

## Overlord 681

Chapter 681: The Couple Meets

Within Yunwu Mountain Valley.

Zhuge Cang's body shot up, the swirling spiritual energy formed a lifting force, suspending him in the air.

Amidst his laughter, he suddenly commanded, "Kneel!"

His gaze swept over the members of the Military Department in the valley.

As his voice drifted out, everyone in the valley felt an invisible force suddenly pressing down on them, weighing thousands of pounds.

Thud... Thud...

More than a dozen experts at the middle late stage of the Energy Transformation Realm couldn't withstand this massive pressure and fell prostrate to the ground, unable to straighten their backs.

Qin Yanyang, Xiang Yunfei, alongside Chu Tianshu and others, also felt an immense pressure.

In the end, even Chu Tianshu knelt down.

The elite members of the Military Department holding special weapons were sweating profusely, their faces pale, and though they had not knelt, their legs trembled as they desperately resisted.

Merely the pressure from the valley's array left these elites unable to fend for themselves, with no ability to resist.

Qin Yanyang was the strongest and in the best condition.

But she also felt that the pressure in the entire space had increased significantly.

It was as if the gravity within the entire Yunwu Mountain Valley had suddenly increased countless times, making a master of her level feel much slower in her movements.

Xiang Yunfei could also withstand this invisible pressure, but his face showed a look of horror.

How could there be such a terrifying divine skill?

Is this man even human?

In his mind, Yang Fei being able to construct a massive Spirit Gathering Array in Yunwu Mountain was already akin to an immortal.

But this old man in front of him could change Yunwu Mountain's array, turning the entire mountain's nature's power elements to his use, which was too awesome.

At this moment, everyone in the valley had their understanding overturned.

It turned out cultivators could wield such terrifying divine skills.

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One minute ago.

When Zhuge Cang shouted the words "Array, rise!"

Inside the Array Eye Secret Chamber.

The giant jade that was at the heart of the Array Eye suddenly lost its luster, and at the same time, the spiritual energy within the whole chamber ceased to replenish, as if in an instant the entire chamber was completely cut off from the outside world.

"Eh?"

Hu Lizhong immediately exclaimed, turning to Yang Fei and asking, "Brother Yang, what's going on?"

He thought it was Yang Fei who had tampered with something.

Yang Fei, who was in the process of moving the fifth earth-element rune to the sixth position, also froze when he saw the Array Eye jade stone stop functioning.

Suddenly, as the arranger of the Spirit Gathering Array, Yang Fei immediately sensed that the entire Spirit Gathering Array had vanished.

The formations within the valley had lost their original effectiveness.

Yang Fei's gaze fell on the Wooden Box, and with a smile curling at the corner of his mouth, he looked at Hu Lizhong and said, "They've finally made their move."

Hu Lizhong was startled, then alarmed, asking anxiously, "Mr. Yang, what do you mean by that? Are there enemies in this valley?"

Yang Fei nodded and said, "I don't know if they're enemies, but someone has interfered here. At first, I thought the other party had merely tricked you with a special Illusion Array and then sabotaged the Array Eye Foundation Stone, but now it seems they have tampered with the Spirit Gathering Array outside as well."

Hearing this, Hu Lizhong grew furious, "Such audacity to tamper with our Military Department's vital base! I'll go see what's going on."

Yang Fei looked at the Six Changes Wood Box in his hand, where the other four runes previously attached to the sixth Ancient Rune began to stir back to life, returning to their positions.

Seemingly unable to wait for the appearance of the fifth rune, the Six Changes Formation on the Wooden Box restored itself.

This magical scene also astonished Hu Lizhong.

Yang Fei's interest in the contents of the wooden box grew even more.

However, he didn't plan on continuing to open the wooden box; he was equally curious about what was happening outside.

Although Yunwu Mountain's Base had been handed over to Qin Yanyang's Military Department, deep down, Yang Fei still considered it a Cave Heaven Blessed Land he had painstakingly created, the fruit of his labor.

Now, to find out that someone was secretly sabotaging it, even altering the attributes of the Spirit Gathering Array, was something he couldn't tolerate.

"Let's go, let's go out and take a look." Yang Fei stood up, taking the Six Changes Wood Box with him towards the secret chamber's door.

Hu Lizhong immediately went over and took the initiative to open the secret chamber's door for Yang Fei.

No sooner had he stepped out of the secret chamber's door, a terrible oppressive force swept over them.

Hu Lizhong's expression changed, feeling somewhat strained, he exclaimed, "What's going on?"

Yang Fei also felt this inexplicable oppressive force, but his Realm was far higher than Hu Lizhong's, so this level of pressure was not a big problem for him.

However, Yang Fei immediately frowned, a trace of shock appearing on his face, "Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation?"

Hu Lizhong said in surprise, "What?"

Yang Fei's expression turned a few degrees more solemn.

The Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation wasn't exactly an incredibly awesome Array, but it wasn't something anyone could successfully create either.

The key was that once the Array was formed, the person controlling the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation would be like a god within it.

The Array's creator could manipulate all the Power Elements within the Array, even change the power laws of the place, making the entire covered area their own domain world.

Although knowledgeable in the art of Arrays, Yang Fei was currently unable to set up such a Formation.

Yet, he had never imagined that there would be someone in the world capable of doing it.

Yang Fei felt inwardly startled and cautious.

Indeed, there are higher heavens and people beyond people.

Recovering from his shock, Yang Fei immediately sent a mental message to Hu Lizhong, "Old Hu, you remember the locations where I buried the talismans when I set up the Spirit Gathering Array, right?"

Hu Lizhong's heart tightened. Seeing that Yang Fei was communicating with him through a mental message, he immediately nodded and didn't speak.

Seeing his nod, Yang Fei continued to transmit mentally, "Later, go and sabotage those talismans. As long as nine talismans are destroyed, I will be able to break this Formation."

Hu Lizhong nodded emphatically, indicating he understood.

After giving instructions, Yang Fei strode out of the building.

Once outside, they saw an old man laughing arrogantly and triumphantly ten meters above the ground.

Opposite him, Qin Yanyang and Xiang Yunfei and others had serious expressions, confronting the old man.

Seeing Qin Yanyang, Yang Fei was momentarily stunned, then immediately overjoyed, "Wife, when did you get here?"

Qin Yanyang had known that Yang Fei was here; otherwise, she would not have rushed into the valley after giving the order to retreat.

Although Qin Yanyang kept telling herself inwardly that she entered the valley to capture Chu Tianshu and Chu Ling, two suspicious enemies, and to take away the Six Changes Wood Box, she couldn't deceive her own feelings. She was somewhat worried about this scumbag who had betrayed her.

However, when Yang Fei called her 'wife,' Qin Yanyang didn't respond at all, even turning cold as frost on the spot.

Seeing that she not only ignored him but also intentionally put on a cold face, Yang Fei felt a wave of disappointment.

Damn it, women really can hold a grudge, it's been so long, and she's still angry.

But now wasn't the time to be concerned about that; he looked at Qin Yanyang and asked, "What happened?"

Qin Yanyang snorted coldly, not bothering with him, and instead shouted loudly, "Retreat!"

Indeed, she had wanted to capture Chu Tianshu and Chu Ling before, but now, seeing the enemy displaying such strong and strange abilities, she knew there was no chance of capturing them. Moreover, with Yang Fei and Hu Lizhong coming out, she decisively ordered a retreat.

In the sky, Zhuge Cang had also seen Yang Fei and Hu Lizhong appear at the first moment.

Hearing Qin Yanyang's order to retreat, he immediately laughed, "Hahaha, on my territory, do you really think you can leave? Utterly delusional!"

Then his gaze fell on the Six Changes Wood Box in Yang Fei's hands, and he said loudly, "Boy, you really are a genius in the Rune Tao, hahaha, as long as you join the Zhuge family, I promise you a life of wealth, honor, and overwhelming power!"

#### Chapter 682: Hu Lizhong Causes Sabotage

"Old thing, you must be dreaming in broad daylight. A mere Zhuge family also has the qualifications to make a true Taoist Inheritor like me pledge allegiance?"

Yang Fei disdainfully glanced at Zhuge Cang and said proudly, "According to my master, the Zhuge family back in the day relied on the Taoist sect to pass down and develop. Yet, I never expected that once they grew stronger, they would bite the hand that fed them. Such an ungrateful family is also worthy of my Yang Fei's allegiance?"

Zhuce Cang flew into a rage, "You ignorant child, clueless about what's good for you, wait until I suppress you. Then you'll be crying and begging me for mercy!"

With that said, he stood in the void and struck down at Yang Fei with a palm from across the space.

Hum!

The void trembled.

The rich spiritual energy of the world converged into a stream, instantly solidifying into a massive palm that harshly slammed down towards Yang Fei.

Yang Fei snorted coldly, a flash of cold light in his eyes, and the ground beneath his feet cracked as his figure turned into an afterimage that soared into the sky.

Puff!

The huge palm imprint was pierced, and Yang Fei defied the heavens, arriving in front of Zhuge Cang in an instant.

Zhuce Cang was shocked, having never expected Yang Fei to be so powerful. His pupils shrank as he roared, "Seeking death!"

A palm struck down, carrying with it the rich spiritual energy from within Yunwu Mountain, ruthlessly smashing down.

"Bang!"

A loud noise resounded.

Yang Fei's soaring figure was sent flying out like a batted ball.

Dust and stones flew in the air, leaving a vast deep pit where Yang Fei's body was.

Everyone sweated for Yang Fei.



Qin Yanyang, who was originally ready to evacuate, also stopped in her tracks and turned her head to look.

Amidst the dust-filled sky, a figure performed a backflip and floated out, landing on the ground completely unharmed—it was Yang Fei.

High above, Zhuge Cang, upon seeing Yang Fei unscathed, couldn't help but be greatly astounded.

