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Chapter 691: The Struggle for Spiritual Veins!_1

Li Ruoxiang wasn't a fool; it was clear to her that Yang Chen's visit today wasn't simply to discuss matters related to the Taichi True Scripture.

Her lips slightly parted: "You come to see me, it must not be just about the Taichi True Scripture, right?"

Yang Chen nodded: "I come to you with even more critical matters... Well, it's a long story, but it's related to the Gold and Silver Dragon Plate!"

"Gold and Silver Dragon Plate..." Upon hearing this, Li Ruoxiang immediately became interested, her eyes shining brightly, unable to hide her excitement.

However, before she could finish speaking, a few frantic voices appeared outside the door. These disciples stood anxiously in front of the courtyard, saying one after another, "Sect Leader, something terrible has happened, something has gone wrong, something has gone wrong!"

Upon hearing this, Li Ruoxiang frowned, not having time to ask Yang Chen about the Gold and Silver Dragon Plate, and rushed into the courtyard with him.

"Sect Leader!"

"Greetings, Sect Leader!"

These disciples all knelt down on one knee to show their respect.

Li Ruoxiang waved her hand: "No need for these formalities, just tell me what happened!"

These disciples looked at each other hesitantly, seeing the difficulty in each other's eyes. After a while, a bold female disciple finally spoke: "Sect Leader, this is what happened. Today, several of our senior and

junior sisters were attacked by people from Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect in the spiritual veins!”

“What!” Li Ruoxiang widened her eyes: “When did this happen!”

“Not long ago!” The disciples replied timidly.

Li Ruoxiang’s face turned cold: “What exactly happened? Why would people from Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect cause trouble for our Green Lotus Sect?”

“Sect Leader, we also thought so. But when we were changing shifts at the spiritual veins, we discovered that our Green Lotus Sect disciples were all captured by people from Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect. When we asked, the people from Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect claimed that our Green Lotus Sect members disobeyed the rules and crossed the line, entering their spiritual vein territory. But now that our people are in their hands, they can say whatever they want. We don’t know the specifics of what happened.” The disciples clenched their teeth.

Li Ruoxiang furrowed her brow, clenching her teeth tightly inside.

The situation was tense.

It was clear that Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect were joining forces to cause trouble for their Green Lotus Sect.

What were these two?

They were powers of the Western 42 Regions, not the Eastern Region, so they naturally didn’t care about how they treated Green Lotus Sect. Of course, Green Lotus Sect wouldn’t usually be afraid of these two powers either, but the problem lay in the timing chosen by Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect.

Just as the Pill Battle Conference had ended and one issue hadn’t yet settled down, Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect came knocking as if they had planned it.

“Is this a coincidence?” Li Ruoxiang murmured in her heart.

She secretly solidified these thoughts in her heart, and with a fluid gaze, she looked at these disciples and said, “How many of our disciples are in the hands of Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City now?”

“About forty disciples.” The disciples replied.

“Sect Leader, I feel that this is a deliberate move by Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect. Our senior and junior sisters usually follow the rules; how could they have committed such an overstepping act?”

Li Ruoxiang rubbed her eyebrows: “Regardless, we still have to go and take a look. Then, we’ll rescue those disciples! Let’s set out!”

“Yes.”

“Yes, Sect Leader!”

The disciples naturally didn’t hesitate and quickly prepared to set out.

Yang Chen, standing to the side, felt a little awkward. Although he had some understanding of Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City, it was still limited. Thus, as he listened to their conversation, he didn’t quite understand what had happened.

After some thought, he could only ask, “Sect Leader Li, do you need me to come with you to check it out?”

Upon hearing this, Li Ruoxiang’s body quivered slightly. After thinking for a moment, she turned and looked at Yang Chen, saying, “You can come along.”

Yang Chen, hearing Li Ruoxiang's words, nodded and followed closely behind her, asking, "Sect Leader Li, what exactly happened?"

"You should know about spiritual veins; they are the foundation of a sect!" Li Ruoxiang slowly said.

"This junior naturally knows." Yang Chen replied.

What are spiritual veins?

Spiritual veins are the origin of spiritual energy.

Why does the Great Wasteland have so little spiritual energy? That's because there are hardly any spiritual veins in such a place. So, once everyone absorbed the spiritual energy within the Great Wasteland, new spiritual energy could only come from the outside. But how much spiritual energy could flow into the Great Wasteland from the outside world?

This was also the reason why the Great Wasteland lacked geniuses.

Firstly, the space was small, and secondly, the environment was poor.

Spiritual veins were precious, and even in North Mountain County, there were only a few. One spiritual vein could support the rise of a powerful sect. Only those at the level of the Three Hegemons could enjoy a spiritual vein, while the Six Sects didn't have this treatment.

In addition, spiritual veins had another advantage; they could give birth to spirit stones!

The larger the spiritual vein, the more spirit stones it produced. This was also the reason why many sects were powerful and extravagant with spirit stones. Spiritual veins were the birthplace of spirit stones, and with spirit stones being constantly produced, they naturally never ran out.

As Yang Chen was pondering, Li Ruoxiang explained: "You should have heard the disciples mention Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City. They are powers of the Western 42 Regions!"

“What does the power of the Western 42 Regions have to do with our spiritual veins?” Yang Chen asked curiously.

“That’s because this spiritual vein is located right at the border of the Eastern 36 Regions and the Western 42 Regions!” Li Ruoxiang said expressionlessly. “Furthermore, it’s a huge spiritual vein. Even if our Green Lotus Sect owns four other spiritual veins, their combined size doesn’t compare to this one!”

Yang Chen widened his eyes, and in an instant guessed some aspects of the situation.

No wonder!

The size of the four spiritual veins combined was still smaller than this single one! How big was this spiritual vein?!

With a cold tone, Li Ruoxiang said, “Actually, this spiritual vein didn’t initially cross the line of the Western 42 Regions. It was just the greed of Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect that led them to deliberately destroy the boundary monument and set up a new one. When the new one was set up, the position of the boundary monument shifted, completely calculated by Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect.”

“Afterwards, the spiritual vein was right between the two regions. This gave Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect an excuse to share in our bounty from the spiritual vein. As a result, even though the spiritual vein originally belonged to our Green Lotus Sect, it was now divided between three powers!”

Chapter 692: With a Purpose!_1

“The Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City are nothing but despicable and deceitful villains.”

“These Spiritual Veins were clearly ours from the beginning, but they forcefully imposed their will on us and took two-thirds of them through nefarious means, leaving only one-third for our Green Lotus Sect!” The female disciples gritted their teeth in hatred when recalling this.

Yang Chen listened, blinked, and became pensive.

As an outsider, he could consider the situation without personal emotions, so he asked directly: "What is the strength of Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect?"

"Their strength is actually quite similar to our Green Lotus Sect. However, since they have joined forces, their new generation of geniuses has clearly improved. Furthermore, the spiritual energy in their western region is abundant, incomparable to our eastern region." The female disciples looked distressed.

"The most critical issue is that we Green Lotus Sect are powerless when they join forces."

Yang Chen nodded, realizing this must be why the Green Lotus Sect had to yield on the matter of the Spiritual Veins.

Even though they knew that the Boundary Monument's situation was deliberately caused by Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect, there was nothing they could do. They were weaker in strength because the two sects were colluding against them.

He wondered about the current situation.

Time passed, and soon they arrived at where the Spiritual Veins were.

This was indeed the frontier. When Yang Chen soared into the air, he could clearly see a stele about three Zhang high not far away, inscribed with the characters "East-West Boundary Monument," thus dividing the Thirty-six Eastern Counties from the Western Forty-two Regions.

Next to the Boundary Monument, there was a Spiritual Vein winding like a dragon's spine. This Spiritual Vein was vast, with a length of several thousand Zhang.

Although others didn't know, Yang Chen was very aware that several thousand Zhang was not a small number.

To put it in perspective, the Spiritual Vein of the Yuanshan Sect was merely dozens of Zhang, and the one in Beishan Main City was only a few hundred Zhang.

A few hundred Zhang of Spiritual Vein could be considered a large one, and a few thousand Zhang was simply a super Spiritual Vein.

