

## Supreme MK 501

### Chapter 501 Seventeenth Floor\_1

Before Yang Chen made a move, these Sand Soldiers attacked first.

Unfortunately, these thirteen Sand Soldiers, which once left Yang Chen with no choice, were no longer able to pose any threat to him at this stage. Yang Chen's strength had increased to the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm. Although it was just a small realm's improvement, his strength increased considerably.

Even if the strength of these thirteen Sand Soldiers had also improved due to his increased cultivation level, it would still be of no use.

In an instant, the thunder rumbled in the space, accompanied by the crackling sound of lightning. The layers of lightning were much thicker than what Yang Chen once wielded. This was all thanks to Yang Chen reaching the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm.

Just in the blink of an eye, the entire thirteenth floor was filled with thunder and lightning.

These lightning strikes attacked one after another, relentlessly tearing apart the thirteen Sand Soldiers. In cooperation with the Forbidden Purple Dragon Spear, in just about a cup of tea's time...

By the time he regained his senses, all thirteen Sand Soldiers had turned into piles of sand without exception!

Yang Chen successfully cleared the thirteenth floor.

When the thirteenth floor was passed, the surrounding desert disappeared, and Yang Chen began to absorb the unique reward of the Trial Tower, the 'Creation Divine Aura'.

This was also the reason why Yang Chen was so eager to challenge the Trial Tower and why he had not stepped into the Yuan Martial Realm.

This Creation Divine Aura, unlike ordinary items, was something that could directly increase the martial artist's Martial Arts Cultivation. This kind of enhancement could even ignore the bottleneck of the realm. Otherwise, how could it be worthy of the word 'creation'? Even if it was just an imitation, its enhancement to a martial artist was immeasurable.

Moreover, the Creation Divine Aura had an advantage, that it would not overflow.

Similarly, the accumulation of Half-step Yuan Martial Realm to Yuan Martial Realm would also not overflow.

It is because the improvement from Half-step Yuan Martial Realm to Yuan Martial Realm is an elevation in True Qi. In simple terms, Yang Chen has already stepped half of his foot into the Yuan Martial Realm. He only needs to take another half-step to reach the Yuan Martial Realm.

He didn't need to hurry for this half-step.

Just like now...

Yang Chen quickly refined the Creation Divine Aura rewarded from the thirteenth floor. With his current foundation, he could enter the Yuan Martial Realm at any time.

However, Yang Chen was in no hurry.

He challenged each floor and absorbed each layer of the Creation Divine Aura, which would not overflow.

In this way, if he accumulated and refined enough Creation Divine Auras, he could even directly breakthrough to the Yuan Martial Realm Second Layer, or even the Third Layer upon breaking through the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm.

This was his goal.

With this in mind, he naturally didn't feel rushed.

Thus, Yang Chen arrived at the 14th floor.

Outside the Trial Tower...

"The light on the thirteenth floor has gone out, and the light on the fourteenth floor has come on. Yang Chen has passed the fourteenth floor!"

"The fourteenth floor!"

"I wonder if Yang Chen can pass the fourteenth floor."

Murmurs arose again.

Steward Xu stood with his hands behind his back, watching Yang Chen pass the thirteenth floor and arrive at the fourteenth floor, his heart not at peace. According to his understanding of the Trial Tower, Yang Chen's speed should make him reckless. But thinking back to Yang Chen's previous actions, he didn't think Yang Chen was a reckless person.

"How many floors can this kid pass? Although he didn't say how many floors he could pass this time, the confidence he exudes makes me more uneasy than before." Steward Xu frowned, feeling that Yang Chen might do something surprising this time.

"Huh?"

Just as Steward Xu was lost in thought, suddenly, the light on the fourteenth floor went out.

Immediately afterwards, the light on the fifteenth floor lit up – Yang Chen had actually passed the fourteenth floor and reached the fifteenth floor.

This made the geniuses of Beishan Main City, who were claiming that Yang Chen could not pass the fifteenth floor, increasingly nervous. Although they said aloud that Yang Chen could not pass the fifteenth floor, they had no idea how this demon would clear it.

Now, the incredibly difficult levels of the thirteenth and fourteenth floors had hardly affected Yang Chen at all.

What about the fifteenth floor?

“I don’t know what the fifteenth floor will be like for Yang Chen.”

“Hmph, don’t worry, Yang Chen won’t be able to pass the fifteenth floor. Have you forgotten? The fifteenth floor is a watershed. No matter what happened before, the difficulty of the fifteenth floor...”

The words of this talented person hadn’t yet fallen.

Suddenly, the light on the fifteenth floor went out.

Everyone was silent for about two or three breaths before the light on the sixteenth floor gradually lit up!

Indeed, the sixteenth floor light was lit, and those who had guaranteed that Yang Chen could never pass the fifteenth floor could not help but close their mouths.

Indeed, the fifteenth floor posed a real challenge to Yang Chen. At least in the fifteenth floor, he was forced to use his Demonic Fire. This was something that had not troubled him on the thirteenth and fourteenth floors.

“At the moment, it seems that the sixteenth floor is even more difficult – the Combined Attack Formation is powerful... Tsk, if I don’t use Starfire, I can still pass the sixteenth floor, but it would waste a lot of time. It’s not worthwhile for me. There is no need to waste this time.” Yang Chen thought to himself.

Just when this thought fell, he beckoned, and suddenly, the Starfire appeared.

With the two flames going together and the Thunderbolt Style combined with Yang Chen's current strength, the desert was left in shambles after a hundred breaths. This was an effect that never appeared on the thirteenth and fourteenth floor.

As the last Sand Soldier turned into a mound of sand, the entire desert gradually disappeared, replaced by the space of the sixteenth floor and the large amount of Creation Divine Aura that emerged.

"The Creation Divine Aura awarded after passing the sixteenth floor is so plentiful, much more than the fifteenth floor. Combined with the Creation Divine Auras given by the previous floors, after refining them, I'm confident that I can directly break through to the Second Layer of Yuan Martial Realm in one go," Yang Chen revealed a smile.

He had been accumulating for such a long time without entering the Yuan Martial Realm.

In this way, Yang Chen paused for a while before proceeding, moving from the sixteenth floor to the seventeenth floor!

At that moment, the scene was in an uproar.

"The seventeenth floor, it's the seventeenth floor!"

"This!"

No one could not be surprised.

It was because, apart from Huang Taiji and Yun Han Dao, no one in the history of Beishan Main City had ever passed the seventeenth floor. And now, Yang Chen had arrived at the seventeenth floor. If Yang Chen completed the great challenge of the seventeenth floor, he would rank as the fourth in history!

The title of the fourth in the Trial Tower was already a remarkable number.

It was unknown whether it was because of the high number of floors Yang Chen had passed or not, but more people gathered outside the Trial Tower. The crowd swarmed around, all looking at the top of the Trial Tower, curious whether Yang Chen could pass the seventeenth floor.

Chapter 502 Looking Up\_1

“It’s been so many years since someone reached the seventeenth floor.” Steward Xu looked at the light of the seventeenth floor with surprise in his eyes.

For Beishan Main City, the seventeenth floor was an unattainable achievement. Besides Huang Taiji, who had appeared long ago, and Yun Han Dao, who reached the seventeenth floor and stopped at the eighteenth floor, very few people had reached the seventeenth floor.

Even those who reached the seventeenth floor mostly ended in failure!

And now, Yang Chen had reached the seventeenth floor!

Steward Xu had a sudden bad feeling in his heart: “So many geniuses in Beishan Main City have stopped at the seventeenth floor. I hope this kid has already used up most of his True Qi and eventually stops at the seventeenth floor.”

At this moment, the person who had claimed that Yang Chen would never pass the fifteenth floor no matter what had already shut his mouth.

Quiet.

Many people didn’t know how to discuss the current situation.

More so, they just stared at the change in the number of floors of the Trial Tower. Many people had been completely convinced by Yang Chen. If Yang Chen was just a genius, they might be unconvinced, but faced with a demon – what reason did they have not to be convinced?