His last move not only had his own True Essence Cultivation but also a portion of Yunwu Mountain's array power.

In his view, such a move should have been enough to heavily injure Yang Fei. Yet now, Yang Fei stood unhurt and even had smooth flowing Inner Qi, not at all like one with internal injuries.

"Old thief, even if you altered my formation, your realm is too low. The Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation you control still can't kill me," Yang Fei said, dusting off his clothes while speaking to Zhuge Cang.

Zhuge Cang, surprised, scrutinized Yang Fei, and after confirming that he was uninjured, was incredibly shocked.

He was well aware of the strength of his previous move; in today's world, even the strongest cultivator would have been injured after taking such a hit head-on. Yet, this young man was completely fine. How was that possible?

"Boy, how... how can you be unharmed?" Zhuge Cang couldn't help asking.

Yang Fei's lips curled upward, "If it were a few months ago, just your last move would have been enough to suppress or even kill me. But now, heh, hurting me won't be so easy."

Yang Fei, having completed his Foundation Establishment, now possessed an astonishingly strong body, and his own defensive strength had reached unprecedented heights. Add to that his Protective Gang Qi and other enhancements, injuring him had become difficult.

Qin Yanyang did know how terrifying Yang Fei's physical defense was after his Foundation Establishment, and seeing Yang Fei unharmed now and engaging Zhuge Cang in a war of words, she said, "The Central Battle Zone may have sent a large army to surround us. We need to evacuate immediately, or we'll end up trapped by the enemy."

Yang Fei's expression changed upon hearing this, "What? Have they gone mad?"

This truly startled Yang Fei. The Qin family was at its peak, and yet the Chu Family-led Central Battle Zone dare to do such a thing. It was outright rebellion.

Qin Yanyang wasn't sure herself, but for safety's sake, it was essential to preserve their forces and evacuate to a secure location first. She asked, "Are you coming or not?"

"Going."

Yang Fei immediately said.

That his wife could talk to him was already giving him immense face, and now, she was even telling him to follow her. This was the beginning of a reconciliation.

Yang Fei was delighted inwardly.

"Hmph, no one in this valley will think of leaving now!" Zhuge Cang snorted coldly, raised his hands to the sky, and commanded, "Kneel before me."

Suddenly, it seemed as though he drew on some force with his hands raised in the high skies, and he fiercely pressed down.

For a moment, every member of the Military Department within the valley felt as if a great mountain had pressed down upon them, rendering them unable to stand.

Even Qin Yanyang's body shook, his expression utterly solemn.

Yang Fei also felt that terrifying pressure from heaven and earth, secretly alarmed.

This old man really has some tricks, with all the Power Elements within the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation being drawn and controlled by him, just as he had previously claimed. Within this formation, he was the sovereign.

His gaze turned toward the distance.

After emerging from the Array Eye Secret Chamber, Hu Lizhong, who had headed toward the place where the talisman was buried, struggled forward with great difficulty.

His body also bore the tremendous pressure from the formation, making every step arduous, but he was after all a master who had stepped into the Innate Realm. Moreover, after his recent cultivation in the Array Eye Secret Chamber, his realm had consolidated, his foundation was stable, and he was a bit far from Zhuge Cang, so the oppression he felt was slightly less.

At this moment, Old Hu was less than twenty meters from the location where the first talisman was buried.

Yang Fei shouted loudly, soaring up into the sky to attack Zhuge Cang.

He needed to buy Hu Lizhong time.

If Hu Lizhong could successfully destroy the formation, then Zhuge Cang would no longer be in an invincible state. Otherwise, even if everyone didn't wish to engage in battle and only wanted to retreat, they would be suppressed by this man and be unable to escape.

"Courting death! Do you really think I wouldn't bear to kill you?" Zhuge Cang's eyes flashed with cold light, and with a wave of his hand, he smashed down his fist.

With this strike, he borrowed about seventy percent of the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation's power and believed it sufficient to severely injure Yang Fei.

If he hadn't valued Yang Fei's talent in the Rune Tao and also needed him to open the Six Changes Wood Box, he wouldn't have been so lenient and would have instead killed him outright.

"Po Gang!"

High in the sky, Yang Fei threw a punch and roared loudly.

The punch soared like a dragon, tearing the void apart, with the speed of the punch surpassing the speed of sound, creating an intense sonic boom that was deafening.

A fierce battle intent surged forth.

All the members of the Military Department, who had been oppressed by the formation's power, felt the pressure dissipate by half. They all looked up, carried away by Yang Fei's unstoppable, terrifying momentum.

Such a strong battle intent!

He was forcing back part of the great formation's pressure with the power of one man!

Qin Yanyang watched the man soaring into the sky, and his heart trembled violently deep within.

This guy...

Even after comprehending the way of the Tao for three days and entering the Divine Travel Realm, there was still a certain distance between him and Yang Fei.

A sentiment of unwillingness and dissatisfaction rapidly spread and grew within him, eventually manifesting as a cold snort.

One day, I, Qin Yanyang, will surpass you.

Boom!

Above in the high skies, a loud noise spread.

The void within the entire valley seemed to tremble violently.

Zhuge Cang's body was flung seven or eight meters into the air.

Yang Fei's body was once again smashed down into the valley floor, and with a loud noise, a huge pit appeared, dust flying everywhere.

In the distance, taking advantage of the moment Zhuge Cang was distracted by dealing with Yang Fei and the pressure on him greatly reduced, Hu Lizhong rushed to the burial site of the first Jade Talisman, forcefully broke open the earth, and upon seeing the Jade Talisman revealed within, stabbed it with his dagger.

"Bang!"

A crisp and pleasant sound of shattering spread, and the talisman broke into pieces.

Above in the sky, Zhuge Cang, who had been locking onto Yang Fei with his Divine Thought in an attempt to assess Yang Fei's condition, suddenly felt the formation suffering damage. His expression changed dramatically, and as he abruptly looked up, he saw the scene of Hu Lizhong shattering a Jade Token.

"Die!"

Zhuge Cang roared in rage, a flash of murderous intent passing through his profound eyes.

Chapter 683: Husband and Wife Join Forces Again

A translucent giant sword appeared high above the clouds of Yunwu Mountain.

This giant sword, formed by the free power elements between heaven and earth, swooshed through the air like a heavenly sword under Zhuge Cang's control, shooting towards Hu Lizhong's position.

Hu Lizhong felt his scalp tingle and his heart tightened.

Without any hesitation, his body catapulted out like a cannonball.

Whoosh!

A piercing sound of breaking air was heard as Qin Yanyang casually swung his hand, sending a sword shooting out that collided with the giant translucent sword in the void.

Puchi!

Qi scattered in all directions.

The translucent giant sword seemed to have sustained some damage, but it was too large. Even if it was broken and incomplete, it still maintained its shape and continued to fall at the same speed as before.

Boom!

Dust and pebbles flew in all directions, raising clouds of dust.

Hu Lizhong let out a miserable cry as he was sent flying.

In midair, blood spurted from several wounds on his body.

"Brother Yang, save me!"

Hu Lizhong shouted loudly.

Zhuge Cang's controlled giant sword was blocked by the treasure sword Qin Yanyang had thrown, and with Hu Lizhong's own efforts to flee, it failed to kill him.

But the power of that sword left everyone present stunned.

From the huge crater on the ground, it was inferred that the power of this sword was equivalent to the explosion power of three to five energy cannons.

All those present were martial cultivators, even the elite among cultivators, and at this moment, they all felt their understanding of personal power control was overturned.

Could a person really control such terrifying power?

Was this still a human being?

This was no longer martial cultivation, but true cultivation, even immortal cultivation.

Yang Fei also was briefly shaken by Zhuge Cang's move.

But he quickly came to his senses, his gaze sharpened, and he unleashed his powerful Divine Soul Power.

Zhuge Cang was about to launch a second remote attack on Hu Lizhong when a sense of alarm suddenly arose in his Sea of Consciousness, and he immediately looked towards Yang Fei.

The two forces of Divine Soul Power collided in the void, and Zhuge Cang's body swayed slightly, inwardly astonished.

Such a young kid, yet possessing such condensed Divine Soul Power, was truly formidable.

What was most important was that this young man had an abnormal defensive ability in his Body, and he also displayed extraordinary talent in Rune Tao and Formation.

Such an all-around talent at such a young age, if allowed to grow and develop further, his achievements would be immeasurable.

If the other party were a descendant of the Zhuge family, Zhuge Cang would naturally protect him as if he were a treasure, but this youngster bore a grudge against the Zhuge family.

For the first time, Zhuge Cang felt an urge to kill Yang Fei.

He must not let him escape. He had to suppress him thoroughly, extract all the information the young man knew, and then kill him with his own hands to avoid future troubles.

Yang Fei, caught by Zhuge Cang's gaze, experienced a violent shake in his Sea of Consciousness, enduring a storm of consciousness and feeling exhausted.

However, he had been prepared and did not damage the foundation of his Sea of Consciousness.

Seizing the opportunity, Yang Fei shouted, "Wife, come here!"

Qin Yanyang huffed, but her figure flashed as she rushed to Yang Fei's side and grabbed his left hand.



In that moment, their hearts and minds became one, forming a unification.

Once again holding his wife's hand, Yang Fei grinned.

Qin Yanyang's pretty face was frosty as she said coldly, "End this quickly."

Yang Fei gave a bitter smile.

He knew that if it weren't for the bigger picture, Qin Yanyang would not be standing by his side, letting him hold her hand.

But as she said, they shouldn't linger here and had to resolve the fight quickly.

In the high sky, Zhuge Cang saw the two of them holding hands together and for some reason, he felt an absurd sense of fear deep inside.

But soon, that fear was forcefully suppressed as he fixated on the two and said, "Within this Array, even if you two combine forces with a united heart, you are still not a match for me."

"Is that so?"

