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Chapter 851 The Birth of the Evil God

The Heavenly Demon Armor glimmered with a glass-like sheen, flickering with blue light, and vaguely showing some peculiar patterns.

"Is this the defensive magic tool you acquired from the Holy Land?"

With just one glance, Yan recognized the extraordinary nature of Ye Fan's Heavenly Demon Armor. He thoughtfully linked it to the rumors he had heard and asked with a smile.

"Yes."

Ye Fan nodded and said, "The defense capability of this Heavenly Demon Armor is very strong. I personally think it's not inferior to the Yanhuang Furnace, so I'd like you to help appraise it."

"Oh?"

Even though he had already discerned the exceptional nature of Ye Fan's Heavenly Demon Armor, Yan was slightly taken aback after hearing Ye Fan's comment. He then restrained his smile and said, "Allow me to take a look!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Yan activated his consciousness, using his mind to delve into the inside of the Heavenly Demon Armor for exploration.

Hmm?

Immediately, upon sensing the Formation inside the Heavenly Demon Armor, Yan's face slightly changed. "The formation inside this armor is quite complex and mysterious; it should be a high-level array. Moreover, its material is very rare, something not found on Earth."

"Yes."

Upon hearing this, Ye Fan proactively introduced: "According to the armor's former owner, the main material of this armor was taken from an Outer Heaven Meteorite, and its auxiliary materials include some rare substances from the Ancient Cultivation World on Earth. The person who crafted this armor was a famous Artifact Refining Master of that time."

"This armor should be superior to high-level magical artifacts, but the exact extent of its defensive power can only be known through testing," Yan pondered aloud.

"Then please test it to see how strong its defensive power is and whether it surpasses the Yanhuang Furnace," Ye Fan said, handing the azure Heavenly Demon Armor over to Yan.

Yan took it, wore it, and then channeled Gang Qi, pouring it into the Heavenly Demon Armor to activate the defensive array within.

As the array was activated, the Heavenly Demon Armor erupted with a dazzling azure glow, enveloping Yan within it.

Whoosh!

Feeling the energy fluctuation emitted by the Heavenly Demon Armor, Yan's mind was stirred. He suddenly swung his right hand, striking himself.

"Smack—"

Yan slapped his upper body, his palm vibrating with Gang Qi, yet he couldn't break the defense of the Heavenly Demon Armor—Gang Qi was directly dispersed by the azure light.

"What a magnificent armor!"

This result left Yan slightly astonished, then he couldn't help but praise: "The defensive power of this armor is stronger than I imagined. As you said, it's not weaker than the Yanhuang Furnace."

"It should be like the Yanhuang Furnace; the stronger the person who uses it, the more formidable its power can be displayed." Observing the activation of the Heavenly Demon Armor's array by Yan, with a defense far surpassing his own use, Ye Fan affirmed his judgment.

"Indeed."

Yan nodded, smiling wryly, "Regardless of whether it's the Yanhuang Furnace or this armor, with my current ability, I cannot fully manifest their utmost power."

"Oh?"

Upon hearing this, Ye Fan was momentarily startled, then asked, "I wonder, after breaking through to that legendary realm, whether it would be possible to unleash the power of the Yanhuang Furnace and the Heavenly Demon Armor?"

"Then let's look forward to you breaking through to that legendary realm soon to reveal the answer."

Yan smiled and then curiously asked, "By the way, share the stories of the Holy Land with me."

"Certainly."

Ye Fan nodded and then recounted the situation in the Holy Land and his experiences there to Yan.

Although Yan had heard about everything Ye Fan did in the Holy Land, he was still somewhat surprised to hear that Ye Fan had, in a short time, comprehended the Gu Sword Formation, allied with numerous young geniuses, and slain the Vajra Monkey equivalent to a mid-stage War God level.

Moreover, when he heard that Ye Fan nearly died on the high platform in order to pass a life-and-death trial, he couldn't help but secretly marvel at Ye Fan's indomitable willpower.

"Xiao Fan, your journey to Australia this time was indeed fruitful."

After Ye Fan finished speaking, Yan spoke again, "But the sole blemish was that Meng Binglan wasn't brought to the bait, otherwise we could have pursued the lead to find Chen Daozang and kill him once and for all, eliminating the threat early."

"Yes, Chen Daozang is far more cunning than we imagined."

Ye Fan nodded, recalling the plan of killing Chen Daozang shared by Yan before he left for the Australia Continent—to use himself as bait to lure Meng Binglan into avenging Chen Feilian, and thereby find Chen Daozang's hiding place through Meng Binglan!

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While Yan and Ye Fan felt a sense of imperfection due to Meng Binglan's absence.

On the African Continent, in the secret underground base of the Qinghong Organization in the East Africa Rift Valley.

"Crack—"

The dull sound shattered the silence of the underground base.

Shwick!

In the hall outside the Stone Gate, Meng Binglan, who was sitting cross-legged cultivating, suddenly opened his eyes and looked forward.

Under Meng Binglan's gaze, the Stone Gate at the front of the hall slowly opened, and Chen Daozang walked out from within.

"Has your injury healed?"

Meng Binglan stood up and quickly greeted Chen Daozang.

"You didn't go to find that little brat, did you?" Chen Daozang asked in return.

"No."

Meng Binglan shook his head, his face filled with hatred, and amidst his resentment, there was a tinge of lingering fear. "Just as you predicted, Yan secretly protects that little brat. Had I not heeded your advice and gone to kill that little brat, I would surely have fallen into Yan's hands."

"Not only you, but me as well!" Chen Daozang said coldly.

Upon hearing this, Meng Binglan was startled for a moment, then instantly understood Chen Daozang's meaning, yet remained unwilling and said, "With Yan protecting that little brat, we have absolutely no way to avenge our son. Moreover, I heard that the little bastard went to the Australia Continent to participate in the beast-killing operation initiated by the War God Alliance, and as a result entered a Holy Land left by the Ancient Cultivation World, obtaining inheritances left by Supreme Strongman from the Ancient Cultivation World, along with numerous treasures!

In addition, I heard he obliterated all the senior cultivators sent by the Three Great Alliances to kill him. Moreover, his strength advanced by leaps and bounds, just breaking through the Early-Stage War God Realm, and then he killed a Mid-stage War God!

If we let him grow, one day without Yan protecting him, we might not be able to kill him!"

"His growth rate is truly beyond my expectations."

Chen Daozang frowned upon hearing this, then coldly declared, "But that's enough; he won't live past this year!"

"You mean...?" Meng Binglan murmured, daring not to be sure.

"Move!"

Chen Daozang evaded the question and, saying so, flashed out of the hall.

Shua!

Upon seeing this, Meng Binglan wasted no words, her figure flashed, closely following Chen Daozang.

Moments later, Chen Daozang led Meng Binglan away from the secret base, stepping on Gang Qi, traveling through the air, flying towards the distance.

The Sahara Desert is the largest desert on the African Continent, and the second largest desert on Earth, only surpassed by the Antarctic desert, located in northern Africa, with extremely harsh climate conditions, making it one of the least suitable places for biological growth on Earth.

The Nile River Valley is one of the few places in the Sahara Desert where plants can grow.

By evening, Chen Daozang and Meng Binglan flew, using Qi Control, to the Nile River Valley in the Sahara Desert.

Shua!

Shua!

Under the setting sun, Chen Daozang and Meng Binglan spiraled down like hunting falcons, floating to the ground.

"Are you sure he can kill that little bastard?"

When Chen Daozang was flying towards the Sahara Desert, Meng Binglan affirmed her suspicion but felt a bit skeptical.

"He's cultivating the most fierce and domineering Demon Technique from the Ancient Cultivation World, and now has achieved some success, having stayed in the Early-Stage War God Realm for a long time, pushing this realm to the extreme."

Chen Daozang indirectly responded, "Half a year ago, when I visited him, he could easily kill a Mid-stage War God with that domineering Demon Technique..."

