

Menu 1341

Chapter 1341: Red Sleeve! (3)

The Demon's Menu

"The 'Salvation Association,' despite its large numbers, was no match for the elite 'Si Hai Bang' and was quickly annihilated. The president of 'Salvation Association' was killed by 'The Great Dragonhead' with a single strike. However, not all members of the 'Salvation Association' were killed. They disappeared into 'Bianzhou Prefecture,' hoping to make a comeback, but they underestimated 'The Great Dragonhead'."

"What they considered going into hiding was nothing but a joke to 'The Great Dragonhead.' In fact, 'The Great Dragonhead' had long discovered them, he was simply using them as bait for a bigger catch."

"And now, 'The Great Dragonhead' is ready to act."

"In order to challenge the 'Knife Monarch' without any unexpected incidents, 'The Great Dragonhead' is putting everything into this single move."

The eyes of the Red Sleeve Girl turned red as she spoke.

Before Jason could speak, she knelt before him.

"I hope Master Mu can help us."

As the Red Sleeve Girl spoke, she was about to kowtow.

Jason stepped aside.

He wasn't used to being kowtowed to like this.

Moreover, he wasn't sure if this fake Red Sleeve Girl would use this kowtow to launch an attack.

Jason was familiar with the concealed crossbow mechanism hidden in the sleeves.

"You say 'us'?"

Jason asked cautiously.

"To be honest, I am the adopted daughter of the 'Salvation Association' president. I initially infiltrated 'Si Hai Bang' to avenge my father, but after meeting Miss Longnu, my resolve unknowingly weakened."

"Miss Longnu treated me like a sister, and I couldn't bear to see her go through the pain of losing a father as well."

"Moreover, 'The Great Dragonhead's strength is beyond imagination, far beyond what I can handle."

"And, and..."

The fake Red Sleeve Girl's face displayed inexplicable emotions of helplessness and pain as she spoke.

"What else?"

Jason stood there asking, not moving an inch, contrary to how others would step forward to inquire further with such words.

"And I found out that my adoptive father is not as selfless as others say."

"He had his own selfish motives."

"And, and..."

The Red Sleeve Girl stretched her words again.

Jason still hadn't moved from where he stood.

"What else?"

"And his subordinates were the same."

"Compared to 'The Great Dragonhead', they were merely using a banner for their own gain, even..."

"Even?"

Jason asked, maintaining a safe distance from the Red Sleeve Girl without moving his feet.

"Even those so-called recruited martial artists were pre-arranged by them."

"Everything was... fake."

The Red Sleeve Girl sighed, uttering an indescribable melancholy.

This melancholy was genuine.

She lowered her head, not looking at Jason, her eyes full of wistfulness.

She was afraid of revealing any flaws.

Why was he so cautious?

Even now, he wouldn't take a step forward?

Was my flaw discovered?

Impossible!

This time, unlike the previous two times, I have already maximized the power of the 'Immortal Wandering Scripture,' it was impossible to be discovered!

He must be too cautious!

The more it is like this, the less I should be impatient!

Take it slow...

The Red Sleeve Girl thought with her head lowered, completely unaware of Jason's silent approach until he punched her, snapping her back to reality.

Bam!

Her chest exploded; the Red Sleeve Girl, bloodied and mangled, fell to the ground, staring at Jason in shock. .

"How did you find out?"

"The wonton smell on you was too strong."

Jason responded matter-of-factly.

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Jason's consciousness began to gradually recover.

This process lasted for nearly an hour, and it could not be interrupted.

If interrupted, one would truly die.

This is the biggest flaw of the "Immortal Wandering Scripture of Thousand Faces and Thousand Beings," so the place to store the body must be safe and hidden.

Of course, this is just one of the flaws.

There are also the side effects of enduring the memories of death and the decline of vitality.

The latter requires taking the 'Secret Medicine' to recuperate.

If there is no Secret Medicine, then it would take years of time.

As for the former?

"Hmph!"

With a muffled groan, Jason gritted his teeth to endure the pain coming from his chest.

He felt like his chest was about to explode.

No!

It was truly exploding!

He had died this way at the hands of 'Ripper' Mu Bai before, but now he could not admit it, as 'admitting' it would mean dying again.

And this dying again would create a huge flaw in him.

It would imprint fear on his soul.

This was something Jason absolutely could not accept.

Time passed second by second, sweat already soaking his body.

Jason twitched with pain, biting down on a wooden stick, blood beginning to seep from his gums.

Finally, he persevered.

The pain disappeared.

A feeling of weakness surged up like a tide.

Jason immediately picked up the porcelain bottle placed in the wooden box beside him and took the 'Great Medicine' from the bottle.

In an instant, the medicine's power spread.

Then, the feeling of weakness in Jason's body began to dissipate.

When he could finally stand and walk, Jason left without hesitation.

Up until now, Jason still didn't know how Mu Bai was able to find him.

But he knew that, having impersonated Cui Long's maid, with the personality of 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang, there would definitely be a city-wide search, and although this place was hidden, it wasn't absolutely safe.

He had to leave.

He quickly departed down a secret passage.

Upon exiting the passage, he was near the dock of 'Fragrance City,' boarding a pre-prepared boat.

Once the boat set sail, Jason finally breathed a sigh of relief.

That 'Great Medicine' allowed him to quickly regain strength, but this speed was only relative to 'years and months'; despite the 'Great Medicine's' help, it would still take at least two months to recover from being repeatedly 'seen through' and 'killed' by Mu Bai three times.

Of course, if he took another 'Great Medicine,' he could recover in less than three days.

But that was impossible.

Even as the inheritor of the 'Heavenly Monster,' he left with only five 'Great Medicines' on him.

By now, those five 'Great Medicines' were long gone.

To obtain more?

Apart from gaining them by chance, the only option was to return to his teacher, the 'Heavenly Monster.'

But without completing the mission, he dared not return.

Even though that was his teacher. MyVirtualLibraryEmpire(*)

Even though, by blood, he was still the daughter of one of his teacher's bodies.

But none of this would be a reason for his teacher to spare him.

His teacher would gladly finish him off.

Just like his brothers and sisters.

Thinking of the fates of those brothers and sisters, Jason shivered involuntarily.

Fear arose within him.

Then came the anger.

He thought of Mu Bai, who put him in this predicament.

"Wonton?!"

"Wonton?!"

"You like it, don't you? Next time we meet, I'll definitely treat you to a good meal!"

Jason bit his silver tooth, clenched his fist, determined to make Jason pay.

Although he didn't know why Jason could always see through him, he understood that trying to deal with Mu Bai on his own was difficult.

But, he wasn't alone.

Next time, he would invite fellow allies to besiege this bastard.

Of course, those allies weren't reliable either.

He had to plan carefully.

At the very least, there must be a justification.

Thinking of this, Jason began silently counting the time.

One breath.

Ten breaths.

When he counted to a hundred breaths, sounds of commotion came from the dock, and he looked over.

He saw a large number of 'Si Hai Bang' members appear at the dock.

Immediately, Jason let out a cold laugh.

