase one's Strength Attribute by over thirty thousand points.

After he used one, a single Cyan Jade Fruit could only increase his Strength Attribute by less than ten thousand points. Given this, it was better to take it out and exchange it for some Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that could enhance Primordial True Essence, maximizing its value.

"Chairman Li, where did you get this?"

Shao Yuandong asked, his breath quickening.

It seemed to only exist within those Secret Realms.

And those Secret Realms were fraught with dangers, even for an A-level Awakened like him, he wouldn't dare to hastily step in.

Chen Fan simply looked at him without speaking.

"My apologies, Chairman Li, I lost my composure."

Shao Yuandong took a deep breath and hurriedly apologized.

On one side, Han Xu's eyes were round with astonishment.

What is the background of this fruit?

Even Chairman Shao lost his composure over it?

"Chairman Li, are you planning to sell this Cyan Jade Fruit to our branch?"

Shao Yuandong asked with some expectation.

The Treasure Medicines within the Secret Realms were far more effective than general Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures and their effects could be maximized upon initial usage, making them in short supply.

"I wonder what price Chairman Shao is willing to offer?"

Shao Yuandong pondered for a moment and said, "Chairman Li, after consuming a Cyan Jade Fruit, the user's strength can be significantly enhanced, especially suitable for those Awakeners with enhancement-type Superpowers. The first time it is consumed, its effect can be equivalent to two hundred thousand points."

"By that logic, it is two hundred thousand points, but since rare things are more valuable, our branch is willing to offer three hundred thousand per fruit. I wonder if Chairman Li is satisfied with this price. If not, we can still negotiate."

Shao Yuandong looked into Chen Fan's eyes, feeling a bit nervous.

"Three hundred thousand!"

Han Xu gasped heavily.

Oh my god, a single fruit is worth three hundred thousand points?

He knew Chen Fan was formidable, and earning millions of points at a time was not difficult for him. But he didn't expect that Chen Fan could casually take out a fruit worth three hundred thousand points.

This was too astonishing!

"Three hundred thousand?"

Chen Fan nodded; he felt it was acceptable.

He also knew that after the other party obtained this fruit, they would still make a profit. But this was normal; after all, the other party still needed to find buyers, which was no easy task.

Of course, the main thing was that he still had more of this item with him.

So, under the astonishing gaze of Shao Yuandong and Han Xu, Chen Fan took out four more identical fruits.

In total, there were five, placed right on the table.

Shao Yuandong felt himself almost unable to breathe.

Five!

The other party actually took out five!

These were not cabbages you could find on the street! How did he have so many!

Han Xu's mind was buzzing.

One fruit was worth three hundred thousand points.

Five would be one and a half million points!

That was nearly enough to purchase all remaining Primordial True Essence-enhancing treasures in the branch.

Goodness gracious!

That emergency meeting the chairman held this morning with the other two branch chairmen wasn't in vain?

To the other two chairmen, an astonishing one or two million points were nothing compared to what Chairman Li casually took out now.

If those two chairmen were here, what would they think and what kind of expressions would they have?

"Chairman Li, you?"

Shao Yuandong managed to speak.

"Indeed."

Chen Fan nodded, "I plan to sell all these Cyan Jade Fruits to you, in exchange for all the Primordial True Essence-enhancing treasures in the branch. I wonder if it's enough. If it's not, I can add more."

"!!!"

As his words fell, the two exchanged glances.

So he has more of these Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures?

"It's enough, more than enough!"

Shao Yuandong promptly replied.

If it wasn't enough, he would never admit it.

These five Cyan Jade Fruits already revealed the other party's strength.

"No need to be polite, Chairman Shao."

Chen Fan saw through his thoughts and said, "I don't like owing people, so the amount should be accurate."

"This..."

Shao Yuandong licked his lips.

They had already calculated before.

The one and a half million points Chen Fan offered were indeed slightly short, about three hundred thousand off.

After witnessing Chen Fan's 'strength,' he had decided to waive the three hundred thousand points, considering it a favor.

But then...

Chen Fan saw through him, raised one hand, and another Cyan Jade Fruit appeared on the table.

He had six, but it didn't matter, he had other types.

"Chairman Li, you..."

Shao Yuandong was both amused and exasperated.