"But... but that little bastard can also kill a Mid-stage War God, and in one strike!" Meng Binglan interrupted Chen Daozang.

"Even if Xue Chou and that little bastard have comparable strength, if I have Xue Chou deliberately disguise and hide his strength, waiting to unleash his strongest combat power during the duel with that little bastard, what do you think are the chances of success?" Chen Daozang asked.

"That... it should be quite high."

Meng Binglan was initially stunned, then brightened up.

She was very aware that Xue Chou, as mentioned by Chen Daozang, is a child Chen Daozang had taken in for more than ten years, with exceptional talent, taken as Chen Daozang's disciple, but not taught any cultivation techniques, instead trained in the "Blood Demon Sky Technique".

Blood Demon Sky Technique.

This is a cultivation technique that shook the Ancient Cultivation World, created by a notorious Great Demon from the Ancient Cultivation World, found by Chen Daozang in an abandoned Holy Land in the Sahara Desert.

At that time, Chen Daozang had already started creating his own martial arts, hesitated and ultimately didn't cultivate the Blood Demon Sky Technique, but had Xue Chou practice it.

According to Chen Daozang's plan, Xue Chou would become a sharp sword in his hand to assist Chen Feilian in controlling the Qinghong Organization once his strength reached its peak.

However—

Man proposes, God disposes, before Xue Chou's strength reached its peak, Chen Feilian died at the hands of Ye Fan!

Moments later, Chen Daozang brought Meng Binglan to an oasis in the Nile River Valley, smoothly entering a formation.

After entering the formation, the surroundings changed, and the two arrived at a lake, directly sinking to the lake bed.

At the bottom of the lake, another formation appeared, enveloped by dense Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi.

Chen Daozang flashed, bringing Meng Binglan into the formation.

Once again the scenery changed, and Chen Daozang and Meng Binglan entered a Dong Mansion at the lake bed, the water at the entrance being kept out by the formation.

The entrance to the Dong Mansion looked small, but once inside, a red hall appeared in their view.

In the center of the hall was a blood pool with a side length of ten meters, filled with concentrated Blood Qi, a pungent smell of blood overwhelming them.

There was a large wolf in the pool, its body covered with wounds, hot blood continuously flowing from the wounds, endlessly pouring into the blood pool.

A figure was sitting cross-legged in the blood pool, flickering with red light, seeming to exert a gravitational force, frantically absorbing the surrounding Blood Qi.

"Shua!"

As if sensing the presence of Chen Daozang and Meng Binglan, the person in the blood pool suddenly opened their eyes, a bloodlust glittering in their eyes, but their gaze towards the two was exceptionally respectful.

He was none other than Xue Chou as mentioned by Chen Daozang!

"Master, Mistress!"

Seeing Chen Daozang and Meng Binglan, Xue Chou ceased cultivation, sprang from the blood pool, his whole body flushed, blood continuously dripping from him.

"Woo~"

Meanwhile, the injured wolf in the blood pool let out a low whine, seemingly pleading for something.

"A... a Mid-level War God Realm wolf?"

Meng Binglan heard the sound, focused her gaze on the wolf, looking surprised.

"Yes, Mistress, I found it on the grassland two days ago."

Covered in blood, Xue Chou landed before Chen Feilian, first bowed deeply, then respectfully replied, "I didn't kill it, but extracted its beast core, using its Blood Qi to aid my cultivation."

"You can kill a Mid-stage War God level mutant beast?"

Initially, Meng Binglan was worried about the difficulty Xue Chou might face in killing Ye Fan, but upon hearing Xue Chou's words, she felt faintly excited.

"Replying to Mistress, not kill, but instant kill!"

Xue Chou's tone remained respectful, but his words revealed strong confidence.

"Xue Chou, in two months, you'll participate in the Hidden God List Competition." Chen Daozang suddenly said.

"Yes, Master!"

Xue Chou did not hesitate, immediately accepting the order, without even asking why Chen Daozang wanted him to participate in the Hidden God List Competition.

"Remember, your purpose in the Hidden God List Competition is not to become the number one in the young generation, but to kill a person!" Chen Daozang said in a low tone.

"Who?"

"A little bastard named Ye Fan, he killed Feilian!"

Before Chen Daozang could speak, Meng Binglan said with a face full of resentment.

"Mistress, rest assured, I will drain his Blood Qi and avenge brother Feilian!"

Xue Chou said sternly, his body exuding killing intent, like a blood demon god from Hell!

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Dracula Castle is the birthplace of terrifying legends. In the Middle Ages, it belonged to Count Dracula (Vampire Count) and is now the headquarters of the Dark Council.

Hei Emperor Augustine and several core members of the Dark Council reside here.

Doug and Olivia are respectively the Saint Heir and Holy Maiden of the Dark Council, holding significant status within the council and also reside in Dracula Castle.

At dusk, Dracula Castle is bathed in the sunset, shimmering with golden light. From afar, it resembles a fairytale castle, completely detached from evil and horror.

Approximately ten kilometers from Dracula Castle, Doug and Olivia, returning from the Australia Continent, travel swiftly, stepping on Gang Qi. Their speed is fast as lightning, leaving trails of afterimages in the sunset.

Hmm?

Suddenly, Doug and Olivia sense something and stop simultaneously, frowning as they look ahead. In the distant sky, a figure appears, swiftly flying towards them upon a Flying Artifact.

The visitor moves very quickly, and in an instant, is only a hundred meters away from Doug and Olivia, standing on a Magic Artifact.

One hundred meters!

This is the minimum safe distance for an Early-Stage War God. Once this distance is breached, it falls within the attack range!

"Flying Artifact!"

Olivia immediately noticed the artifact beneath the visitor's feet and couldn't help but be surprised!

Although Flying Artifacts are of little use to cultivators above Mid-stage War God, they are coveted treasures for those below Mid-stage War God.

Additionally, Flying Artifacts are the rarest among all Magic Artifacts, with values far exceeding other artifacts of the same level. They are practically unobtainable, not just for ordinary young geniuses, but even for young Supremes like Doug, nurtured by major powers, who cannot possess them!

In such a situation, Olivia suddenly seeing a cultivator around her age standing on a Flying Artifact, how could she not be surprised?

Not only Olivia, but even Doug was slightly taken aback.

The astonished expressions of Doug and Olivia were thoroughly enjoyed by the youth flying in on the Flying Artifact. He raised his head arrogantly, glancing down at them with eyes angled, his nostrils seemingly pointing to the sky.

"Who are you? Why block our way?"

Seeing the youth's arrogant demeanor, Doug slightly frowned and asked.

"I have been waiting for you for a long time."

The youth replied pridefully without addressing the question, "My master wants to ask you a few questions, come with me!"

"Who is your master? If he wants to ask us questions, why not come in person?"

Olivia asked coldly.

As the Holy Maiden of the Dark Council, she had never been disrespected like this, and now, both she and Doug were not only being ridiculed by a peer near the Dark Council headquarters, but according to the words, were merely being addressed by a servant.

This... made her very displeased!

"What are you worth for my master to come personally to find you?"

Upon hearing this, the youth retorted disdainfully, "You being questioned by my master is already an immense honor, why so much nonsense?"

"Whoosh!"

In response to the youth was the sound of an attack!

An angry Olivia suddenly swung her right hand, a fierce palm strike, unleashing a surge of Gang Qi from her palm, transforming into a giant hand, and striking at the youth.

"Bold!"

The youth shouted angrily, quickly activating his Protective Aura.

Bang—

A muffled thud sounded as the Gang Qi palm struck the youth, yet didn't harm him in the slightest—his Protective Aura immediately dissipated the Gang Qi palm.

Hmm?

This result left Olivia slightly stunned.

The previous palm strike, while not employing martial arts, was executed with full strength. Even if the youth in the sky was also an Early-Stage War God, it shouldn't have been warded off so effortlessly.

"Who gave you the courage to strike at me?"

Despite effortlessly deflecting Olivia's attack, the youth was infuriated and demanded angrily.