The gap between them and Yang Chen was too great.

At the same time, Yang Chen and the Sand Soldiers of the seventeenth floor had also entered the battle.

“Goodness, the difficulty of the Sand Soldiers on the seventeenth floor has increased much more than the sixteenth floor. It seems that after the fifteenth floor, it’s an uphill battle.” Yang Chen murmured to himself.

These seventeen Sand Soldiers surrounded him. Their sand spears kept poking him, forcing him to retreat and dodge.

He was very clear that the more Sand Soldiers there were, the more difficult they were to deal with. However, when he faced the seventeen Sand Soldiers, he still felt somewhat daunted. There was no way around it – the Combined Attack Formation was more valuable the more people there were in it.

For example, a Combined Attack Formation used by six people would be worth several million Spirit Stones, which many powerful warriors could accept. But if it were a Combined Attack Formation with ten people, the price of those several million Spirit Stones would rise tenfold or even a hundredfold.

The more people there were, the more valuable the Combined Attack Formation would be.

Similarly, a Combined Attack Formation that could withstand a large number of people would also be more powerful. As the Trial Tower was created by the Imperial Dynasty, it naturally did not lack this kind of thing. The Combined Attack Formation of seventeen people, when used with these Sand Soldiers, was incredibly powerful and could sweep their peers.

Realizing this, Yang Chen said quietly: “The Combined Attack Formation used by these seventeen Sand Soldiers is indeed not to be underestimated. But it’s still far from what I’ve encountered before, like the Seven-colored Peacock and the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey. If I can defeat the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey and the Seven-colored Peacock, why would I be afraid of a few of you?”

No one could understand the true intent of the Tiandu Emperor’s Thousand Year Treasure.

However, Yang Chen could understand.

What was the real intention of the Tiandu Emperor to create the Thousand Year Treasure?

He wanted to tell the martial artists of later generations not to be proud, as they were still far behind their peers among other Demonic Beasts.

Could these Sand Soldiers using the Combined Attack Formation be invincible when they ran rampant among the Demonic Beasts?

Obviously not.

In that case, Yang Chen had no reason to fail.

The Trial Tower was just something he had to break through now. When he inherited the Tiandu Emperor's Divine Country, his vision was no longer as shallow as that of ordinary martial artists. His vision was more far-reaching!

"These seventeen Sand Soldiers are indeed somewhat difficult to deal with, and they have prohibition blessings, making them extremely flexible. My Starfire and Demonic Fire can't capture them; I can barely protect myself. In that case, let's try this..." Yang Chen waved his hand.

In an instant, a nail appeared in his hand.

This nail was none other than the God Piercing Nail.

At this moment, the God Piercing Nail was the best thing for him.

These Sand Soldiers relied heavily on their numbers and the Combined Attack Formation, making them very powerful in defense. Even Yang Chen's unparalleled Starfire couldn't guarantee to corrode them completely. So, completely destroying these Sand Soldiers at once was not an easy task.

Therefore, the only approach was to break them one by one.

When it came to breaking through one by one, nothing was more useful than the God Piercing Nail.

The only drawback was that the God Piercing Nail was a damaged Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure.

With this thought in mind, Yang Chen began to size up the dozens of Sand Soldiers while holding the God Piercing Nail: "These Sand Soldiers are clever and resourceful because they have prohibition blessings. The God Piercing Nail may not guarantee a perfect success rate, so I need to be careful and use Starfire and Demonic Fire to create some gaps first!"

He had learned his lesson.

If it was the early floors, that'd be fine, but at these high levels, treating these Sand Soldiers as completely unintelligent beings would be a big mistake.

Yang Chen was fully focused at this time, knowing that at this stage of the seventeenth floor, even the slightest difference in focus could lead to failure.

As he pondered this, Starfire and Demonic Fire were unleashed simultaneously, directly surrounding the seventeen Sand Soldiers and fully attracting their attention.

Seeing this, Yang Chen knew it was time to take action!

His finger moved slightly, and the God Piercing Nail shot out.

In an instant, a flash of starlight passed by. When they came to their senses, a Sand Soldier's head had been pierced through. Then, it turned into a pile of sand and merged with the desert.

"One down." Yang Chen grinned.

With the first one eliminated, the remaining sixteen could be dealt with slowly. After all, once the Combined Attack Formation was broken, the deterrent power of these Sand Soldiers would be much weaker compared to the beginning.

In this way, time passed, and in about the time it took for a meal, the sixteen Sand Soldiers were wiped out by Yang Chen. As the surrounding environment changed, waves of Creation Divine Aura emerged, and Yang Chen began to absorb this Divine Aura into his body.

When the absorption and refining of the Creation Divine Aura was completed, Yang Chen slowly stood up and entered the eighteenth floor.

As he entered the eighteenth floor, the light outside the Trial Tower also changed.

The light of the eighteenth floor was so dazzling!

For a moment, the whole scene outside boiled!

At the beginning, everyone was silent, just watching. But now, they were boiling with excitement because they had witnessed an incredible arrival. This incredible existence was Yang Chen, who, after so many years, had broken through the seventeenth floor of the Trial Tower and arrived at the eighteenth floor!

Chapter 503: Shocking the Entire City\_1

“Yang Chen merely reached the eighteenth floor, just like Senior Brother Huang Taiji, and even passed it. There’s nothing for Yang Chen to feel superior about in front of us in Beishan Main City.” A genius who was very unhappy with Yang Chen spoke coldly.

If it had been in the past, when someone expressed disdain for Yang Chen, perhaps others would have echoed the sentiment, feeling that the person had a point.

But now...

Is there something wrong with this person’s brain?

“When has Yang Chen ever been superior in front of us in Beishan Main City?”

“Senior Brother Huang Taiji is a figure from who knows how many years ago, Yang Chen is at least much stronger than this generation of our Beishan Main City.”

“Being strong is just being strong. When we face a genius who is better than ourselves, we must be humble in order to make progress.”

“If we don’t know how to be humble and admit that others are stronger than us, then we will always be the same as we are now. I’ve decided that from now on, I will work harder and strive more than ever. Even if I can’t surpass Yang Chen, I still need to get closer to him.”

Many geniuses have self-esteem and ambition. This self-esteem and ambition made them envious when they saw Yang Chen’s talent at first. That suppressed envy made them wish to compete with Yang Chen and see who was better.

At that time, everyone didn’t think they were weaker than Yang Chen, so they naturally didn’t recognize their own problems.

However, now when they face Yang Chen, that sense of powerlessness makes them very clear that they have lost. They need to seriously find the reasons within themselves. Even if they can’t ultimately surpass Yang Chen, they still need to prove that they are ambitious.

Of course, there are indeed some who still hold prejudices against Yang Chen, but most of these people are just some incompetent individuals with messed up brains.

After all, Yang Chen had never competed with the geniuses of Beishan Main City.

As these geniuses were discussing, Yang Chen’s achievement of reaching the eighteenth floor and passing the seventeenth floor quickly caused a sensation in Beishan Main City.

Steward Xu couldn’t help but transmit a message to the higher-ups of Beishan Main City. In an instant, those high-ranking individuals came one after another!

“It’s Mo Zhi Jiao!”

“Mo Zhi Jiao is here!”

These geniuses looked up at the sky, and an elder leading a group of people, both old and young, arrived in front of the Trial Tower.

“Teacher-in-charge, sir.” Steward Xu looked at the elder in the lead and respectfully said.

This elder was none other than Mo Zhi Jiao, one of the three giants of Beishan Main City, on par with Han Lingling’s father, Han Tianying.

At this moment, he led many high-ranking officials of the Beishan Main City here, indicating that Yang Chen’s achievements have completely shocked the entire Beishan Main City.

“This...”

“Indeed, it’s the eighteenth floor, Teacher-in-charge, this Yang Chen!”

“This Yang Chen is too demonic, he reached the eighteenth floor in one breath!”

The high-ranking officials of Beishan Main City looked at the situation of the eighteenth floor and discussed, each with their own opinion.