He glanced at Han Xu, who, understanding his intention, quickly handed over a list.

"Chairman Li, please look."

Shao Yuandong pointed at the list, "The Primordial True Essence-enhancing treasures in our branch total one and a half million points, equivalent to six Cyan Jade Fruits. If you have no other requests, we can complete this transaction."

"Then let's do it."

Chen Fan nodded.

"Chairman Li," Han Xu took out a Spatial Ring and respectfully said, "All the items on the list are inside. This ring has no password and can be checked directly. Please verify the contents."

Chen Fan took the ring, gave it a quick look, then nodded, "I trust Chairman Han wouldn't deceive me in this matter. No need to check."

After saying this, he transferred all the items in the Spatial Ring to his own ring and handed the ring back.

Han Xu could only wryly smile and accept the ring.

"Chairman Shao, I recall there are two other Awakened Associations in Juque City?" Chen Fan suddenly asked.

"Yes, why?"

Realizing something, Shao Yuandong hesitated, "Chairman Li, you also want to buy all the Primordial True Essence-enhancing treasures from the other two branches?"

"Yes."

Chen Fan gave him an approving look.

Collecting all the Primordial True Essence-enhancing treasures from the other branches would likely yield minimal additional gains.

"I have other matters to attend to. I will return in a few hours. Please collect all the treasures from the other two branches for me. Consider these as a deposit."

As he spoke, another row of ten fruits appeared before the two men.

There were three or four types, none of which Han Xu could name.

Shao Yuandong recognized some but had minimal recollection of the others.

But without a doubt, these ten fruits were certainly not inferior to the previous Cyan Jade Fruits, each starting at three hundred thousand points.

Add it all up, and Chen Fan's offer this time was five million points!

Such a grand gesture could only be matched by one of the three S-Class Awakeners in the entire Awakened Association, couldn't it?

Could it be that Chairman Li here is an S-Class Awakener?

"Rest assured, Chairman Li, I will handle it for you," Shao Yuandong pledged earnestly.

"Great, then I leave it to you."

Chen Fan smiled slightly. Next, he had to visit Flame Emperor City to meet the Thunder Emperor.

Chapter 736: This is a Kind of Confidence

Watching Chen Fan's figure gradually disappear into the crowd, Shao Yuandong's mood remained unsettled for a long time.

Before he met Chen Fan in person, he actually had some doubts about the other's strength.

Especially after being reminded by the other two chairmen.

It's not that he didn't trust Han Xu, since they had known each other for many years, but he felt that Qin Jin and others in Anshan City might be exaggerating.

A small town unknown to fame, which he had almost never heard of, had someone who could easily kill Beast King-level Fierce Beasts. If such a story were told, out of a hundred people, probably a hundred would not believe it.

Even when he first met Chen Fan, he had some probing intentions, wanting to see if this person was truly that formidable.

More than ten million points worth of treasures were not something to be trifled with. If lent out and not returned, the loss would be catastrophic, and if the other two chairmen found out, they would undoubtedly mock him secretly.

In the end, Chen Fan instantly took out several treasures that could only be found in Secret Realms, directly shattering his preconceived notions.

One must know that those Secret Realms were places he dared not enter lightly, since even A-level Awakeners had not survived inside.

At this moment, he no longer had any doubts about Chen Fan's strength, because anyone who could return safely from a Secret Realm, along with a large haul of loot, would find two Beast King-level Fierce Beasts insignificant.

"Chairman."

Han Xu withdrew his gaze and sighed, "Chairman Li is indeed straightforward. Over ten pieces of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures valued at millions were handed to us just like that. He didn't worry about us playing any tricks at all."

"This is a kind of confidence."

Shao Yuandong's gaze became focused, "A confidence in one's own strength."

Han Xu was momentarily stunned, then nodded.

Yes.

Li Ping did not worry about him and the chairman pulling any tricks, or even outright denying any debts.

Because his strength far surpassed anyone in the branch office, even considering everyone in Juque City, there were very few who could threaten him.

This was why he gave treasures worth two to three million points as a deposit.

If he and the chairman dared to play any tricks, it would undoubtedly lead to regret.

"Let's go."

Shao Yuandong turned around.

Next, he ought to contact the other two branch chairmen.