Everything was just as he predicted! .

The reaction of 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang was so swift, but no matter how fast 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang reacted, he couldn't have imagined that he would pull a sneak attack!

Without hesitation, Jason had the boat accelerate and appeared to walk into the cabin.

In reality, in the next moment, he silently slipped through the cabin and into the water.

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"Gang Leader, we have a discovery!"

"Earlier, a fast boat left from the dock, saying it was delivering goods, but according to the records from the warehouse area below, no goods left the warehouse in the last two hours."

"I've already sent people to pursue it, and at the latest by nightfall, we should have results."

At the Si Hai Bang headquarters, Xu Dashan reported to 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang.

At this time, Cui Longwang's face was as calm as water.

A chilling glint appeared in his eyes.

Even the pressure in the entire hall began to drop, making it hard to breathe.

Not only because he had just arranged for Mu Bai to join 'Si Hai Bang' and then something happened.

But also because the other party dared to directly 'openly' enter 'Si Hai Bang.'

Either of these was unforgivable for 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang.

Not to mention both appeared together.

However, despite the anger, 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang suppressed it forcefully.

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"Tell the brothers to be careful, after all, the descendant of the 'Heavenly Monster' is very bizarre in their methods."

'Great Dragon Head' Cui Longwang reminded Xu Dashan.

"Understood, Gang Leader."

Xu Dashan cupped his hands and then turned to leave.

Watching Xu Dashan depart, Cui Longwang turned around and looked at Jason with an apologetic expression.

"Brother Mu, sorry about that."

"As a gang leader, I was careless."

Cui Longwang said very sincerely.

As a gang leader, Cui Longwang was undoubtedly qualified.

At the very least, when mistakes occurred, he would never let his subordinates take the blame.

"It's alright, Gang Leader Cui, the adversary was initially targeting me."

Jason shook his head.

"Brother Mu, can you tell me about the whole sequence of events?"

Cui Longwang asked.

"Of course."

Jason agreed readily.

There was nothing to hide about this matter.

It was precisely because of this that, after the incident, he first had Dou Bao notify the 'Si Hai Bang' members.

However, due to the urgency earlier, he hadn't explained in detail.

So now, Jason explained everything in detail.

"Such a cunning 'Heavenly Monster' descendant, not only meticulous but also well-versed in human nature, mixing truth with falsehood, leading people unwittingly into their trap.

Luckily, Brother Mu was as meticulous as a fine hair, otherwise, things would have become catastrophic by now."

After hearing Jason's detailed account, Cui Longwang couldn't help but sigh.

Then, without waiting for Jason to speak, this 'Great Dragon Head' went on directly.

"The 'Salvation Association' indeed exists, but Hong Xiu is not the adopted daughter of the president.

The 'Salvation Association' has indeed been planning recently, but I absolutely won't stop them, because... we signed an agreement three years ago, and the current 'Salvation Association' has become one of the secret organizations under the 'Si Hai Bang'.

After all, the reputation of the 'Si Hai Bang' is not good, even if they want to do good things, those bastards will over-interpret it.

Hmph, damn bastards."

'Great Dragon Head' Cui Longwang grunted with frustration.

Jason once again witnessed the candor of this 'Great Dragon Head'.

This made Jason have a better impression of the 'Great Dragon Head' in front of him.

Perhaps 'Great Dragon Head' Cui Longwang was still concealing some confidential information, but that was human nature.

Just like him, he would conceal some things too.

That the other party could speak so candidly was already enough.

So, when faced with 'Great Dragon Head' Cui Longwang's subsequent invitation, Jason did not refuse—

"Brother Mu, care to walk with me?"

"Alright."

Jason nodded slightly, and the two of them started strolling around the main hall of the 'Si Hai Bang'.

The patrolling guards along the way all bowed in greeting.

‘Great Dragon Head’ Cui Longwang responded with a polite nod and a smile.

Simultaneously, he didn’t forget to share some interesting anecdotes with Jason.

Some were from the entire martial world, while others were from ‘Fragrance City’ and ‘Bianzhou Prefecture’.

Of course, martial arts could not be avoided.

"Looking at Brother Mu, I am truly envious, so young yet already having condensed ‘Qi-Blood’, refined ‘organs’, and reshaped ‘Bone Marrow’, you are probably only a step away from unlocking the human body’s hidden treasures."

‘Great Dragon Head’ Cui Longwang sighed.

"A step away, a world apart."

Jason responded as such.

With Cui Longnu as an explainer, Jason had already gained a considerable understanding of the Power System in the instance world.

Unlike the slightly shallow description by brother Gousheng previously.

Cui Longnu’s description divided the martial artists in the instance world into three stages.

The first stage includes ‘muscle’, ‘Bone Tempering’, ‘Skin Training’.

Martial artists who complete this stage are considered experts.

However, to become a true expert, one must condense 'Qi-Blood'.

When 'Qi-Blood' is condensed, it can refine 'organs' and reshape 'Bone Marrow'.

This is the second stage.

Martial artists who complete this stage are renowned great experts, enough to dominate a region as long as they don't provoke the wrong people.

Previously, 'Great Dragon Head' Cui Longwang was such a great expert.

And the third stage is 'Apertures'!

However, as for the specifics of 'Apertures', the methods to unlock them, etc., even Cui Longnu didn't know.

Of course, Jason did not know either.

Therefore, Jason spoke with somewhat vague words.

However, such ambiguity had a miraculous effect.

Cui Longwang nodded immediately after hearing Jason's words.

"Indeed!

Just a hair's breadth, yet worlds apart!

Brother Mu, do you know why I challenged the 'Knife Monarch' ten years ago?

It was to cross that thin line!

The martial world is filled with countless extraordinary skills, but how many of them are 'True Skills' that can unlock the acupoints?

Very few!"

As he spoke, Cui Longwang looked somewhat wistfully at the lake beneath him.

After circling around, they had returned to the backyard garden of the 'Si Hai Bang'.

At this moment, koi were once again released into the lake.

Cui Longwang raised his hand, and a gang leader hurried over with a bag of fish food. After taking the bag, and when the gang members had retreated, this 'Great Dragon Head' continued to speak: "It's just like my self-created 'Raging Waves Palm'. I originally thought I was absorbing the strengths of many schools to innovate, but what was the outcome? It turned out to be a joke! Without achieving 'True Skills', unable to condense acupoints, it's just a joke."

"The only thing worth celebrating is that I luckily survived the battle ten years ago, allowing me to truly sense where the acupoints are, and for the past ten years, I've been diligently condensing my own acupoints. Finally, my efforts have paid off."

As Cui Longwang spoke, he scattered the fish food.

Immediately, the koi swarmed over.

But, in the next moment, the surface of the lake churned, and these koi were encased and lifted into the air.

The transparent lake water formed a dragon ten meters long.

The koi seemed like the scales of this water dragon, shining with their own light in the evening glow.

This water dragon circled around Cui Longwang, and naturally, Jason was within it too.

He widened his eyes, gazing at this lifelike water dragon, falling into contemplation.