Mo Zhi Jiao had his hands behind his back, looking at the eighteenth floor light lit up in the Trial Tower, sighed deeply, and said coldly: “You all made a very good decision back then, thinking that Yang Chen’s background was not impressive, and suspecting his talent. You never thought that letting Yang Chen join our Beishan Main City was a correct choice. Yes, your choices were all very correct.”

Mo Zhi Jiao’s face turned red as he looked at the high-ranking officials behind him.

Back when Yang Chen had emerged in the Genius Selection Competition, many high-ranking officials suggested to win him over.

Unfortunately, what was the approach of most high-ranking officials?

Rejection, they did not want Yang Chen to join Beishan Main City.

It was only because of Yang Chen's talent issues, but later on? Yang Chen had demonstrated his Innate Divine Body, but when they tried to win him over again, it was already too late. Yang Chen was a genius, and geniuses all have their own temperaments.

"Teacher-in-charge, I think the biggest mistake on the issue of Yang Chen is not that we didn't win him over, but that after failing to win him over, we ended up offending him. When Yang Chen came to challenge the Trial Tower last time, our Beishan Main City targeted him quite a bit." After saying this, Steward Xu glanced at someone nearby and said, "Xiao Deacon, do you think there is any problem with what I said?"

Upon hearing Steward Xu's words, Xiao Deacon's face immediately turned red, and he said angrily, "Steward Xu, what do you mean by that? This Yang Chen is not from our Beishan Main City, what's wrong with us targeting him?"

"Is your targeting meaningful?" Steward Xu said bluntly, "Who doesn't know that you targeted Yang Chen because your son was humiliated at that time?"

"You, you're slandering me!" Xiao Deacon was furious when his sore spot was touched.

Who was his son?

Xiao Yunfeng.

At that time, with the Treasure Furnace in his hand, Xiao Yunfeng was almost certain to win first place in the Alchemy Competition held in Beishan Main City. However, who would have known that Yang Chen

suddenly came out and snatched away the first place that Xiao Yunfeng had painstakingly planned for his son?

As a result, Xiao Yunfeng had always vehemently opposed Yang Chen joining the Beishan Main City.

He had worked so hard to cultivate his son into the Alchemy Genius of Beishan Main City. If Yang Chen joined, would there be any room left for his son?

It was with this mentality that he always feared that Yang Chen would perform too well and be noticed by Beishan Main City's competent forces, who would then wholeheartedly try to win him over.

But he wouldn't admit to that, and when Steward Xu provoked him like this, he angrily turned his head and said, "Teacher-in-charge, this Steward Xu is obviously slandering me. I don't think there's anything wrong with what I did. Teacher-in-charge, think about it, this Yang Chen is not from our Beishan Main City, why should we treat him nicely?"

"I think Xiao Deacon is right, Teacher-in-charge, we don't need to pay so much attention to this Yang Chen. Yang Chen didn't join our Beishan Main City at the beginning, which shows that he never really wanted to join Beishan Main City in the first place."

"This kid only sought for the petty benefits of being the Junior Sect Master of the Yuan Mountain Sect, and in the end, he was deceived by them. It shows that this child has an ordinary mindset. He has no long-term vision, so what's the use of having this kid?"

"Yeah, Teacher-in-charge, I think the other deacons are not wrong. Yang Chen merely passed the seventeenth floor."

For a time, the deacons who had always vigorously opposed Yang Chen joining the Yuan Mountain Sect stood up one after another, speaking as if they were giving heartfelt advice.

Hearing so many people supporting him, Xiao Deacon's confidence grew stronger, and when he looked at Steward Xu, his expression was filled with a taste of triumph.

Chapter 504: Regret!\_1

Steward Xu trembled with anger, but there was nothing he could do. Steward Xiao had many friends and followers, making it impossible for him to argue against him. He could only swallow his anger and let Steward Xiao act arrogantly.

As Steward Xiao was about to continue pressing his advantage, Mo Zhi Jiao suddenly released his Qi and snorted coldly.

As Mo Zhi Jiao's powerful Martial Arts Cultivation spread out, the surrounding deacons couldn't help but shudder. It wasn't because of anything else, but the fact that Mo Zhi Jiao's Cultivation was much stronger than theirs, who had only just entered the True Martial Realm.

Mo Zhi Jiao, with his hands behind his back, coldly glanced over these deacons and said in a cold voice, "Heh, good, very good. The seventeenth floor, it's just the seventeenth floor. Minister Fang, you really think it's easy to accomplish. Why don't you let your disciples try and see if any of them can pass the seventeenth floor?"

Hearing this, Minister Fang trembled and didn't know what to say. He had just been talking big and hadn't thought too much about it. He just assumed Yang Chen passing the seventeenth floor was no big deal. But now that he thought about it carefully, where in Beishan Main City was there anyone who could pass the seventeenth floor?

Not to mention the seventeenth floor, the best of this generation, like Shao Ming and the others, could only barely reach the fifteenth floor.

Mo Zhi Jiao became angrier the more he thought about it. He couldn't hold it in any longer. "You say there's no need for Yang Chen? Fine, you find someone stronger than him. Yang Chen has reached the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm at such a young age. You find someone better than him. Yang Chen has passed the seventeenth floor, you find someone to do it!"

In the past, these deacons were the backbone of Beishan Main City, and he couldn't criticize them directly.

But now, he couldn't stand it anymore.

Why is Yang Chen being targeted again and again?

It's because Yang Chen is simply too outstanding.

As a teacher in charge, how could he not know the twisted thoughts of these deacons?

In the hands of these deacons were their family members, and some direct disciples. They all cared very much about the distribution of their own benefits. Once another genius appeared, it was likely that they would fight for the benefits in their hands.

This made them quite willing to accept some mediocre geniuses. But when faced with an exceptional genius like Yang Chen, their acceptance from the high-levels would probably not be as high as before and they might even actively resist.

At first, Mo Zhi Jiao hadn't thought much of it because Yang Chen's performance hadn't reached the level where he needed to step in and recruit him.

But now...

He regretted it.

Just as Mo Zhi Jiao was regretting it, the Trial Tower suddenly shone with another dazzling light.

This light emerged from the eighteenth floor and directly converged on the nineteenth floor.

This indicated that Yang Chen had passed the eighteenth floor.

Dead silence.

It seemed that even the sound of a pin dropping could be heard clearly.

Yang Chen had passed the eighteenth floor and entered the nineteenth, leaving people with a shocking feeling. They were so shocked that they didn't know what words to use to describe everything that was happening now or the achievements that Yang Chen had obtained. At the very least, Yang Chen had achieved everything that Beishan Main City's most outstanding genius in history, Huang Taiji, had accomplished.

"He's on the nineteenth floor now."

"Yang Chen has entered the nineteenth floor; he completed the eighteenth floor!"

"This..."

Mo Zhi Jiao could keep calm before, but now that Yang Chen had actually passed the eighteenth floor, he couldn't sit still. He roared, "Is that what you said is not worth the effort to recruit? He passed the eighteenth floor, and it's not worth the effort to recruit him? Well, Steward Xiao, Steward Fang, shouldn't you also say that it's only the eighteenth floor after all?"

Seeing Mo Zhi Jiao's rage, Steward Xiao and Steward Fang didn't dare to say anything anymore.

At this point, they didn't just not dare to speak up, but they also had nothing to say.

If they still looked down on the eighteenth floor at this point, then throughout the history of Beishan Main City, only Huang Taiji had passed the eighteenth floor!

Seeing Mo Zhi Jiao so angry, Steward Xiao had no choice but to step up with a bitter expression, "Teacher-in-charge, this Yang Chen is so powerful, so demonic... In my opinion, he cannot stay."

Hearing Steward Xiao's words, Steward Xu sneered, and Mo Zhi Jiao became even angrier, shouting, "What, you mean to kill him?"

"I think that would be best. If Yang Chen is allowed to develop freely, it will be a disaster for our Beishan Main City," Steward Xiao said.