On one hand, to fulfill Chen Fan's commission.

On the other hand, to prove himself.

During the early hours of the morning, those two cast doubtful glances at him.

Now, who knows what they would think upon learning of what had just transpired.

"By the way, chairman."

Han Xu suddenly recalled something, glanced at the hall, and said, "Qin Jin and the others have already returned, brought by Chairman Li. Do you want to meet them?"

When Chen Fan first arrived, he received a call from Qin Jin.

But he had been too preoccupied to attend to them, letting them wait on the side.

"Oh?"

Shao Yuandong's eyes lit up.

"Where are they?"

Although he had heard from Han Xu about the midnight events in Anshan City.

Han Xu had heard it from others, and his understanding of the situation could not match that of Qin Jin and the others who witnessed it firsthand.

Of course, if he wanted to know, he could ask Chen Fan directly.

Yet he had been too shocked at the time, and seeing Chen Fan in a hurry, he might not have had the leisure to stay and converse.

"Please wait a moment, chairman, I'll bring them over."

Han Xu said urgently.

His heart was also eager to find out the details.

Soon, he brought Qin Jin and the others to the chairman's office.

"Chairman, Chairman Shao, what does he want to see us about?"

Qin Jin asked nervously behind Han Xu.

The several people following also showed signs of tension.

After all, it was the association's president, an A-level Awakener. They rarely had a chance to meet him, let alone now being specifically requested by Chairman Shao.

"Don't worry, it's nothing bad."

Han Xu patted his shoulder and smiled, "You went to Anshan City, right? Chairman Shao wants to ask about the situation and the events happening at midnight. Just say whatever you know."

"So that's it."

The several people exchanged glances.

This result was not entirely unexpected.

Han Xu led them to the office door, which was ajar. He knocked symbolically before bringing them inside.

"Chairman."

"Chairman."

They promptly greeted.

"You worked hard."

Shao Yuandong approached, his gaze soft as he looked them over, "On your way back, it must have been filled with Fierce Beasts. Was anyone injured?"

"No, no."

They shook their heads like rattles.

"Chairman, thanks to Chairman Li for bringing us back. Otherwise, we definitely wouldn't have made it."

"That's right, the number of Fierce Beasts was too many, even Commander-level Fierce Beasts could be seen everywhere. Without Chairman Li, how could we possibly be standing here? We would have been gnawed to bones by now."

"Chairman Li is truly kind. Knowing we were leaving, he wasn't angered but instead offered to escort us."

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"Ahem."

Seeing that the people in the team were about to start chatting endlessly, Qin Jin quickly coughed to interrupt them.

Instantly, the few excited individuals closed their mouths and looked cautiously at Shao Yuandong.

"Hehehe, it's fine," Shao Yuandong said nonchalantly, "I called you here because I wanted to hear about your time in Anshan City, especially anything related to Chairman Li. Please, have a seat."

He pointed to a few sofas nearby.

"Have a seat."

Han Xu, seeing them looking at him, couldn't help but laugh.

Only then did they sit down. Shao Yuandong handed each of them a disposable paper cup and then picked up a kettle to pour water for them.

"Ch-chairman."

Qin Jin was startled, blocking the paper cup as he said, "Chairman, we're not thirsty. Besides, if we are, we can help ourselves. You don't need to trouble yourself."

"Yes, yes."

The others also looked flattered and surprised.

Though they knew deep down that he was partly showing off, they still felt a warmth in their hearts.

Seeing this, Shao Yuandong smiled, put down the teapot, and said, "Alright. If you feel thirsty, let me know later."

They all nodded repeatedly.

Looking at Shao Yuandong sitting in front of them, they couldn't help feeling a sense of unreality.

Their own chairman, a renowned A-level Awakener in Juke City, was right in front of them, treating them kindly. If word got out, it would be enough for them to brag about for a lifetime.

However, they also knew that this was not because they were amazing, but because of Li Ping.

If it weren't for their shared experience in Anshan City at dawn with Chairman Li, this chairman wouldn't even spare them a glance.

Qin Jin looked around and couldn't help but ask, "Chairman, what about Chairman Li?"

"He's gone."

Shao Yuandong saw what he wanted to ask and shook his head, "He's been gone for a few minutes. Why, do you have something to discuss with him? He should be back in a few hours. I can have someone notify you then."