"Bastard!"

The youth, with his repeated arrogance, completely angered Olivia. She shouted angrily, raising both hands abruptly, first crossing them in front of her chest, then violently thrusting them out.

Woosh!

Upon thrusting, two surging streams of Gang Qi shot from Olivia's palms, forming a wave of black energy crashing towards the youth in the sky.

"You're playing with fire!"

The youth in the sky yelled angrily, utterly ignoring the black energy wave, rapidly flying towards Olivia on the Flying Artifact.

Obviously, he was very confident in his defense, believing the black energy wave couldn't harm him!

However— —

Just at this moment...

A sudden change!

The energy wave suddenly transformed into a square-shaped model, resembling a cage, emitting terrifying energy waves, enveloping the youth.

No Gate to Hell!

Enraged, Olivia utilized Hei Emperor Augustine's unique Absolute Techniques!

Swoosh!

The unexpected change made the youth's expression suddenly shift!

"Break it for me!"

Despite being caught off guard, the youth didn't panic, instead snorted coldly.

Swoosh!

After snorting, the youth suddenly drew his treasure sword from his waist, slashing towards the sky!

With one strike, a silver Gang Qi shot from the sword tip, transforming into a nearly tangible silver Sword Radiance, slashing at the Black Cage.

Boom~

With a loud blast, the silver Sword Radiance slashed a gap into the Black Cage, causing it to explode violently.

Crack pop!

The sweeping Gang Qi, like dense bullets, fired at the youth, yet were all scattered by the youth's Protective Aura.

Even when Olivia used her most powerful Killing Move, she couldn't harm the youth in the slightest!

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This result completely shocked Olivia!

"Bitch, you've thoroughly angered me!"

As soon as the 'Black Cage' of Olivia was broken, the youth was completely enraged, Gang Qi surged within him, and a murderous intent appeared in his eyes.

"So what?"

At this moment, Doug spoke coldly, and like Olivia before, crossed his hands over his chest, rapidly swung them, and then suddenly pushed out.

Doug made his move, and it was also 'No Gate to Hell', but the momentum was much stronger than Olivia's.

Black Gang Qi surged out violently, almost covering the sky, and the surroundings were dark. The terrifying energy fluctuations caused the air to continuously explode, with the sound of "pops" ringing incessantly.

The next moment.

The Black Cage appeared again, far clearer than before, almost like a real cage.

"You're courting death!!!"

The youth roared angrily, and the treasure sword in his hand slashed out once more.

Swish!

With a single slash, the silver Sword Radiance reappeared, howling as it hacked toward the Black Cage.

Boom~

A loud noise echoed again, but this time, the Black Cage was unbreakable, not showing the slightest crack, instead, the silver Sword Radiance exploded directly.

Hmm?

This result stunned the youth for a moment, then seeing the Black Cage squeezing in, he felt something was wrong and the muscles at the corner of his eyes twitched wildly, he slashed out the treasure sword in his hand again!

Swish!

Swish!

Swish!

In an instant, the youth swung his sword three times, three silver Sword Radiances appeared in succession, connected together, and once again hacked toward the Black Cage above.

Bang!!

The loud noise resounded again, all three silver Sword Radiances exploded one after another, the Black Cage shook violently, yet it remained undamaged, completely enclosing the youth within, and continuously compressing the space.

"Master, save me!!"

As the crisis descended, within the Black Cage, the youth ceased to break the move, but instead roared hoarsely.

Whoosh!

With the youth's roar, a sound of breaking through the air emerged, another youth flew in.

The youth had long golden hair, handsome features, snow-white skin, and brilliant blue eyes. He wore golden armor and carried a giant golden sword, like a knight from the Middle Ages, making him quite eye-catching!

However—

Compared to the youth himself, his armor, and the giant sword he carried, there was something on him that was even more attention-grabbing!

It was a pair of golden wings!

The golden-haired youth was able to fly entirely relying on that pair of golden wings!

"Useless!"

The golden-haired youth suddenly appeared, first looking at Doug and Olivia, then, just as the Black Cage was about to crush the previous youth, he suddenly transformed his hand into a sword and slashed at the Black Cage.

The hand sword slashed out, a nearly substantive golden Gang Qi shot out from the golden-haired youth's five fingers, transformed into a golden Sword Radiance, and chopped downward towards the Black Cage.

Bang!!

Another thunderous explosion, the previously firm Black Cage was directly cleaved open by the golden Sword Radiance, and then exploded spectacularly.

At the same time, the golden Sword Radiance suddenly vanished, not striking the youth below!

Swish!

This result made Doug and Olivia's faces drastically change!

On one hand, the golden-haired youth converted his hand into a sword and casually slashed to break Doug's strongest killing move!

More importantly, the golden-haired youth's judgment of the situation and control of Gang Qi was simply outrageous, his exertion of force was just right, breaking only the Black Cage and not harming the youth below in the slightest.

"Who are you?"

Doug stared intently at the golden-haired youth, asking out loud.

"Though he's a piece of trash, he's not someone you can teach a lesson!" The golden-haired youth answered irrelevantly, his tone low and cold.

As his words trailed off, the golden wings on the youth's back suddenly shook, transforming him into a beam of golden light. In an instant, he reached in front of Doug and Olivia, swinging his right hand.

Slap!

Slap!

The two crisp sounds echoed almost simultaneously.

Two slaps!

In a situation where they couldn't react, Doug and Olivia were directly sent flying by the golden-haired youth, their Protective Aura dimming!

Although relying on the defense of the Protective Aura, neither Doug nor Olivia were injured, this moment's encounter was more painful than killing them!

Among them, Doug's complexion was iron-blue cold and fierce, while Olivia's Gang Qi was surging wildly within, her whole War Intent bursting, looking as if she was about to fight hard.

"No need to waste energy, if I wanted to kill you, it would only take a single sword."

In the sky, the golden-haired youth stood proudly, looking contemptuously at Doug and Olivia, "Of course, if you want to seek death on your own, I don't mind fulfilling your wish. Hmm, although we're only ten kilometers from the headquarters of the Dark Council, I believe Augustine wouldn't dare do anything to me."

"Uh..."

The golden-haired youth's words were like a bucket of cold water, directly extinguishing Olivia's fury, and she vaguely guessed something but didn't dare confirm it.

Doug directly asked: "Are you the Golden Lion, Andre?"

"Originally, I wanted to ask you about that young Supreme from Huaxia, but now it seems, it's no longer necessary."

Andre still answered irrelevantly, "Hmm, there's a Huaxia idiom called 'one leaf knows the arrival of Autumn', you who was once claimed to be the number one of the younger generation are so weak, I doubt he's any stronger..."

"He's stronger than you!"

For some reason, upon hearing Andre mention Ye Fan, the shock and unease in Olivia's heart vanished, and she even directly interrupted Andre's words with a low shout.

"What... what did you say?"

Perhaps not expecting Olivia to say such a thing, Andre was first stunned, then like hearing the world's coldest joke, he couldn't help but burst into laughter, "Haha... hahaha... hahahaha..."

"Stupid bitch, my Master's strength is beyond your imagination, not to mention that so-called Huaxia young Supreme, even if the other five peerless geniuses emerged, they would be trampled under my Master's feet!"

The youth who was nearly killed by Doug before, sneered with a superior air.

"Originally I was a bit bored, wanting to kill that Huaxia young Supreme for fun before those guys emerge, now it seems unnecessary."

After laughing, Andre arrogantly said, "As for what you just said, I'll take it as a good joke. Hmm, it really is quite funny, hehe..."

"He'll kill you as easily as cutting grass!"

Olivia spoke again, her tone low and forceful, directly overshadowing Andre's laughter.

"Really?"

This time, Andre restrained his laughter but did not grow angry, merely looked mockingly at Olivia and Doug, "I hope that when I meet him at the Hidden God List competition, you can still say such words."

Swish!

With those words, Andre wasted no more time, turned around, fluttered his wings, and disappeared instantly.