No wonder Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect tried every means to take a share; these Spiritual Veins were too extensive, and even if they were divided among the three forces, they could still provide plentiful resources.

At this moment, Li Ruoxiang brought her people over, and an Elder immediately went up to greet her: "Sect Leader!"

"Sect Leader, you've arrived."

The Elders stationed in this area anxiously spoke.

Li Ruoxiang led her disciples to this place, nodded, and then asked, "What's the situation now?"

"Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect insist that our disciples crossed the line into their Spiritual Vein Area, and refuse to release them. They are unwilling to listen to anything we say. If we try to use force, the two sects have long reached a consensus, and we dare not act rashly."

"Sect Leader, you must find a way. Over forty disciples are in their hands." The Elders became agitated.

Li Ruoxiang landed with her hands behind her back, walking at the forefront and listening to the Elders narrating the ins and outs of the situation.

Yang Chen followed her into the Spiritual Vein area and found numerous Spirit Stones.

Most of them were Ordinary Spirit Stones, along with a few dazzling Supreme Grade Spirit Stones.

Of course, the most important thing now was not these Stones. Yang Chen and Li Ruoxiang walked through several intersections of Spiritual Veins and finally arrived at an empty area.

Upon arriving, they saw a large gathering of people.

There were at least a hundred people of various ages, along with many high-level members and young disciples, like the Green Lotus Sect. Some exuded powerful Martial Arts Cultivation which was almost at the level of the Earth Martial Realm, while the weaker ones were at least at the first or second level of the Origin Martial Realm.

Yang Chen glanced around and identified the two factions among the hundreds of people, distinguishable by the different clothes they wore. It was indeed Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect as the female disciples had mentioned.

“Hehe, who do we have here? So Sect Leader Li has come personally.” At this moment, an old man with a pockmarked face stepped forward and spoke sarcastically.

Li Ruoxiang coldly responded, “You both captured my disciples. How can you not permit me, Li Ruoxiang, to come?”

Yang Chen asked the female disciples beside him, “Who is he?”

“The pockmarked face old man is the Great Elder of the Demon Subduing Sect, named Huyan Shun. His face is disgusting, but his Martial Arts Cultivation is not bad, almost on par with our Sect Leader. He’s among the top figures in the Demon Subduing Sect!” The female disciple explained.

“In my opinion, the most disgusting thing about the Demon Subduing Sect isn’t all of this, it’s their constant talk about exterminating demons for the greater good and defending righteousness. Despicable people like them claim to safeguard justice while doing shameful deeds.” Someone added.

Yang Chen kept this information in mind.

Although he didn't know how he could help, since he came along with Li Ruoxiang, he needed to know as much about the surroundings as possible. After all, he didn't enjoy watching others suffer.

The pockmarked-faced Elder Huyan Shun of the Demon Subduing Sect sneered: "Sect Leader Li, you're being unreasonable! What do you mean by us capturing your disciples? It's clearly your Green Lotus Sect's disciples who broke the rules by trespassing our territory."

"That's right, Brother Huyan is right. Sect Leader Li, we're not being unreasonable with you. Hehe, we settled the rules right from the start. This Spiritual Vein is to be divided among the three factions, with none of us interfering in each other's territory. Whoever violates this will be considered breaking the rules. Our Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect haven't declared war on your Green Lotus Sect yet, and we haven't sought retribution. So, Sect Leader Li, do you still want to blame us first?" Another person suddenly chimed in.

He was also an old man, but his appearance was much more pleasant than Huyan Shun's, giving off an air of righteousness. The Wood Dragon symbol on his clothes made it easy to determine that he was from Wood Dragon City.

The people of Wood Dragon City were now joining in, obviously intending to form a pincer attack against the Green Lotus Sect together.

Li Ruoxiang's face turned cold, as she was filled with anger when faced with the aggressive joint attack of the two factions.

Are they joking?

Her disciples crossed the line? Her disciples were in their hands. How would she know if they actually crossed the line or not?

However, she knew that she had to remain calm since her disciples were in the hands of others. Talking sense was useless; the people were still in their custody.

If the two factions refused to release the disciples, they must have an ulterior motive. The immediate goal was to find out their motives!

Chapter 693: Catching a White Wolf with Bare Hands!_1

Upon thinking of this, Li Ruoxiang didn't bother with any more nonsense, and directly said, "Tell me, what do we need to do for you to release our Green Lotus Sect's disciples!"

Huyan Shun and the elder from Wood Dragon City exchanged glances, and then Huyan Shun stroked his chin and bluntly said, "Release them? Hmph, Sect Leader Li, are you treating the rules of our Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City as a joke? Your people cross the line and then you come here to release them. What, are you not taking our forces seriously?"

"That's right, Sect Leader Li, if we let this go so easily today, will your people still dare to act recklessly tomorrow, and the day after? You say release and they get released, ha ha, are you treating our forces as air?" The elder from Wood Dragon City shouted.

Hearing this, the people from the Green Lotus Sect were furious to the point of explosion.

They couldn't even see their people now, and all they heard was you claiming that they crossed the line?

Who knows? Where is the evidence?

There's nothing at all.

But these two forces still insist on saying it as if it were true, placing themselves on the side of morality and righteousness. And then they started to attack the Green Lotus Sect.

Li Ruoxiang was originally hot-tempered and straightforward in her dealings. How could she tolerate such things?

She initially intended to negotiate with these two forces properly, but their roundabout approach instantly touched her nerves, and she shouted, "Fine, very well, Huyan Shun, and Mu Ya, let's not waste any more words. I give you two choices: either we have a life and death fight between the three forces here and now, or you quickly give me an answer. Choose!"

At the fall of these words, the people from Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect were all dumbfounded.

Yang Chen, who was standing on the side, was also stupefied.

This Li Ruoxiang really didn't know how to negotiate. The Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City were just saying so, but would they not release their people? However, just because of Li Ruoxiang's words, both sides had lost face. Either go to war or come up with an answer.

Li Ruoxiang treated Zhenwu Main City and Heiyun Main City the same way, and she treated these two sides the same way.

This made Yang Chen both laugh and cry. This lady really had a bad temper.

But what was even more shocking to him was...

The first time, Li Ruoxiang successfully intimidated Heiyun Main City and Zhenwu Main City.

The second time.

It seemed to be successful again.

Yang Chen carefully watched the high-level members of the Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City, only seeing the two sides looking at each other. Although their faces were full of embarrassment, they didn't seem to have any intention to make a stand and confront Li Ruoxiang.

The older people lived, the smoother their edges were polished.

These two sides obviously had no intention of fighting with Li Ruoxiang.

Seeing this, Yang Chen could more or less guess what was going on. These two forces, as well as Heiyun Main City and Zhenwu Main City, formed an alliance in appearance, but in fact, this alliance was not stable at all. It was built on the premise that both sides did not trust each other.

Although they targeted the Green Lotus Sect, the two sides were all harboring ulterior motives, plotting behind each other's backs.

In short, they wanted to defeat the Green Lotus Sect, but they didn't know what to do after the Green Lotus Sect was defeated.

With three powers in a deadlock, nobody wanted the other party to take advantage.

"Well..." Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh when he saw this. "This woman really has the fortune of having a bad temper."

Huyan Shun angrily looked at Li Ruoxiang, then coughed twice to alleviate the embarrassment, "Sect Leader Li, if you're going to talk like this, it's really not fun. Our three forces have always coexisted in peace, but you keep mentioning war..."

"No need for so much nonsense. If you don't leave a way out for the Green Lotus Sect, I, Li Ruoxiang, will not leave a way out for you two!" Li Ruoxiang said fiercely. "At that time, even if our Green Lotus Sect were to be destroyed, we'll still make sure one of you is severely wounded. It's just not clear who would be better to wound!"

Huyan Shun stepped back, knowing Li Ruoxiang was the kind of woman capable of doing such a thing.

The people from Wood Dragon City also felt the same, and were somewhat timid.

Huyan Shun continued, "Sect Leader Li, stop talking about fighting and killing. If you want us to release your people, we can. But, there must be some conditions, right?"