Yang Fei, holding Qin Yanyang's hand, soared into the sky with her.

High above, Qin Yanyang shouted forcefully, "Hu Lizhong, hurry up!"

She had already seen that Hu Lizhong's method of destroying the talismans could threaten Zhuge Cang, and surely, Hu Lizhong was acting under Yang Fei's instruction.

At this moment, the Yunwu Mountain Array was like a huge spherical cage, trapping everyone inside. If they didn't break the opponent's formation, escape would be difficult for them all.

If they were delayed here for too long, the enemy would form an encirclement, and then retreat would become a problem.

Qin Yanyang knew she absolutely couldn't fall into the hands of these people; otherwise, there would be no chance to turn the tides.

As long as she and people like Yang Fei escaped from this place, even if there were problems with the central region and Imperial City, with the power held by allies like the Qin Family and the Duanmu Family, they would be able to enter the Imperial City and sweep clean the situation.

On the ground, Hu Lizhong heard Qin Yanyang's command and, enduring the intense pain from multiple wounds, rushed towards the second hiding spot of a talisman.

High in the sky, Zhuge Cang was furious. He immediately released a sliver of Divine Thought, controlling the Power Elements of Heaven and Earth within the array to condense into streams of Qi and attack towards Hu Lizhong's direction.

However, at this time, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, hand in hand, rushed before him, and the barrier formed by his control of the Heaven and Earth Power was as if non-existent against the two of them.

Seeing Yang Fei's palm strike coming, Zhuge Cang had to take it seriously.

As a result, the distracted Zhuge Cang's methods against Hu Lizhong weakened by several times. Hu Lizhong, being an expert in the Innate Realm, barely dodged the swords rain-like attacks condensed by the opponent.

Above in the sky, Yang Fei's and Zhuge Cang's palms collided.

Hum!

The valley shook.

Even though Zhuge Cang had fused with the Yunwu Mountain Valley Array and had strong power to rely on, he was still sent flying by the combined force of Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang in their Unification state, and the brutal force burrowed tyrannically into Zhuge Cang's body, causing a trickle of fresh blood to overflow from the corner of his mouth.

On the other side, the bodies of Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang also plummeted rapidly towards the ground.

But after they landed, they immediately soared into the air again, with Yang Fei's fighting spirit surging wildly as he bellowed, "Thrilling, let's do it again!"

Ever since his Foundation Establishment, his Cultivation had greatly advanced, and in a solo state, he had never met a strong opponent. Now, even with Qin Yanyang in Unification, they were still at a disadvantage, which completely aroused his competitive spirit.

Zhuge Cang took a deep breath, his face still showing disbelief.

Supported by the power of the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array, he had actually been injured?

The power within that young man's body seemed to have doubled in the last attack compared to before.

What was going on?

If it weren't for the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array as support, under normal circumstances, he feared that the strike from the two in Unification would have left him severely injured.

How was that possible?

Zhuge Cang was truly baffled.

No matter what, he couldn't comprehend why this was happening.

Facing Yang Fei charging at him once again, he dared not have the slightest negligence.

He gathered all his strength and controlled the power of the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array with his entire being, slapping down with his palm.

Previously, he had to divert his attention to deal with Hu Lizhong while also operating the array's pressure to suppress the rest of the General Martial Arts Department. With his current strength, being divided in attention ultimately didn't yield good results.

Now that he was fully focused on dealing with only Yang Fei, he was confident.

As long as he could suppress these two, the rest would pose no threat.

"Tide!"

Yang Fei roared.

In that instant, Qin Yanyang felt as if her True Yuan was drained by more than half.

But she gave her full support without reservation, totally immersed in assistance.

She originally thought that her heart was full of disgust towards this person, and even if they joined hands again, they couldn't achieve a mind-to-mind connection, but the moment they held hands before, that profound sense of unity unexpectedly arose, which inwardly made her somewhat unwilling to accept.

Boom!

A loud noise echoed.

The valley enveloped by the formation shook violently.

Boom!

Another thunderous noise followed.

The intensely shaking valley became even more volatile; numerous boulders from the towering cliff on the left slid down, making the entire valley shake as if it was about to collapse.

In the void, Zhuge Cang was hit by two bursts of terrifying power one after the other. His complexion first turned rosy, then became extremely pale, with more fresh blood spilling from the corners of his mouth.

But he suddenly curved his lips into a smile.

Although the combined strength of these two was extraordinary, this was his world; most of the power was absorbed by the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array, and the damage he suffered was not severe.

But those two young people were bearing the same huge reactionary force, and their injuries were definitely much more severe than his.

Chapter 684: Escape

Boom!

Once again, he crashed to the ground.

Before the dust had settled, Yang Fei, to prevent Zhuge Cang from attacking, quickly grabbed Qin Yanyang's hand and leaped out of the pit, relocating to another spot.

Both he and Qin Yanyang were pale, their expressions incredibly grave.

They had used the Tidal Power of the Heavenly Reversal Divine Fist, but still had not managed to severely injure Zhuge Cang, something Yang Fei had not anticipated.

The Tidal Power in the state of husband and wife was so domineering, yet Zhuge Cang managed to withstand it all.

That's not right.

It wasn't that Zhuge Cang had taken the combined strike head-on, rather he had utilized the Power of the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation to share the burden of the attack.

This couldn't help but remind Yang Fei of Sun Xingyu, whom he had encountered in Japan last time.

According to what Chiba Susumu had said at the time, Sun Xingyu had received the Guardian God inheritance from the old ancestor of the Yamamoto family, Yamamoto Rentu.

The tactics Sun Xingyu controlled back then were similar to Zhuge Cang's at this moment. Every attack Yang Fei launched at Sun Xingyu was transferred by him into the surrounding void.

It was as if he had become one with the surrounding void.

At this moment, Zhuge Cang was one with the entire world of the Yunwu Mountain Valley, so most of the force from Yang Fei's attacks was transferred into the Yunwu Mountain Array, inflicting minimal damage on Zhuge Cang himself.

On the other hand, the backlash Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang endured was truly borne by their own bodies.

If this kind of battle continued, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang would definitely lose.

After all, their consumption was huge, and the injuries they suffered were also somewhat greater than the opponent's.

"Bang!"

Fortunately, at this time, a crisp sound came from afar as General Hu Lizhong destroyed the second talisman.

Everyone felt the pressure from the formation in the valley lessen by a bit.

Zhuge Cang's expression changed dramatically, a murderous intent shot from his eyes as he roared, "Looking for death!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he swept out a Finger Sword towards Hu Lizhong from afar.

The Sword Qi filled the sky, this Finger Sword was more condensed than the Sword Energy Fragments that had splintered from the previously shattered sword body, and its speed was two-tenths faster.

"Boom!"

The sound of a mountain collapsing and the earth cracking spread, causing the entire valley to tremble.

Two figures were seen connected, soaring into the sky at a speed so fast they resembled meteor streaking across the sky, vanishing into the high air in the blink of an eye.

It was Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

"Break!"

Yang Fei swung a hand-chop through the air, the dense Spiritual Energy in the valley was partially seized by Yang Fei's powerful will, coalescing into an invisible Sword Energy, intercepting the incoming Sword Qi.

"Pfft!"

The two strong energies collided, bursting into countless Energy Fragments.

Below, Hu Lizhong also sensed it and quickly shifted his position. Countless Energy Fragments landed where he had been just before, creating numerous holes in the ground.

As Yang Fei swung his hand-chop, his body had already charged to Zhuge Cang's side, swinging out a punch.

He had to entangle Zhuge Cang to buy time for Hu Lizhong. Once the foundation of the Array was destroyed, the Array would lose its effect. Without the enhancement of the Array's Power, he and Qin Yanyang should be able to counter-kill Zhuge Cang when they joined forces.

"You guys go help Hu Lizhong!" In the high sky, Qin Yanyang, while fully supporting the fight between Yang Fei and Zhuge Cang, shouted.

Xiang Yunfei was the first to snap back to reality, rushing towards where Hu Lizhong was. Hu Lizhong gave him the locations of two buried talismans, instructing him to shatter them and damage the Array Foundation.

Zhuge Cang was furious.

If the Array were to be destroyed, he would not be able to keep these Military Department members. In such a case, even if the other actions were completed, if Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang escaped with the Six Changes Wood Box, their plans on this side would be halved.

Most importantly, he would lose all face in front of the other powerhouses.

So, he absolutely couldn't let these young people leave.

In this moment, Zhuge Cang truly harbored a strong intent to kill.



Previously, whether it was Yang Fei or Qin Yanyang, he had wanted to suppress them and keep them alive.

After all, both individuals were excellent, and keeping them alive would be greatly useful.

Especially Yang Fei, this young man who had penetrated the mysteries of Ancient Runes; by imprisoning him, one could obtain many important things from him, which would aid in future growth.

But now, with these two joining forces and exhibiting such terrifying combat strength, if they were to escape and one encountered them without the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array, it would be extremely difficult to oppose them.

Then let them die!

Zhuge Cang's eyes reddened; he raised his hand to grab at the sky as if trying to grasp something and looked at Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang with a gaze that seemed to view them as dead, "You forced my hand."

Along with his roar, his right hand that reached towards the sky suddenly pressed down.

Boom!

In the sky above Yunwu Mountain, a golden light suddenly flashed, followed by the terrifying sound of thunder descending.

Inside the valley, everyone was horrified, feeling the hair on their bodies stand on end, as if dense and numerous currents flowed around them, ready to burst into terrifying thunder and lightning that could blast them into fragments at any moment.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, who were directly targeted and high in the sky, were even more sensitive to this sensation. Their hairs stood on end; Yang Fei's short hair stood upright, which was somewhat

bearable, but even Qin Yanyang's long black hair also burst out, making her head resemble an exploded mess in a peculiar style.

Zhuge Cang roared, "Die!"