"Hey!"

Andre's servant, with a condescending look, glanced mockingly at Doug and Olivia, and then followed Andre to leave.

"Ye Fan will definitely kill him!"

After Andre and his servant's figures disappeared, Olivia spoke again, her voice filled with certainty.

"He underestimated Ye Fan's strength, but you also underestimated his strength."

Doug, with an iron-like face, stared firmly in the direction Andre left, his body trembling slightly, in a low, hoarse voice, said: "But he wasn't wrong about one thing, we are too weak — looking at the global Cultivation World, except for Ye Fan, none can contend with those six!"

"__"

Olivia remained rooted in place, silent for a long time.

Because.

It was the first time anyone had heard Doug use the word weak to describe himself.

And... facing the geniuses of the same generation!!

Chapter 854 Public Enemy!

"The oldest cultivation family on the European Continent, the Huang Jin Family, has reappeared in the world!"

"The successor of the Huang Jin Family, Andre, who is known as the Golden Lion, has emerged into the world, and under the same realm, has humiliated the Dark Council's Saint Heir and Holy Maiden—Doug and Olivia. Both were slapped by Andre without the slightest ability to resist!"

On this day, these two pieces of news suddenly spread, and then swept across the entire cultivation world in the blink of an eye.

"Is the Huang Jin Family really so powerful? How come we've never heard of them before?"

"Doug was once hailed as the number one of the younger generation, although he was surpassed by Huaxia's Young Supreme, the gap between the two isn't large. Now, Doug has been slapped away by the Huang Jin Family's successor—just how strong is this Andre?"

The news of the Huang Jin Family and Andre's humiliation of Doug and Olivia struck the cultivation world like a lightning bolt, instilling curiosity about the Huang Jin Family and Andre in more than ninety-nine percent of cultivators.

"Being regarded as the Future Saviors, they are finally emerging into the world. I wonder what surprises these individuals, cultivated with all resources, can bring us?"

A select few supreme strongmen, aware of the Huang Jin Family and the 'Savior Plan', were neither shocked nor surprised by the reappearance of the Huang Jin Family at this critical point and the emergence of Andre, yet they remained curious.

They were curious about how far, including Andre among the originally selected six supreme genius seedlings, have developed now, and whether they can shoulder the weight of human survival.

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As the entire cultivation world was shaken by the Huang Jin Family and Andre, Ye Fan also heard the news but remained relatively composed.

Without letting this sudden incident mess up his plans, he proceeded according to his agenda, visiting the Ye Family Mansion on the second day after arriving in Yanjing, to complete one last task before his closed-door meeting.

Upon learning of Ye Fan's arrival, the stabilizer of the Ye Family, Old Master Ye, and Ye Wenhao, who was predestined to ascend to the top of Huaxia's power pyramid, along with other core members of the Ye Family, all gathered at the Ye Family Mansion.

"Young Master Ye!"

At dusk, as Ye Fan arrived at the alley where the Ye Family Mansion was located, two security personnel from the Yanhuang Organization spotted Ye Fan and emerged from the shadows.

"Thank you for your hard work."

Ye Fan responded with a smile, simultaneously taking out two Beast Cores and tossing them to the two, "These two Beast Cores are extracted from mutant beasts at the Innate Great Perfection Stage, containing energy essence that can fuel your cultivation for a period of time."

"Th-thank you, Young Master Ye!"

Upon hearing this, the two Yanhuang Organization members were initially stunned, and then instinctively took the two Beast Cores, looking extremely flattered.

Evidently, they never expected that Ye Fan had prepared gifts for them!

Ye Fan smiled and waved his hand, then proceeded to walk into the alley.

After several steps, Ye Fan turned a corner, encountering a series of special licensed cars, followed by several familiar figures.

Among those figures were Ye Long and Ye Cang from the third generation of the Ye Family, Ye Wenling from the second generation, and Qin Yan, a Ye Family in-law.

Hmm?

Upon witnessing this scene, Ye Fan wasn't surprised, but couldn't help recalling the occasion of his first visit to the Ye Family Mansion, feeling a mix of emotions.

"Xiao Fan, you're here. Your father, grandfather, and Old Master have been waiting for you for quite some time. Hurry inside!"

As Ye Fan was lost in reflection, upon noticing Ye Fan at the Ye Family Mansion entrance, the restless crowd suddenly quieted down, and then Ye Wenling emerged from the group full of smiles to greet Ye Fan.

Both merchants and politicians prioritize interests, sometimes changing faces quicker than a lady dropping her trousers in front of a client.

As far as Ye Wenling was concerned, although she was once humiliated by Ye Fan and harbored displeasure, Ye Fan first succeeded in extending Old Master Ye's life, stabilizing the Ye Family's morale,

then assisted the Ye Family in defeating the Bai Family, allowing Ye Wenhao to smoothly become the successor...

All of this bestowed Ye Fan with an extraordinary status within the Ye Family!

In this situation, raised in the Emperor's family and now thriving as a businesswoman, it was only natural for her not to go against Ye Fan but rather to curry favor with him, changing the impression she left on him.

"Alright."

In response to Ye Wenling's proactive goodwill, Ye Fan neither rejoiced nor grieved, returning the gesture with calmness.

Ye Wenling was left crestfallen but didn't change her expression, though her smile was somewhat stiff as she tactfully withdrew.

"Aunt, Xiao Cang."

Ye Fan proactively greeted Qin Yan and Ye Cang, then nodded towards the others.

"Brother!"

Although Ye Cang initially resented being chastised by Ye Fan, the animosity had long since dissipated, and seeing Ye Fan greet him now, he warmly addressed Ye Fan as brother.

"Xiao Fan, go inside!"

Qin Yan, too, beamed with delight, having already cleared any resentment with Ye Fan. Their relationship, albeit not remarkably close, was at least amicable on the surface.

"Hmm."

Ye Fan nodded slightly.

With a whoosh—

Soon, the crowd dispersed, and under everyone's gaze, Ye Fan stepped into the Ye Family Mansion, followed closely by everyone.

The Ye Family Mansion hadn't really changed, everything was as before.

Upon entering, Ye Fan traversed the outer yard and stepped into the inner yard.

Within the inner yard, led by Ye Wentao, the second generation members of the Ye Family were chatting among themselves. Upon noticing Ye Fan's arrival, they uniformly paused.

"Xiao Fan, you're back."

Ye Wentao stood up, greeting with a smile.

Ye Wenhai and Ye Wenjun also stood up without speaking a word, perhaps due to embarrassment or fear of rejection.

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"Hm."

Ye Fan responded calmly, neither overly polite nor distant, appearing very composed.

On one hand, he had long since let go of the resentment from when his mother Ling Yun was expelled from the Ye Family. More importantly, he was preparing to leave worldly affairs behind, viewing them very lightly.

"Xiao Fan, your father and grandfather, as well as the old man, are waiting for you in the study of the inner courtyard. You should go in." Ye Wentao seemed mentally prepared and didn't feel embarrassed, keeping a smiling face.

Ye Fan smiled slightly, said nothing more, retracted his gaze, and continued to walk forward.

Behind Ye Fan, everyone, including Qin Yan and Ye Wenling, stopped walking.

The inner courtyard was the territory of Old Master Ye, and without his permission, none of them could enter on their own, otherwise, they would face family rules.

Not only them but even Ye Wentao, Ye Wenhai, and Ye Wenjun were not allowed.

Throughout the entire Ye Family, only Ye Yuanshan, Ye Wenhao, and Ye Fan could!

Among them, Ye Yuanshan and Ye Wenhao needed to seek approval before entering, but Ye Fan could go to Old Master Ye at any time.

This also indirectly reflected Ye Fan's extraordinary status in the Ye Family!

At the door of the study in the inner courtyard, Ye Wenhao and Old Master Ye's life secretary were chatting. Upon seeing Ye Fan enter, they smiled and waved to him.

"Dad."

Ye Fan spoke, quickened his pace, and walked toward the study.