He didn't know the exact relationship between Chen Fan and these people, so he tried to accommodate minor requests when possible.

"No, no."

Qin Jin shook his head and waved his hands, "I was just asking, there's nothing else."

"Hehe, it's fine. If you have something to say, I can relay it."

"No need, Chairman. We already said goodbye when we saw him last. Besides, Chairman Li is so busy, we shouldn't disturb him." Qin Jin smiled and then asked, "Chairman, you want to know about what happened after we arrived in Anshan City, right?"

"That's right."

Shao Yuandong nodded with a smile.

"Alright, then let me tell you..."

Qin Jin started from when they received Han Xu's instructions.

It wasn't long before Shao Yuandong and Han Xu both looked shocked.

"What did you say? Chairman Li foresaw the locations where the Fierce Beasts would appear and informed you in advance?"

Shao Yuandong's eyes widened.

"Yes,"

Qin Jin had anticipated this reaction. He brushed a finger over his spatial ring, and a letter appeared in his hand.

"Chairman, this is what Chairman Li gave me back then. I've kept it as a memento."

He opened the envelope and took out the map inside.

Shao Yuandong and Han Xu looked at it and indeed, there were several circles with annotations.

It appeared that this matter was true.

"And then?"

Han Xu asked excitedly, "What happened next? Did the Fierce Beasts appear just as marked on the map?"

"Yes."

Qin Jin nodded solemnly, "No matter the time, place, or scale, it was precisely accurate."

"This!"

Han Xu couldn't believe it.

Shao Yuandong also looked at the others.

"Yes, Chairman. The captain is spot on. We too were skeptical until we saw the first wave of Fierce Beasts with our own eyes."

"The subsequent waves were also exactly as Chairman Li described."

The others chimed in.

Truthfully, they still found it hard to believe.

But as those who experienced it firsthand, they knew better than anyone that it was real, all of it was real.

"How is this possible?"

Four words escaped Shao Yuandong's mouth.

Seeing the future, what an incredible ability!

There were many Awakeners with various superpowers, but those with time-element abilities were extremely rare.

But wasn't Li Ping's power speed? How could he foresee the future?

"Besides this, did anything else similar happen?"

He pressed further.

This kind of thing was too incredible to grasp.

"Well..."

Qin Jin thought carefully and shook his head, "Chairman Li only assigned us this one task. After we completed it, he let us leave. Oh, I remember now!"

He shuddered, "Chairman Li must have known that the Beast Tide would attack Anshan City at dawn, so he made preparations two or three hours in advance. Chairman, could this also serve as proof?"

Shao Yuandong thought this over and found it a bit far-fetched.

Anshan City was heavily surrounded by Fierce Beasts; any reasonable person would know they would attack again sooner or later.

Moreover, as a powerful person like Chairman Li, he could easily have gone to check on the Fierce Beasts' movements.

If the Fierce Beasts made any moves, he could sense it beforehand without needing foresight, which seemed a bit forced as an explanation.

Qin Jin and the others exchanged glances.

That was all they knew.

After all, it wasn't as if they could just ask someone about it.

"Chairman."

Han Xu said at this moment, "I think we should pretend we never heard about this. Whether Chairman Li truly has the ability to foresee the future or not, if this gets out, it could cause unnecessary trouble for him. If it happens, Chairman Li would likely suspect it came from us."

"That's right."

Shao Yuandong nodded.

Sometimes, knowing too much is not a good thing.

"The same goes for you all."

He looked at Qin Jin and the others, "Even if someone asks you about this in the future, don't say a word, understand?"

"Yes, Chairman."

They nodded hurriedly,

Someone strategically flattered, "Only to you, Chairman, would we say this. If someone else asked, we wouldn't reveal a single word."

Shao Yuandong smiled slightly and continued, "When the Beast Tide broke out, what was the situation like? I've heard Old Han mention it before, but his account wasn't as comprehensive as yours."

"At that time, it was like this."

Qin Jin described in detail everything that happened on the city walls and outside the city.

With Shao Yuandong and Han Xu occasionally asking for more details, it took over an hour to recount it all.

Some parts Qin Jin repeated three or four times, and still, they were engrossed without feeling bored.