"Water Control?

No!

It's the power of nature!

Once the acupoints are condensed, does one gain the right to control the power of nature?"

While Jason was pondering, Cui Longwang's voice continued.

"Martial Arts Divinity!

To obtain divinity, you must condense acupoints!

Once you condense the acupoints, you are eligible to acquire 'Divine Skills'!

The so-called 'Ultimate Skills' of the nine great masters in the world are their respective 'Divine Skills'!

And this, is my 'Divine Skill'!"

As his voice fell, the water dragon let out a long cry and dove into the lake, only to rise again the next moment.

But this time, it was no longer ten meters.

Rather...

A hundred meters!

This hundred-meter-long water dragon circled around the main hall of the 'Si Hai Bang', while the gang members frantically watched this scene, and in the distant ordinary people knelt down, whispering about the 'Dragon King's manifestation'.

After maintaining for over ten beats, the water dragon returned to the pond and turned back into the lake water.

The koi swam around again, completely unaffected.

Cui Longwang turned to look at the thoughtful Jason, and couldn't help but smile.

"Everyone has their own path, all I can do is show Brother Mu the 'Divine Skills' after condensing acupoints. As for more, Brother Mu has to find out for himself.

The library of the 'Si Hai Bang' has been fully opened to Brother Mu, and although there are no 'True Skills' within, there are still quite a few extraordinary skills from the martial world, and Brother Mu can peruse them at will.

Also...

If Brother Mu has the time, you can come to watch the rematch between me and the 'Knife Monarch'."

Cui Longwang extended the invitation.

"When?"

Jason asked.

"That I do not know, I just sent out the challenge, it's all up to when the 'Knife Monarch' has the time..."

Before Cui Longwang could finish speaking, he involuntarily stopped.

This 'Great Dragon Head' gazed into the distance.

And just a second earlier, Jason had sensed something was amiss.

However, only when Cui Longwang looked that way did he also turn his gaze.

The next moment—

A flash of blade light shot towards the sky!

The evening glow was cut straight through!

A fissure of darkness suddenly appeared in the sky.

The bright moon hung high.

The stars sparkled brilliantly.

Chapter 1344: Rapid Progress!

At that moment, where the knife's flash rose, the sky turned dark.

This darkness, only occurred where the knife's flash arose.

The rest of the Empire's sky remained the evening twilight.

Instantly, a sense of absurdity filled everyone's minds.

The ordinary people watched this scene in shock.

The martial artists were even more appalled.

Especially those true masters, each standing in alarm.

There are very few in the martial world who can create such a scene.

And among those who wield the knife, there's only one—

"Tyrant Blade!" .

“‘Knife Monarch’!”

All the martial artists murmured this name.

All the martial artists speculated why the ‘Knife Monarch’, who hadn’t drawn his blade in ten years, had drawn it once again.

And soon, the news arrived.

The 'Great Dragon Leader' Cui Long, who challenged the 'Knife Monarch' ten years ago, has challenged him again.

Boom!

When this news spread, it was like an explosion.

All the martial artists moved at the news.

They all headed towards 'Fragrance City'.

Meanwhile, in the earlier 'Fragrance City', within the Si Hai Bang, Cui Long was looking up at that patch of night sky, feeling the anticipation within it, a smile full of expectation appearing on his face.

"In half a month, on the night of the full moon?

Good, I will wait for you!

Spread the news to the world!"

After saying this, Cui Long turned to Jason.

"Brother Mu, with the decisive battle imminent, I can't entertain Brother Mu anymore, I will begin my seclusion now until half a month later!

If Brother Mu needs anything, just look for Xu Dashan!"

With that, Cui Long turned and left.

His steps were quick, carrying a sense of urgency.

Jason watched Cui Long's back, still recalling the scene just now.

Whether it was Cui Long's 'Water Dragon' or the 'Knife Monarch's blade, both left Jason astounded, and also...

Full of longing!

It was an unmistakable, undeniable strength!

Jason has always been in pursuit of strength.

As long as it didn't violate his own principles, he spared no effort.

As for the martial artist system before him?

It naturally wouldn't violate those principles!

He hopes to integrate this martial artist system into his own.

In this, Jason has considerable confidence.

After all, with his talent, he can afford numerous trial and error opportunities, slowly letting his body adapt to the new fusion system.

If once isn't enough, then a thousand times.

If a thousand times aren't enough, then ten thousand times.

One time will surely succeed.

And now?

"Martial Arts Divinity?"

"Condensing 'acupoint'?"

"Divine Skills!"

Jason murmured, and after returning to a small courtyard and eating a pot of beef stew, he buried himself in the Si Hai Bang's library, needing these books to broaden his horizons.

No one opposed this.

This was the order of 'Great Dragon Leader' Cui Long, and no one within the Si Hai Bang dared disobey.

Only Dou Bao found herself burdened.

She insisted on bringing meals to Jason every day.

In the end, she simply moved into the 'Library'.

The library was part of the 'Academy of Collections', heavily guarded, and the previously empty large plaza around it now contained a small wooden house, filled with pots, pans, and cooking ingredients.

"What should I cook today?"

"Grilled meat? Hotpot?"

"Or stir-fry?"

As the first ray of sunlight appeared in the morning, Dou Bao began to ponder.

Then, pots were placed on the fire.

In the morning, it was best to drink porridge.

Of course, the porridge for Jason wasn't ordinary white porridge, as it included ginseng, lingzhi, and other precious herbs.

Upon returning to the Si Hai Bang, relying on its influence, Dou Bao easily found aged mountain ginseng, lingzhi, etc., all incorporated into Jason's diet.

She strived to achieve the ultimate nutrition while ensuring deliciousness.

After all, there are only two things in life: three meals a day.

"Sister Dou Bao! Sister Dou Bao!"

While Dou Bao was handling the pot-bottom crust, Cui Long's daughter entered the 'Academy of Collections' with Miss Hongxiu.

Both were dressed in red, smiling.

Having returned to the Si Hai Bang, Cui Long's daughter finally tasted Dou Bao's homemade meal.

And then, she couldn't get enough.

She never thought ordinary food could be so delicious.

Naturally, Cui Long's daughter started coming for meals every day.

Of course, she didn't eat for free.

She paid for her meals.

Dou Bao's needed ginseng, lingzhi, and other precious herbs were taken from the internal store using her notes.

As for Miss Hongxiu?

At first, she came to express her gratitude to Jason for saving her life.

But after accidentally tasting Dou Bao's braised chicken feet once, she inexplicably felt that such life-saving gratitude couldn't just be a simple thank you; naturally, it required three times a day, with morning and evening greetings, accompanied by appropriate gifts.

When she learned from Cui Long's daughter that Dou Bao wanted to refine medicine, the gifts became clear.

Compared to Cui Long's daughter, Hongxiu's medicinal refinement skills were superior.

She was tasked with refining medicine for 'Great Dragon Leader' Cui Long before the decisive battle.

"Sister Dou Bao, what are we having for breakfast?"