"Young Master Ye."

Old Master Ye's life secretary greeted him proactively, then signaled Ye Wenhao and tactfully withdrew from the inner courtyard.

"Go in and see your grandfather first, then we'll talk, father and son."

Ye Wenhao looked at Ye Fan, wanting to say many things but knowing that Ye Fan urgently needed to see Old Master Ye in the study first.

Ye Fan nodded and followed Ye Wenhao into the study.

"Xiao Fan is back."

"Xiao Fan, come over, let the old man take a look!"

Inside the study, Ye Yuanshan and Old Master Ye, upon seeing Ye Fan enter, spoke one after another, both showing smiles.

"Grandfather."

"Old Ye."

Ye Fan responded consecutively to Old Master Ye and Ye Yuanshan, with notable differences in address.

Ye Yuanshan seemed to have been prepared for this and was not embarrassed at all, while Old Master Ye had a hearty smile and was unconcerned.

"Grandfather, how is your health lately?" Ye Fan approached and asked with concern.

"Very good."

Old Master Ye smiled and then stood up, placing his hand on Ye Fan's shoulder, saying: "I've heard a lot about your deeds, and we are all worried about you."

"Grandfather, don't worry, I'll be fine." Ye Fan smiled and said.

"Ah... Xiao Fan, although I don't understand why you're determined to follow the path of cultivation, I hope you won't be too stubborn. Sometimes taking a step back opens new horizons; giving up isn't necessarily a bad thing." Old Master Ye advised.

"Thank you, Grandfather, for the reminder, I'll keep it in mind."

Ye Fan was clear that neither Old Master Ye nor some influential people in Huaxia understood how much Chen Daozang affected Huaxia's stability nor realized the threat mutant beasts posed to humans, but he did not elaborate and just thanked him.

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At eight o'clock, after dining with the Ye Family, Ye Fan bid farewell to Ye Yuanshan and Old Master Ye and left the Ye Family Mansion with Ye Wenhao, chatting as they walked.

"Xiao Fan, I consulted Master Yan and learned about your plans."

Ye Wenhao spoke first, his tone filled with worry, "Whether it's breaking through that legendary realm, killing Chen Daozang, or bearing the banner of resisting mutant beasts... Any of these things will be challenging to accomplish."

"I know." Ye Fan nodded.

"You've grown up and have your own thoughts, far more mature than your peers, with very determined willpower, so I won't persuade you to abandon your decisions; I'm just worried."

Ye Wenhao sighed and continued, "Firstly, I'm worried that such a heavy burden will bring you immense pressure and crush you. Next, I'm concerned that under such pressure, you might lose your stability and cultivate wrongly due to impatience. Lastly, my biggest worry is that your actions have already caused hostility from all sides, making you a public enemy, even almost literally speaking, the enemy of the world!"

"Although Master Yan protects you, there's no guarantee that some forces won't take desperate risks, such as your trip to the Australia Continent, where the Three Great Alliances dispatched veteran experts to assassinate you."

Ye Wenhao didn't give Ye Fan a chance to speak, he continued directly: "Furthermore, Master Chu Xuanji declared publicly that he wouldn't interfere in peer combat, and I presume Master Yan wouldn't either.

Originally, you were already unmatched among your peers, but who knew there were six peerless geniuses, one of whom, named Andre, has emerged and is said to be very powerful."

"Dad, I'm not inferior to him."

Ye Fan stopped walking, met Ye Wenhao's gaze, and said calmly.

Though he hadn't personally seen Andre's move against Doug and Olivia, he didn't believe Andre to be stronger than him.

"On this point, I believe you."

Ye Wenhao first nodded, then his expression turned somber, "But as I said before, you are now the enemy of the world. Even if you're not inferior to any of those six peerless geniuses, have you considered that during the Hidden God List competition, any one of them you encounter will fight you with their full force, how will you handle this?"

"Even if your strength isn't less than theirs, even slightly stronger, there's no guarantee you can defeat them under the premise of continuously facing them!"

Ye Wenhao expressed his biggest worry.

Though he had focused mainly on his career, he was once the top of the Qing bang and had been in the Innate Perfection realm for many years.

He knew well that when two cultivators of nearly equal strength engage in a life and death battle, whichever side wins will pay a hefty price!

"Dad, it's fine; as long as I'm much stronger than them, I can sweep through them!" Ye Fan smiled slightly, "Even if they join forces, I won't fear!"

"I know this, but the Hidden God List competition explicitly stated that participants must be cultivators below Gang Qi Great Success (Mid-stage War God). As far as I know, Andre and the six peerless geniuses have mastered each realm to its extreme..." Ye Wenhao still seemed uneasy.

"Dad, the so-called extreme has differences. I believe each of their extremities differs."

Ye Fan maintained a relaxed expression, "Moreover, I've just broken through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm (Early-Stage War God), and it's only my Magic Cultivation, I have a lot of room to improve!"

"That's true, but there are only two months left until the Hidden God List competition, is the time enough?" Ye Wenhao, upon hearing this, first sighed with relief but couldn't fully relax.

"Two months is plenty."

Ye Fan's words were surprising, but his tone calm like water, "I'm worried their strength might disappoint me."

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Ye Wenhao felt a mix of laughter and tears. Looking globally at the cultivation world, among the younger generation, perhaps only his son dared to say such words!

Chapter 856 Master-Disciple Affection

On the morning of the third day after arriving in Yanjing, Ye Fan, Su Liuli, Yan, and Chu Ji, who came to meet them, set off together for Mount Tian.

Among them, Ye Fan, Su Liuli, and Chu Ji wanted to visit Chu Xuanji and then stay there to practice in seclusion, to prepare for the upcoming Hidden God List competition.

Yan, on the other hand, had left quickly last time and did not have the chance to talk deeply with Chu Xuanji, so this time he went with Ye Fan and the others to have a good chat with Chu Xuanji.

After setting off, Ye Fan stood on the Flying Shuttle, holding Su Liuli with his left hand and pulling Chu Ji with his right, while Yan flew with Qi Manipulation ahead, deliberately keeping a distance that wouldn't interfere with the conversation between the three.

"Kiddo, have you heard about the European Union's Huang Jin Family and Andre?" Chu Ji was the first to speak and asked.

"I've heard about it." Ye Fan nodded.

"How is it? Didn't Auntie tell you the truth? Those six guys are strong, right?" Chu Ji said.

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Ye Fan was left speechless, completely at a loss for words.

"Doug had no power to fight back against Andre. That Andre must have cultivated each realm to the extreme as legend has it." Chu Ji made such a judgment.

"It's hard to say if it's to the extreme, but one thing is certain, Andre's speed is probably very fast." Ye Fan expressed his own opinion.

"Is cultivating each realm to the extreme really that strong?" Su Liuli hesitated for a moment and asked.

She had witnessed Doug's strength, and in her view, Doug was already very strong in the Early-Stage War God Realm, but he had no power to fight back against Andre. This shocked her and made her very curious.

"Hmm, if one can cultivate each realm to the extreme, combat power will have a qualitative leap."

Ye Fan nodded, saying, "But everyone's extreme is different, and what one considers to be the extreme might not actually be the extreme."

"I see..."

Su Liuli seemed to ponder deeply, quietly clenching her fists, her expression particularly determined.

Seeing this, Ye Fan and Chu Ji both understood that Su Liuli was likely planning to use the next two months to try cultivating each of the previous realms to the extreme.

"By the way, Auntie, have you gone to see Master recently?" Ye Fan changed the subject and asked Chu Ji.

"No."

Chu Ji shook her head and said, "You know Master's temper. He even drove you away, would he allow me to stay there?"

"I wonder how the old man is doing."

Ye Fan said, with a faint sense of anticipation in his heart, hoping Chu Xuanji could Break and Stand!

In Ye Fan's view, although Chu Xuanji had excessively burned the Gang Qi Essence, leading to the dispersal of the Qi Vortex, rupture of the Dantian, and loss of all Martial Arts Cultivation, before leaving, he gave Chu Xuanji the Nine Heavens Profound Skill.