Even after hearing it all, they wanted more.

"A pity."

Shao Yuandong slapped his thigh, "If only I could have been there to witness it firsthand."

Ancient people said, 'A single brave man can hold a pass against ten thousand enemies.'

This Chairman Li was even more ferocious; one man held back millions of Fierce Beasts, ultimately killing them without leaving a trace.

"Yeah, even if we couldn't be there, at least having a video would have been great," Han Xu agreed.

Qin Jin and the others could only smile wryly.

Was it really as great as they imagined?

They almost died from fear back then!

Even knowing the outcome, if they had to go through it again, they would still be terrified.

Chapter 738: Do You Think I'm Here to Ask You for Money?

Of course, Qin Jin believes that the Chairman means what he says, and he really thinks this way.

Because the opponent is an A-level Awakener, even if he can't win, he can still escape.

"How much do you know about Chairman Li?"

Shao Yuandong suddenly asked this question.

"Know... know how much?"

A few people looked at each other.

"Or rather, from your point of view, what kind of person do you think he is? After all, you have had some short-term contact with him, unlike me who just got to know him recently." Shao Yuandong said with a smile.

"He's a very strong person," said the green-haired woman.

"..."

Everyone present felt a bit awkward.

They thought to themselves, isn't that stating the obvious? Who doesn't know he's strong?

"Chairman, I think Chairman Li is someone who is cold on the outside but warm on the inside," Qin Jin said earnestly after thinking for a moment.

"Oh?"

Shao Yuandong showed an interested expression and gestured with his eyes for him to continue.

"It's easy to understand why he's cold on the outside. Chairman Li always has a stern face, giving off an impression of being unapproachable, and combined with his strong abilities, it makes him seem even more aloof. But Chairman Li is actually a very good person."

"You can see this from the fact that as the president of the Anshan City Awakened Association, after the Beast Tide broke out, he didn't leave but stayed to guard the city."

"You're right." Shao Yuandong nodded heavily.

He asked himself, if it were him, would he do the same?

Not to mention he didn't have the other's strength; even if he did, he would most likely choose to leave.

Because it's unnecessary. As the ancient saying goes, a gentleman does not stand under a dangerous wall. There's no need to put oneself in danger for a group of ordinary people.

"Including this time, when we said goodbye to him, he not only didn't blame us but took us back together. I really think Chairman Li is a very good person, just that he seems difficult to get along with."

The others also nodded repeatedly.

"Such a person, staying in that small city, is really a pity." Shao Yuandong sighed.

"This, I'm afraid there's no way." Han Xu said helplessly, "I tried to persuade him several times before, even called him this morning, but he refused. It looks like he's determined to stay in Anshan City."

"Can he hold it?"

Shao Yuandong asked.

"This..."

Han Xu opened his mouth, but could only say that the hope was slim.

But in this world, there are always some idealists, and because of them, the world has a bit more color.

Shao Yuandong sighed and then said to everyone, "You've just returned from Anshan City, go back and have a good rest first, sleep well, and regain your spirit."

"Yes, Chairman."

Qin Jin quickly stood up from the sofa, greeted everyone, and led them out.

As they were about to walk out, a voice came from behind, "Juke City will likely be attacked by the Beast Tide soon. You should also be prepared."

"Yes, Chairman."

Qin Jin turned around and looked gratefully at the other person.

A few people reached the corridor and simultaneously breathed a sigh of relief.

"That's the Chairman, his aura is too strong. I didn't dare to look him in the eye," chirped the green-haired woman.

"Me too, I stared at the water glass on the coffee table the whole time."

"Alright."

Qin Jin was speechless, glanced at the two women, and then at the others in the group, "You all heard the Chairman's words from before, right?"

Everyone nodded in agreement.

"Heard them, actually even if the Chairman didn't say, we know it too, we've come this far together after all."

"Yeah, those Fierce Beasts are countless times more than the ones we saw in Anshan City at dawn. If they attack our Juke City, the numbers will probably be in the millions?"

"Hey, just after experiencing a Fierce Beast siege, finally rushing back from Anshan City, we didn't expect our Juke City to be attacked soon by Fierce Beasts too. These beasts are really damnable!" A young man cursed.

"Complaining about this now is useless."