“Disaster? You... How stupid is your head?” Mo Zhi Jiao couldn’t help but swear, “Even if Yang Chen is allowed to develop well, what do you think he would do to our Beishan Main City? Don’t you know whether our Beishan Main City’s position as the number one seat in North Mountain County is stable or not? No matter how strong Yang Chen becomes, can he dare to destroy our Beishan Main City?”

No one would dare do that, because their Beishan Main City was an Imperial Power.

Some people dared to suppress the main city forces, but absolutely no one dared to annihilate them.

“This...” Steward Xiao was left speechless for a moment.

Mo Zhi Jiao yelled, “And kill him? Heh, you think Yuanshan Sect is stupid? Do you think you can kill him? Aren’t you afraid that Yuanshan Sect will fight you to the death? At that time, do you say it was Steward Xiao who killed him? Or was it Steward Fang who killed him? Huh? If anyone is willing to stand up and be the scapegoat, I can kill Yang Chen any time!”

Hearing this, Steward Xiao and the other deacons dared not speak up.

Mo Zhi Jiao coldly swept his gaze over them, “Now, Yang Chen can only be befriended and not offended. Also, Steward Xiao, Steward Fang, both of you will have half of your monthly income cut. Don’t ask me why. Weren’t you two very arrogant just now?!”

“Teacher-in-charge, this can’t happen, please reconsider!”

“Yes, teacher-in-charge. This is absolutely unacceptable.”

Steward Xiao and Steward Fang were both completely alarmed.

They never thought that their punishment for targeting Yang Chen, a young boy, would anger Mo Zhi Jiao to the point of cutting their monthly income in half. This concerned their interests, and wasn’t protecting these interests the main reason they targeted Yang Chen in the first place?

For a moment, both Steward Xiao and Steward Fang felt like their hearts were bleeding.

It's like the saying goes, the chosen bird gets shot. Mo Zhi Jiao had completely used them as scapegoats.

Now they regretted it. If they had known it would come to this, why would they have targeted Yang Chen in the first place?

Why not just let him enter Beishan Main City?

Chapter 505 Star Sea God Array\_1

After the discussion, there were deep speculations in everyone's hearts. Many people didn't know about Yang Chen's achievements on the nineteenth floor, nor if he could make it through that floor.

"Yang Chen shouldn't be able to get through the nineteenth floor, right? Back then, Huang Taiji, the genius demon of his generation, only reached the nineteenth floor. No matter how powerful Yang Chen is, can he be stronger and more demonic than Huang Taiji?"

"Yang Chen should stop at the nineteenth floor, right? If he goes any further, he will be on the twentieth floor."

Many people thought about this, each swallowing hard.

They didn't dare to think more about it.

Meanwhile, in the Trial Tower, on the nineteenth floor!

It was a mess.

There were only three or four Sand Soldiers left out of the original nineteen. Yang Chen had also gone from being unharmed at the beginning to slightly disheveled at this point.

Breaking through to the nineteenth floor and dealing with these Sand Soldiers, Yang Chen found it difficult to maintain his peak state. In the beginning, he hadn't expected these Sand Soldiers to be so formidable. While fighting them, he suffered considerable losses. Finally, with no other choice.

He threw out most of the Spirit Talismans he had refined himself, barely breaking the defensive formation made up of these Sand Soldiers' combined attacks. He then used the Thunderbolt Style and Dual Flames to defeat the Sand Soldiers one by one.

Although the Spirit Talismans he had refined were only of the lower-middle rank, there was a large quantity of them.

Combined with their sheer number, the explosive power was not to be underestimated. Even Yang Chen himself thought it was enough, but it still seemed extremely difficult to break through the Sand Soldiers' defense.

Anyway, they were defeated successfully. With the remaining four Sand Soldiers, Yang Chen made his move and destroyed them one by one.

Just like that, the desert of the nineteenth floor disappeared.

A magnificent transformative divine aura emerged.

Yang Chen refined it one by one, stepping into the twentieth floor.

Twentieth floor...

Shock could no longer describe the people outside the Trial Tower who were watching. Their eyes widened, and they stared at the flickering lights of the tower. When the lights finally switched from the nineteenth floor to the twentieth floor, these geniuses all closed their mouths.

Naturally, those who couldn't sit still were the high-level members of North Mountain Main City.

Nineteenth floor...

Yang Chen surpassed Huang Taiji and achieved a new height!

“Hehe!” Mo Zhijiao coldly looked at Xiao Steward and those deacons who had opposed Yang Chen joining North Mountain Main City. They seemed to be thinking about how to punish these deacons.

It’s a lie if they weren’t angry.

This genius should have belonged to their North Mountain Main City. The honor and achievements should have belonged to North Mountain Main City.

But now, Yang Chen had missed the chance to be with them and became a member of the Yuanshan Sect.

It was just a thin line between misjudgment and missed opportunity.

It was precisely because of this misjudgment that Yang Chen had refused North Mountain Main City, and all of this was due to the foolish actions of these deacons in the first place. After all, as the Deacon, the highest ruler of the North Mountain Main City, he didn’t care about recruitment.

Seeing the new heights Yang Chen had achieved, these deacons didn’t dare to speak anymore and obediently closed their mouths. In their hearts, they didn’t know what kind of demon Yang Chen was, as he had managed to break through the eighteenth floor in one breath and surpass the height that Huang Taiji had once created.

At the same time, Yang Chen seriously observed the twentieth floor. It was the highest level that could be reached under the Origin Martial Realm.

“So this is the twentieth floor. Even the environment has changed.” Yang Chen thought to himself.

After taking a look around, he observed the surrounding environment. This was not the desert like the previous floors. The twentieth floor was a barren land, dry, desolate, and lifeless. There was nothing there.

However, it was precisely when Yang Chen arrived that a gust of wind blew the cracked earth, breaking it apart. Then, the earth chunks were quickly crushed into sand, which completely transformed into Sand Soldiers.

Twenty Sand Soldiers appeared in the barren land.

Looking at the twenty Earth Sand Soldiers, Yang Chen couldn't help but speculate in his heart: "The environment has changed, and the appearance of the Sand Soldiers has also changed. I wonder how strong they are. I should test them out first."

With that thought, Yang Chen waved his hand, suddenly causing thunder and lightning to flash across. The crashing sounds rose, hitting the twenty Sand Soldiers. In an instant, the thunder and lightning became nothingness, and these Sand Soldiers remained unharmed, as if they hadn't even moved a bit.

Yang Chen blinked his eyes and couldn't help but laugh: "Although I can imagine these twenty Sand Soldiers forming an extraordinary defense, my full-force Thunderbolt Style should still shake these Sand Soldiers a bit. Who would have thought that these twenty Sand Soldiers from the twentieth floor are so powerful that they haven't even moved an inch!"

Just as he used the Thunderbolt Style, in an instant, the Sand Soldiers also took action!

Twenty Sand Soldiers attacked Yang Chen simultaneously.

Yang Chen knew very well that it was an idiotic choice to hold back when facing the Sand Soldiers of the twentieth floor.

In an instant, without saying a word, he directly used his Dual Flames, the Starfire combined with the Demonic Fire, each layer more powerful than the last. They directly swept towards the twenty Sand Soldiers.

However, just at the moment when the flames swept out, a loud bang shook the air, and the twenty Sand Soldiers attacked in unison. A blast wave emerged that seemed to be an invincible sword. It broke his Starfire and Demonic Fire with a swipe, charging straight at him.

Yang Chen was shocked: "What is this that can even break the Starfire?"

He couldn't say he wasn't astonished.

It was fine for the Demonic Fire, but Starfire could melt anything, even if there were things it couldn't corrode, it was still very difficult for it to be directly broken. But as soon as these twenty Sand Soldiers made their move, the blast wave flew by and his Starfire had completely dissipated.

Yang Chen couldn't help but think about the power this displayed.

"These twenty Sand Soldiers form a formation, and as soon as they attack, they bring layers of blast waves. It seems that this Combined Attack Formation is far more powerful than ordinary ones. Wait, I've never heard of such a powerful Combined Attack Formation before... If I get hit by this blast wave, even escaping will be impossible." Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh.