"Tell me, what are your conditions?" Li Ruoxiang said coldly.

Huyan Shun looked at Li Ruoxiang who had calmed down and let out a sigh of relief.

“Without rules, there is no order. Since this matter started with the Spiritual Veins, why don’t we deal with it from there?” Huyan Shun said with a smile.

Li Ruoxiang looked expressionless at the people from Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect, then said, “Tell me.”

Huyan Shun slowly said, “There’s no need for our upper ranks to take action, for if we do, it will surely end up in a life or death struggle, something none of our three forces would like to see. Since that’s the case, why don’t we let the younger generations have a martial battle?”

As soon as his words fell, it wasn’t difficult to tell that his initial intention was this.

Of course, he didn’t have the guts to compete with Li Ruoxiang now. The way Li Ruoxiang was ready to fight just now was really intimidating.

Li Ruoxiang was not a fool. How could she not see the hidden plot in Huyan Shun’s words?

A Martial Battle among the younger generations?

Li Ruoxiang said, “Martial Battle? What happens if we lose, and what happens if we win?”

“If you win, Sect Leader Li, we will return your disciples to you as promised and ensure they are unharmed!” Huyan Shun said.

“What if our Green Lotus Sect loses?” Li Ruoxiang asked.

“If your Green Lotus Sect loses, then we will divide these Spiritual Veins among us!” Huyan Shun said.

Hearing this, Li Ruoxiang raised the corners of her mouth, revealing a sarcastic smile. So, this was the real goal of the Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City. From the very beginning, they were aiming at the Spiritual Veins occupied by their Green Lotus Sect!

It made sense, considering their efforts.

A battle among the younger generation? If it had been before, she wouldn't have had the confidence, but now Yang Chen was with her...

Did they really think she, Li Ruoxiang, was an idiot?

Li Ruoxiang said coldly, "Are you joking with me? If I win, I only get to exchange my disciples back? This is ridiculous!"

"Sect Leader Li, don't joke with us either. Those under your command broke the rules, and you don't care? You don't want to take them back and educate them?" Huyan Shun said.

Li Ruoxiang coldly said, "Hmph, Huyan Shun, don't play these tricks with me. You both know better than I do how my disciples were captured. I don't think our Green Lotus Sect would break any rules. You want to benefit without paying your due, huh? All the good things are left for you?"

Chapter 694: Reaching an Agreement_1

Upon hearing this, Huyan Shun and the elder from Wood Dragon City both felt a bit awkward. Li Ruoxiang was right, whether those disciples had crossed the line and violated the rules, they knew it as clear as day. However, they had taken the initiative by seizing the Green Lotus Sect disciples first, and now they had the advantage.

They knew better than anyone that as Li Ruoxiang had said, they were trying to reap benefits without any effort.

Feeling embarrassed after being exposed by Li Ruoxiang's words, Huyan Shun found that getting something for nothing seemed not so simple. He had no choice but to say, "Sect Leader Li, enough of the small talk. What do you think would be fair?"

“In one sentence, if you want our Green Lotus Sect to compete, that’s fine. If we lose, we will give you our Spiritual Vein Area, and the same goes for you. If you lose, you must also allocate a Spiritual Vein Area to us!” Li Ruoxiang said emotionlessly.

Huyan Shun and the high-level members of Wood Dragon City exchanged glances, and their minds were made up.

Huyan Shun smiled and said, “Alright, Sect Leader Li, you are quite straightforward. Since that’s the case, let’s not beat around the bush. If we lose in this competition, we will give 20% of the Spiritual Vein Area from both our sides to your Green Lotus Sect, how about that?”

“Twenty percent?” Li Ruoxiang considered it.

Huyan Shun enticed, “Sect Leader Li, think carefully. The twenty percent, plus the disciples who crossed the line, that’s quite a lot!”

Li Ruoxiang never thought that the twenty percent of the Spiritual Vein Territory was too little. On the contrary, she thought it was already quite a lot.

It was clear that Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City were quite confident in winning the competition among the young generation against her Green Lotus Sect.

Otherwise, with the stingy nature of these two forces, how could they be so generous? The only reason they were so generous was that they were extremely confident, and they were well-prepared.

Unfortunately for Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City, while they were extremely confident, Li Ruoxiang also had confidence in winning.

Where did her confidence come from?

It was Yang Chen.

No matter what, she had to compete in this competition. If she didn't compete, it would be difficult for her to save her disciples.

And for the competition, her best trump card was undoubtedly Yang Chen.

Without a doubt, Yang Chen's abilities were better than anyone else's in the Green Lotus Sect.

With this thought in mind, Li Ruoxiang no longer hesitated and directly said, "Fine, we Green Lotus Sect accept the challenge. In that case, let's head outside and compete there!"

"Sect Leader Li is quite straightforward," Huyan Shun and the elder from Wood Dragon City exchanged a glance, both reading the taste of a successful conspiracy from each other's eyes.

In an instant, the three forces all rushed out.

Yang Chen stood in the crowd, inconspicuous, and followed the main force heading outside.

It didn't take long for the three forces to reach their destination, ready for the competition.

"Sect Leader Li, we will adopt the best of five matches system. We will send our talented subordinates from our two forces and your force. The winner will be the one who wins three games first, how about that?" Huyan Shun said.

"No problem," said Li Ruoxiang.

As the words fell, the three forces immediately began to prepare their talented subordinates for battle.

Li Ruoxiang didn't even have to think about it, her gaze immediately fell on Yang Chen.

Yang Chen coughed a few times and immediately said, "Sect Leader Li means..."

"Do I even need to ask? I want you to make a move!" Li Ruoxiang said with her hands behind her back: "Yang Chen, if you help me once again, I'll write off your debt to the Green Lotus Sect completely. Moreover, I'll repay you handsomely. What do you think?"

Upon hearing the debt being written off, Yang Chen nodded. He never liked owing others. Since Li Ruoxiang had said that, he wouldn't refuse.

He said, "If Sect Leader Li needs my help, I'll do my best!"

As soon as these words fell, he was about to step forward.

He was also curious about how much his strength had increased after reaching the Ninth Level of the Yuanwu Realm.

The talents of Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect should be similar to those of the Green Lotus Sect, although their talents were slightly better. In any case, he should be able to handle them.

As his thoughts wandered, Yang Chen suddenly blinked.

Not only Li Ruoxiang but everyone was caught off guard. They understood that the talents representing Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City would be extraordinary. But Yang Chen never expected that among the talents representing Demon Subduing Sect and Wood Dragon City, there were a few familiar faces.

"Is it He Guang and Fu Qingqing?" Yang Chen thought.

Indeed, these two familiar people were none other than He Guang and Fu Qingqing who Yang Chen had encountered at the Trial Tower in Huangsha City last time.

Yang Chen had always known that He Guang and Fu Qingqing had extraordinary backgrounds. Comparing their age and Martial Arts Cultivation, they were much stronger than anyone from the Eastern Region's Thirty-six Counties. Even Luo Yunhu from the Black Dragon Sect was no exception.

Who would've thought that he and the two of them were so destined to meet again here after parting last time.

"No wonder Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect are so confident. It turns out they have invited two powerful characters," Yang Chen muttered to himself. "This has become a bit tricky now."

Undoubtedly, He Guang had at least reached the fifteenth floor of the Trial Tower, so he couldn't be an ordinary person. Yang Chen hadn't seen his strength with his own eyes, but he knew that defeating He Guang wouldn't be easy.

A master at the half-step True Martial Realm...

Li Ruoxiang had naturally noticed all of this, her brows furrowed, staring intently at Fu Qingqing and He Guang.

These two didn't seem to notice Yang Chen because he hadn't yet appeared from the crowd.

In this way, Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect selected several suitable talents, along with He Guang and Fu Qingqing. For a moment, their lineup was terrifying, and the Qi emanating from these talented individuals was far from mediocre.

Seeing this, the disciples from Green Lotus Sect became hesitant, even Li Ruoxiang was nervous.