Qin Jin sighed, "Remember, you can tell others about anything else, but not that one thing."

Everyone froze for a moment and quickly understood what the captain meant by that one thing.

"Rest assured, Captain, I'll bury that matter deep in my stomach."

"Right, Chairman Li was so good to us, we can't do such a thing."

"Hmm."

Qin Jin nodded.

On the other side, in the Chairman's office, Shao Yuandong was deeply moved and sighed, "Old Han, this Chairman Li is truly a person of noble character."

"Yes," Han Xu nodded, "Chairman, and the matter he entrusted to us."

"Let's handle it now."

Shao Yuandong said without hesitation.

After speaking, he directly picked up the phone on the table and dialed Li Jian's number.

After a while, the phone was answered.

"Old Shao, what's up?"

Li Jian's voice sounded, appearing somewhat unusual.

In the video call at dawn, he and another sub-chairman Wang Lu didn't agree with what Shao Yuandong said but didn't outright reject it either. To save face, they were willing to offer 1 million points.

After hanging up the video call, he regretted it a bit.

Because even 1 million points is not a small amount. He didn't know that person named Li Ping very well and shouldn't have agreed so impulsively.

Fortunately, after hanging up the video call, Shao Yuandong didn't say anything, so he thought the matter was likely over.

Chapter 739: Do You Think I'm Here to Ask You for Money?_2

As a result, what one fears the most has come to pass.

Shao Yuandong's call came through. Obviously, it was still about that matter.

"Old Li, from your tone, it sounds like you're not too happy to hear from me."

Shao Yuandong was in a good mood and even made a joke.

"How could that be!"

Li Jian immediately denied it, "Old Shao, am I that kind of person? It's just that I've been too tired recently, you know, with the Beast Tide arriving, all sorts of things have come up, and it's worn me out."

After he finished speaking, he even yawned.

"Oh really?"

Shao Yuandong breathed a sigh of relief and said, "I thought you were afraid I'd ask you for money."

"Hahaha."

Li Jian chuckled and gritted his teeth, saying, "How could that be? A gentleman's word is his bond, once I've promised you something, I wouldn't go back on it."

One million points is a lot, but it can't compare to his reputation.

If people lost trust in him, it would be quite awkward seeing each other around the city.

"So, Old Li, you're willing to sponsor me a bit?"

"Still the agreed amount, one million points. Any more than that, and it's not doable." Li Jian said truthfully.

It's not that he couldn't provide more, he just didn't see it as necessary.

Even in the current situation, digging up an A-level Awakened wouldn't cost more than a million points.

"Hahaha, Old Li, you're not bad. I thought you would go back on your word."

"Is that what you think of me?" Li Jian was a bit displeased, "I'll transfer a million points to your account later. By the way, have you talked to Wang Lu about this?"

"No, I called you first. Also, the reason for this call isn't to ask for points but to give you points." Shao Yuandong said with a chuckle.

"What?"

Li Jian was stunned, "What did you just say? I didn't hear it clearly."

"I said, my call isn't to ask for points, but to give you points. And the amount I'm giving you is more than ten times what you owe me."

"More than ten times?"

Even Li Jian couldn't help but widen his eyes.

A million points was already a significant amount for someone like him.

If that amount were multiplied by ten, it would be ten million points!

Ten million points is an enormous sum.

And yet, it was more than that.

"No way."

Li Jian quickly regained his composure, and with a cold snort, said, "Old Shao, are you trying to mess with me because you have nothing better to do? I'm telling you, I don't have time to play around."

"Do you think I have time to play around?" Shao Yuandong was exasperated, "This twenty million points deal—do you want it or not? If not, I'll find someone else."

In other large cities' Awakened Associations, there are also plenty of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that can enhance a Martial Artist's Primordial True Essence.

At worst, he'd just have to make a trip.

If Li Jian had hesitated or refused outright, he would indeed look for someone else to partner with.

"Old Shao, are you serious?"

Li Jian shuddered, "A twenty million points deal? Is it for real?"

"What would be the point of lying to you? Besides, I already completed a deal worth over ten million points. Unfortunately, the items needed by that client ran out at our branch, or else, do you think I'd offer them to you?"

Li Jian's breathing immediately quickened.

A twenty million points deal could net him a profit of several million!