Nine Heavens Profound Skill.

This is a Cultivation Method from the Xuan Realm, and according to Elder Xuan, the creator of this Cultivation Method was a very powerful presence in the Xuan Realm.

Cultivating the Nine Heavens Profound Skill can generate Power Seeds and Qi Vortexes in the 108 Acupoints within the body, including the Dantian.

In this situation, even if Chu Xuanji's Dantian is destroyed, he can still cultivate Power Seeds and even Qi Vortexes in the other 107 Acupoints to restore his strength!

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"There is the aura of a cultivator ahead!"

As Ye Fan and the others entered Mount Tian, about to reach the valley where Chu Xuanji resided, Yan suddenly sensed something and his brows instantly furrowed.

Swish!

Upon hearing this, the faces of Ye Fan, Chu Ji, and Su Liuli changed involuntarily!

"Could someone be plotting against Master Chu?" Su Liuli blurted out, very worried.

Whizz——

The response to Su Liuli was a piercing sound!

Without saying a word, Yan fully activated Gang Qi, like a stream of air, rapidly darting towards the sky above the valley.

At the same time, Ye Fan also tightened his grip on Su Liuli and Chu Ji, accelerating to catch up to Yan.

A moment later, Yan arrived first at the sky above the valley.

In the valley, wildflowers that had once bloomed withered away, and the leaves of some trees turned yellow, swept down by the wind, covering the entire valley.

Only one place was without leaves.

Bodhi Wu Yin's Tomb.

Around the tomb was very clean, and the four bloody words 'Wuyin's Tomb' on the tombstone had long dried up, becoming blurry from the wind.

Chu Xuanji sat cross-legged in front of Bodhi Wu Yin's Tomb, enveloped in a stream, and whenever leaves were about to fall around the tomb, they were swept away by the stream.

"Xuan... Xuanji, can your cultivation be restored?"

Seeing Chu Xuanji enveloped in this stream, feeling the aura of cultivation emanating from him, even Yan, the strongest person of the current era, with an unyielding heart and a calm mind, was greatly shocked.

"It's not restoration, but a complete re-cultivation."

In front of Bodhi Wu Yin's Tomb, Chu Xuanji stopped meditation cultivation, the stream around him dispersed, he opened his eyes, and looked up at Yan.

"Re... re-cultivation?"

Yan's eyes widened as he looked at Chu Xuanji, blurting out, "Isn't your Dantian destroyed? How can you re-cultivate?"

"The Dantian is destroyed, does that mean I can't cultivate?"

Chu Xuanji seemed to have emerged from the shadow of Bodhi Wu Yin's death. Upon hearing Yan's words, he cursed in annoyance, then asked, "Did my precious disciple come along with you?"

"Yes, they're right behind."

As Yan spoke, he swooped down like a big bird, landing beside Chu Xuanji, full of curiosity asking,

"Xuanji, how did you do it?"

"Secret."

Chu Xuanji tilted his head back, spitting out the word with a proud expression.

"!@%*..."

Yan had an urge to beat up Chu Xuanji.

At the same time, Ye Fan, with Su Liuli and Chu Xuanji, flew in from afar on his flying shuttle.

Huh?!

Ye Fan fully released his mind, carefully sensing everything around the valley while enhancing his eye power. He suddenly saw Chu Xuanji and Yan, and clearly sensed that the aura belonged to Chu Xuanji!

"Is it... the master?!"

Not only Ye Fan, even Chu Ji and Su Liuli sensed Chu Xuanji's aura and were all shocked. Among them, Chu Ji exclaimed out loud.

"Mm."

Ye Fan nodded, the smile on his face as bright as the midday sun.

"Could it be... Master has cultivated the 'Nine Heavens Profound Skill' you are practicing?"

There were not many people in this world who knew that Ye Fan was cultivating the 'Nine Heavens Profound Skill' and had 108 Power Seeds in his body, and Chu Ji was one of them.

After a brief shock, her heart stirred with an idea, and she turned to ask Ye Fan.

"Mm."

Ye Fan nodded again, then flew down into the valley with Chu Ji and Su Liuli.

"Master!"

"Master Chu!"

Soon, Ye Fan, Chu Ji, and Su Liuli landed and greeted Chu Xuanji one after the other.

"Xiao Fan, you've broken through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, it seems your trip to Australia was quite fruitful."

Chu Xuanji keenly noticed the change in Ye Fan's aura and also sensed the invincible momentum in Ye Fan, filled with surprise and joy.

"Not only was it fruitful, it's as though he was favored by the heavens this time!" Yan said with a wry smile.

"Oh?" Chu Xuanji asked with curiosity, "How so?"

"It's better for him to tell you himself." Yan replied.

"Congratulations, Master, on breaking and standing."

Ye Fan didn't immediately recount his journey to Australia but instead joyfully congratulated.

"What's all this talk of breaking and standing; quickly tell me what you went through on the Australia mainland this time," Chu Xuanji said, glaring with wide eyes.

"Alright then."

Hearing this, Ye Fan smiled wryly, then briefly recounted all his experiences on his journey to Australia to Chu Xuanji.

"Good, good, good!"

After hearing Ye Fan's narration, Chu Xuanji exclaimed "good" three times, his eyes squinted in happiness, feeling even more joyous than his own breakthrough and standing.

"Master, now that you've started cultivating the 'Nine Heavens Profound Skill', with your talent and cultivation experience, if you have enough Essence Stones, your strength should be able to recover in a short time, right?" Ye Fan asked.

"Mm."

Chu Xuanji nodded and then sighed, "But this cultivation technique is exceptionally unique. If I wish to recover to my former strength, the amount of Essence Stones needed is vast, so it's only theoretically feasible."

"Master, this is the Spiritual Medicine, Spiritual Peach, and Heaven and Earth Primordial Liquid I obtained from the Australia Continent, use them to enhance your strength first, and as for the remaining Essence Stones, we'll think of something!"

Ye Fan, hearing this, without hesitation, took out the Spiritual Medicine, Spiritual Peach, and Heaven and Earth Primordial Liquid and presented them to Chu Xuanji.

"You little brat, are you looking for a beating?"

Hearing Ye Fan's words and looking at the three treasures in front of him, which were enough to drive cultivators crazy, Chu Xuanji was filled with emotion, but put on a stern face, scolding, "I've never provided you with cultivation resources, and yet, you intend to give me the resources you risked your life for! How do you expect me to live with myself?"

"I don't need them for now."

Ye Fan said expressionlessly, though he was lying.

Because, according to his plan, this cultivation retreat had two goals.

One was to let his Martial Arts Cultivation break through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, then use Gang Qi for Body Refinement to condense the First Level of the 'Nine Heavens Profound Body'!

Another goal was to cultivate the 'Domineering Fist' left by Master Zhang.

And because Ye Fan cultivated the 'Nine Heavens Profound Skill' and had 108 Power Seeds in his body, the amount of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi needed to break through to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm was a hundred times that of an ordinary cultivator!

If he gave the Spiritual Medicine, Spiritual Peach, and Heaven and Earth Primordial Liquid to Chu Xuanji, unless there was another great opportunity, there was almost no hope to break through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm in the short term!

"Nonsense, do you think I'm so weak that I can't sense it? Your Martial Arts Cultivation is clearly about to break through to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm!"

Chu Xuanji scolded angrily, "Besides, even if you might not be able to break through for now, and don't need them, I won't take them!"

"Xiao Fan, you should keep these for your own use. The Hidden God List competition is about to start, and you're considered a public enemy, so you need to increase your strength as much as possible!" Yan advised.

"Alright, I'll keep these things for my breakthrough."

Seeing Chu Xuanji's firm stance of absolutely not taking the Spiritual Medicine, Spiritual Fruit, and Heaven and Earth Primordial Liquid, Ye Fan had no choice but to retract them, then said, "But Master, you must promise me one thing."