"Yang Chen, He Guang and Fu Qingqing are both formidable opponents. Let my External Incarnation go first. This way, you won't be consuming too much True Qi, making it difficult for you to fight later," Li Ruoxiang said through soul transmission, somewhat concerned about Yang Chen's condition.

Yang Chen, however, waved his hand and refused very clearly, "Sect Leader Li, there's no need for that. Since I've said I'd help you, in these best of five matches...I'll be sure to bring you those three victories. Instead of worrying about me, Sect Leader Li, you'd better focus on how to repay me properly."

As this transmission went out, Yang Chen didn't wait for Li Ruoxiang to say anything else and took a step forward and then out into the open.

Chapter 695: Regional Differences?_1

Without a doubt, Fu Qingqing was strong, and so was He Guang. However, this was not a reason for him to retreat or be afraid. Since he had promised to help Li Ruoxiang, there was no doubt that he would take responsibility for the three victories without anyone's help.

Li Ruoxiang looked deeply into Yang Chen's eyes and could see that he was still full of confidence.

Since that was the case, she decided to let the young man take charge.

She suddenly realized that when Yang Chen stood up like this, his posture and pace were quite charming.

"It's you!"

"Yang Chen!"

Yang Chen was surprised to see He Guang and Fu Qingqing, and similarly, they were also surprised to see him.

Of course, their surprise was slightly different from Yang Chen's, as they didn't find it strange for him to appear within the Green Lotus Sect.

The two of them had come all the way to the Western 42 Regions, intending to return to their hometown and inform their master about their results and Yang Chen's possession of the Starfire Strange Fire. However, they happened to encounter the assistance of the Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect.

There was some connection between their master and these two forces, so they naturally wanted to stay and help.

They were quite familiar with the Green Lotus Sect, and they knew that the strongest genius in the sect was none other than Qingyin. As for Yang Chen, he was only at the Yuanwu Realm Fifth Layer, so where could he make a difference? Therefore, they gladly accepted this opportunity.

But who could have imagined that Yang Chen would be the one to appear now?

No wonder they were surprised; they had already left with Mu Zhijiao in bad terms before Yang Chen came out of the Trial Tower, so they naturally didn't know that he had already reached the Eighth Layer of Elemental Martial Realm within the Trial Tower.

How could they imagine that Yang Chen's martial arts strength hadn't even passed through the Primal Martial Realm's Trial Tower? If they knew, they would surely be shocked.

"So it was you." He Guang's expression was unhappy, as he still couldn't let go of the fact that Yang Chen had won against him in the Trial Tower.

"Brother He Guang, do you know this kid?" Huyan Shun couldn't help but ask.

"Met him once, but it doesn't matter. Uncle Huyan, don't worry about it." As these words fell, He Guang looked at Yang Chen and said, "What? Yang Chen, is the Green Lotus Sect using you as cannon fodder? Where's the Qinglian Saintess? Why didn't they send her instead?"

Yang Chen grinned and slowly replied, "I don't know if I'm cannon fodder. But I do know that Brother He seemed to have lost to me once. If I'm cannon fodder, then what are you? Something even worse than cannon fodder?"

Hearing Yang Chen's words, He Guang became even angrier.

Yang Chen was clearly telling him that he had lost to him.

He didn't want his loss to be mentioned by anyone, and now that Yang Chen brought it up again, he was furious and said viciously, "Yang Chen, it seems like you think too highly of yourself. So what if you got lucky and won against me in the Trial Tower? Does that mean you're really stronger than me? That just means that your methods are more suitable for the Trial Tower and can't prove anything else. I'll soon show you how foolish it is to judge a person's abilities by their performance in the Trial Tower."

Yang Chen shook his head gently upon hearing this.

Some people were just like that; if you defeated them, they would tell you that they were just not good at that specific domain, then challenge you in another domain, always pestering you endlessly.

Yang Chen didn't want to get entangled with He Guang, but now he had no choice.

"Senior Brother, there's no need for you to take action against this kid!" Fu Qingqing said. "You just watch, I'll take care of him!"

Hearing his junior sister's words, He Guang thought she was being considerate and said kindly, "Very well, Junior Sister, I'll leave this kid to you for now. Teach him a good lesson about the gap between you two!"

"Don't worry, Senior Brother, I'll teach this kid a lesson and show him how vast the world is! Just a top genius from the Eastern Region, and he's already full of himself." Fu Qingqing sneered coldly.

She volunteered to confront Yang Chen on behalf of her senior brother, not because she was considerate, but because she wanted to kill Yang Chen on the spot!

Kill Yang Chen, seize the Starfire Strange Fire...

By the time that happens, she could just walk away, and all the credit for obtaining the Starfire Strange Fire would belong to Fu Qingqing alone.

As for He Guang? She couldn't care less.

Fu Qingqing had always been concerned only about her own achievements!

It was just a pity that He Guang was still foolish and didn't know any of this. From his perspective, she was a considerate, gentle, and understanding junior sister.

At this moment, Fu Qingqing stepped forward and said slowly, "Yang Chen, I advise you to surrender and admit defeat. It's true that your talent is quite good, and you rightfully deserve the title of Eastern Number One Genius. However, I want to tell you that there are always people better than you, and the strength of our Western Region is beyond your imagination. Like a frog at the bottom of a well, the best choice when facing those of us from outside the well is to surrender and admit defeat!"

"So you mean that when we Easterners meet you Westerners, we must admit defeat?" Yang Chen asked.

"Hmph, you got my point. Yes, that's what I mean. With your Eastern Region's cultivation environment and lack of resources, how can you compare to the Western Region? Your region is just a forgotten place!" Fu Qingqing sneered.

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen revealed an angry cold smile.

He had seen many people who had a sense of superiority based on their region.

But he had never seen someone like Fu Qingqing, who practically wore her superiority on her forehead.

What was even more important was that Fu Qingqing knew nothing and was completely clueless.

On the contrary, her words made the people from Wood Dragon City and the Demon Subduing Sect nod in agreement.

"Exactly, the so-called geniuses from the Eastern Region, huh, I've seen many, and they're all garbage. They have to bow their heads when they meet our Western geniuses. Their cultivation environment is

no good, their people are no good, and they have nothing. They're just remote and lack resources, no different from frogs at the bottom of a well."

"The Eastern 36 Regions are simply inferior to us. They are naturally shorter than us in the Western Region!"

Hearing these words, the female disciples of the Green Lotus Sect turned red with anger, gritted their teeth, and shouted, "You... you!"

They wanted to refute, but they had nothing to say and didn't know how to refute.

It was true that in terms of resources and cultivation environment, they were far behind. This made the Eastern 36 Regions seem naturally disadvantaged when compared to others.

Chapter 696: Fu Qingqing's Fury_1

Yang Chen remained calm and composed, coldly saying, "To be honest, I really don't know where your sense of superiority comes from. Do you think our Eastern Thirty-six Counties aren't of any importance? Well, let me tell you, when humans fought against the demonic beasts, it was because of us, the Eastern Thirty-six Counties!"

"The Eastern Thirty-six Counties were the battlefields back then, the place that invested the most and fought the fiercest against the demonic beasts. You in the West seem to feel superior? Do you know that if it weren't for us in the Eastern Thirty-six Counties holding back, the West? Hmph, you Westerners would be nothing!"

Yang Chen's voice was icy, filled with anger: "Now you're here talking all high and mighty, but have you ever considered what happened thousands of years ago? Without us, the Eastern Thirty-six Counties, where would your peaceful days come from? Do you know why our Eastern Thirty-six Counties lack cultivation resources and spiritual energy? It's because back then, it was the people of our Eastern Thirty-six Counties who held back the demonic beasts with their lives!"

Yang Chen's words undoubtedly resonated with the others.

The Green Lotus Sect disciples finally knew what to say, and they all inwardly sighed, their eyes shining brightly. There was no doubt that Yang Chen's words struck a chord in their hearts.

Although Yang Chen was not from the Eastern Thirty-six Counties in his previous life, he admired them. He knew very well that if it were not for the people of the Eastern Thirty-six Counties, there would be no peace in the Central Region or any other region. It was the Eastern Thirty-six Counties, with their sacrifices, that forged the peace in other regions today!