Along with the roar, a bolt of lightning struck down, and the terrifying power of gold-attribute thunder and lightning poured down from the sky.

An unprecedented fear of death swept over them.

A resolute look flashed in Yang Fei's eyes, and as he let go of the hand holding Qin Yanyang, he also kicked her waist.

The two separated.

Qin Yanyang's figure rapidly fell towards the ground.

Her expression changed drastically, her eyes fixed on the figure who, because of her kick, suddenly soared into the air towards the mass of thunder and lightning. Her mouth opened slightly, but she could not make a sound.

Only tears suddenly clouded her eyes, blurring her vision.

Boom!

Golden lightning exploded around Yang Fei.

The terror of the thunder and lightning power even sparked a fire the moment it struck Yang Fei.

"Crack... crackle..."

At the same time, two Jade Tokens buried in different positions on the ground were pulled out and shattered by Hu Lizhong and Xiang Yunfei.

"Pfft!"

Zhuge Cang spat out a mouthful of blood.

His control over the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array was merely superficial.

He had thought that with the dense spiritual energy in the formation, coupled with his own advanced realm, he could suppress the entire scene, but he did not expect that the combined strength of the young man and the girl far exceeded his imagination.

Left with no choice, Zhuge Cang had to focus all his mind to manipulate the gold-attribute power he was most proficient in, summoning the might of thunder and lightning to attempt to kill the two.

"Thump!"

A dark figure fell from the sky, hitting the ground with a dull sound.

It was Yang Fei, whose clothes were scorched by lightning, and his flesh was severely damaged.

Qin Yanyang rushed to Yang Fei's side the first moment she could, lifting him up in her arms.

Feeling the pulse and heartbeat of this body, her tears fell, and a firmness showed on her cold and beautiful face, "Let's go!"

Within the formation of Yunwu Mountain, the pressure suppressing most members of the Military Department significantly lessened as they felt a mysterious weight lift from them.

Seeing Yang Fei, uncertain between life and death, fall to the ground, and hearing Minister Qin's command, they did not hesitate and ran towards the valley's exit.

"Crack!"

Xiang Yunfei shattered another Jade Token.

The pressure from the formation decreased even further.

Zhuge Cang was unable to withstand the immense backlash of the damaged formation, and coupled with his previous overestimation of his control over the formation, he was now extremely weak and pale after using all his strength to summon thunder and lightning to bombard Yang Fei. He began to float down from the sky towards the ground.

As he saw Qin Yanyang and others escaping out of the valley, Zhuge Cang wanted to gather the power of the great array to detain them but instead spat out a mouthful of blood and then roared at Chu Tianshu, "Inform the people outside; that girl and the kid must not be allowed to escape!"

Chapter 685: Why Cry, He's Not Dead Yet

"What are you still dallying for, go quickly!"

Seeing Chu Tianshu in a bewildered state, a fierce flash crossed Zhuge Cang's eyes, he almost wished he could slap this useless man to death.

Chu Tianshu finally snapped back to reality, facing Zhuge Cang's cold gaze, his body shivered, and he hurriedly chased after them, not forgetting to respond, "Yes... senior, rest assured, we will not let them escape."

Within the Yunwu Mountain's base, there were also several members of the Chu Family's Military Department, but their combat ability was too weak to stop elites like Qin Yanyang, Xiang Yunfei, and Hu Lizhong; they watched as they fled towards the valley exit, not only failing to intercept but also hiding aside.

It wasn't until Chu Tianshu arrived that they followed him.

One can't really blame them.

After all, even a top-tier combat force like Chu Tianshu was stunned by the events that had just occurred; what more could be expected from these men, whose powers were less than Chu Tianshu's?

Although the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation did not trap Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, its power was too terrifying for martial artists below the Innate Realm.

Before Zhuge Cang was injured and the formation was intact, these men were even struggling to breathe under the pressure.

So when Qin Yanyang led Yang Fei and the others to escape, these men were still in a state of shocked confusion; even those with quick minds who knew what was happening could not stop them.

The people not even Zhuge Cang could retain were not ones they could stop; it would be akin to courting death.

Despite the seeming struggle against Zhuge Cang, Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang had a formidable strength; if they had intercepted, Qin Yanyang likely could have sent them to Hell with one move each.

Soon, the vast valley was left with only Zhuge Cang.

As Chu Tianshu and others finally disappeared from his sight, Zhuge Cang could no longer hold back and again spurted a mouthful of thick blood on the ground.

At the same time, the entire Yunwu Mountain Array dimmed, showing signs of collapsing.

Zhuge Cang clutched his chest with one hand while beads of sweat the size of beans rolled down his forehead, his complexion pale and lips purple, displaying a worn and haggard state.

According to Yang Fei's calculations, destroying eight pieces of the Array Foundation Jade Plate would completely break the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation; but in reality, Zhuge Cang's ability to control this massive formation was limited. When the first Array Foundation Jade Plate was destroyed by Hu Lizhong, Zhuge Cang had to expend an immense amount of Divine Soul Power to maintain the operation of the formation.

Later, as Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang joined forces and their combat strength soared, coupled with damages to several array foundations in the skirmish, the pressure on Zhuge Cang, who was controlling the entire grand formation, surged.

Realizing that dragging this out was not the solution, Zhuge Cang made a decisive move, exhausting his last bit of Divine Soul Power to summon his most familiar Gold Attribute power. Bolstered by the formation, he summoned Thunder Power to strike Yang Fei.

This move proved effective. Facing such Thunder Power, Yang Fei knew he was no match and kicked Qin Yanyang away to bear the brunt of the thunder strike alone.

"Hmph, I suppose you won't live either," Zhuge Cang steeled his mind, recalling the scene of the thunder striking Yang Fei and heavily exhaling a breath of air.

Yet a hint of regret flashed deep in his eyes.

This kid was indeed a genius in the field of Rune Tao; if he could be captured alive and imprisoned or even refined into a puppet, he would have been even more helpful.

What a pity!

Without this kid, if the Six Changes Wood Box could not be opened, the effect of this Cave Heaven Blessed Land would be greatly diminished.

But it was still okay.

With the foundation of the Gathering Spirit Array previously laid down by this kid, once his injuries were healed, he could redeploy and modify it. Leveraging the unique advantages of this place, he could repair and even perfect the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation. With this place as the foundation and backed by the prestige of the Zhuge family, it would be difficult for any enemy to match him on the Great Divine Continent in the future.

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Escaping the valley with Yang Fei without any interference from Zhuge Cang both surprised and greatly relieved Qin Yanyang.

With the power of the Yunwu Mountain Array, this man was like an immortal, immensely powerful; even with Yang Fei's cooperation, they were still overwhelmingly suppressed, let alone competing alone.

The means of a top force from the Hidden Sect were indeed terrifying.

With a heart still racing, feeling Yang Fei's weak pulse and heartbeat, Qin Yanyang's mood became incredibly heavy.

This damn scumbag had betrayed him; if it wasn't for being unable to defeat him, Qin Yanyang would have dearly loved to beat him up.

But seeing him in this state now, Qin Yanyang also felt a secret heartache.

After all, he couldn't let go.

But he couldn't forgive either.

"I just couldn't stand by and watch him die," she muttered.

Even if it was out of the sentiment he showed with his last act of defiance against me, I had to take him and try to find a way to rescue him.

Once out of the valley and away from the boundary of the grand formation, a military helicopter was parked nearby.

Xiang Yunfei rushed forward first and started the helicopter.

Qin Yanyang, holding Yang Fei with one hand, boarded the helicopter, followed by Hu Lizhong and more than ten elite troops from the Military Department covering the rear.

The helicopter took off, racing towards the south.

While piloting the helicopter, Xiang Yunfei said, "Minister, we can't establish contact with the outside world. The helicopter is in standalone mode."

"Adapt as necessary, let's first get out of these mountains," Qin Yanyang replied.

She was fully focused on checking Yang Fei's pulse.

Yang Fei lay on the floor, his clothes torn and burned in many places, his flesh charred and sticking to the fabric, with an overwhelming stench of burnt flesh and blood filling the cabin.

Hu Lizhong knelt anxiously beside Yang Fei, watching Qin Yanyang checking his pulse. He opened his mouth several times, only to swallow back whatever he was about to say.

After a long while, Hu Lizhong could no longer hold back and asked, "How is Brother Yang doing, is he okay?"

Qin Yanyang slowly shook her head with a grave expression.

A wave of sadness overwhelmed Hu Lizhong.



Although Hu Lizhong had not known Yang Fei for long, and their time together was brief, he truly felt grateful to Yang Fei and admired him immensely.

The rest of the Military Department members also showed expressions of grief.

The Gathering Spirit Array at Yunwu Mountain and the synthesis of the Genetic Liquid Medicine—all of these were Yang Fei's accomplishments.

It could be said that although Yang Fei was not very close to them personally, he held a high standing in the hearts of these Military Department members.

Even their escape from the Array today was credited to Yang Fei's valiant fight against Zhuge Cang.

Now, with Qin Yanyang shaking her head, it meant that there was no hope for Yang Fei, which weighed heavily on everyone's heart.

Tears streaming down his face, Hu Lizhong grabbed Yang Fei's hand and mourned, "Brother Yang, why did you leave us like this? You were young and promising, you had such a bright future ahead, and you showed such kindness to me, Old Hu, I..."

Before he could finish, Qin Yanyang pushed him aside abruptly, "What are you doing, he's not dead yet!"

Hu Lizhong paused, wiped away his tears with one hand, and exclaimed excitedly, "Not dead?"

He grabbed Yang Fei's hand again to check, and indeed found a pulse still beating, suddenly overjoyed, "Ah, that's great, Brother Yang, you really do have a guardian angel! I knew you couldn't die so easily; I must have cried you back to life."?>

Qin Yanyang darkened, "He was never dead."?>

Hu Lizhong's mouth twitched as he looked at Qin Yanyang, "But Brother Yang isn't dead, then why did you shake your head earlier? I thought..."