"Old Shao, what's the deal? Who has the ability to come up with thirty to forty million points?"

He really suspected whether Shao Yuandong was trying to deceive him.

But the other party's tone seemed credible.

"Want to know? Come to my place."

Shao Yuandong laughed, "I guarantee you won't be disappointed, and this deal is within your grasp."

Li Jian hesitated for a moment but eventually agreed.

"Fine, I'll come over. But Old Shao, let's get this straight—if I find that this deal isn't as straightforward as you say, you know the consequences."

"Don't worry. If it's not as I said, I'll pay you out of my own pocket."

"Alright."

Li Jian hung up the phone.

He looked ahead.

He wanted to see, what secret was hidden up the other's sleeve?

Shao Yuandong dialed another number.

This time, it was picked up within three seconds.

"Is it about what was mentioned in the video?"

A woman's voice rang out, getting straight to the point, "I've already prepared the one million points, ready to be transferred to you at any time."

"Chairman Wang, you're too kind."

Shao Yuandong dropped his playful tone from his earlier conversation with Chairman Li, "The main reason I'm calling is to invite you over. I've been commissioned by someone to purchase treasures worth about twenty million points from your branch."

"What?"

Wang Lu's previously furrowed brows immediately relaxed.

"Purchasing treasures worth twenty million points, Chairman Shao, are you serious?"

"Very serious."

Shao Yuandong anticipated her reaction and explained, "I've already called Chairman Li, and he should be arriving shortly. Chairman Wang, please come over now. There are some things that are difficult to explain over the phone. You'll understand everything when we meet. Trust me, Chairman Wang, you won't regret coming."

Wang Lu hesitated for a while, "Alright, I'll trust you one more time, Chairman Shao."

Clearly, she still had reservations about the issue they discussed during the early morning video call.

"Good."

Shao Yuandong also sighed, chuckling helplessly.

These two still thought that Li Ping was a nobody.

That's why he wanted to get both of them together, to avoid having to explain twice.

In less than a minute, Li Jian and Wang Lu arrived in the office.

Evidently, they had talked beforehand.

"Old Shao, tell us, what kind of twenty million points deal is this?"

Li Jian finished speaking and leaned back on the sofa, giving Shao Yuandong a sidelong glance, as if to say he wouldn't let him off if he couldn't explain properly.

Wang Lu sat on the other side, arms crossed, watching coldly.

"Heh."

Shao Yuandong smiled slightly and ran his fingers over a ring.

The next moment, a row of Treasure Medicines appeared on the coffee table in front of them.

Instantly, the whole room was filled with fragrance.

"What's this!"

Li Jian, who had been leaning on the sofa, immediately sat up straight, staring at the dozen or so Treasure Medicines on the table, almost drooling.

As the saying goes, amateurs watch the fun, while experts see the skill.

As an A-level Awakened and a branch head, he could immediately tell these Treasure Medicines came from a Secret Realm. Only those medicines contain such potent Spiritual Power.

Wang Lu's crossed arms also relaxed. Her expression wasn't as exaggerated as Li Jian's, but she was equally shocked.

She recognized most of these Treasure Medicines, and each one was worth at least 3 million points.

There were ten in total, making it 30 million points.

Thirty million points, just laid out like that, even making her breathing quicken.

Fortunately, she's been through bigger deals before.

"Chairman Shao, these Treasure Medicines?"

She looked up at Shao Yuandong, her gaze softening.

After all, who would refuse such a deal, and the money was right in front of them.

"Of course, it's the transaction I mentioned over the phone. These are just the down payment." Shao Yuandong sat down on the sofa, placing his hands on the armrests with a faint smile.

"Just the down payment!"

Upon hearing this, Li Jian and Wang Lu exchanged glances, their already excited hearts pounding even more.

Thirty million points, each person getting fifteen million.

Fifteen million, and it's just the down payment?

Chapter 740: Acquaintance, Of Course You Know

"Indeed."

Seeing the astonished expressions on the faces of the two, Shao Yuandong's smile carried a deeper meaning.

It was known that the real show was just beginning.

Han Xu stood to the side, also somewhat expectant in his heart.

After all, the midnight meeting was because of him, and during the meeting, although the two chairmen didn't explicitly say they didn't believe him, any perceptive person could see what was going on.