"At that time, the Eastern Thirty-six Counties were the battlefield, fighting fiercely in chaos. As the main battlefield, we naturally suffered heavy losses, and your peace was exchanged for our sacrifices. What right do you have to criticize us!"

"That's right, you Western Forty-two Counties think you're so great, huh? Why don't you take a look at yourself in the urine, what qualifications do you have to criticize us!"

The female disciples of Green Lotus Sect suddenly vented their grievances, shouting one after another.

These people from the Western Forty-two Counties originally thought they had thousands of reasons, but after being challenged with a few words, they suddenly felt at a loss for words.

Yes, they did not know how to refute it.

It's simple, aren't you superior?

Your superiority is all built on the sacrifices of the Eastern Thirty-six Counties, so what gives you the right to feel superior?

Only Fu Qingqing, who had stirred up regional superiority, gritted her teeth and said, "What happened in the past is the past, don't always bring up the past to make a point. What does the old ancestor's business have to do with our generation? Hmph, what does the survival of the Eastern Thirty-six Counties have to do with us Western Forty-two Counties?"

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh.

He broke into a derisive laugh, finally provoked by Fu Qingqing.

Interesting indeed.

Yes, humans are a smart race!

The reason why they lost to the demonic beasts back then, and ultimately had to use their wits to drive the demonic beasts out of the mountains rather than defeat the Monster Race, was precisely because of the existence of people like Fu Qingqing.

What does the survival of the Eastern Thirty-six Counties have to do with the Western Forty-two Counties?

What a great theory indeed.

As part of the human race, if you can't be united, how are you going to win against the demonic beasts?

Of course, he didn't expect to explain this to Fu Qingqing because she clearly wasn't someone who could understand these principles in any sense.

Without wasting any more words, he said, "Alright, both of our time is valuable. Can we start the competition now?"

"Hmph, just what I want. Yang Chen, you'll soon know the gap between our Western Forty-two Counties and the Eastern Thirty-six Counties!" Fu Qingqing scoffed.

He Guang also encouraged from behind, "Junior Sister, teach this kid surnamed Yang a lesson!"

"Come on, Junior Brother Yang Chen!"

“Come on, Junior Brother Yang Chen!” The female disciples of the Qinglian Sect all cheered and supported Yang Chen with all their might

Yang Chen couldn't help but feel grateful.

At the same time, Fu Qingqing immediately took action. With a wave of her hand, her True Qi erupted, and the battle began!

Fu Qingqing's cultivation technique transformed into a green light, creating fierce tigers that roared and charged towards Yang Chen.

The power of this technique was extraordinary, causing the ground to tremble when the fierce tigers roared.

Seeing this, Yang Chen didn't flinch. In an instant, he unleashed the Thunderbolt Style. Without using a spear, he just reached out with his hand, and subsequently, layers of thunder and lightning formed into thunder dragons.

These thunder dragons clashed with the green-light tigers. In the blink of an eye, the thunder dragons gained the upper hand, tearing the green-light tigers apart.

“What?!” He Guang exclaimed in horror, “How is it possible? The Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique, personally taught by my master, was broken so easily!”

Fu Qingqing also couldn't believe what she was seeing.

Her Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique was a top-notch cultivation method. It should not have been broken so easily. And it had been broken by Yang Chen, who was only at the Fifth Layer of the Yuanwu Realm...

Just as this thought crossed her mind, there was a rumble!

Yang Chen's Martial Arts aura completely spread out.

Fu Qingqing's eyes widened in horror and said, "You...Yang Chen, you've actually reached the Ninth Level of the Yuanwu Realm?!"

She felt it clearly.

Yang Chen had achieved the Ninth Level of the Yuanwu Realm in his Martial Arts Cultivation!

It was not far from her own Elementary Martial Realm Peak.

"How is it possible?" Fu Qingqing couldn't believe her own eyes. How could one's Martial Arts cultivation improve so quickly? Was this the kind of genius that could rise from a remote place like the Thirty-six Eastern Counties, a place that she looked down on?

How had Yang Chen done it in such a short time?

She could tell that Yang Chen's Martial Arts Cultivation had not been achieved through excessive growth methods.

"You seem very surprised?" said Yang Chen.

"Yang Chen, don't be too proud too soon!" Fu Qingqing's anger surged as she grabbed the purple fan in her hand.

When the purple fan appeared, Fu Qingqing clenched her teeth and sneered, "Yang Chen, let me show you the gap between us!"

With that, Fu Qingqing shook the fan violently. Instantly, a whirlwind rose from the ground, reaching a height of ten meters, and rushed towards Yang Chen. The whirlwind turned everything in its path to dust, leaving nothing behind.

“This is a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure!”

“This fan is definitely a Xuan Tian treasure!”

Yang Chen naturally recognized this to be a Xuan Tian treasure as well. Without any hesitation, he immediately retreated.

Seeing Yang Chen retreating, Fu Qingqing regained the upper hand and sneered triumphantly, “Yang Chen, you see? This is the gap between us. This is the gap between our statuses and regions. You are destined to be nothing more than a clown. What ‘number one genius of the Eastern Region’? It’s all just bullshit!”

Chapter 697: What is called cherishing the fairer sex!_1

“Fu Qingqing is really despicable.”

“But what can we do? She took out the Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure.”

“Yang Chen doesn’t seem to have a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure on hand.”

“The power of this fan is so strong. When Fu Qingqing fans it, it creates a howling hurricane, impossible to withstand!”

Fu Qingqing was now completely engulfed in rage and self-indulgence.

In her heart, she indeed did not think highly of geniuses from the Thirty-Six Eastern Counties, nor did she allow any of them to surpass her. As soon as she took out this Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure fan, her confidence soared even higher. She believed that with the help of this fan, she could crush all the confidence Yang Chen had!

This man would surely show fear and despair.

“Is it about the regional gap again?” Yang Chen murmured.

“Yang Chen, all you do is dodge, don’t you?” Fu Qingqing said viciously.

Yang Chen heard this and gently shook his head, at the same time, he stopped in his tracks and no longer chose to dodge.

“If that’s the case, then I won’t dodge, as you wish!” Yang Chen said.

“Seeking death!” Fu Qingqing sneered as she saw Yang Chen dare to confront the power of her Eight Treasure Fan.

Yang Chen was indeed seeking death; confronting a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure?

Indeed, Yang Chen did intend to confront the Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure.

At this moment, electric lights flickered all over Yang Chen’s body. The next moment, a thunderbolt rushed directly towards the hurricane created by the Eight Treasure Fan. That was not all; clusters of Shapeshifting Liquid Fire also swept in from all sides. In an instant, the seemingly unstoppable hurricane was instantly destroyed!

Boom!

The hurricane vanished instantly, unable to withstand a single blow from Yang Chen’s Thunderbolt Style and Shapeshifting Liquid Fire!

This completely shocked Fu Qingqing and scared the other people present.

The people of Wood Dragon City and Demon Subduing Sect were stunned. This... Yang Chen actually confronted the power of a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure head-on. This was simply ridiculous. What was a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure? It was a very top-tier treasure, even though the holder was not invincible, but to resist it head-on was laughable.

But Yang Chen did it.

Indeed, for others, confronting a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure was an incredible thing.

However, for Yang Chen, it was not.

The power of a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure was indeed strong, but it depended on who it was used on and by whom. When used on someone with strong martial arts cultivation, the Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure could naturally exert its full power. But what was Fu Qingqing's martial arts cultivation? It was merely at the peak of the Elementary Martial Realm.

Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasures were meant to be used by those in the True Martial Realm, and Fu Qingqing, who only had 10% of its power, had nothing to fear.

Seeing that Fu Qingqing's Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure's power was completely ineffective against Yang Chen, everyone was shocked and dumbfounded, especially the disciples of the Green Lotus Sect, who cheered and jumped with joy.