Qin Yanyang said solemnly, "What I meant was, although he's not dead, his condition is very serious, and I don't know if he'll survive."

"If he still has a pulse, there's still hope. We must find a way to save him," Hu Lizhong said as he looked up at the other people in the cabin, "Who is the medic?"

No one answered, but someone took out emergency medicine they carried with them.

Hu Lizhong's eyes lit up as he took out a glass bottle filled with blue medicine liquid from his waist.

The others shifted slightly, their looks revealing strange expressions.

This guy really did stash away private goods under the guise of his position.

Hu Lizhong also felt Qin Yanyang's sharp gaze. His heart tightened, but at this point, he couldn't care less and, with a firm face, opened the bottle and poured the Genetic Liquid Medicine into Yang Fei's mouth.

All used for your boyfriend now, huh? Not a drop left; don't hold me accountable afterward.

Dammit, it really hurts, it was already hard enough hiding this little stash.

## Chapter 686: But Follow Me

After the genetic liquid medicine was injected into Yang Fei's body, although there was no one on the plane who was proficient in medical theory, they could still detect that Yang Fei's pulse and heartbeat had stabilized significantly.

General Hu Lizhong relaxed and said, "As long as Brother Yang wakes up, he will be able to quickly tend to his injuries."

Qin Yanyang secretly breathed a sigh of relief, knowing that as long as Yang Fei woke up, she could assist him in managing his injuries and speed up his recovery.

Thinking about assisting him in healing, Qin Yanyang couldn't help but give the unconscious Yang Fei a scornful glance.

No, she definitely couldn't help him heal; otherwise, he would think she couldn't let go of him.

Ten minutes later, bursts of explosion sounds suddenly came from ahead.

Occasionally, intense flashes of light appeared.

The hearts of everyone on the plane sank.

They had indeed encountered an interception.

Only the Central Battle Zone could have arrived this quickly here.

"Minister, there's a situation up ahead," Xiang Yunfei reported.

Qin Yanyang hummed in acknowledgment and after a brief contemplation, said, "Switch to traveling on foot, let's get closer and have a look."

Xiang Yunfei nodded, lowering the altitude of the plane as more than ten people directly jumped out from dozens of meters in the air, landing safely with the help of the large trees below.

Xiang Yunfei couldn't find a suitable landing spot and had no choice but to abandon the helicopter and jump down.

A moment later, the out-of-control helicopter crashed into the dense forest below, coming to a halt after a violent noise without exploding.

General Hu Lizhong was carrying Yang Fei on his back, and when he looked for a rope to tie him up, Qin Yanyang stopped him.

General Hu Lizhong said, "Minister Qin, rest assured, Brother Yang has granted me a new lease on life, and in today's breakout, I, Hu Lizhong, will definitely not leave him behind. If I can make it out alive, Brother Yang surely will too."

Qin Yanyang spoke indifferently, "When necessary, I will personally take him with me."

General Hu Lizhong was startled but then understood, cleared his throat, and nodded, "Indeed, with Minister Qin personally escorting Brother Yang, our chances of breaking through are greater."

Though he said as much, Old Hu couldn't help but feel speechless inside.

So, you're worried that my strength isn't sufficient to break through and I might impede your husband, right?

I'd actually prefer that.

Without any burden, relying on my own abilities, escaping through these mountains and rivers isn't difficult.

"Minister, rest assured, if it comes to that, I, Old Hu, will even stake my life to cover your and Brother Yang's retreat and protect you both," General Hu Lizhong said again.

He was now tied to the Qin Family's battleship, and if not now, when would he show his heartfelt dedication?

As long as Brother Yang didn't die and he followed him, he was certain to rise to great heights in the future. Showing loyalty now meant that once Brother Yang woke up and learned of his actions, he would surely be considered a trusted confidant.

"Speed up our advance, let's see if the main force has evacuated safely," Qin Yanyang ordered.

All were elite troops of the Military Department, and though they were moving through the forest, their speed was not slow.

The sounds of intense combat grew louder and soon, they could see helicopters engaged in a firefight above a valley.

Although the Military Department was well-equipped, the forces from the Central Battle Zone were even more prepared and held an overwhelming numerical advantage. Not only that, but the enemy was advancing from both the air and ground, encircling them from all sides.

The enemy troops, arranged in a fan formation, quickly closed in, constantly reinforcing the engagement point.

The Military Department's breakout forces were trapped in a brutal encirclement.

By the time Qin Yanyang and her group arrived, all the military aircraft on their side had been destroyed, and they had switched to retreating through the ground jungle.

However, the enemy's encirclement was still relentless, and with the support of airborne troops as well, the Military Department suffered heavy losses.

Even though each of them were battle-hardened warriors, equipped with special weapons and the strongest bulletproof gear, facing an enemy that outnumbered them by more than tenfold, it was extremely difficult for the Military Department's forces to break out of the encirclement.

What was most terrifying was that among the enemies, there were many Martial Arts experts mixed in.

The prowess of these individuals was at the Innate Realm.

If not for the well-equipped Military Department, whose special weapons had lethal effects and posed threats to those at the Innate Realm, they would have likely been suppressed already.

"Minister, you take Brother Yang and leave first, we'll go and support the main force," Hu Lizhong said with a grave expression as he observed the battle unfolding ahead.

Xiang Yunfei, Peng Ling, and the others nodded in agreement, approving Hu Lizhong's decision.

After all, they hadn't been discovered by the enemy yet. With their abilities, as long as they chose the right direction, they could take advantage of the intense crossfire ahead to draw the attention of most of the enemy, then, with the cover of the dense jungle, there was a great chance they could quietly break out of the enemy encirclement.

Qin Yanyang shook her head decisively. Her gaze swept across everyone's faces, and finally, she said to Hu Lizhong, "Old Hu, you take him and leave first. Once you're out, adapt to the situation."

Hu Lizhong urgently retorted, "That's not acceptable. You have a special status, Minister; you must be the first to leave."

Xiang Yunfei also said, "That's right, Minister, you should leave first."

Qin Yanyang reprimanded softly, "Shut up, this is an order."

Hu Lizhong wanted to argue, but a chill struck his heart. He was overwhelmed by the imposing aura of Qin Yanyang, and given her higher rank, he couldn't talk back.

"Military orders are like mountains, Old Hu. His life is very important; your responsibility is immense, do you understand?" Qin Yanyang stared at Hu Lizhong.

Hu Lizhong felt a dryness in his throat and, meeting Qin Yanyang's hopeful eyes, nodded emphatically, "Rest assured, Minister Qin, I will ensure Brother Yang's safety."

After speaking, he lowered his head, lifted Yang Fei on his back, and took off toward a direction free from enemy aerial surveillance, soon disappearing from everyone's sight.

Qin Yanyang flashed forward, charging toward where the fierce clash was happening: "Follow me!"

A wild fighting spirit radiated out like radiation.

Inspired by Qin Yanyang's powerful will to fight, Xiang Yunfei and the others were moved. Their blood boiled with a fierce battle spirit, and they followed her one after another.

As elite members of the Military Department, they were first and foremost soldiers.

True soldiers never shy away from battle!

In a military helicopter behind the conflict, Chu Que looked on with an indifferent expression at the battle raging in the valley below, outwardly calm but inwardly tumultuous.

He understood better than anyone what this war signified.

Although the order had come from his own brother, it was he who was executing it.

He was the one to fire the first shot.

No matter how the future unfolded, victory or defeat, he would become a controversial figure in the history of the Divine Continent.

Controversial? He chuckled; that was merely self-comfort.

From the moment the first shot was fired, he was destined to become a historical criminal in the Divine Continent.

But what of it?

As long as they succeeded, the future history would be written by the Chu Family!

With this thought, Chu Que's eyes flashed with determination as he ordered, "Increase firepower. If they refuse to surrender, then kill them, let none escape."

What a pity.

Such fine elites, wasted in civil strife.

His gaze cold and sharp, he watched the battle zone intently when suddenly, his pupils contracted sharply.

An energy cannon blasted from the dense forest ahead, hitting a fighter jet that was facing away from the front.

Brilliant flames shot into the sky.

Boom!

The sound of the violent explosion spread.

Immediately after, several more energy cannons targeted the high skies, all fired from the dense forest directly ahead, ambushing the jets that were relentlessly pursuing the Military Department's main force.

Chu Que immediately bellowed, "Careful, we have enemy reinforcements from behind. Support teams from both sides, move in. Lock them down!"



Chapter 687: One Man Holds the Rear

Boom!!!

High above, several helicopters exploded.

The pressure on the besieged troops of the Military Department on the ground was greatly reduced.

Without the threat from the air, the encirclement of the ground troops was virtually ineffective against them.

"Break out." Qin Yanyang's figure appeared like a ghost among the troops of the Military Department, shouting loudly, "Disperse and regroup after getting out."

With Qin Yanyang's arrival, the spirits of these Military Department members were greatly lifted.

Originally facing such an unwarranted disaster, many had harbored resentment in their hearts.

Why did they become the targets of their own people without any reason?

This kind of fratricidal war was something the vast majority of participants didn't want to see. But having been passively drawn into the conflict from the start, they could only fight desperately, trying to break out.

"I know you're all frustrated, and so am I. This damn war was all started by those ambitious people to satisfy their selfish desires. But now is not the time to dwell on this; what we need to do is break out, we're fighting for our lives."

Qin Yanyang took the lead, charging into the ground army ahead. Her voice rang out powerfully, drifting through the mountains and forests, and not even the dense gunfire could drown it out.

With one Special Energy Cannon in hand and a submachine gun in the other, Qin Yanyang was like a demon from Hell, wildly unleashing the ammunition from the weapons, reaping the fresh lives one after another.

Xiang Yunfei followed closely behind.