The previous floors were fine. If those Sand Soldiers hurt or defeated you, they wouldn't attack you again, and the Trial Tower would automatically determine that you had lost.

But the twentieth floor was different. It was a deadly battle.

If he were to be touched by even a single bit of the blast wave, no matter how extraordinary his constitution, he would be instantly killed.

Indeed, the twentieth floor was difficult.

"Wait, I remember now, this formation, the Star Sea God Array!" Suddenly, Yang Chen remembered.

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What is the Star Sea God Array?

This Star Sea God Array is an extremely powerful formation created by the ancient great powers during the Ancient Era. The minimum number of people required for this formation is twenty. Once twenty people join forces to deploy this formation, their True Qi can be completely combined by the formation, converging to a single point.

This combined True Qi forms a sharp sword-like blast wave, capable of breaking through anything and everything.

Yang Chen had only read about it in the ancient books, unable to determine the extent of its indestructibility, but now he knew.

At least his Starfire was broken through.

“The great powers of the ancient times were indeed extraordinary, creating such an amazing Star Sea God Array.” Yang Chen sighed, and at the same time, he felt the power of the Royal Family.

The Star Sea God Array had only appeared in ancient books, and its existence was still an unknown. However, the Royal Family actually possessed it and used it on these sand soldiers. With these twenty sand soldiers already posing a tough challenge, combined with the Star Sea God Array...

Yang Chen’s scalp tingled at the thought.

As soon as the twenty sand soldiers started attacking, there was no reason for them to stop. The blast wave surrounding them made it impossible for Yang Chen to approach and clashed with them directly.

“It seems like I’ll have to use some real skills.” Yang Chen thought to himself.

Without any hesitation, he used all the remaining spirit talismans from the nineteenth floor, as well as almost all the spirit talismans he had on him.

“Go!”

True Qi surged, and just activating these spirit talismans consumed a vast amount of Yang Chen’s True Qi.

As these spirit talismans transformed into a flame and dissipated in the air, the power within them was fully unleashed. Either flames, giant waves, lightning, or thunderbolt, they condensed into an infinitely powerful hurricane storm, engulfing the twenty sand soldiers.

The storm did not cease, and as Yang Chen watched from the side, he muttered to himself: “Although the power of these spirit talismans is extraordinary, these twenty sand soldiers are no ordinary opponents. I must have a backup plan. Otherwise, if I fail to break their defense and eliminate these sand soldiers, it will be difficult to win later.”

In an instant, Yang Chen’s palm began to gather power rapidly.

This power was none other than the power of the Sky Thunder.

Five Thunder Righteous Method!

Facts proved that Yang Chen’s idea was correct.

The power of the spirit talismans’ explosion was beyond Yang Chen’s imagination. However, after the explosion, it still failed to break the combined attack formation of the twenty sand soldiers. This caused Yang Chen’s scalp to tingle, and he felt relieved that his idea was right.

Breaking through the twentieth floor of this trial tower was not an easy task.

With that thought, he said in a low voice, “Fortunately, I still have a few important spirit talismans on hand. Let’s try them out on these fellows.”

“Volcano Spirit Talisman!”

Boom!

The volcano formed by the Demonic Fire fell from the sky and fiercely slammed down, aiming at the twenty sand soldiers.

When the volcano exploded, its power was naturally extraordinary, but it was not over yet. Yang Chen used another spirit talisman, surrounded by strong winds, it was one of the newly created spirit talismans, Dragon Wind Spiritual Talisman, of the same rank as the Volcano Spirit Talisman.

As the Dragon Wind Spiritual Talisman appeared, Yang Chen's hand swiftly waved, and powerful winds like blades rushed out from within the talisman.

These powerful winds were like sharp swords, dozens, hundreds, thousands of them, in just an instant...

"Break for me!" Yang Chen shouted.

The next moment, the unbreakable Star Sea God Array, controlled by the twenty sand soldiers, was violently shattered, the blast wave disappeared, and the twenty sand soldiers were swept away by the fierce wind.

Yang Chen sighed with relief when he saw this scene and smiled, "Although it was wise to hold back, summoning the power of the thunderbolt needed for the Five Thunder Righteous Method, it seems that the Five Thunder Righteous Method is no longer needed. Now that the Star Sea God Array is broken, there may be many sand soldiers, but they pose no threat to me."

Without the formation, the number of sand soldiers couldn't make a difference, as he could easily break them one by one, without needing the Five Thunder Righteous Method.

However, just as the thought came to him, an unexpected change occurred.

The twenty sand soldiers turned into sand piles at the moment the Star Sea God Array was broken...

And turning into sand piles didn't mean that these twenty sand soldiers were dead.

On the contrary, the sand piles quickly merged together to form an enormous sand soldier, the size of a small mountain. This sand soldier emitted a terrifying aura, and its armor symbolized a seemingly unbreakable defense, making people feel like they couldn't break through it.

"What is this?"

Yang Chen was dumbfounded, "What's going on?"

These sand soldiers actually merged together after the Star Sea God Array was broken?

And judging by the situation, their defense was even stronger?

Did that mean he had just done something useless?

Yang Chen couldn't help but smile bitterly. He looked at the enormous sand soldier and, taking advantage of the fact that it hadn't completely merged yet, launched an attack with his spear. The thunderbolt power condensed by his Forbidden Purple Dragon Spear rushed over and struck the chest of this gigantic sand soldier.

Then, the thunderbolt dissipated layer by layer, just like an egg hitting a rock, the egg shattered, but the rock remained unscathed.

That's right, the thunderbolt from Yang Chen's Thunderbolt Style was like an egg in the face of this defense.

Yang Chen widened his eyes, "Although I didn't use the full power of my Thunderbolt Style, the power was still considerable. But this... this defense is even stronger than before!"

Was this a joke?

Just moments ago, he had gone all out to deal with the Star Sea God Array of the twenty sand soldiers, and had used up most of the cards he had prepared. But now, after breaking the Star Sea God Array, the twenty sand soldiers merged together into a gigantic sand soldier with even stronger defense.

Feeling helpless, Yang Chen braced himself.

Because the gigantic sand soldier had completed its merging, it gripped its long spear and stabbed directly at him.

The tip of the spear was enormous, larger than a person, and as it pierced through the air, the howling gale that accompanied it was capable of lifting even a person into the air, proving its unquestionable power.

Although Yang Chen dodged it swiftly, he was still caught in the winds, and the powerful force caused the blood inside him to surge, almost spitting it out.

“Such strong power...” Yang Chen took a deep breath, knowing that clashing with this gigantic sand soldier head-on was a foolish choice.

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This giant sand soldier’s hard strength is very strong, and Yang Chen is not in his heyday now, so naturally, there is no need to confront this giant sand soldier head-on.

However, what worries him is that if he can’t win in a head-to-head fight, how can he break through this giant sand soldier’s defenses. At least, he doesn’t think that his Five Thunder Righteous Method can completely break through this sand soldier’s defenses.

These sand soldiers, from beginning to end, don’t pose a strong threat, and are different from the Ten Despair Challenges given by Tiandu Emperor. In the Ten Despair Challenges, you must have a head-to-head fight with those demonic beasts. But these sand soldiers, if you can’t beat them and dodge around them, the sand soldiers can’t do anything to you.

However, their defense is surprisingly strong.

And if you can break their defenses, it's equivalent to winning.

The key lies in how to break the defense.

While Yang Chen was thinking, the giant sand soldier continued to talk endlessly, stabbing randomly with his long spear around Yang Chen. Every spear that was thrust came with a terrifying force on the spear. This force rolled through the air, turning into a violent wind. The power spreads out, making it impossible to fight normally.

"All in." Yang Chen gritted his teeth.

Now that the Five Thunder Righteous Method is almost gathered, Yang Chen stopped hesitating and directly dropped a palm.

Immediately, the sky thunder penetrated directly, and waves of thunderbolt power blasted the giant sand soldier unobstructed.

"One!"

"Two!"

"Three!"

"Four!"

Yang Chen, controlling the Five Thunder Righteous Method, roared, "Five Thunder, fall!"