Fu Qingqing, on the other hand, looked desperate, watching the approaching Shapeshifting Liquid Fire and thunderbolt power, she took a step back and then reluctantly shook her Eight Treasure Fan! Another gust of wind fiercely howled, but unfortunately, its power was instantly neutralized by Yang Chen's Shapeshifting Liquid Fire and Thunderbolt Style.

"No!" Fu Qingqing roared unwillingly.

"Boom!"

Following that, a loud noise echoed as Huyan Shun instantly made his move, intercepting Yang Chen's technique, fearing that Yang Chen would hurt Fu Qingqing.

Yang Chen was slightly surprised, thinking to himself that he had seen Huyan Shun's previous move clearly, where he only raised his palm and activated his True Qi, completely blocking his Shapeshifting Liquid Fire and Thunderbolt Style, rendering them unable to advance any further.

Without a doubt, Huyan Shun was a powerful Earth Martial Realm practitioner.

Yang Chen couldn't help but sigh, wondering if this was the actual strength of a practitioner in the Earth Martial Realm – truly extraordinary. At least for now, he had no chance of winning against such a powerful practitioner.

Huyan Shun had saved Fu Qingqing at this moment only because of her status, not daring to let the girl suffer any serious consequences. Naturally, he quickly intervened.

However, after this intervention, Huyan Shun inadvertently proved a point. He took the initiative to attack Yang Chen, saying: “Yang Chen, you really don't know how to treat a woman gently. She's just a girl, and yet you used such a heavy hand. With that kind of attitude, you'll never get a wife in this lifetime.”

Yang Chen responded coldly: “Oh, really, Senior Huyan? We have no shortage of female disciples in our Green Lotus Sect. Why not let them smash a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure onto your face, and see if you would still retaliate?”

“You!” Huyan Shun's face turned red with anger.

He initially thought that Yang Chen was just a junior who would be intimidated by his words.

First, he would suppress Yang Chen with his remarks, and by the time Yang Chen reacted, he would have retreated. Who would have known that this young Yang Chen not only found his weakness within an instant, but also struck right at the heart of it with his words?

Indeed, Yang Chen never wasted words. Once he spoke, it would usually be directed at a point the other party could not refute.

At this point, Huyan Shun found himself in a predicament, regretting his rash words towards Yang Chen.

“So, Senior Huyan, it seems you really know how to treat a woman gently, don’t you?” Yang Chen said emotionlessly.

“Exactly! It’s easy to talk when you’re not the one in pain!”

“You have the guts to let me strike you with a Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasure to prove your point? You’re quite the talker!”

“And saying that Junior Brother Yang Chen won’t get a wife? Don’t be ridiculous! If Yang Chen is willing, I’ll be the first to throw myself at him.”

“Step aside! Who cares about your turn? I’ll definitely be ahead of you!”

These female disciples of the Green Lotus Sect were displeased.

Li Ruoxiang coldly said, “Huyan Shun, it’s time to announce who has won or lost. Of course, if you really have the leisure and refinement, our Green Lotus Sect does have Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasures. I can invite a few female elders to have a match with you using the Mysterious Heavenly Spirit Treasures. I hope that by then...you’ll remember what it means to treat women gently. By the way, I must remind you, the martial arts cultivation of our female elders in the Green Lotus Sect starts from the Earth Martial Realm.”

“You!” Huyan Shun didn’t know how to express his grievance from being at a disadvantage. He clenched his teeth tightly and shouted, “We lost the first round!”

Fu Qingqing’s eyes were still filled with frustration, but Huyan Shun had no time to attend to the young lady. His gaze fell on He Guang, anxiously saying, “Young friend He Guang, for the following competition, I hope that you can take matters into your own hands...”

“Senior Brother, you must avenge me.” Fu Qingqing pitifully looked at He Guang.

At this moment, He Guang was eager to fight, fiercely saying, “Don’t worry, Junior Sister, I will!”

Chapter 698: It’s Now! _1

How could He Guang know that the tall and mighty senior brother image he tried so hard to maintain in front of Fu Qingqing was, in her eyes, nothing more than a mere henchman? For a man, there could be nothing more tragic than this. Unfortunately, He Guang didn't know any of this.

He was still heartbroken by Fu Qingqing's injuries, believing that as long as he defeated Yang Chen and let him know his prowess, Fu Qingqing would surely fall for him!

This made He Guang immediately step forward, his face cold as he said, "Yang Chen, you really haven't shown any mercy to my Junior Sister. You bullied my Junior Sister, so I will make you pay bit by bit."

Yang Chen helplessly shrugged his shoulders. They were on different sides, so their words were naturally different as well.

Just to please Fu Qingqing, He Guang only saw Yang Chen's bullying of her.

It was estimated that in the eyes of these people, the only way to please them was for him to be defeated by Fu Qingqing. At that time, they naturally wouldn't say that he bullied Fu Qingqing. However, unfortunately, that was simply impossible. Yang Chen wouldn't show any mercy to a ruthless woman just because of some seemingly noble "cherishing the fairer sex."

Fu Qingqing had nothing to do with him whatsoever.

"He Guang, if you came up just to talk nonsense with me, I don't think I have anything to say to you." Yang Chen shrugged his shoulders.

"Alright, alright! Yang Chen, it seems defeating my Junior Sister has given you a lot of confidence. Since that's the case, let me show you how powerful I really am!" He Guang said as he immediately took action.

Being a Half-step True Martial Realm powerhouse was indeed extraordinary, at least half a level above an ordinary Origin Martial Realm, and only inches away from the True Martial Realm, possessing many of its characteristics.

If the difference between Origin Martial Realm and Spirit Martial Realm is like the boundless, endless sea of True Qi, the difference between True Martial Realm and Origin Martial Realm is the quality of True Qi, which is incomparable to the Origin Martial Realm.

The True Qi quality of a True Martial Realm was like the difference between an adult and a child compared to the Origin Martial Realm.

He Guang's opening move was the same Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique that Fu Qingqing used!

However, unlike Fu Qingqing, his Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique was clearly executed much more skillfully. As soon as He Guang made his move, tens of thousands of light threads surged out, gradually converging into the shape of fierce tigers. Counting them, there were at least several hundred fierce tigers.

These tigers were of different sizes, some pouncing towards Yang Chen, while others roared ferociously.

"Roar!"

The roar of these fierce tigers sent tremors through the ground, causing it to shake violently.

"This... the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique is so powerful!" Huyan Shun was shocked. "Young friend He Guang must have fully mastered the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique."

Fu Qingqing said proudly, "Hmph, does Yang Chen think he can win against Senior Brother He Guang? Senior Brother He Guang has a Spectral Light Divine Body, a special divine body born to cultivate the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique. It's extremely difficult for ordinary people to even summon a few wisps of green light, let alone cultivating this technique. But Senior Brother He Guang can naturally summon green light to surround himself. He has the best talent for cultivating the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique."

"Spectral Light Divine Body? No wonder that young friend He Guang's Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique is so powerful. It's practically on par with the power of a fully mastered Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique," Huyan Shun said admiringly.

“Hmph, of course. So, compared with my Senior Brother, this Yang Chen is nothing more than a clown,” Fu Qingqing gritted her teeth.

Of course, even though the Spectral Light Divine Body was quite remarkable, it didn't catch her eye. The one she truly admired had to be hundreds or even thousands of times stronger than He Guang. He Guang was far from entering her Dharma Eye, and her praise for him was just because she disliked Yang Chen even more.

She lost to Yang Chen, but she resented him even more.

She didn't admit that a nobody from the Eastern Region like Yang Chen could be stronger than her. Even if she couldn't shatter Yang Chen's confidence, she still wanted her own Senior Brother to crush every last ounce of Yang Chen's spirit. It must be said that the power of hundreds of fierce tigers rushing towards Yang Chen is indeed extraordinary. Without any hesitation, he quickly retreated to temporarily evade their attack.

“Haha, Yang Chen, why are you running? Are you scared?” A series of spectral lights emerged from around He Guang.

As these spectral lights gathered, they transformed into another group of fierce tigers.

“This is not a good situation. If Yang Chen keeps running like this, it will be difficult for young friend He Guang to deal with him. This little guy named Yang Chen has a very good body technique.” Huyan Shun sighed.