The increasingly round-faced Cui Long's daughter asked, her eyes couldn't help but look at the several pots in the small wooden house, her nose inhaling deeply, first savoring the beauty of the food, while the saliva in her mouth kept flowing.

"Porridge."

Dou Bao replied in a somewhat exasperated tone.

If it weren't for Cui Long's daughter bringing her various ginseng, lingzhi, etc., and Miss Hongxiu teaching her about medicinal refinement, she wouldn't have allowed the two to come.

Fortunately, the two didn't eat much and were considerate.

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Every time after eating, he would leave immediately, not disturbing her and the Master's meal.

Otherwise, she definitely wouldn't let the two come back again.

"Only porridge? No dim sum?"

Cui Longnu asked.

"There is."

Dou Bao pointed to the steaming basket in the corner.

Just as Cui Longnu was overjoyed, Dou Bao continued, "That is prepared for the Master, you are not allowed to eat it."

After all, Dou Bao is just one person, the time consumed in preparing a large amount of food is unimaginable to ordinary people.

Especially breakfast, for Dou Bao who practices martial arts at night, it's really hurried.

He can only satisfy Jason alone.

As for others?

Dou Bao ignored them.

Cui Longnu pursed her lips but immediately looked forward to the clay pot porridge.

Hong Xiu smiled and greeted Dou Bao before sitting silently to the side.

Just like the previous days.

Dou Bao began to focus on finishing up.

After everything was settled, Dou Bao pointed to the two clay pots next to him.

"These are yours."

Cui Longnu cheered and picked up one, while Hong Xiu picked up the other.

The members of the 'Si Hai Bang' delivered oil sticks, potstickers, shumai, chive boxes, and other breakfast items.

Although there was no way to eat what Dou Bao made, the breakfast made by the 'Si Hai Bang' chef was still acceptable.

"Ah, hot, hot, hot!"

After couldn't help but drink a spoonful of the clay pot porridge, Cui Longnu exclaimed from the heat.

Hong Xiu immediately came over to blow on it for Cui Longnu.

"Aren't you the young lady of the 'Si Hai Bang'? Why do you act like you've never eaten before every time."

Dou Bao said while watching the door of the library.

"Nobody else makes it as delicious as you, Sister Dou Bao!"

Cui Longnu said honestly.

Then, after a pause, she continued, "Moreover, before I met you, Sister Dou Bao, and Master Mu, I never realized food could be so wonderful! Being full is happiness!"

"Yes indeed!"

It was after experiencing the previous events that I discovered how beautiful the world is, the overlooked ordinary moments have things worth cherishing."

Although several days had passed, Hong Xiu still felt lingering fear when she talked about it.

That day, though the 'Heavenly Monster' did not kill her directly, she was hidden in an ice cellar in 'Fragrance City'.

Simply put, if discovered a bit later, she would have frozen to death in it.

Moreover, it wasn't the unconscious kind.

It was approaching death little by little.

Because, she was conscious.

But her mouth was blocked, hands and feet bound.

Unable to move, unable to shout, she could only wait for death slowly.

That feeling was utterly terrible.

Hong Xiu definitely did not want to experience it again.

In fact, even talking about it now, her face paled slightly.

"Sister Hong Xiu, don't be afraid, I'm here."

Cui Longnu grabbed Hong Xiu's hand at once, and immediately, the remnants of fear on Hong Xiu's face quickly dispersed, she could feel the warmth of Cui Longnu's hand, her lips curled up, eyes gazing into Cui Longnu's eyes, filled with more laughter.

Cui Longnu didn't flinch, though her ears were a bit flushed, she still looked at Hong Xiu.

"If you're eating, eat, what are you doing?"

"If you do this again, don't come next time."

Dou Bao said angrily.

She had already noticed the odd behavior of the two.

But for some reason, today suddenly had a feeling of annoyance.

Like being stuffed after a meal.

What day is it today?

Why does it feel a bit special?

But it was evidently just like usual?

Dou Bao thought to herself.

Cui Longnu stuck out her tongue and began to focus on eating her meal.

Hong Xiu also gave an apologetic smile, and when she finished the porridge in the clay pot, this Hong Xiu looked at Dou Bao who kept glancing toward the library.

"Dou Bao girl, how is Master Mu?"

Asked Red Sleeve.

"Getting stronger!"

Getting stronger every day!"

Dou Bao replied.

"Indeed, Master Mu!"

Red Sleeve sighed.

The strength of this Master Mu goes without saying, even the 'Big Boss' praises him highly, his talent is enviable. In just a few short days, he has achieved new insights; perhaps it won't be long before he takes that step?

Refine the 'Apertures'!

Martial Arts Divinity!

It's just unknown what divine skills this Master Mu will have?

Is it 'Tiger'?

This Master Mu uses 'Tiger-shape Fist' as his foundation, so his divine skills might be related to 'Tiger'.

Of course, it's not absolute.

The act of refining an 'Aperture' is so mysterious. .

It's truly something she can't touch.

So envious!

Red Sleeve did not hide her envy, and Dou Bao saw it, as did Cui Long.

"Red Sleeve elder sister, you can do it too! <small>My Virtual Library Empire (*)</small>

Once the medicines are refined, using the power of the 'Great Medicine', it will be enough for you to consolidate 'Qi-Blood', and then you can refine the 'Viscera', and reshape the 'Bone Marrow'."

Cui Long comforted.

Such naive words quickly made Red Sleeve laugh.

She shook her head and said in a gentle tone.

"It's different, Master Mu truly has extraordinary talent, while we rely on 'secret medicine' to gain strength. It seems easy but actually our foundation is unstable. In the stages of 'muscles', 'bone tempering', and 'skin training', we progress swiftly, but when we want to condense 'Qi-Blood', we will find it very difficult. Even if we can condense 'Qi-Blood', that impure 'Qi-Blood' is enough to make you suffer during the refinement of 'Viscera' and reshaping of 'Bone Marrow', consuming unimaginable amounts of energy and time.

The simplest example, take Master Mu as an example, Master Mu completed the refinement of 'Viscera' smoothly and started reshaping 'Bone Marrow' without any trouble because Master Mu's 'Qi-Blood' is incredibly pure, but our kind of impure Qi-Blood from the 'Great Medicine' might take ten, twenty years to finish refining 'Viscera', or even longer.

Or...

Never make progress in life."

When saying this, Red Sleeve sighed.

"But father only let us refine one 'Great Medicine'?"

Cui Long was puzzled.

"It's different, the Gang Leader long ago achieved Martial Arts Divinity, the 'Great Medicine' is more to assist in keeping his Qi-Blood active."

Answered Red Sleeve.

"Is that so?"

Cui Long blinked, and then her attention returned to the casserole porridge.

Undoubtedly, compared to martial arts, Cui Long prefers eating.

Soon, Cui Long finished eating and took Red Sleeve's consideration into account and left reluctantly.

Although she really wanted to stay here to wait for lunch, but the 'Great Medicine' in the alchemy furnace needs someone to watch over it. A short absence is naturally fine, but a long absence is not.

This concerns her father's battle with the 'Knife Monarch'.