In the midst of gunfire and bullets, the two were protected by special bulletproof vests. Coupled with the Protective Gang Qi of the Innate Realm and above, apart from heavy sniper rifles and heavy weapons, almost nothing could threaten them.

In a moment, a breach was violently torn open in the encirclement of the ground forces ahead.

The members of the Military Department surged forward, following suit.

Although Qin Yanyang had previously said to scatter the team and break through separately—making it easier to escape by causing the enemy to divide their forces—the members were united under her raging battle spirit and presence.

No one wanted to leave Minister Qin's side.

Even if it meant death, they would die together.

The base's members stationed at Yunwu Mountain included not only the Military Department but also elite teams formed by the special forces from various war zones that had been transferred over.

These individuals had suffered the most in the previous breakout battles, but being mixed with the elite of the Military Department meant they still retained more than three-fifths of their strength.

Now, they were swept along and could only attempt to break out with the Military Department.

The troop, which originally numbered over two hundred, now only had a little over a hundred left. They rushed madly through the dense mountains and forests, quickly breaking through the enemy's ground blockade and escaping the encirclement.

But high above, over a dozen military aircraft were in hot pursuit.

Facing such a large-scale blockade, to completely shake off the pursuit, they would need to take out all of the enemy's eyes in the sky.

Ahead, Qin Yanyang led the team through the ground interception forces and stopped.

"Peng Ling, Xiang Yunfei, you two take point."

Xiang Yunfei and Peng Ling were startled, instinctively shaking their heads, but before they could voice their rejection, Qin Yanyang shouted sternly, "This is a military order, execute it immediately!"

"Minister!" Peng Ling's eyes reddened.

Qin Yanyang shouted angrily, "Military orders are absolute, execute!"

Peng Ling gritted her teeth and waved her hand, "Move!"

Xiang Yunfei also wanted to stay, but after a glance from Qin Yanyang, he dared not disobey and had to move forward with Peng Ling, leading the team.

As the members of the Military Department passed by Qin Yanyang's side, many instinctively stopped, wanting to stay and fight side by side with her, to cover the retreat of the main force, but they were all scolded away by Qin Yanyang.

Whether in the Military Department or the military itself, Qin Yanyang commanded immense prestige, and her orders were not to be disobeyed.

Soon, the first helicopter to arrive appeared not far away.

Qin Yanyang's gaze sharpened, locking onto the position of the cockpit.

Inside the cockpit, the pilots controlling the helicopter and the soldier operating the Gatling gun, wildly firing away, suddenly rolled their eyes back as if possessed by an evil spirit, their brains short-circuited, and they died on the spot.

The helicopter, now out of control, plunged headfirst into the dense forest beside it.

"Put-put-put!!!"

The surrounding trees were strafed by large-caliber bullets, sending wood splinters flying.

With her terrifying perception, combined with exaggerated speed, Qin Yanyang shifted her body, dodging the large-caliber bullet barrage.

Two more helicopters followed suit, locking onto her position.

Several more helicopters circumvented the area, preparing to chase after the main force that had broken through ahead.

Qin Yanyang's True Yuan surged wildly inside her, and her intense perception and Divine Soul Power were released without any reservation.

Hum!

An invisible tremble seemed to emanate from the void.

Centered around Qin Yanyang, the Heaven and Earth Power within a vast space was awakened.

At the Innate Realm, one could control the Power Elements between heaven and earth for their own use. Although Qin Yanyang was only at the Innate Realm, she had also comprehended the Divine Soul Power, effectively in Divine Travel state.

Moreover, under Yang Fei's guidance, she had opened many acupoints throughout her body, establishing her body's foundation. Although she had not yet completed Foundation Establishment, her acupoints were sensitive, and her perception of the forces between heaven and earth was incomparably sharp.

At this moment, with her full power unleashed, she suddenly felt as if she had merged with the heaven and earth surrounding her.

Sensing the active state of the Heaven and Earth Power Elements around her, she closed her eyes, spread her arms, and shouted lowly, "Rise!"

A tornado then arose.

Like a twister, it grew larger and taller.

In just a few breaths' time, the tornado that had risen suddenly from the woods reached dozens of feet high, like an invisible Qi dragon, it headed straight for the two helicopters, intent on swallowing them.

In the high sky, the two helicopters, disturbed by the terrible tornado, immediately lost balance. Although the pilots were highly skilled, the power of the tornado was too great, causing them to completely lose control of the aircraft.

On the ground, Qin Yanyang's outstretched hands suddenly clasped together.

The two helicopters were caught in the ferocious wind, wobbling and colliding into each other.

Boom!

Flames shot up into the sky.

The planes that collided ignited their fuel, and encountering the sparks generated from the collision, they exploded instantly.

In the sky above.

The people on the following helicopters were dumbfounded.

They couldn't see clearly what Qin Yanyang was doing on the ground, only witnessing a tornado picking up a large amount of leaves and branches sweeping from the ground and swallowing the two aircraft, which then lost balance and crashed into each other, exploding.

"What just happened?"

"It seems to be a tornado. Everyone be careful!"

"Shit, how could there be a tornado here?"

"I saw it, a woman, she spread her arms like she was casting a spell, damn, are we seeing ghosts, am I hallucinating?"

"Whether it's her doing this or not, kill her!"

In the midst of the clamor, gunfire rang out.

The helicopter that had spotted Qin Yanyang rushed over, with the heavy weapons on board firing wildly.

On the ground, Qin Yanyang, after having fully unleashed the Heaven and Earth Power around her, appeared pale, with large beads of sweat breaking out on her forehead.

The consumption was too great!

Although the move was powerful, like a deity, it was a pyrrhic victory.

Her Telekinesis was not enough to support the output of this kind of power.

Sensing the incoming enemy firepower, she quickly maneuvered her body, darting into the dense forest.

The helicopter doggedly pursued her, rattling off bullets in a mad spray. Wherever it passed, the dense woods fell piece by piece.

Then, the helicopter pursued lower and lower, nearly breathing down Qin Yanyang's neck with a furious barrage.

Suddenly, Qin Yanyang's body shot to the left, briefly leaving the helicopter's line of sight.

The helicopter adjusted its posture, searching swiftly.

Just then, Qin Yanyang soared into the sky, leaping to a height parallel with the helicopter.

"Shit, run!"

On the helicopter, one person saw Qin Yanyang appearing at the side and was suddenly shocked, unbuckling his safety belt ready to jump out.

Bang!

A sound of a cannon firing.

Qin Yanyang, with her Energy Cannon, opened fire at close range, hitting the helicopter directly.

Boom!!!

Chapter 688: Thunder and Lightning Tempering

Deep within the dense forests of Shennongjia, Hu Lizhong carried Yang Fei on his back, sprinting wildly through the woods.

The direction he chose was completely opposite to the escape route of the Military Department.

That the Central Battle Zone had decided to attack the Military Department indicated that something drastic must have happened at the top. Although Hu Lizhong was not an insider, he could keenly sense something was amiss.

Although he had escaped for now, what should he do next?

Could Qin Yanyang and the others break through the encirclement and escape?

What would the situation become after today's upheaval?

As Hu Lizhong ran wildly, many thoughts ran through his mind.

All he wanted was to get away from this place as soon as possible, thinking about going home to see if his family had been taken into custody.

Suddenly, a weak voice came from behind, "Let... let me down!"

Overjoyed, Hu Lizhong immediately stopped and let Yang Fei down.



As expected, he saw Yang Fei open his eyes.

"Brother Yang, it's great, you're finally awake," Hu Lizhong exclaimed joyfully.

Yang Fei was very weak and in poor spirits. He glanced at Hu Lizhong, then looked around, and noticing that there were only two of them, he couldn't help asking, "What about them?"

Hu Lizhong immediately responded, "After you lost consciousness, Minister Qin led you out of the valley. Later, Minister Qin asked me to take you away while she needed to meet up with the main troops of the Military Department."

"Did... Did everyone escape from the valley?" Yang Fei asked in surprise.

Hu Lizhong nodded, "Yes, everyone got out of the valley. After you were badly injured, it seemed like the person who attacked us also suffered a great backlash, and he didn't activate the Array to suppress us when we were escaping."

Yang Fei slowly nodded, relieved.

Boom...

A loud sound came from afar.

Hu Lizhong was full of worry, "The enemies came prepared. I'm not sure if Minister Qin and the others can break through the encirclement."

Yang Fei immediately tensed, but the moment he excited, his body ached unbearably, making him groan.

Hu Lizhong quickly said, "Brother Yang, don't worry. Even if breaking through costs sacrifices, with Minister Qin's cultivation and the elite forces of the Military Department gathered, there should be no big problem. Don't worry too much."

Yang Fei nodded silently.

Although he was worried about Qin Yanyang, his condition was so poor that he felt powerless to help.

Hu Lizhong said, "Brother Yang, we should not stay here any longer. Let's leave this place."

Yang Fei looked at him, then shook his head, "Our target is very small, and it's extremely difficult to be discovered in this dense forest. There's no rush to leave. You protect me while I adjust my injuries."

Hu Lizhong pondered for a moment before nodding, "Alright, the enemies indeed won't be able to find us for the time being."

Immediately, Yang Fei sat cross-legged and began to heal his injuries by practicing his inner cultivation technique.

Hu Lizhong stood guard by his side, but his attention was on the exploding sounds in the distance.

After about ten minutes, the sounds of explosions gradually decreased, and the fierce battle seemed to have stopped.

They must have succeeded in breaking through.

Soon, two hours passed.

Yang Fei opened his eyes.

Hu Lizhong was delighted to find that Yang Fei's condition had improved considerably from before. He thought that Yang Fei would immediately want to hurry on their way, but he saw Yang Fei using the True Yuan that he had just gathered to perform the Six Harmonies Energy-Introducing Needle Technique on himself, then he closed his eyes again and continued his cultivation.