"What is it?"

"Next time, if I get this type of treasure again, you must take it!" Ye Fan said earnestly.

"Silly boy."

Hearing Ye Fan's words again, Chu Xuanji's expression changed. He no longer had a stern face, but his true feelings emerged, filled with emotion, with even his eyes slightly reddening, "I don't fear losing face, nor do I care about the world's opinions. But whether now or in the future, I cannot and will not take these things."

"Because, compared to my restored strength, your rapid advancement is more important!"

At this point, the emotion on Chu Xuanji's face gradually faded, replaced by deep anticipation, "In my lifetime, if I can witness you break through that legendary realm, even if I cannot restore my strength, I would have no regrets even in death!"

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By evening, the afterglow of the sunset had dyed Mount Tian red, and Yan ended his long conversation with Chu Xuanji. However, he did not leave immediately; instead, he unexpectedly called Ye Fan, Chu Ji, and Su Liuli together.

"The Hidden God List Tournament is the most important event in the modern cultivation world, held once every ten years. In terms of scale and value, it far surpasses the Qing bang Tournament."

Facing the sunset, Yan looked at the three of them and said word by word: "Whether in the era of nations or in the era of alliances, various forces place great importance on the Hidden God List Tournament. They all send their strongest geniuses to participate, to showcase their strength and compete for rankings!

However, this time, the Hidden God List Tournament is very different from before, specifically in the following aspects.

First, the previous theme of the Hidden God List Tournament was 'Reviving Martial Arts, Recreating the Prosperity of the Cultivation World'. This time, the theme is 'Defend Earth, Resist Mutant Beasts'!"

In other words, the purpose of this Hidden God List Tournament is to prepare for future resistance against mutant beasts!

Second, due to the significant meaning of this Hidden God List Tournament, which almost pertains to the survival of humanity, the rewards are very generous!

According to the proposal of the tournament committee, the Six Major Alliances each contributed one million Essence Stones, totaling six million Essence Stones as rewards, distributed to the top ten contestants!"

Six million Essence Stones?!

Hearing the rewards stated by Yan, Chu Ji and Su Liuli were directly stunned!

Even Ye Fan, who had received a cauldron of Heaven and Earth Primordial Liquid, was shocked!

Back then, in the Qing bang Tournament, Lv Zhan relied on Ye Fan to defeat Emperor Bai and won fifty thousand Essence Stones from the Du Sect, causing a great deal of pain to the elders of Du Sect, who even considered installment payments. Ultimately, Lv Zhan had to resort to mentioning Ye Fan and Chu Xuanji behind him to reluctantly bring out fifty thousand Essence Stones.

Besides that, Ye Fan looted the entire Japan Cultivation World to obtain only a few hundred thousand Essence Stones!

Yet this time, the rewards for the top ten in the Hidden God List Tournament amount to six million Essence Stones...

More than ten times the total amount of Essence Stones in the entire Japan Cultivation World!!

"Master Yan, six million Essence Stones, it's hard for even a single alliance to come up with, isn't it?"
After the shock, Chu Ji asked.

"Hmm, no single alliance can come up with six million Essence Stones alone."

Yan nodded and said, "This indirectly shows how much the major alliances value this Hidden God List Tournament!"

The emphasis is because, according to predictions, the time when the mutant beasts will launch a full-scale attack on humans is approaching. The major alliances fear that the younger generation might not mature in time, hence they offer huge rewards to support their cultivation, significantly shortening the growth period so they can fully mature before the war arrives!

And the reason for targeting the top ten is simple—the race war between humans and mutant beasts, though involving all cultivators, is ultimately decided by the number of top-tier strong people, their power!

The value of this Hidden God List Tournament is unimaginable! Including Andre and other six supreme geniuses considered as 'Future Saviors', all have emerged to participate.

This means those who make it into the top ten are true geniuses, comparable to geniuses of the Ancient Cultivation World. As long as nothing unexpected happens, they will surely grow into Supreme Strongmen, becoming the main force of the war between humans and mutant beasts!

Moreover, among the top ten geniuses, someone might break the laws of the modern cultivation world in the future, surpass that legendary realm, and become the protagonist who rules this war!"

Upon hearing Yan's words, Ye Fan was not surprised.

Before he went to the Australia Continent, Yan had told him similar words—the hope of the existing Supreme Strongmen to eliminate mutant beasts lies with the younger generation!

"This time, the Hidden God List Tournament has only one real restriction—Gang Qi Introduction Realm! Any cultivator at the Gang Qi Introduction Realm can participate! This means, including the older generation of cultivators!"

"Master Yan, since the Hidden God List Tournament is a competition among young geniuses, why let the older generation of cultivators join?"

Su Liuli was a bit puzzled.

"To increase the intensity of the competition. The older generation of cultivators, most of them have been at the Gang Qi Introduction Realm for a long time. In terms of talent, they may not match some young geniuses, but their combat power is definitely not weak. In this way, only the true Heavenly Prides can defeat them in the competition, achieving the purpose of survival of the fittest!"

Yan explained, "High value, intense competition, this is the third difference of this Hidden God List Tournament from before!"

"How many Essence Stones can the first place get?"

As Yan's words just fell, Ye Fan immediately asked.

Facing Ye Fan's question, Yan was first taken aback, then understood his intention and replied with a bitter smile: "First place, three million. Second place, one million. Third place, five hundred thousand. The rest are divided between fourth to tenth place."

"Three million..."

Ye Fan silently chanted the number, his heart throbbing.

Three hundred thousand Essence Stones.

Whether for his own cultivation or helping Chu Xuanji recover his strength, they are crucial!

"Xiao Fan's goal is to be first, which is understandable, but you two shouldn't aim too high; setting your goals at the top ten, or even the top twenty, would be sufficient."

Understanding Ye Fan's thoughts, Yan then said to Chu Ji and Su Liuli: "Besides, on the Huaxia side, there are Lv Zhan from the Lv Family, and my disciple Leng Feng, who are hopeful for reaching the top twenty."

Ye Fan was slightly taken aback.

Back in the Qing bang Tournament, because Leng Feng was too domineering and repeatedly offended him, he was beaten and never appeared again.

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Originally, he thought Leng Feng's heart for martial arts was shaken and he had completely fallen, but now listening to Yan, he understood that Leng Feng must have been in seclusion and honing his skills these past days.

"Master Yan, did you perhaps miss mentioning someone?" Chu Ji asked, as Ye Fan was momentarily stunned.

"Hmm, there's also Xu Wudao from the Xu Family, one of the six peerless geniuses, whose goal, like Xiao Fan's, is aimed at the championship." Yan nodded.

"How strong is this Xu Wudao?" Chu Ji asked again.

"I haven't seen him, but he shouldn't be weaker than Andre from the Huang Jin Family."

Yan spoke, his mind stirred, saying, "Alright, that's all I'll say about the Hidden God List competition. Next, I'd like to test your strength together with Xuanji to see what areas you need to improve."

Strength test?

The sudden mention of a strength test left Ye Fan, Su Liuli, and Chu Ji momentarily stunned.

"Liuli girl, you go first. Use your strongest means, attack me with all your might, without any reservations!" Yan said, looking at Su Liuli.

Hmm?

Yan's choice surprised Ye Fan a bit!

His reason told him that Yan selected Su Liuli first because her strength was deemed the weakest among the three!

After the initial surprise, Ye Fan felt relieved.

Su Liuli had smoothly cultivated up to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm due to inheriting Bodhi Wu Yin, but her foundation wasn't solid, preventing her from smoothly utilizing the Gang Qi within her body, plus her combat experience was lacking.

As a result, although Su Liuli had comprehended the "Bodhi Skill" comparable to the Ancient Heavenly Technique, her strength wasn't weaker than those so-called Young Supremes, yet she might not be stronger than Chu Ji!

On one hand, Chu Ji was once the top of the Qing List, only unable to break through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm because of unresolved emotional issues, but her foundation was very solid, and she had perfected the Innate Realm.