Therefore, no matter how greedy her mouth may be, Cui Long dared not delay.

Ten minutes after Cui Long and Red Sleeve left, Jason walked out of the 'Library Building' door on time.

Compared to before, there was no difference.

However, within his aura seemed to carry scorching heat, icy cold, wild fury, water vapor, heaviness, swiftness, and other inexplicable essences.

Very complex.

Making those who perceived it almost think they saw wrong.

Because, as Jason approached, everyone would think they saw a vast land, a flowing river, a dancing flame, a sprinting wind.

But in a flicker of thought, when Jason took another step, it seemed they saw thunder descending from the sky.

Followed by thunder transforming into dragons, tigers, monkeys, horses, alligators, chickens, swallows, hawks, snakes, eagles, bears and other animals.

Very bizarre.

Even, one could say it is bizarre.

But Dou Bao did not find it strange at all.

"Time to eat, Master."

Dou Bao smiled and said.

"Mm, alright."

Jason nodded slightly, his mouth slightly smiled.

He naturally sat at the dining table in front of the cabin, just like when he was still in 'Mountain City'.

And that inexplicable aura disappeared as well.

Just as Dou Bao began to serve the casserole porridge, Jason started to review his gains over the past few days.

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Jason's mind stirred, and the text before him began to rapidly jump forth—

[Barehanded Combat (Master): Your body has long been a formidable weapon, not only do you rely on fists and feet to fight, your entire being will be a lethal weapon. When you launch an attack or defense, the extra options you master will make your opponent feel pain, torment, and fear. You are known as a master, but you have far surpassed the so-called masters, you have embarked on the path of the 'Saint of Fists', go forth! Go forth!]

(Note: The physique, Strength, and Agility brought by Barehanded Combat +0.3 (Proficiency, Expert, Master +0.1) remain)

[Barehanded Combat upgraded to Proficiency Level, obtaining inherent options: Well-Trained]

[Barehanded Combat upgraded to Master Level, obtaining inherent options: Dangerous Intuition]

[Barehanded Combat extra options: Grappling Mastery, Apprehension Master, Tenacity III, Sharpness III, Searing III, Shockwave III, Leverage III, Striking Force III, Dragon Roar III, Tiger Roar III, Crane Call III, Monkey Agility III, Horse Sprint III, Alligator Bite III, Chicken Peck III, Swallow Flight III, Hawk Turn III, Serpentine Movement III, Eagle Claw III, Bear Strength III, Solid Foundation IV, Essence Cultivation IV, Cold Breath II, Poison Mark V, Whirlwind IV, Gale II, Torrent II, Earthquake, Thunder Strike, Armor Break IV, Swift V]

[Well-Trained (Passive): A mass of combat training has given you this Talent, embarking on the path of the 'Saint of Fists', allowing you to have quicker reflexes than before when facing unforeseen battles or danger]

[Dangerous Intuition: Long-term training and constant combat have honed your danger perception to an extreme, and the 'Saint of Fists' has brought a breakthrough to this extreme; Effect: Perception +1.0 (Base 0.5, Saint of Fists 0.5, merely additional attributes, not the specific manifestation of Dangerous Intuition)]

[Grappling Mastery: Barehanded combat comes in many forms, and grappling can be termed as one of its killer moves, when enemies are heavily thrown onto concrete ground, the fall could likely break an arm or possibly the neck; Effect: When performing grappling moves, you will gain an extra 0.4 Strength and Agility boost (Base 0.2, Saint of Fists 0.2)]

[Apprehension Master: Your hands are like shackles, you can readily grasp human-shaped creatures' muscles, bones, tendons, thereby easily subduing opponents or breaking their joints; Effect: When apprehending opponents, you gain an extra boost of 0.6 Strength, Agility, and upon touching the opponent, an additional Perception +0.6 (Base 0.3, Saint of Fists 0.3)]

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[Tenacity III: Your hands have been refined with Secret Techniques to become tougher than iron armor, Effect: Hands possess above 'Explosive' level defense (defense stacks with the body itself equivalent to an additional layer of shield)]

[Sharpness III: Your hands have been refined with Secret Techniques to become sharper than swords, Effect: Hands wield 'Explosive' level cutting.] .

[Searing III: During refinement with Secret Techniques, an accident granted your hands this ability, Effect: Hands possess 'Explosive' level searing]

[Shockwave III: You have mastered a secret technique of secondary attack, when your fist or palm strikes the opponent, the opponent must endure not only the inherent force but also a shockwave that ignores 'Explosive' level defense, concurrently facing 'Explosive' level vigor.]

[Leverage III: After recurring life and death experiences, you've mastered this unique technique, when you parry opponent's attacks with your hands, you can dissipate attack power not exceeding 'Tank' level (excluding energy attacks)]

[Striking Force III: Upon triggering the 'Leverage' extra option, you can return the opponent's vigor with your attack, plus an additional attack no more than the opponent's attack level (requires consuming a large amount of Physical Strength)]

[Dragon Roar III: When punching, the wind sounds akin to a dragon's roar, capturing the man's soul, opponents need a Spirit check not less than 4, passing the check will only suffer a 'Bullet' level attack, failing the check will suffer 'Explosive' level damage and plunge into fear and sluggishness.]

[Tiger Roar III: When punching, the wind sounds akin to a tiger's roar, instilling terror, opponents need a Spirit check not less than 4, passing the check will only suffer a 'Bullet' level attack, failing the check will suffer 'Explosive' level damage and plunge into panic and sluggishness]

[Crane Call III: Through punching, vibrate the air, forming special sonic wave attacks; Effect: When punching can result in 'Explosive' level sonic wave attacks, causing damage to enemies within a 10-meter radius, with those in a 5-meter range taking damage above 'Explosive' level, beyond 5 meters damage begins to reduce gradually to only 'Explosive' level damage, after exiting the 10-meter perimeter, sonic wave damage starts lessening, until when reaching a 30-meter radius, sonic wave damage ceases to exist]

[Monkey Agility III: Body mimicking the Agility of a litter monkey, Effect: When climbing or leaping, can gain an additional Agility +0.3 boost]

[Horse Sprint III: When running swiftly like a warhorse, Effect: During sprinting, can gain an additional Agility +0.3 boost]

[Alligator Bite III: When apprehending opponents, hands can gain an extra strength and agility +0.3 boost]

[Chicken Peck III: When attacking opponents with fingers, fingers gain an extra Agility +0.3 boost, and then an additional 'Blade' level sharpness]

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[Yan Fei III: Relying on your own strength and the wind, you are now capable of gliding short distances, but this is an activity that greatly consumes physical strength.]

[Hawk Turn III: In mid-air, you can perform two aerial turns or complete another leap, similarly, this requires a significant expenditure of physical strength.]

[Serpentine Movement III: In battle, your steps and posture are like a serpent's, embodying agility with a hint of bizarreness, leaving your opponent unguarded.]

[Eagle Claw III: When seizing an opponent, your execution speed is increased by an extra 0.4 agility, and when you capture the opponent, your strength is increased by an extra 0.2, with an additional 'blade' level of sharpness.]