As the Six Harmonies Energy-Introducing Needle Technique acted on his body, Yang Fei's recovery speed was astonishing.

Sitting beside him and practicing his breathing, Hu Lizhong was shocked to discover that power elements from the surrounding area were crazily converging towards them, just like his own cultivation, yet the vast majority of the spiritual energy enveloped around Yang Fei, with even more entering his body.

Damn, this was way too domineering!

Hu Lizhong was dumbfounded.

A moment later he sighed, got up, and walked over ten meters away.

If I can't provoke it, can't I still avoid it?

Then he realized that this mere ten meters was utterly useless; practicing here, he couldn't gather any power from around him, and even if some was gathered, it seemed to be magnetized, turning sharply towards Yang Fei.

What kind of cultivation technique was this?

It was simply outrageous!

Hu Lizhong could vaguely sense that Yang Fei's injuries were recovering at an astonishing rate, and his condition was also improving steadily.

Thinking back to how he had been barely alive after being struck by the Thunder Power, almost breathless, and to think that just a few hours after waking up, such severe injuries had recovered by forty to fifty percent, Hu Lizhong found it hard to believe.

This guy is just a freak of nature.

I, Old Hu, really followed the right person.

Hu Lizhong too gave up on recuperating and simply stared with envious eyes.

Soon, another two hours had passed.

Hu Lizhong, bored, almost fell asleep when suddenly a flash of golden light flickered across his eyes.

He abruptly became alert, opened his eyes, and scanned around. His powerful senses spread out, but he discovered nothing.

Confused, a flicker of gold flashed from the corner of his eye again.

"Eh?"

Hu Lizhong was greatly startled.

This time he saw it—the golden light was actually emitting from Yang Fei's body.

What was going on?

A person glowing? Isn't that just a figure of speech? How did it become a fact?

Surprised, another faint golden glow dashed across Yang Fei's body.

Hu Lizhong rubbed his eyes, thinking he was seeing things, widened his eyes, and slowly moved closer to have a good look.

But then there was no more golden light flashing again.

Hu Lizhong's face filled with confusion.

Could it be that he had indeed hallucinated previously?

No way.

With his cultivation and his state, how could he have hallucinated?

As he was pondering, he saw Yang Fei opened his eyes.

"Hahaha, a blessing in disguise," as soon as he opened his eyes, Yang Fei couldn't contain himself and said excitedly.

Hu Lizhong's heart stirred, and he hurriedly asked, "What's wrong, Brother Yang, what kind of blessing in disguise?"

Yang Fei got up laughing, "Old Hu, I've healed, and moreover, this injury has brought me great benefits."

Hu Lizhong was a bit dumbfounded.

He healed just like that?

In less than five hours, a man nearly killed by the Thunder Power, healed?

Impossible, right?

But the next moment, he felt an unprecedented oppressive force.

A terrifying aura was released from Yang Fei's body.

At the same time, he saw another faint golden light emerge.

Yes.

This time he saw it clearly.

Yang Fei's clothes were tattered, almost only a small part clung to his body, many patches of skin exposed.

The skin that had been burnt before was now intact. Not only that, but the faint golden light was actually emitting from Yang Fei's skin.

In that instant, his body seemed to be coated with a layer of golden radiance, becoming real copper skin and iron bones.

Hiss!!!

Hu Lizhong gasped sharply. If he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he would never have believed such a bizarre scene before him.

Shocked, his gaze slowly shifted to Yang Fei's face. Seeing Yang Fei's excited appearance, he couldn't help but swallow and said awkwardly, "Brother Yang, what... what's going on with you?"

"Thunder and Lightning Tempering!"

Yang Fei blurted out, unable to suppress the excitement on his face, and said, "I originally thought I had successfully established my foundation and cultivated a powerful body, only to realize now that I lacked this crucial final step."

"Foundation Establishment?" Hu Lizhong's eyelids twitched wildly.

As a cultivator, having reached his realm, he had heard about some of the realms in cultivation.

Foundation Establishment is a very important realm in the cultivation system, though it's a minor one in the grand scheme of things, for cultivators who began in martial arts, it's like a ceiling-like realm.

It's said that no one in the Hidden Sect World of cultivators has ever entered the true Foundation Establishment Realm.

Yet Little Brother Yang says he's established his foundation?

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"Hmm, Foundation Establishment." Seeing Hu Lizhong looking at him in astonishment, Yang Fei smiled and nodded, saying, "Do you know about Foundation Establishment?"

Hu Lizhong nodded and then shook his head: "I've only heard of such a Cultivation realm, but I don't quite understand it. Brother Yang, does the Foundation Establishment Realm truly exist in this world?"

Yang Fei said, "It does."

"It does...?" Hu Lizhong was stunned, muttering under his breath, wondering if Yang Fei had self-proclaimed his status in the Foundation Establishment?

After thinking for a moment, Yang Fei said uncertainly, "Before being tempered by the power of thunder and lightning this time, I thought I had completed the Foundation Establishment, but after the ordeal of the thunder and lightning, I realized what I considered to be a Complete Foundation Establishment

wasn't complete. So, I'm still not quite clear about what state my Foundation Establishment Realm actually is in."

Hu Lizhong was dumbfounded.

Could it really be like this?

Yang Fei continued, "I have also spent time in the Hidden Sect World, where the highest Cultivation realm, they say, is the Divine Travel Realm. But in comparison to the realms described by the Taoist Cultivation, the divisions in the Hidden Sect are quite vague."

Hu Lizhong silently nodded and said, "Yes. If we're serious, it seems that anything before the Innate Realm is just considered low-level Martial Arts Cultivation, dealing with muscles, bones, and skin, the body. It's only after crossing into the Innate Realm that one truly steps into a field of Cultivation. I think the Innate Realm is the threshold that divides the ordinary from the true Cultivation. Only after the Innate Realm does one truly step into Cultivation."

Yang Fei pondered and replied, "Perhaps you're right. Only after the Innate Realm can one discern the mysteries of the Heaven and Earth Power and even control it to some extent. This ability is quite different from Martial Cultivators."

Hu Lizhong sighed, "Ultimately, it still comes down to the decline of Cultivation. We are in the Dharma Decline Era; true Cultivation of immortality has long departed from this world. For our generation, pursuing the path of immortality is as difficult as reaching the heavens."

"Hahaha."

Seeing the look of contemplation on Hu Lizhong's face, Yang Fei couldn't help but burst into laughter, "Old Hu, you still think about immortality?"

Feeling a bit embarrassed by Yang Fei's laughter, Hu Lizhong coughed and said, "I am of an age beyond confusion, yet due to practicing Martial Arts, my body has always been in good shape, and honestly, I don't hold much desire for everlasting life. That was just a figure of speech about immortality."



Yang Fei laughed, "Right, considering the average lifespan of around seventy or eighty years for ordinary people, we haven't even fully understood or lived through our most basic human life; what use is immortality? True immortality sounds terrifying. Without the rich experiences of life, immortality is just being a walking corpse, an endless loneliness and emptiness."

With a smile, Hu Lizhong responded, "Indeed. I didn't expect someone as young as you to see it so clearly. Honestly, if I had my way, I would prefer to just enjoy a simple and stable life with my wife and kids by a warm bed."

By the end, his expression revealed a deep worry: "With this massive change, I don't know how my family is doing."

Yang Fei also snapped back to reality, speaking seriously, "Old Hu, what exactly is going on?"

Hu Lizhong shook his head and said, "I don't know either. We've been together all this time, and just today something suddenly happened. But while you were healing, I thought a lot and feel that this might be very serious. It was the Central Battle Zone taking action against us."

Yang Fei said solemnly, "I'm not very familiar with the powers of Divine Continent. I thought the Qin Family could maintain control over the situation; I didn't expect such a conflict. Old Hu, is the Chu Family that powerful?"

After a brief contemplation, Hu Lizhong replied, "Of the Five Regions, the Chu Family could at most influence one, and even according to Divine Continent's regulations, they can't wholly mobilize an entire battle zone without a joint decree from above."

Yang Fei's eyes narrowed as he asked, "So you mean, the higher-ups also support the Chu Family?"

With a bitter smile, Hu Lizhong shook his head and said, "I don't know. But based on the current situation, the fact that the Chu Family chose to start a war highlights many issues."

Yang Fei felt incredibly frustrated and shouted, "Damn it, when they targeted the Zhang Family previously, everyone was fine, right? The Qin Family didn't blatantly abuse their power, so why the sudden shift against the Qin Family?"

With a bitter expression, Hu Lizhong indicated that he was out of his depth regarding this level of conflict.

Logically, these kinds of struggles are usually bloodless; it shouldn't actually lead to war, but this time it was completely different... wait a minute...

Suddenly, Hu Lizhong thought of something and said to Yang Fei, "Could it be because of the Hidden Sect?"

"The Hidden Sect?"

A spark flashed in Yang Fei's eyes; right, how could he have forgotten about this world's forces?

If not for the intervention of the Hidden Sect, given the original circumstances of Divine Continent, the Chu Family, even if they dared to challenge the Qin Family, wouldn't have taken direct action.

This time, the direct action must be connected to the Hidden Sect.

Yang Fei had just recalled his discovery after his recent arrival at Yunwu Mountain's Base.

He had detected that an expert had tampered with the Array at Yunwu Mountain, and even though he was overconfident at the time, so much so that he believed he could easily reverse any changes within the Array, he had been mistaken.

He hadn't expected Zhuge Cang to be so masterful in Array techniques, even going so far as to alter the Array into the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Formation, a domain specific to Zhuge Cang.

"Brother Yang, what should we do now?" Hu Lizhong asked Yang Fei.

He was somewhat at a loss.

No one knew what the situation outside had turned into.

Were the members of the Military Department at Yunwu Mountain's Base now labeled as traitors?