Boom, the fifth thunder of the Five Thunder Righteous Method, the strongest thunder fell, hitting the giant sand soldier's body.

The power of the Five Thunder Righteous Method is undoubtedly strong.

The giant sand soldier obviously stagnated, surrounded by layers of thunder and lightning, not knowing what to do.

Yang Chen was also anxious on the side.

The giant sand soldier's state lasted for about a dozen breaths, and suddenly, the thunder and lightning binding around him broke open. Following that, the giant sand soldier's armor cracked open, but the cracks only spread for about ten meters before stopping.

Obviously, Yang Chen's Five Thunder Righteous Method shook the giant sand soldier's defense.

But...

There is still some distance from breaking the defense completely.

This made Yang Chen mumble to himself: "It seems that I am still lacking something. Without Rainbow's and Brother Python's help, I have no advantage compared to the geniuses of the royal family."

Although the geniuses of the royal family must have many Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasures to protect them when they enter the Trial Tower, this is also the talent of the person. Yang Chen has never felt that being born poor is something that can be used as an excuse.

Now that the Five Thunder Righteous Method has not broken the defense of the giant sand soldier, Yang Chen is somewhat helpless.

Of course, he can't give up so easily. He held several Spirit Talismans in his hand and shouted, "Go!"

Boom, boom, boom.

Huge sounds lingered.

After about three or five breaths, the giant sand soldier twisted his body, and although his whole body was slightly injured, it was obvious that there was no serious issue.

This made Yang Chen stare in amazement, gritting his teeth and saying, "I only have so many Spirit Talismans left on my body, use them all, I don't believe you can still withstand that defensive power!"

The next moment, Yang Chen threw out all the remaining dozen talismans in his hand.

To say that he didn't care would be false.

He didn't care about the materials, but about his efforts.

He threw all his painstaking efforts away, and Yang Chen shouted.

The power of the spirit talisman completely exploded, dragging the giant sand soldier into the center of the explosion.

Yang Chen watched carefully from the side, wanting to know the results of the battle at the first moment. However, the outcome was very disappointing. The cracks in the giant sand soldier's armor once again spread, but the extent of the spread was still far from breaking the defense!

This made Yang Chen feel bitter, "This giant sand soldier on the twentieth layer really doesn't give people a way to live. With such defense, how can it be broken? Now, only the God Piercing Nail can be tried."

As soon as the words fell, Yang Chen didn't hesitate any longer, and as the God Piercing Nail came out, it flew out with a whoosh.

Chichi.

After a short lingering sound, the God Piercing Nail returned to Yang Chen's palm.

And Yang Chen's appearance has become more helpless.

"The God Piercing Nail is also useless. As expected, the giant sand soldier's armor is like a copper wall and iron barrier." Yang Chen shook his head.

He is completely out of ideas now.

All the means that could be used have been used.

He even deliberately prepared a large number of talismans, but still failed to break the defense of the giant sand soldier.

Is it just going to end like this?

Did he exhaust all his efforts just to fall on the twentieth floor?

This made Yang Chen frown; it was impossible for him to give up so easily.

He took a deep breath and, just when he felt hopeless, suddenly remembered: "Right, I still have a winning magic treasure!"

He almost forgot about this treasure.

This treasure isn't something else; it's the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush he got from Tiandu Emperor!

Thinking of the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush, there was a craziness in Yang Chen's eyes.

The main purpose of this Blazing Fire Spirit Brush is to make talismans, but in addition to making talismans, the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush also has another function, that is, tearing up space!

Tearing up space is a very terrifying divine power of the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush. Do you know what tearing up space represents? It represents space turbulence. If you get caught up in it, unless you have an amazing level of martial arts cultivation, there is no chance of surviving.

Of course, with Yang Chen's current level, it is unlikely that he can use the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush to tear up space.

However, the environment around him is not normal. This place is the Trial Tower, and the surrounding space has been sealed with prohibitions by the royal family. This means that as long as he uses the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush to break these prohibitions slightly, the space sealed by the prohibitions will be revealed.

These spaces are all unstable spaces, and they are different concepts from the stable spaces of the outside world.

And what the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush is best at breaking is prohibitions.

"I even forgot about the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush. Since that's the case, let this giant sand soldier be drawn to that unstable space. Let the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush break it open, and I refuse to believe that this sand soldier cannot be defeated." Yang Chen's thoughts fell.

Immediately, he rushed towards the edge of the prohibition.

Following that, the Blazing Fire Spirit Brush drew a line with a whoosh.

Layers of prohibitions fell off, and then the wind howled. The unstable space suddenly appeared, leaving Yang Chen covered in cold sweat.

At this moment, the giant sand soldier also caught up, and Yang Chen hurriedly dodged to the side. Immediately, the giant sand soldier couldn't stop his steps and directly crashed into the unstable space.

The forces in the unstable space were tangled and killed, and the giant sand soldier was soon crushed beyond recognition.

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This made Yang Chen take a deep breath and secretly said, "That was really dangerous. This twentieth layer is indeed extraordinary, and it's not easy to pass through. If I had known, I would have prepared more time, as long as I had enough Spirit Talismans, there would be no such trouble."

Anyway, now he has finally passed the twentieth layer.

At this moment, the surrounding environment changes.

A large amount of Creation Divine Aura is also surging out now.

Yang Chen sits cross-legged as usual and refines this Creation Divine Aura into his body.

The Creation Divine Aura provided by the twentieth layer is massive.

After Yang Chen refines the huge amount of Creation Divine Aura into his body, the accumulation in his body reaches a formidable level. At this moment, he opens his eyes, feeling composed and pleasantly surprised, "This is beyond my initial expectation. I thought it would be great if my accumulation were enough to break through to the Second Layer of the Origin Martial Realm after rushing to the twentieth layer in one breath. I didn't expect that with my current accumulation, I would have no problem reaching the Peak of the Third Layer of the Origin Martial Realm!"

Thinking of this, Yang Chen muttered to himself, "In that case, I might as well just break through my realm inside the Trial Tower, using the Creation Divine Aura..."

As this idea came to the fore, Yang Chen didn't hesitate anymore. When his eyes closed, the True Qi inside his body gradually transformed.

At the same time, outside the Trial Tower, after Yang Chen broke through, the people watching around were all stunned.

The light on the twentieth layer went out, but Yang Chen did not come out of the Trial Tower. Moreover, unlike the previous layers, the light of this layer went out, but the light of the next layer did not come on. They all knew that Yang Chen had successfully passed the test. However, the light on the twenty-first layer did not come on, so no one knew whether Yang Chen had successfully passed the trial or not.

“The light on the twentieth layer is out. So, has Yang Chen... Did Yang Chen pass the trial or not?”

“Who knows.”

The high-level members of Beishan Main City were also discussing incessantly.

“Since the light is out, it should mean that Yang Chen has failed the trial, right?”

“Probably, how could Yang Chen possibly pass the twentieth layer? Over the past thousand years, only the Royal Family’s geniuses have passed the twentieth layer. How could Yang Chen compare to the geniuses of the Royal Family? In front of the Royal Family’s geniuses, everything is just ants, everything is just dirt!”

“Hmph, failed the trial?” Mo Zhi Jiao listened to these Deacons’ words with an indifferent expression, “How could you possibly know? Those who fail the twentieth layer have no chance of surviving. Yang Chen’s Qi is still lingering in the Trial Tower, which means he is still alive. If he is still alive, it means he has successfully passed the twentieth layer!”

Upon hearing Mo Zhi Jiao’s words, the Deacons were all dumbfounded.

Mo Zhi Jiao’s words were not deliberately concealed, and the geniuses around them could hear everything clearly.

“Yang Chen passed the twentieth layer.”

“Doesn’t this mean... Yang Chen has become the second person to pass the twentieth layer after a thousand years? Moreover, he’s from the Yuanshan Sect.”

Shame!

Everyone felt a sense of shame.