[Bear Strength III: With your bear-like strength, robust body, and vigorous Qi-blood; Effect: Constitution +0.5, Strength +0.3, Qi-blood coagulation accelerates by 20%.]

[Solid Foundation IV: Steady spirit and vigor result in a substantial increase in constitution; Effect: Constitution +2.0 (each +0.5).]

[Cultivation IV: A profound spirit allows you to quickly recover physical and mental energy, and you can use a very brief (about 20 minutes) sleep to fully restore physical strength, mental energy, and accelerate the recovery speed of injuries.]

[Cold Breath II: During attack or defense, you can coat your hands with a layer of 'chariot' level frost, or use yourself as the center to envelop a radius of 7.0 meters in 'explosive' level frost.]

[Poison Mark V: After merging dozens of poison techniques and consuming a large amount of 'Secret Medicine', you have integrated 'potion poison' into this mastery, its power far exceeds ordinary imagination; During attacks, you can inflict 'fierce' level damage with your hands.]

[Whirlwind IV: You have long been familiar with airflow, whether during punching or kicking, or while advancing, you can sense its existence. Several special techniques allow you to truly master it; during attacks, you can cover your body or parts of your body with a 'explosive' level whirlwind, or punch in mid-air to create a whirlwind with a radius not exceeding 10 meters and of 'bullet' level, which moves in the direction of your punch until the wind force dissipates.]

[Swift Wind II: The building is damaged by wind, resembling divine wind's roar, consuming a great amount of physical strength, a punch covers a hundred meters circumference in front, enveloping it in an 'explosive' level gust that diminishes beyond a hundred meters until the wind dissipates.]

[Torrent II: Water is formless, yet has force, continuous impact is about gathering one's force. When you launch continuous attacks, your own force will continually increase, adding 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4 strength upon completing 3, 6, 9, 12 attacks respectively, each subsequent attack will accumulate until the current body's limit of 81 attacks, surpassing this limit will result in damage to the body until death.]

[Earthquake: You have sensed the earth's pulse. When standing on the ground, your whole body defense level +1, and you gain an extra effect of strength and constitution +0.5. During attacks, the ground's vibration will affect the opponent's posture.]

[Thunder Strike: The majestic power of heaven, boundless lightning, during attacks, you inflict a 'chariot'-level thunder strike.]

[Armor Break IV: Your hands will ignore defense levels at 'chariot' level and below during an attack.]

[Swift V: You become faster in barehanded combat; Effect: Gain a temporary effect of agility +1.2.]

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When entering the Si Hai Bang library, Jason knew he would surely gain something.

However, he never imagined he would gain so much.

From manuals like "Five Elements Art", "Yin Wind Palm", "Black Fiend Fist", "Mysterious Yin Finger", "Five Poisons Hand", "Thousand Poison Fist", "Gale Swordsmanship", "Frost Art", "Soaring Up", "Great Roc Spreads Wings Art", "Groundfall Fist", "Heavenly Thunder Slash", "Dragon Fist", "Tiger Fist", "Monkey Fist", and others, one after the other, additional options appeared under his [Barehanded Combat].

Even the additional options previously acquired were rising several levels in significance.

And under this premise, all his attributes except for 'Spirit' have also seen significant growth.

[Strength 10.6, Agility 10.2, Constitution 13.3, Spirit 7.5, Perception 12.9]

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Looking at each attribute, Jason's gaze turned to the satiety level.

To quickly master these additional proficiencies, he naturally needed to demonstrate his talent.

[Satiety: 4251]

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'Earlier it was 7771... a total of 3520 points consumed.'

Jason calculated while looking at the current upgrade requirements for [Barehanded Combat].

Previously, upgrading from Master Unmatched level required 90 satiety points and 9 Excitement of Feast.

And now?

It requires 500 satiety points and 50 Excitement of Feast. .

Although the requirement has greatly increased, it is still within Jason's acceptable range.

If possible, he wouldn't mind if it were more.

Because, the more there is, the more proof of what he gained.

Unfortunately.

There is no more.

After spending countless people and decades collecting the secret manuals of the Si Hai Bang, he had read them all.

This kind of thing, if told, no one would believe.

Even the two top experts guarding the library only thought he was skimming through, trying to get a general impression before carefully selecting one or two extraordinary skills. ~~Ranobe~~ ~~NOBES~~

This is the operation of a normal person.

Jason's character naturally wouldn't reveal the truth to them.

After drinking the porridge, Jason did not return to the library.

Instead, he returned to the previous small courtyard with Dou Bao.

This scene caught the eyes of the two Guardian of the library, and they nodded unconsciously.

"No wonder the Gang Leader has taken a liking to him, unhurried and steady in his approach."

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"That's right."

"At the age of Master Mu, we didn't have so many thoughts. We just wanted to thoroughly understand a martial arts manual, without any planning."

"No wonder he is just one step away from that realm, while we are far from it."

"Sigh."

A sense of resonance appeared between the two.

After exchanging a glance, they returned to the secret chamber.

Although both had mastered the art of reshaping 'Bone Marrow', condensing the 'Acupoints' seemed like a distant dream. In fact, they couldn't even locate the 'Acupoints'.

And Jason?

He had locked onto all 108 acupoints in his body two days ago.

No special techniques involved.

By integrating various options into [Barehanded Combat], he unknowingly sensed the 108 acupoints within his body.

Each one was dull and lifeless.

Or rather...

Hollow!

It's like a big pit in his body, with his Qi-Blood constantly rushing through, trying to fill these 'Acupoints', but it was too slow!

Two days had passed, and Jason observed constantly, but there was almost no progress.

"Could it be that my 'Acupoints' are too many?"

"Is that why it's slow?"

"Would eating more 'Secret Medicine' help fill the Acupoints?"

"Or perhaps, using..."

"Satiety?"

Jason speculated, but didn't act immediately.

With a peerless expert like Cui Long by his side, it wasn't Jason's style to try rashly without asking for advice.

However, 'Dragon Head' Cui Long was in seclusion adjusting his state, and Jason didn't want to disturb him.

He planned to ask 'Dragon Head' Cui Long after he emerged from seclusion.

It would be just a few days.

Of course, Jason didn't waste these days.

Each day, he adapted to the various extra options he currently had.

He constantly thought about how to integrate these options into his combat style.

Time passed day by day.

Cui Long N and Red Sleeve came punctually for meals every day.

Jason didn't mind having two more people at the dinner table.

As long as they didn't eat his share.

Similarly, both of them carried a strong medicinal fragrance.

Far exceeding the aroma of the 'Small Creation Pill'.

Jason was very curious, but didn't ask.

Asking such questions abruptly would be awkward, so Jason remained silent.

But Cui Long N didn't conceal it.

"Red Sleeve and I are refining 'Creation Pills', not 'Small Creation Pills', but pills that truly allow one to be reborn and gain fortuitous encounters."

"We've been trying previously."

"Failed several times."

"This time, we'll definitely succeed."

Cui Long N said, holding her bowl.