Once they went out, would he still be a Major General of the Military Department, or would he be a national criminal?

Hu Lizhong felt like crying.

Dammit, how did it come to this?

He was even regretting joining the Military Department at that moment.

No, joining the Military Department wasn't wrong; he had been promoted and had gained high special privileges. The problem lied with Minister Qin.

After Qin Yanyang took command of the Military Department, it was labeled as belonging to the Qin family, which was why it was targeted.

Sigh...

Hu Lizhong sighed silently in his heart, feeling somewhat wronged.

Yang Fei, unaware of Hu Lizhong's inner thoughts, listened to his query about what to do next and after pondering for a moment, he asked, "Didn't my wife tell you something?"

Hu Lizhong shook his head: "She just told me to take you away and figure out how to contact you once we're outside."

Yang Fei asked, "How long has it been since the incident occurred?"

"Over six hours."

"They must have all escaped, right?"

"Yes, they broke out long ago," said Hu Lizhong.

Yang Fei looked at him incredulously; Hu Lizhong explained, "It's based on the combat situation at the time, the Military Department is full of elite experts, and although the enemy was numerous, it would be difficult to encircle and kill these elites."

Yang Fei nodded silently; in the terrain of Shennongjia mountainous areas, breaking out was indeed not difficult for the elites of the Military Department.

"Brother Yang, what do we do next?" Hu Lizhong asked again.

Upon hearing this, Yang Fei's eyes sparkled, he turned to look in the direction of Yunwu Mountain and slowly said, "Old Hu, we've built this experimental base with so much effort, are you willing to just let someone else take it over like this?"

Hu Lizhong's heart thumped wildly, startled he said, "Brother Yang, what are you thinking of doing?"

Yang Fei turned to look into his eyes: "Old Hu, I'm just asking you, are you willing?"

Hu Lizhong's heart pounded uncontrollably, instinctively wanting to refuse, yet for some reason, his blood boiled and his long-lost passion filled his entire body.

"Yes... it's pretty disgraceful."

Yang Fei patted his shoulder, "If you're not content, then let's do something about it. I, Yang Fei, have never been schemed against like this. Those old bastards from the Zhuge family, the things I leave behind are not for them to enjoy!"

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Although he didn't know why he felt so impassioned by Yang Fei's words, Hu Lizhong, after all, was over forty and relatively steady by nature.

He tried to calm himself and reminded Yang Fei, "Brother Yang, the base at Yunwu Mountain is heavily guarded now, and we don't know how many experts are inside, let alone the possibility of numerous strong individuals from the Hidden Sect. You've just recovered from serious injuries, so is it really a good idea for us to go back there now?"

Yang Fei gave him a look and nodded, "Yes, Old Hu, just wait here outside, and act according to the situation. I'll go alone."

Hu Lizhong immediately said, "Brother Yang, that's not what I meant. If you insist on going, how can I, Hu Lizhong, not accompany you? I'll follow you to the death. I'm just reminding you that it might be very dangerous there right now. And your injuries..."

Yang Fei interrupted, "I've completely healed."

"What? How?" Hu Lizhong was dumbfounded.

Although he could feel the strong aura emanating from Yang Fei and knew that this guy was a freak, recovering to this extent in such a short time was simply abnormal.

But he never expected Yang Fei to have already fully recovered.

Is he even human?

"Moreover, based on what you said earlier, that Old Zhuge didn't make a move to stop Qin Yanyang and the others when they left, which is enough to show that the old bastard has suffered huge losses, even

possibly injuring his foundation and lacking the strength to stop you. As long as he can no longer activate the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array... No, even if he can activate it, as long as it can't exert its strongest power, it's only advantageous and not disadvantageous for me," Yang Fei said with a glint in his eye.

Hu Lizhong felt a surge of fear as he listened, but at the same time, he was also infected by Yang Fei's strong fighting spirit and confidence, gaining a bit more faith.

Yet, he couldn't help but remind him, "I'm just worried that other experts from the Hidden Sect might arrive one after another."

"Then we'll act according to the situation. Anyway, I'm not willing to just make a bridal gown for someone else, nor am I willing to be chased away in such a sorry state," Yang Fei huffed.

Seeing that he was set on returning, Hu Lizhong gritted his teeth and resolutely said, "Fine, since Brother Yang wants to go, then I, Old Hu, will join you in this madness."

Yang Fei shot out like a bolt of lightning towards Yunwu Mountain, and Hu Lizhong immediately followed.

Hu Lizhong was not a man of indecision. Having decided to follow, and being in the same boat now, he was determined to work together and give it his all.

Around Yunwu Mountain, the army brought by Chu Que had the place tightly surrounded, with all guard posts under strict scrutiny and manned entirely by people from the Central Battle Zone.

Inside the valley, within a meeting room with closed doors, Chu Que and Chu Tianshu, among others, were being scolded by Zhuge Cang until their heads hung low.

"Useless, all of you are useless, a bunch of defeated soldiers couldn't even stop them, letting the enemy break through and escape from right under your noses, what are you good for? Huh? Didn't you confidently claim you could wrap them up like dumplings and suppress them all? Even if you couldn't capture them alive, then kill them all, is killing that difficult?" Zhuge Cang paced back and forth, sitting and standing uneasily while bellowing.

He was genuinely furious.

A mere mortal world martial artist squad had actually broken through the siege of a large army, where, crucially, many Innate Realm experts from the Hidden Sect were included.

The joint forces of over a dozen Innate Realm experts and a modernized regular army had been so easily penetrated by the enemy with heavy casualties. If this got out, it would be utterly laughable.

Chu Que and Chu Tianshu kept their heads low, not even daring to breathe too loudly.

Especially Chu Tianshu, his legs trembling slightly, deeply fearing that the old monster from the Hidden Sect would suddenly go mad and start killing them.

Chu Que was slightly better off, he hadn't witnessed Zhuge Cang controlling the Five Elements Thousand Mechanism Array in its awesome display, and by now, he was already quite annoyed by the old man's ranting.

What a bunch of rubbish.

You said that not a single person inside Yunwu Mountain Valley would escape, didn't you?

And what happened? Apart from our own people, not a single enemy was left behind.

Although we let the Military Department's people break out, we at least caused them to lose dozens of personnel; even two Unique Tier combatants were seriously injured and captured.

Besides, no one expected Qin Yanyang to be here.

Thinking of how that woman, like a deity, conjured a tornado out of nowhere, Chu Que felt a shiver down his spine.

Although they were enemies, Chu Que still deep down admired that girl.

Too strong!

With the power of one person covering the retreat, he actually obliterated five of the enemy's helicopters on his own, eventually forcing them to order the remaining helicopters not to approach to minimize losses.

At that time, the woman, wielding an energy cannon and relying on her profound cultivation, took down the enemy's helicopters with deadly accuracy.

Her state was simply inhuman.

Faced with Zhuge Cang's furious scolding, everyone in the room hung their heads in shame, enduring the humiliation.

After a long tirade, Zhuge Cang seemed to be tired as well, waving his hand he said, "Go pursue them, we must catch up with that woman. The Six Changes Wood Box has been taken away; we must retrieve it."

Chu Que raised his head upon hearing this and said, "Elder, the Military Department is elite, their combat strength is formidable. Now that they have already fled, it's difficult for us regular soldiers to pursue them."

Zhuge Cang glanced at him, and Chu Que's heart chilled, feeling as if those deep and terrifying eyes could send him to meet his ancestors with a single look, so he quickly lowered his head again.

"Hmph, a bunch of useless trash!"

Zhuge Cang snorted again, his gaze turning to those present from the Hidden Sect who were at the Innate Realm, saying, "Let our people go after them, and make sure to bring back the Six Changes Wood Box. Also, check if Yang Fei is dead. If he's not, bring him back alive—he is of great use."



Using Thunder Power to strike was a last resort; if he couldn't suppress them, he'd be the one in danger.

Now that the situation was under control, if the kid wasn't dead, he needed to be captured as he had, after all, penetrated the Ancient Rune.

"Yes," those few men from the Hidden Sect at the Innate Realm nodded simultaneously and left.

Chu Que and Chu Tianshu were also planning to leave but heard Zhuge Cang saying, "I need a large quantity of high-quality jade. This array has been damaged and needs to be repaired."

Chu Que quickly nodded, "Rest assured, elder, we will have it delivered promptly."

"Dismissed," Zhuge Cang waved his hand.

Chu Que and Chu Tianshu secretly breathed a sigh of relief and left.

Once outside, after walking a considerable distance, Chu Que straightened his back, unable to resist saying, "It worked, I didn't expect it to be so easy."

Chu Tianshu also felt like it was a dream, but he still couldn't help asking for confirmation, "Has Imperial City been secured as well?"

Chu Que nodded, "Before we took action, Imperial City had already made a move, and the situation has been stabilized."

Chu Tianshu took a deep breath in disbelief, "This easy?"

The excitement on Chu Que's face faded slightly as he looked back at Zhuge Cang's meditation room and whispered, "These people are too terrifying."

Chu Tianshu silently nodded.

Truly worthy of being from the Hidden Sect.

Originally, by sealing off the passageway in Death Valley, they thought the Hidden Sect World would be isolated from the outside, but they never expected it to be impossible to contain.

These individuals emerged from who knows where, and so many appeared at once, silently mingling with the many forces of Imperial City, quietly shifting many people's allegiances.

This operation was executed with decisive, lightning-swift action that quickly took control of the situation.

When faced with the mysterious and formidable Hidden Sect forces, the worldly powers were truly unable to resist, incapable of contending.

The only regret was failing to capture Qin Yanyang and Yang Fei.

Furthermore, it was said that there had been some complications on the Imperial City side.

Qin Huai'an narrowly escaped with severe injuries.

This stabilizer of the Qin Family fought valiantly, bathed in blood against five opponents of the same realm, managing to slay two and severely wound another before fleeing injured.