But the one who felt the most shame was Mo Zhi Jiao. As the instructor of Beishan Main City, he was primarily concerned about the future of Beishan Main City. Now, he watched as a top genius, who should have belonged to Beishan Main City, slipped through their fingers. How could Mo Zhi Jiao not be angry?

He coldly glanced at Xiao Steward and Minister Fang, and said coldly, "Heh, just because of people like you who protect their own interests, Beishan Main City has lost a top genius. Good, very good. After this matter is over, you'd better wait."

The faces of those Deacons changed.

Naturally, the most embarrassed ones were Xiao Steward and Minister Fang.

"Besides, don't let others think that our Beishan Main City is stingy and petty. Change the ranking on the stele." Mo Zhi Jiao ordered, "Put Yang Chen in second place."

Although it was a tie for first, the royal genius was definitely the most important, and there was no way Yang Chen would actually be placed first.

As the high-level decision-makers discussed, the geniuses of Beishan Main City were also talking.

At the center of all the commotion, two people stood out.

One of them was a woman. Wasn't it Han Lingling herself?

However, this time Han Lingling was not alone; there was also a genius by her side. This genius was none other than her fiancé, Ma Shenghe.

As a genius from Changning County, when Ma Shenghe first arrived in Beishan Main City, he was admired and revered. This was not because of anything else, but because Changning County was stronger than Beishan County. The geniuses of Beishan City looked at him with admiration and longing in their eyes.

This made Ma Shenghe feel very comfortable and exhilarated. The feeling of being admired was everywhere.

When he arrived at the Trial Tower, many people felt the same way.

But soon, this feeling of admiration vanished.

It wasn't because of anything else but Yang Chen!

Because Yang Chen, against all odds, passed the nineteenth and then the twentieth layer, all the focus shifted to this man called Yang Chen. Who would bother paying attention to him?

After all, even if he, Ma Shenghe, was excellent, he couldn't overshadow the Demon that appeared only once in countless years, one who passed all twenty layers in one breath.

Seeing that Ma Shenghe was unhappy, Han Lingling knew that he was angry about Yang Chen stealing his thunder. So, she deliberately brings it up at this critical time and says, "Shenghe, Yang Chen has passed the twentieth layer now, and he's quite an eye-catcher. What should we do?"

"Lingling, don't worry." Ma Shenghe waved his hands, "This Yang Chen is just at the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm. Now that I have reached the Yuanwu Realm Second Layer, isn't it easy to deal with this kid?"

He wasn't among the best geniuses of Changning Main City, but he felt that it was more than enough to deal with Yang Chen.

Obviously, Ma Shenghe did not participate in the Tiandu Emperor's Treasure Assessment, so he was completely unaware of Yang Chen's battle achievements.

At this moment, he confidently says, "Lingling, once I defeat Yang Chen this time, you'll agree to me, right?"

Han Lingling pretended to be shy and said, "Brother Shenghe, what are you talking about? Of course, I will. As long as you can defeat Yang Chen, the only knot in my heart will be untied, and I will be yours."

"Alright, just wait and see. Soon, I will step on Yang Chen under my feet." Ma Shenghe's face was expressionless as he twisted his neck.

Did Han Lingling really dare to promise to give him her body before they were married?

How stupid could this woman be?

His original intention of marrying Han Lingling was just to have fun with her beautiful appearance. He would just discard her after dual cultivating with her. Now that Han Lingling was doing this, it was more suitable for him.

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No need to take responsibility after playing around; who wouldn't hope for that? For him, playing with an ordinary woman was really not interesting, but playing with a young lady was indeed interesting.

Meanwhile, inside the Trial Tower, Yang Chen devoted himself wholeheartedly to breaking through his cultivation realm.

Indeed, as Ma Shenghe said, he was indeed at the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm.

However, that was only before entering the Trial Tower. It didn't mean that he would still be at the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm after entering it. Just like now, his Martial Arts Cultivation fluctuated, and he was at a very unstable stage. Experienced people could see that this was inevitable during a sudden breakthrough in their realm.

It was precisely because of this fluctuation, which lasted for about two hours, his Qi suddenly and obviously changed.

“Break!” Yang Chen shouted softly.

Immediately after that, his Martial Arts Cultivation directly went from the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm to the First Layer of the Origin Martial Realm.

This was not the end.

Within the next breath, he suddenly entered the Second Layer of the Origin Martial Realm.

Then, the Third Layer of the Origin Martial Realm.

After that, such a rapid increase in his cultivation realm continued as his Martial Arts Cultivation stopped at the Peak of the Third Layer of Yuanwu Realm, barely coming to a halt.

This made Yang Chen’s face show joy. Feeling the drastic change within himself compared to his past, he thought: “Now that I have entered the Third Layer of Origin Martial Realm, I have taken the second step as a martial artist. Hua Wanru, although I don’t know your current situation, I swear to kill you!”

With that thought, Yang Chen sat down cross-legged and began to stabilize his current realm.

Unlike before, he had experienced two lives and although in the previous life he couldn’t practice martial arts, his state of mind was still present. This allowed him to cultivate recklessly without worrying about the state of mind during the early stages of his cultivation. This was why he seldom stabilized his realm before.

But now that he had reached the Origin Martial Realm, things were different.

His state of mind is no longer enough to support the improvement of his cultivation, let alone the improvement of his strength across several realms today. If he doesn't stabilize it soon, it might lead to a Qi deviation and a great reduction in his strength. This was something he didn't want to see happen.

Also, for the same reason, he couldn't continue to advance in the Trial Tower now that he had entered the Origin Martial Realm.

He could have gone a few more levels with his current Martial Arts, but considering his state of mind, there was no need to take such a risk.

And so, after spending almost another hour in the Trial Tower, Yang Chen gradually got up.

"It's about time to leave the Trial Tower. I wonder what the situation is like outside now," Yang Chen wondered.

Outside the Trial Tower, the crowd was packed.

Many people came with the idea to watch the excitement, and the news of Yang Chen passing the Twentieth Layer of the Trial Tower spread like wildfire, filling the area outside the Tower with people.

It was also the moment when Yang Chen stepped out of the Trial Tower...

Following that, the people outside the Trial Tower started to boil with excitement.

Yang Chen's remarkable achievements, although inspiring jealousy in many, also won the admiration of many others.

Quite a few geniuses from the North Mountain Main City had become ardent fans of Yang Chen, and when he appeared, their screams were endless, with many people even flocking to him.

Yang Chen looked at the crowd, surprised. He never expected that after going through the Trial Tower, he would gain such fame within North Mountain Main City.

Seeing so many people in Beishan Main City surrounding him, he figured it would be difficult to make enemies with them in the future.

What he didn't know was that all of this was Mo Zhi Jiao's doing.

Mo Zhi Jiao stroked his beard, looked around at the deacons behind him, and said: "Do you see? This is the way to win over Yang Chen. Regardless of anything else, under the premise that we cannot act against him because of the Yuanshan Sect, Yang Chen has had some conflicts with our North Mountain Main City in the secret realm of the Tiandu Emperor."

"If we want Yang Chen not to hold a grudge against our North Mountain Main City in the future, the simplest way is to have the disciples of our North Mountain Main City surround and support him. With so many admirers in our North Mountain Main City, even if he has a grievance with us in the future, considering all these admirers, he'll definitely not go too far! Moreover, if one of our female disciples happens to catch Yang Chen's eye and they get married in the future, our North Mountain Main City will only benefit and have no cause for concern, understood?"

That was his strategy.

Yang Chen's excellence won over many people, but many geniuses of the North Mountain Main City couldn't express their admiration because of the sect's differences.

Later, he said a simple sentence.

What sentence?

You can let go and admire Yang Chen; he won't mind.

In an instant, those who were initially restrained let go.

Of course, some people were happy while others were worried.

Mo Zhi Jiao was quite pleased with his strategy, but when he saw Yang Chen being surrounded by so many people, Ma Shenghe couldn't help but feel unhappy. In the past, he used his powerful Martial Arts Cultivation to display his prowess in North Mountain City, and those who used to surround him now flocked to Yang Chen instead.