"The Gang Leader only needed one 'Small Creation Pill', and we've already refined it. The 'Creation Pill' is a surprise from the eldest young lady to the Gang Leader. If we succeed in refining it, the Gang Leader will have a two percent greater chance of winning the duel this time."

Red Sleeve added.

Two percent?

Jason was astonished.

It wasn't a small amount; it was actually a lot.

When dueling peerless experts like Cui Long and 'Knife Monarch', even a one percent increase in the odds was extremely rare.

'Creation Pill', huh?

It must be incredibly powerful.

Also... very tasty.

Jason thought quietly, not voicing his thoughts.

Until the morning of the decisive battle—

Aroma!

The rich fragrance that permeated the entire 'Si Hai Bang' made Jason sit up from his light sleep.

He unconsciously walked out of his small building.

Undoubtedly, the 'Creation Pill' was successfully refined.

And in the distance—

Dong, dong dong!

The sound of bells rang out.

Cui Long had emerged from seclusion.

The source of that intense fragrance was heading towards Cui Long.

Naturally, Cui Long N was bringing the 'Creation Pill' to Cui Long.

"Sigh."

Jason sighed lightly.

Though his stomach's instinct was to seize the 'Creation Pill', reason and moral boundaries told him it was wrong.

Restraining his appetite.

It was something Jason always practiced.

This time was no exception.

He turned to head back to his small building, planning to avoid what he couldn't see, and then ask Cui Long later.

But just as he turned—

Huh?!

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With perception reaching 12.9, a value nearly 13 times that of an ordinary person, Jason's sensitivity to his surroundings far exceeded everyone's imagination.

Especially regarding sensitivity to 'food.'

Just now, when he turned around, a faint 'food' aroma appeared near Cui Longwang.

Although the 'food' aroma was faint, it was pure enough.

Apparently, he had just ingested the 'Secret Medicine.'

Jason was surprised by this, but he didn't mind.

He simply believed this was a member of the 'Si Hai Bang.'

Although the 'Secret Medicine' grade is precious, that 'Big Boss' Cui Longwang was not stingy with rewards. At least, besides Jason having previously received two 'Creation Pills' as payment, in all these days, he had also seen a member receive such a reward.

That person was also an acquaintance.

Xu Dashan.

In Cui Longwang's plan to eliminate traitors, Xu Dashan also played a significant role.

Therefore, he was rewarded with a 'Creation Pill.'

Originally old and frail, with old injuries, Xu Dashan relied on this 'Creation Pill' to directly break through the shackles of 'Bone Tempering' and enter the 'Skin Training' level.

Perhaps he would never be able to condense 'Qi-Blood' in his life, but for Xu Dashan, it was enough.

At least, Xu Dashan himself was very satisfied.

Every day, he was all smiles.

Of course, when Jason looked at Xu Dashan, his expression was strange.

Because Jason could clearly feel that Xu Dashan had not fully digested the potency of the 'Creation Pill,' having absorbed only less than thirty percent, while the rest disappeared with the body's metabolism.

Common people could not absorb the potency one hundred percent like him. This was something Jason had already speculated before.

When Dou Bao consumed the 'Nourishing Essence Pill,' there was also a similar feeling of overflow, but it was very slight.

It wasn't until Xu Dashan that Jason confirmed it.

Waste.

What a pity.

Jason couldn't help but sigh in his heart.

And, he had to suppress his own appetite.

Naturally, his gaze was strange.

And under such a strange gaze, Xu Dashan shivered.

Old but shrewd.

Xu Dashan didn't know what happened, but he always felt that lingering under Jason's watch was extremely dangerous. Thus, when Cui Longwang said there was something to do, he volunteered to leave the 'Si Hai Bang.'

Thinking of Xu Dashan's appearance when leaving, wanting to say goodbye, yet hesitant, not saying goodbye, yet going against his own conscience, Jason couldn't help but shake his head and smile.

"Why does the owner seem so happy?"

Dou Bao, who was washing vegetables, looked up and saw Jason's smile.

"I just thought of Mr. Xu's parting words."

Jason admitted frankly.

"Mr. Xu's parting words? Was it to bring you good food from the 'Northern Capital'?"

Dou Bao suddenly thought of something and immediately smiled too.

"It's roast duck, donkey rolls, pea cakes, almond tofu, braised intestines, sliced lung, fried liver, soybean juice, deep-fried balls, stewed pig's knuckles, and sauced pig trotters."

Jason emphasized.

'Food' shouldn't be generalized.

They must be discussed in detail.

"Right, right, you're completely right."

Dou Bao wouldn't argue with Jason, who was fussy over such things.

She would only think her master is adorable.

Wiping her hands, Dou Bao got up and brought out a jar from the room. The sweet and sour aroma immediately caught Jason's attention.

"I brewed some sour plum soup last night. Master, you should chill it."

Dou Bao said.

"Alrighty."

Jason immediately raised his hand and placed it on the jar.

Instantly, the room temperature sour plum soup turned into chilled sour plum soup.

Jason and Dou Bao each took a bowl, sipping sour plum soup.

In a place like 'Fragrance City' where the heat is intense, it was truly comfortable, extremely pleasant.

"Indeed, Martial Arts comes from life!"

"Perhaps martial artists who created such techniques initially just wanted convenient cold drinks in summer?"

"The creator of the 'Fierce Fire Palm' might have just loved grilled meat."

Jason joked with squinted eyes.

He, of course, knew this was impossible.

But as a 'gourmet,' he naturally needed the romance of a 'gourmet.'

However, most people couldn't understand such romance.

But Dou Bao understood!

"Yeah, like the 'Tendon Separating Bone Dislocating Hand' is perfect for cutting vegetables."

"'Coagulating Blood Claw' is top-notch for making blood tofu."

Dou Bao nodded repeatedly.

With the permission of Cui Longwang and the acquiescence of Cui Long Girl, Dou Bao also had the right to enter the 'Library.'

Like Jason, Dou Bao constantly browsed these heritage items.

Although none of them were 'True Skill,' Dou Bao's vision rapidly increased, making her more adept at cooking.

"Exactly!"

Jason nodded with a smile, then paused and said, "Shall we have spicy blood stew tonight?"

"Sure."

Dou Bao immediately agreed.

Cooking for Jason was her happiest thing.

As for even greater happiness?

Jason directly 'ordering' a dish of course.

But such happiness was soon interrupted.

Bang, bang bang!

Miss Hong Xiu knocked on the courtyard door.

Dou Bao frowned as she opened the door.

In front of her, Miss Hong Xiu had a serious face, a demeanor Dou Bao had never seen from her before.

However, Dou Bao didn't ask.

She knew the person in front of her was here to see her master.

Immediately, she moved aside to let her in.

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The young lady in red nodded her thanks and quickly walked into the small courtyard, heading straight for Jason.

"Master Mu, something has happened."

"Please come with me."

The young lady in red wasted no time and spoke directly.

After speaking, the young lady in red walked out, and Jason exchanged a glance with Dou Bao before the two followed.

