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Mansion and relaxed a bit.



"Nothing much, just wanted to see for myself if you could pass the assessment and obtain the inheritance." The voice of the Spirit of the Cave Mansion was calm, but her gaze inspected Lin Chen with interest. Zhao Yijing and the others grew more curious, wondering what Lin Chen had done to garner such interest from her. The disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect who followed behind Lin Chen, however, looked at him with a different gaze. After all, there was a joke within the Jade Cauldron Sect that Lin Chen had relied on favors and backdoors to enter Jade Bird Peak and become a True Disciple. Now with the scene of the Spirit of the Cave Mansion, Lin Chen found it even more difficult to clear his name. However, Lin Chen didn't care about these rumors, instead focusing his attention on the Spirit of the Cave Mansion. "It seems like you really want me to become the inheritor of the Descension Cave Mansion. Whisper to me, what should I do to increase my chances of obtaining the inheritance?" "Seeing as how we are so familiar with each other, it wouldn't really matter if you tell me."

"Look, you've been waiting here for a hundred thousand years, who knows when this ruin might collapse due to the depletion of energy, and the heritage inside will never see the light of day again, right?"

Lin Chen leaned closely beside the girl and spoke slowly, trying to persuade her.

Upon hearing this, the girl shook her head.

"We do indeed share a fate, but even if I truly wished to help you, my hands are tied. For all the assessments, my master had already set everything in place when he created this ruin. Although I possess the consciousness of this place, it is not something I can change."

"However, what I can tell you is that the more puppets you slay inside this Cave Mansion, the better."

The girl in white smiled faintly.

Hearing this, Lin Chen and Zhao Yijing exchanged glances, no longer lingering outside and headed towards the inside of the Cave Mansion, followed closely by the girl in white.

After passing through the entrance of the Cave Mansion, the scene inside immediately dumbfounded Lin Chen and his companions.

They saw all the martial artists standing in a hall, not acting rashly as they looked at the hall before them.

It was because those who had already entered the hall were currently battling with a group of stone puppets, and each person faced nine puppets.

At this moment, the martial artist who was battling the stone puppets was a disciple of the Sword Qi Sect with an Eighth Layer Melding Earth Realm Cultivation.

After a bout of combat, the warrior was panting and seemed to be no match for those stone puppets. Each one of the puppets possessed cultivation of the Eighth Layer Melding Earth Realm, which meant the martial artist was essentially fighting against nine opponents of the same cultivation level—a scenario that obviously made victory very difficult.

"Damn it," I've finally made it this far, how can I give up now? I refuse to believe that a bunch of puppets without spiritual wisdom can defeat me."

The man roared and immediately tried to use a powerful martial arts skill to fight the puppets to the death. However, three puppets suddenly appeared behind him and attacked.
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A stone giant sword pierced through the man's body, and his pupils dilated as he died, filled with unwillingness.
"Ah, what a waste."
The surrounding warriors lamented for him, but they knew that this man's fate might soon be their own.
"These stone puppets are even stronger than the ones at the Stone Pillar Plaza!"
"Moreover, they don't just counterattack when hit, they take the initiative to strike and also collaborate with each other. Earlier, six puppets drew his attention to the front while the three managed to sneak up behind him, landing a fatal blow."
"These puppets are no simple matter."
Lin Chen frowned and began to analyze.
Zhao Yijing and the others nodded in agreement, yet they were confident about defeating those puppets.
After the disciple of the Sword Qi Sect was slain by the stone puppets, another disciple from the Lean Mountain Sect vaulted into the air and charged at the stone puppets.
Others turned their attention back to the battle.

"Once someone enters this hall, they trigger those stone puppets. However, it seems that only one person can enter the hall at a time, while the rest must stay on the outside."

Lin Chen remarked and clapped his hands, striking an invisible barrier indeed, as soon as someone entered the hall, a light barrier would appear, isolating the interior from the outside world.

"That's right, this is one of the ways this cave mansion selects its inheritors. As I mentioned before, if you want to become the inheritor of the legacy, you have to kill as many of these stone puppets as possible by any means necessary."

"They are Yuan Soldier Puppets, possessing all the abilities of those at the Stone Pillar Plaza, and in addition, they contain a large amount of pure Spiritual Power within them. By slaying them, you can directly absorb their Spiritual Power to increase your own."

The girl in white explained to Lin Chen and the rest.

As she finished speaking, the Lean Mountain Sect disciple, wielding a giant hammer, smashed the last Yuan Soldier Puppet into pieces, and then the onlookers saw nine streams of Spiritual Light enter the Lean Mountain Sect man's body.

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After the nine streams of Spiritual Light entered his body, the man suddenly erupted with a powerful aura, and his Cultivation, which was originally at the Eighth Layer of the Melding Earth Realm, had actually risen to the Ninth Layer of the Melding Earth Realm.

"What!?"

Everyone present, including Lin Chen and Zhao Yijing, was visibly shaken and utterly astonished.

Everyone knew that the further one progressed in cultivation, the more difficult it was to advance.

From the Eighth Layer to the Ninth Layer of the Melding Earth Realm, even a slightly skilled martial artist would need at least several months' time, yet now this man had simply slain nine Yuan Soldier Puppets, and his cultivation had increased.

"Continue the test? Or give up?!"