"Yang Chen!" Ma Shenghe's face turned red with anger.

Indeed, having broken through the twentieth layer with only a Half-step Yuan Martial Realm, Yang Chen was capable of challenging higher realms. However, he didn't think Yang Chen could pose much of a threat to him. After all, he was also a genius who could challenge higher realms; could Yang Chen really surpass him?

Seeing all that Yang Chen had gained now, Ma Shenghe's expression turned extremely fierce.

But in his heart, he laughed.

"Yang Chen, while you may seem dazzling now, once I defeat you, everything you have will be mine!" Ma Shenghe smiled faintly. Indeed, Yang Chen had gained quite a lot now, successfully making a name for himself in North Mountain County after passing the Twentieth Layer.

He planned to use Yang Chen as a stepping stone, defeating him and rising above him.

Considering that he had no status in Changning City and was sent to North Mountain County like a discarded piece, if he could accomplish something here, he might be reused when he returned to Changning City!

With that thought, the corners of his mouth turned upwards, and suddenly his voice concentrated, he shouted: "Yang Chen, I challenge you!"

As his words fell, the sound echoed in all directions and struck like a thunderbolt on a clear day.

At that moment, the whole scene fell silent!

Someone was challenging Yang Chen?

Yang Chen was also very surprised. After hearing the challenger's voice, he glanced at Ma Shenghe and blinked. He realized that he didn't know this person at all, but when he saw Han Lingling next to him, everything became clear.

As expected, Han Lingling had no intention of giving up.

This time, she invited a genius at the Second Layer of the Origin Martial Realm...

Chapter 510: Even Cats and Dogs Want to Challenge Me\_1

As the saying goes, "It is easy to change the landscape, but difficult to change one's nature." Indeed, Han Tianying's generosity has caused him to not want to continue bickering with Han Lingling. However, it was obvious that while he didn't want to argue with Han Lingling, she didn't think the same.

"Challenge?"

"What's going on!"

"Someone's challenging Yang Chen?"

Hearing that someone wanted to challenge Yang Chen, Steward Xu from the side was slightly taken aback and couldn't help but say, "Teacher-in-charge, Ma Shenghe and Han Lingling are in a betrothed relationship, and now that he wants to challenge Yang Chen, it's probably mostly because of Han Lingling's instigation. If we in Beishan Main City don't want to offend Yang Chen, it would be better to stop this match."

Mo Zhi Jiao did not hastily reply to Steward Xu but stood there with his hands behind his back, stroking his chin as he thought to himself.

After pondering for a while, Mo Zhi Jiao waved his sleeve and said, "There's no need to panic. The grudge between Han Lingling and Yang Chen has existed for a long time, and forcibly dissolving it might not be easy. In that case, instead of blocking, let it be. Since Ma Shenghe wants to challenge Yang Chen,

let's take this opportunity to see how strong Yang Chen really is. I am curious if Yang Chen can truly live up to the standard of the twentieth floor of the Trial Tower..."

"But if Ma Shenghe loses..."

"How do you know that Ma Shenghe will definitely lose? He is a genius from Changning County. Although he is not top-tier there, he is more than capable of dealing with Yang Chen." Xiao Steward coldly replied, his grudge with Steward Xu evidently unresolved.

Like Xiao Steward, Ma Shenghe had a strong sense of regional superiority – that's why he dared to challenge Yang Chen.

He believed that compared with North Mountain County, even an average genius like him from Changning County would sweep through North Mountain County with ease.

His initial confidence wasn't that strong, but when he came from Changning County to North Mountain County and saw how those local geniuses looked at him with admiration and respect, coupled with his much higher martial arts cultivation, he developed this sense of superiority.

North Mountain County's geniuses were simply too mediocre, and he could easily crush them.

Yang Chen might be exceptional, but being born in North Mountain County, he was destined to be inferior to Ma Shenghe!

Being born in a remote place like North Mountain County made one inherently weak, while he, Ma Shenghe, was born in Changning County, and even if he didn't shine there, he was still stronger than Yang Chen!

With these thoughts lingering in his heart, Ma Shenghe became more and more confident. He looked at Yang Chen without speaking, with his hands behind his back, and said expressionlessly, "Yang Chen, if you don't speak, should I take it that you dare not accept my challenge?"

"Who is this guy?"

“You don’t know him? He’s Han Lingling’s fiancé and has reached the second layer of the Origin Martial Realm at such a young age!”

“What? The second layer of Origin Martial Realm.”

“Yeah, otherwise do you think Yang Chen would be too afraid to accept the challenge and remain silent? Now is the time for Yang Chen to be in the limelight after making it through the Trial Tower. However, he remains silent, which indicates that he dares not accept the challenge.”

“There’s still quite a gap between the Half-step Yuan Martial Realm and the Second Layer of the Origin Martial Realm.”

“In my opinion, Yang Chen must have realized the gap. Although he’s not bad either, he’s still lacking compared to geniuses in the Second Layer of the Origin Martial Realm.”

“Don’t forget, Yang Chen made it to the twentieth floor of the Trial Tower, which means he has the strength to challenge those at higher levels.”

“Is breaking the level that valuable? Ma Shenghe is also a genius, and he can also break the level. When it comes to a real fight, Ma Shenghe might not be afraid of Yang Chen, considering his absolute lead in martial arts cultivation!”

Hearing the direction of the public opinion, Ma Shenghe appeared triumphant at this point, as if he had already achieved victory. He looked at Yang Chen and said, “What’s the matter, Yang Chen? Are you afraid?”

Standing nearby, Han Lingling’s face was filled with joy. It seemed as if Yang Chen was already frightened?

Just now, Yang Chen had been silent and didn’t say anything.

Because he really didn’t want to explain anything.

It was tiring to explain every single time.

However, it was clear that if he didn't explain, Ma Shenghe still thought that he was very powerful and could disrespect him at will.

Yang Chen couldn't help but say helplessly, "Your name is Ma Shenghe?"

"So what if it is?" Ma Shenghe crossed his arms, his confidence growing from initially uncertain to overwhelming now. He thought that Yang Chen was nothing special.

Yang Chen shook his head and casually asked, "You just said you wanted to challenge me?"

"Yes, are you scared?" The ferocious, grim expression on Ma Shenghe's face emerged.

Yang Chen shrugged and said, "Scared? I'm sorry, but you seem to have misunderstood something. If you're too foolish to understand, fine, I can explain it to you. Do you see this Trial Tower? I just made it to the twentieth floor. How many floors can you make it to?"

Upon hearing Yang Chen talking about the Trial Tower, Ma Shenghe was puzzled, "What do you mean?"

"What I mean is simple: go to the Trial Tower first, reach the twentieth floor, then come challenge me." Yang Chen didn't want to waste any more words: "Don't worry, I won't leave Beishan Main City for a day or two. Wait till you're done and come find me. I'll gladly accept your challenge then."

Ma Shenghe was stunned by Yang Chen's words. He subconsciously wanted to challenge the twentieth floor of the Trial Tower, but quickly realized that he couldn't make it there at all. If he could, why would he be abandoned like a pawn by Changning County?

Seeing Yang Chen about to leave, Ma Shenghe wasn't willing to give up on this great opportunity to make a name for himself. He pointed at Yang Chen and yelled, "Yang Chen, I think you're just too scared to accept my challenge!"

Yang Chen dug his ears and sneered, "Ma Shenghe, I thought I'd explained it clearly enough. If it were anyone else, as long as their mind is sound, they could understand my words, but it seems your intelligence is a bit lacking."

"You're insulting me!" Ma Shenghe abruptly realized.

Yang Chen's expression turned cold. "Insulting you? Sorry, I never intended to insult you. It's just that your intelligence forced me to say such words. You said I didn't accept your challenge, well, I gave you the opportunity. I let you challenge the twentieth floor of the tower, but you didn't take it. Why should I accept your challenge?"

As he spoke, Yang Chen had his hands behind his back, "How come you think any random person who comes along can challenge me? There are so many people who want to challenge me, should I accept them all? Sorry, you might be idle, but I'm very busy!"