Fu Qingqing sneered, “That's because Senior Huyan doesn't know about the power of the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique. The cloud tigers summoned by the technique are created by refining the essence and bones of cloud tigers. What is a cloud tiger? It's not an ordinary fierce tiger; it's a creature that once it targets someone, a certain aura, or a certain object, it will follow them relentlessly, tracking them to the end!”

As Fu Qingqing's thoughts ended, something happened that shocked everyone.

These cloud tigers suddenly spread their wings and flew into the sky.

With their rapid speed, they came from all directions and gathered together, then lunged and bit at Yang Chen.

“What is this thing!”

“It seems to be able to lock in on Junior Brother Yang Chen’s aura and bite without letting go.”

Yang Chen also noticed it now.

“So, it turns out that the fierce tigers summoned by this technique can bite onto me and not let go.” Yang Chen thought secretly, “Moreover, what’s different between He Guang and Fu Qingqing is that He Guang can constantly emit spectral lights from his body, summoning these fierce tigers non-stop.”

By observing the difference between Fu Qingqing and He Guang’s use of the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique, Yang Chen could deduce that He Guang probably had some kind of divine body. This divine body should be the most suitable for cultivating the Green Light Cloud Tiger Technique; otherwise, Fu Qingqing and He Guang using the same technique wouldn’t have such a huge gap.

But the key issue is...

Yang Chen whispered, “If I try to resist directly, these cloud tigers will be endless. As soon as I kill one batch, another will appear. Moreover, there are so many cloud tigers that I can’t get rid of them all at once. Some are howling and intimidating, some are chasing me and attacking me. It won’t work even if I try to dodge them.”

“It seems I have to find another way.”

As Yang Chen continued to dodge, he muttered, “From what I can see now, the only option is to deal with He Guang, the one who uses this technique, first.”

Thinking of this, Yang Chen made his decision, and with a swoosh,

“Open the Thunder Step Technique Third Layer!”

Yang Chen directly reached the third layer of the Thunder Step Technique!

In an instant, his speed soared to its limit.

Such speed was incredibly fast. In just a blink of an eye, Yang Chen already had the intention of approaching He Guang.

“Now is the time!” In an instant, Yang Chen displayed the Thunderbolt Style and Shapeshifting Liquid Fire, aiming straight for He Guang’s body.

Chapter 699: Azure Light Infinite Sword!_1

However, the next moment, something happened that surprised Yang Chen. It was as if He Guang had anticipated all of this earlier. His body instantly condensed a series of faint lights, which transformed into Cloud Tigers, tightly protecting him. Astonishingly, he managed to block Yang Chen’s Shapeshifting Liquid Fire and Thunderbolt Style.

“Hmph, thinking of ambushing my real body is nothing but wishful thinking!” He Guang sneered, “Go, kill him!”

Yang Chen was undoubtedly taken aback.

His pupils contracted sharply, he switched his Lightning Movement Technique to the second layer, which did not consume much True Qi, and then rapidly retreated.

“Too strange!” Yang Chen was filled with surprise in his heart: “It’s as if he knew I’d use Lightning Movement Technique in advance? No, that’s not right! How did he know about my Lightning Movement Technique? I’ve only met him once, and I’ve never used the technique in front of others before. How could He Guang know that I would suddenly rush towards him?”

It was a logically difficult question to explain!

As he pondered over it, the more he thought, the more bizarre it seemed.

Nothing could be explained here or there.

His use of the Lightning Movement Technique to ambush took only an instant, and He Guang couldn't have possibly reacted in that moment. Even if He Guang had reacted, it would have been a hasty response. However, He Guang's reaction seemed as if he had already anticipated Yang Chen's move and knew that he would use it.

This also reminded him of the various events from the beginning.

It seemed as if He Guang knew all his moves, so much so that the Cloud Tigers' attacks were aimed at his weak points.

"Does He Guang know my skills like the back of his hand?" Yang Chen narrowed his eyes.

He could not comprehend.

He Guang laughed mockingly at this moment, feeling a great sense of accomplishment while looking at Yang Chen's surprised expression. How could Yang Chen possibly know that he was aware of all his moves in the Trial Tower, including Shapeshifting Liquid Fire, Thunderbolt Style, and even Starfire?

As a result, he fully understood Yang Chen's weaknesses and how to deal with him.

This was the reason for his confidence; even though Yang Chen's current Martial Arts Cultivation had greatly increased, there was still an undeniable gap between them!

Yang Chen was now gradually recovering from his astonishment, starting to conduct a rational analysis in his mind.

“He Guang has only met me twice. If he really knows my moves, the only explanation is that it was during my last attempt at the Trial Tower...” Yang Chen thought quietly: “At that time, when Mu Zhijiao was intentionally making other geniuses use all their moves.”

Yang Chen recalled the strange scene in Huangsha City’s Mu Zhijiao.

At that time, Mu Zhijiao had unusually invited many geniuses and repeatedly emphasized that they should give it their all.

He found it very strange at the time but didn’t know why. However, looking back on it now.

“Could it be that everything I did in the Trial Tower was seen by He Guang?” Yang Chen frowned.

In theory, the outside world shouldn’t have been able to observe what happened within the Trial Tower. However, nothing was absolute. If He Guang had done something within the Trial Tower, anything could be possible!

Moreover, considering how well He Guang knew his moves now...

Yang Chen narrowed his eyes: “This explanation doesn’t seem to be off, but I still need to confirm it first!”

He didn’t use all of his moves inside the Trial Tower; he still had a hidden card.

It was precisely because of this card that he suddenly accelerated and approached He Guang.

“Hahaha, Yang Chen, I’ve told you, it’s useless,” He Guang said, “I don’t even need to go all out to deal with you!”

He indeed hadn’t used all his moves.

But what did that have to do with Yang Chen? At this moment, Yang Chen opened his mouth, and in a flash, a thunderous roar rang out!

Mountain God Roar!

“Huh?”

He Guang suddenly sensed something wrong. Just as he wanted to make a countermeasure, he felt a tremor in his mind.

It was obvious that he had fallen into a trap.

“So it’s really like this.” Yang Chen muttered to himself.

This He Guang was not aware of his Mountain God Roar.

That was because he hadn’t used Mountain God Roar in the Trial Tower. The Stone Monsters had no souls and were immune to soul attacks, so it was useless for him to use Mountain God Roar, let alone show its true power.

And now, the never used Mountain God Roar displayed its miraculous effect, completely deterring He Guang!

“Take this move.” Yang Chen commanded the Shapeshifting Liquid Fire to sweep away.

However, at this moment, He Guang suddenly shivered all over his body, and then, he unexpectedly recovered.

“Huh?” Yang Chen was somewhat surprised. Was his Mountain God Roar so easily broken by He Guang?

He Guang coldly said, “Yang Chen, you really have a lot of tricks. I almost fell for it. But it’s a pity, you wouldn’t guess that there is a treasure protecting my soul. Your roar, if it wants to penetrate the treasure and enter my soul, isn’t enough!”

Upon hearing these words, Yang Chen sighed. He Guang’s origin was extraordinary, and he also had many treasures. Yang Cheng didn’t expect him to actually have a treasure that could guard against soul attacks, so that his Mountain God Roar had no effect.

“It seems I have to use another method.” Yang Chen thought secretly.

As his thoughts fell, He Guang roared and said more arrogantly than ever, “Yang Chen, it’s not bad that you could force me to this point. But unfortunately, it ends here. I don’t want to waste any more time with you. Die!”

At this moment, another treasure appeared in He Guang’s hands.

It was an azure shining long sword.

When He Guang held the sword in his hand, in an instant, it seemed as if he had resonated with those fierce tigers. In an instant, the Cloud Tigers roared and seemed to rush towards the Azure Light Long Sword madly. The Cloud Tigers entered the sword one by one, then disappeared, seemingly merging with the Azure Light Long Sword.

“What is this?”

No one understood, including Huyan Shun, who didn’t know what kind of treasure He Guang had taken out.