Passing through the central courtyard of 'Si Hai Bang', the three quickly arrived at a secluded place.

Seeing the heavily guarded surroundings, a strange look flashed in Jason's eyes.

It wasn't because of the numerous guards; this place was usually heavily guarded.

It was because this place was where 'Great Dragon Head' Cui Long was in seclusion.

Did something happen to Cui Long?

Jason and Dou Bao both had this thought arise in their minds.

Then they continued to follow the young lady in red forward.

The further they went, the fewer guards there were.

By the time they reached the innermost chamber, there was no one left at all.

"Master Mu, Miss Dou Bao, please remain calm and do not shout out.

The young lady in red cautioned.

Jason and Dou Bao nodded slightly.

The earnestness of the young lady in red had already caused a conjecture to form in Jason and Dou Bao's minds.

As the two entered the chamber, their suspicions were confirmed.

Something did indeed happen to Cui Long!

The chamber where Cui Long was in seclusion was similar to a room in Jason's martial arts school, extremely simply arranged, with almost no decor except for a large meditation cushion.

At this moment, Cui Long was sitting cross-legged on the cushion, his head slightly drooping, a short sword pierced through his back.

The sword tip protruded from his chest.

Blood dripped along the blade.

Even the famous 'Great Dragon Head' couldn't survive with his heart pierced.

Cui Long had long lost all signs of life.

Next to Cui Long lay a young woman in light green clothing, with her hand grasping the sword's scabbard, the long sword was impaled in Cui Long's body, and there was a handprint between her chest and abdomen.

No comparison was needed; Jason could tell that this handprint was made by Cui Long.

Based on what he saw, a scene almost immediately formed in Jason's mind: 'this female assassin came to assassinate Cui Long, piercing his heart with one sword, only to be struck to the ground by one of Cui Long's palms.'

Jason was not alone in this thought.

Dou Bao evidently thought the same.

The young lady in red, Cui Long's daughter, naturally was no exception.

At this moment, Cui Long's daughter, with reddened eyes and a slightly rounder face, was glaring at this unconscious woman through gritted teeth.

Although she didn't know who the woman was.

Cui Long's daughter wished she could skin and dismember her.

A father's death is an enmity that cannot coexist!

However, Cui Long's daughter knew that now was not the time.

She needed to inquire about the woman's identity.

And the mastermind behind this!

That's right, the mastermind!

Cui Long's daughter couldn't believe the woman came to kill her father for no reason, there must have been a mastermind behind it, furthermore, it must have taken great resources to make her act.

Successfully assassinating her father was enough to prove her strength.

Being able to freely move in and out of 'Si Hai Bang', avoiding all the hidden sentries, she must be very familiar with this place.

Almost instinctively, Cui Long's daughter thought of the remnants of 'Hall of Law Enforcement' and the 'Hall of External Affairs.'

Could it be they hired an assassin?

Were there any accomplices among them inside the gang?

Because of such a thought, Cui Long's daughter did not alarm others and brought Jason over alone.

She couldn't trust others.

Exhaling deeply, adjusting her emotions, Cui Long's daughter tried to speak as calmly as possible.

"Master Mu, I..."

Cui Long's daughter uttered Jason's name, but couldn't get the rest of the words out.

The words were stuck in her throat.

The young lady in red stepped forward and gently patted Cui Long's daughter's back.

A moment later, after regaining her composure, Cui Long's daughter made a hand gesture towards Jason.

The meaning couldn't have been clearer.

Jason nodded in understanding.

Seeing Jason nodded, Cui Long's daughter walked towards the fallen female assassin,

The woman had already been shackled by the young lady in red.

Cui Long's daughter checked and fed two pellets into the woman's mouth.

One elixir for healing.

One elixir was poison.

Not the type that acts immediately, but without the antidote, once the poison acts, the victim would wish for death over life.

Then, taking the black iron chain from the young lady in red, Cui Long's daughter tightly bound the woman.

Facing a formidable opponent who could assassinate her father, Cui Longnu would not be careless.

An extra layer of restraint is just an extra layer of insurance.

After ten breaths.

The female assassin lying on the ground woke up.

From confusion to alertness, it only took a moment.

No struggle, no shouting.

She scanned everything in the chamber with a remarkably calm gaze.

Her gaze passed over Cui Longnu, Miss Hong Xiu, Dou Bao, and finally stopped on Jason.

It wasn't a fleeting pause.

She was staring straight at Jason.

Very clearly, without hiding it.

The next moment, she spoke—

"As expected..."

After speaking those two words, her voice became nearly imperceptible.

Or more accurately, she sealed her lips and said nothing more.

Otherwise, with Jason's perception, at such a close distance, he would have been able to hear it even if it was a faint sound.

This scene caught everyone's attention.

Including Jason's.

She knows me (Master Mu).

Everyone thought so.

Cui Longnu was even more puzzled, could Master Mu be related to this female assassin? Could it be...

Before the thought could fully form, Cui Longnu shook her head to dispel it from her mind.

Then, Cui Longnu glared angrily at the female assassin.

"You not only assassinated my father.

Now you want to use this method to sow discord between us?

Do you think we'll fall for it?"

Cui Longnu said furiously.

"Even though I've killed many people, I didn't kill your father.

I'm innocent.

I've been framed."

The female assassin spoke calmly, and such a calm tone completely enraged Cui Longnu, a small knife appeared in Cui Longnu's hand, her personal knife.

Usually used to cut herbs.

Those dried herbs, being extremely tenacious, could be easily cut, naturally very sharp.

Using it to cut flesh would be extremely easy.

Facing the knife-wielding Cui Longnu, the female assassin remained extremely calm.

"What you are doing now is exactly what the real killer of your father wants to see. They hope you will torture me, or simply kill me, because, they know very well, as long as you do this, I will definitely be at odds with you endlessly, and furthermore..."

"Shut up!

You've been poisoned and are restrained here, yet you still speak so arrogantly?!"

The female assassin's attitude even angered Miss Hong Xiu, who directly interrupted her words.

The female assassin looked at Miss Hong Xiu all the same.

The corner of her mouth twitched.

That was a smile.

A smile full of disdain.

Then, without waiting for Miss Hong Xiu to react, she looked at Jason once again.

It was a scrutinizing, probing gaze.

"Is it you?"

"It wasn't me."

"Then why am I here?"

"Don't know."

"Then why did you appear in front of me first?"

"Cui Long King is dead."

"You also think I killed him."

"You didn't kill him."

The woman asked, and Jason answered.

When Jason said it wasn't the woman who killed him, a glimmer of brilliance flashed in her eyes.

"Do you know who did it?"

"Don't know."

"Then why are you sure I didn't do it? It's possible everything that just happened is exactly as Cui Longnu said, that I'm laying down a smokescreen."

"You couldn't kill Cui Long King."

"Why couldn't I kill Cui Long King? Are you underestimating me?"

Displeasure appeared on the female assassin's face.

"Due to the disparity in strength."

Jason answered in an even calmer tone than the female assassin, then, after a slight pause, he said, "Compared to your martial skills, your wontons are better."