"These are just the deposit. Besides these, how much more you can earn depends on how many of those desired items each of your branch offices has."

"What does he want?"

As soon as Shao Yuandong finished speaking, the voices of Li Jian and Wang Lu almost simultaneously sounded.

Then, they glanced at each other, both looking a bit embarrassed.

After hanging up the phone with Shao Yuandong, Wang Lu didn't rush over immediately.

Instead, she planned to call Li Jian first to see what was going on.

Coincidentally, Li Jian had sent a message, so the two briefly discussed.

With the previous night's experience, they were skeptical about what Shao Yuandong mentioned on the phone.

However, since the other party had called to invite them, and talked in such a convincing manner, it really wouldn't take long to make a trip.

What if what he said was true?

Turns out, Shao Yuandong was indeed telling the truth, presenting Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures worth over thirty million right from the start.

He even said they could earn more.

"He wants Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that can enhance Primordial True Essence. It doesn't matter how effective they are, as long as they can enhance it, he wants as much as you have," Shao Yuandong said.

"Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that can enhance Primordial True Essence?"

Wang Lu's eyes showed surprise, "Could it be that he is a Martial Artist? No, not necessarily."

She shook her head.

Some Awakened individuals also happen to be Martial Artists.

For instance, those three S-Class Awakened are also Martial Artists.

"As long as it can enhance Primordial True Essence, he wants it?"

Li Jian felt as if he was dreaming.

So simple?

"Yes."

Shao Yuandong smiled and said, "In our association, all Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that can enhance Primordial True Essence have been bought by him, with over ten million points as his payment."

As if fearing the two might not believe him, he waved his hand, placing five or six Cyan Jade Fruits on the table.

Li Jian and Wang Lu immediately took a deep breath.

They both recognized these Treasure Medicines.

Each one is worth at least three million points.

"Old Shao, I am not sure how much Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures that can enhance Primordial True Essence my branch office possesses, but we have at least thirty million points worth of them. Are you certain he wants all those treasures?"

Li Jian licked his lips, feeling the kind of nervousness he hadn't felt in a long time.

"My branch has fewer such treasures, only over twenty million points worth," Wang Lu said, glancing at Li Jian.

Combined, their treasures were worth over fifty million points.

"No problem."

Shao Yuandong said without hesitation, "Then I'll have to trouble you both to return to your branches, gather the treasures, and I'll notify you when he comes again. As for the items on the table, each of you take half, and the remaining will be settled later."

"We can take them now?"

Both of them were in disbelief.

"Why not?"

Shao Yuandong joked, "I'd love to make this money, but too bad, I can't. If you don't want to take them, you can leave them here."

"Please, Chairman Shao, keep them for now," Wang Lu thought and said.

It felt too easy to get these points, giving her a sense of unreality.

So for the sake of caution, it would be better to exchange the treasures for points on sight.

"Alright," Shao Yuandong agreed, then looked at Li Jian.

"Old Li, what about you?"

"I..."

Li Jian looked at the table, feeling tempted, but after thinking, he said, "Please also keep my share for now."

"Alright, since both of you say so, I'll keep them until he arrives, then hand them over to you," Shao Yuandong said with a smile.

At first glance, these deposits didn't seem to serve their purpose as deposits, as if they were unnecessary.

But in reality, without these items presented at the start, the other two might not have believed him so easily.

"Old Shao, after talking so much, who exactly is this client? Do we know him?"

Li Jian couldn't help asking.

Shao Yuandong exchanged a smile with Han Xu beside him.

"Yes, you do know him."

"I thought so."

Li Jian nodded.

In the entire Yan Country, very few could immediately produce fifty or sixty million points.

For instance, those three S-Class Awakened, or some Noble Family member.

The former seemed unlikely.

With their power, obtaining those items wouldn't require buying from others.

Whatever they desired, a word from them and people would quickly deliver the items to them.

Thus, it had to be a Noble Family.

As families that had existed for hundreds or even thousands of years, their resources far exceeded what ordinary people could imagine.

Moreover, most of them were Martial Artists themselves, needing those treasures to enhance Primordial True Essence.

But taking out forty or fifty million points at once, such a large sum, would only be possible for families with elders.