Fu Qingqing’s lips curled up, “This is a treasure my master temporarily bestowed upon my Senior Brother for the completion of his mission. It’s close to a high-grade Mysterious Heavenly Treasure—a supreme grade among the intermediate Mysterious Heavenly Treasures. It’s called Azure Light Infinite Sword. It can absorb the power of Azure Light Cloud Tigers.”

“What happens after the Azure Light Cloud Tigers are absorbed?” Huyan Shun asked.

“The Azure Light Infinite Sword will instantly unleash the integrated Azure Light power. That one sword will be unstoppable and impossible to dodge. The outcome is already decided and it will be hard for Yang Chen to even preserve his body intact.” Fu Qingqing said this with a chilling look on her face.

“Such a precious treasure!” Huyan Shun couldn’t help but be horrified.

This was also the treasure that He Guang initially verbally agreed to put up as a bet for the Trial Tower competition. This Azure Light Infinite Sword was indeed more powerful than the Silver Dragon Scissors. Unfortunately, this treasure was only temporarily borrowed by him from his master. He Guang didn’t dare to give it away.

It was precisely for this reason that the power of the sword could not be denied.

When all the Azure Light Cloud Tigers were gathered into the sword, He Guang laughed loudly and said, “Yang Chen, it’s over!”

The next moment, the long sword suddenly dropped, and a giant Cloud Tiger, tens of feet in size, spread its wings and whistled towards Yang Chen. With such a posture and such power, it was undefeatable!

Chapter 700: Willing to Admit Defeat?_1

Now, this huge cloud tiger, tens of meters long, seemed to have combined all the cloud tigers that He Guang had cast at the beginning and then increased its power several dozen times. As it roared in, it was difficult to imagine how to resist it.

Even the Green Lotus Sect disciples have already exclaimed and dared not open their eyes to see the next scene.

The elders also could not help thinking that Yang Chen had the ability to withstand such a powerful attack.

Perhaps just as He Guang said, it’s over!

Is it really over?

Boom.

After hearing a loud sound, wolf smoke rose in all directions, and everyone's eyes were on the scene. He Guang was no exception. He could already imagine Yang Chen's lifeless appearance and wondered why the people of the Green Lotus Sect didn't care about Yang Chen's life or death.

Logically speaking, after his move just now, someone in the Green Lotus Sect would definitely save Yang Chen. It's just that doing so would only cause Yang Chen to lose. But the result is the same, no matter what, Yang Chen loses.

He didn't notice any signs of the Green Lotus Sect people taking action...

In that case, Yang Chen's death was almost certain.

He hesitated with this thought.

However, suddenly!

"Huh?" He Guang widened his eyes and looked almost incredulously at everything in front of him.

The wolf smoke cleared completely, and everyone could see clearly.

Around Yang Chen, there were stone generals protecting him in all directions, enveloping Yang Chen and keeping him unassailable. And that cloud tiger, tens of meters long, disappeared after a stalemate with the stone generals for about a cup of tea's time.

This was naturally Yang Chen's Stone General Array Disk.

“What!”

“How is it possible that Yang Chen actually withstood it!”

“How can this be!”

Many people couldn't believe what was happening in front of them, and He Guang was no exception.

In fact, even Yang Chen, who was in the Stone General Array Disk, couldn't deny that He Guang's sword just now was indeed hard to withstand. If it weren't for him using the Stone General Array Disk to protect himself, he would have had no other choice. Unfortunately, the Azure Light Infinite Sword seems to be more than an ordinary lower-level Xuan Tian treasure.

In terms of power, a single slash from that sword could instantly kill an ordinary True Martial Realm First Level or even Second Level practitioner.

Even with the protection of the Stone General Array Disk, he was still affected by some residual force!

Fortunately, the defensive power of the Stone General Array Disk was extraordinary, and it finally blocked the Azure Light Infinite Sword.

Next, it was time for him to fight back.

“You!” He Guang was shocked, his eyes wide and staring at Yang Chen, “You, you actually blocked it.”

There was a hint of fear in his voice.

Because that sword just now was undoubtedly his strongest attack, and it also depleted nearly all of his True Qi.

With this sword gone, he had little power left. What could he use to fight Yang Chen?

Yang Chen had no time to consider what He Guang was thinking. At this moment, he murmured, "He Guang, it's really over this time. But unlike what you think, the one who is going to end is you!"

The moment his words fell, Yang Chen let out another fierce roar! The Mountain God Roar spread out, the sound waves reaching He Guang and making his mind tremble. However, He Guang had a soul-protecting treasure on his body, and he quickly recovered, laughing loudly: "Yang Chen, this technique is useless against me. You've used the same technique twice, which means you've exhausted your tricks."

"Really?" Yang Chen smiled slightly.

As soon as the words were spoken, He Guang's body violently shuddered.

"Not good!" He Guang only felt that his body no longer belonged to him.

However, by the time he realized it, it was already too late.

The Mountain God Roar could indeed resist some attacks on the soul. However, everything has a limit. The soul attack of the Earth Martial Realm would naturally disintegrate the soul protection instantly!

The reason why Yang Chen used the Mountain God Roar, just like when he dealt with Luo Yunhu, was only for a cover-up effect!

As long as the cover-up effect was enough, everything else was sufficient.

At this moment, He Guang's soul was already disturbed, and it was at this moment that Yang Chen unlocked the protection of the Stone General Array Disk and waved his hand instantly!

"Five Thunder Righteous Method, fall!" Yang Chen shouted.

In an instant, a Heavenly Thunder fell abruptly.

“Not good!” Yan Shun saw He Guang was in trouble and hurriedly stepped forward. Detecting the falling Heavenly Thunder, he rushed out and blocked Yang Chen’s Five Thunder Righteous Method.

As a powerful one in the Earth Martial Realm, Yan Shun’s means were naturally different. Yang Chen’s Heavenly Thunder bombardment was effective against opponents of the same level, or even opponents several levels higher, but it was of no use against powerful ones in the Earth Martial Realm.

However, Yang Chen retained the remaining several thunders of the Five Thunder Righteous Method and said slowly, “Senior Yan Shun, your sudden intervention in our fight is against the rules. Should this be considered my win or He Guang’s win?”

“Humph, we concede!” Yan Shun gritted his teeth.

At this moment, He Guang suddenly awakened from the soul interference, shuddered, and had a vague impression of what had just happened. He realized that he had lost!

“I, I lost!” He Guang’s eyes were filled with shock and unwillingness. He suddenly thought of something and hurriedly said, “Junior Sister, Junior Sister, I...”

Fu Qingqing’s eyes were full of hatred, and she naturally wouldn’t pay any attention to He Guang anymore. She snorted and ignored him completely!

However, when she looked at Yang Chen, she suddenly thought of something.

The man she admired was talented and capable, but wasn’t Yang Chen just like that? More talented and capable than He Guang, and younger than He Guang. But she looked down on the people from the Eastern Region, so she made enemies with Yang Chen. If she didn’t have such thoughts from the beginning and didn’t make enemies with Yang Chen, what would the outcome be?

Nowadays, He Guang was rescued by Yan Shun, and undoubtedly, he had lost.

The disciples of the Green Lotus Sect also mocked one by one, "The first one lost and was saved by someone, the second one lost and was saved again, aren't you embarrassed?"

"Exactly!"

Hearing these words, Yan Shun's face was awkward.

Li Ruoxiang hugged her shoulders and said, "I say, Yan Shun, you've already lost two rounds. Who are you going to send in the third round against Wood Dragon City?"

What Yan Shun didn't want to hear the most was this. Similarly, the high-level members of Wood Dragon City also changed their expressions instantly. It's not that they couldn't hear these words, but... they simply didn't know how to deal with it. Now, the two geniuses they thought were impossible to lose had already lost, so what else could they use to fight?

They were completely unprepared.

The third genius, who to send?

Comparison with Yang Chen to their own geniuses would simply be sending them to Yang Chen for practice, not even a contest.

"Elder Huyan, what...what should we do?" the Elder of Wood Dragon City was troubled.

After all, if they lose, they would have to give away the Spiritual Vein Territories. Who wouldn't be troubled?