Now that she's broken through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, her strength naturally wouldn't be weak.

On the other hand, the martial arts technique "Jade Maiden Sword Technique" Chu Ji practiced was taught by Ye Fan's mother, Ling Yun!

Originating from the Xuan Realm, Ling Yun's martial arts teachings to Chu Ji are definitely not inferior to the Ancient Heavenly Technique!

"Alright."

Not only Ye Fan, but Su Liuli was also a bit surprised, yet she quickly regained her composure, nodding calmly.

Whoosh!

Yan's figure flickered, as if teleporting, appearing fifty meters away, then he smiled and nodded, signaling Su Liuli that she could begin.

Su Liuli collected her consciousness, suddenly urging the Gang Qi within her body, her long black hair fluttering without wind, the robe billowing loudly.

Swish! Swish!

Suddenly, Su Liuli's hands moved rapidly, streams of Gang Qi rushing to the top of her head, transforming into a large tree, vividly lifelike as if it truly existed.

Bodhi Tree!

According to Yan, upon her first move, Su Liuli used her strongest technique!

Bodhi Tree transformation, Su Liuli without any pause, immediately launched herself at Yan.

Crackling!

The sound of an air explosion rang out, the Bodhi Tree emitting powerful energy waves, charging towards Yan with lightning speed, shattering the air wherever it went.

Boom!

The next moment.

A loud noise emanated as the Bodhi Tree viciously crashed into Yan, not only failing to break through Yan's Protective Aura but was instantly shattered, scattered into tiny streams of Gang Qi, shooting in all directions.

"'Bodhi Skill' is the only martial arts technique in the modern cultivation world comparable to the Ancient Heavenly Technique, especially the 'Bodhi Tree' move, which is ever-changing, incredibly hard to defend against. Liuli girl, you have managed to comprehend it, proving your comprehension is excellent, maybe that is why Bodhi Wu Yin chose you as her legacy bearer."

Yan commented, "Your martial arts technique is your first advantage. Secondly, you've inherited Bodhi Wu Yin's legacy, making your Gang Qi extremely pure, the second advantage.

However, you also have two weaknesses.

First, your cultivation foundation is not solid, you cannot perfectly control the Gang Qi within your body. If you manage to perfectly control it, the power of the 'Bodhi Tree' move would increase manifold!

Second, your combat experience is insufficient, which won't change in the short term.

So, over the next two months, you should focus all your thoughts on consolidating your cultivation."

"Thank you, Master Yan."

Su Liuli bowed in gratitude, saying, "I will use these two months to re-cultivate the Postnatal and Innate Great Realms anew, striving to cultivate to the utmost, then re-cultivate the Gang Qi Introduction Realm."

"That would be best." Yan nodded, signaling agreement, then looked at Chu Ji, "Ji, it's your turn."

"Clang!"

Without responding, Chu Ji directly drew her treasure sword, the sound piercing the ears.

Ye Fan, during his trip to Australia, obtained dozens of Magical Artifacts, among them several top-grade mid-level Magical Artifacts.

At this moment, the treasure sword in Chu Ji's hand is one of them!

As the treasure sword was drawn, Chu Ji's aura surged suddenly, Gang Qi within her body flooding wildly, her expression more solemn than ever.

Swish!

The next moment.

Chu Ji moved.

Her figure vanished in an instant, swordship charging towards Yan.

Unmoving as a mountain, moving like thunder!

Fast!

At this moment, Chu Ji exerted her speed to the extreme, creating an illusion of shrinking space, traversing fifty meters in a flash!

Arriving, sword swinging!

In the rapid motion, Chu Ji suddenly stabbed out with the treasure sword, Gang Qi within her body rushing to the sword's tip, concentrated without dispersing, the sword tip flickering with light.

"Clang!!"

A crisp sound echoed as Chu Ji's treasure sword fiercely stabbed before Yan, repelled by Yan's Protective Aura.

The formidable counterforce caused Chu Ji to be flung back.

Slap!

Swiftly, Chu Ji flipped in mid-air, gracefully landing without injury.

"Ji, this sword technique of yours seems to emphasize speed. Fast movement, fast sword strikes, but its true mystery lies in the control of Gang Qi—this sword technique is unlike others, the Gang Qi concentrated at the sword tip, focused and undispersed, unleashing the greatest attack power."

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Just like before, after Chu Ji's test was completed, Yan continued to comment: "From your recent performance, you have already grasped the essence of this swordsmanship.

Moreover, you have lingered in the Innate Great Perfection Realm for many years and have thoroughly cultivated that realm to its utmost. Therefore, after breaking through to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, your Gang Qi is very pure and you wield it with ease.

These are your advantages.

Your disadvantage is only one; you broke through to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm too recently and have not yet cultivated this realm to its fullest potential.

If you can cultivate this realm to its peak, you can definitely break into the top ten and even have a chance to defeat those six peerless geniuses. But now, with only two months left until the Hidden God List Tournament, achieving this is very difficult."

"Thank you, Master Yan, for your guidance."

Chu Ji nodded, bowed, and expressed gratitude.

"Xiao Fan, it's your turn now."

Yan directed his gaze to Ye Fan and said with a smile, "You managed to defeat the mid-stage War God Damon in one move. I'm very curious about the extent of your combat power."

"At that time, I burned my Mind Power Essence..." Ye Fan felt a bit embarrassed.

"Now, there's no need to burn your Mind Power Essence. Just attack with full strength under normal conditions." Yan interrupted Ye Fan's words, wanting to test Ye Fan's strength, not to push him to extremes.

"Alright!"

Ye Fan nodded, then quickly composed himself to align his spiritual energy to an optimal state.

Whizz—

Soon after, a sharp piercing sound resonated through the skies!

A Xuanye Flying Blade shot out from Ye Fan's sleeve, enveloped in a fierce blade energy, resembling a supreme treasure sword unsheathed, with terrifying energy waves, roaring towards Yan!

"Flying Sword Skill" third move, Flowing Light!

Just like Su Liuli and Chu Ji, Ye Fan wielded his most powerful killing move right from the start!

Hmm?

Yan's pupils slightly enlarged.

He could clearly see the blade energy and could also clearly feel the strong energy waves it emitted.

Boom—

Clang!!

Two sounds echoed successively, and the blade energy concentrated around the Xuanye Flying Blade, resembling a sharp treasure sword that struck Yan's body. The blade energy was directly scattered by Yan's Protective Aura, and the blade was shaken off into the sky.

"Gang Qi Introduction Realm, Magic Manipulation Stream, reaching this level, probably only you in the world can achieve it."

Although he blocked Ye Fan's attack easily, Yan's eyes sparkled with brilliance as he praised, "The Mind Power attack secret technique you're using surpasses even the Ancient Heavenly Technique, truly astounding!"

Whoosh!

Without replying, Ye Fan retrieved the Xuanye Flying Blade and continued to listen to Yan's assessment.

"Additionally, your Magic Cultivation has just broken through to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, yet your mental energy is so pure and of such high quality, which is equally incredible."

Yan gave a wry smile as he commented, "The power displayed in your last strike, in terms of combat power, is absolutely not inferior to any of those six individuals!"

"Strong combat power, ample combat experience, strong body, and tenacious will... these are your strengths."

Yan continued, abruptly shifting the focus, "But your weaknesses are equally evident. Your Martial Arts Cultivation has yet to break through the Gang Qi Realm, and the quality of your Gang Qi is low, with a weak Protective Aura. Although your strong body can compensate, compared to those six people, your defense and speed are considerably inferior."

"Yes."

Ye Fan nodded, having no disagreement—low Martial Arts Realm had always been his disadvantage!

"If given enough time to cultivate, at the same realm, no one in this world would be your match, and even challenging higher realms would be as easy as eating and drinking.

But as I said, that's if. Now, with only two months left until the Hidden God List Tournament, the time left for you is very limited.

I believe that currently, you need to make a choice!

First, fully concentrate on cultivating magic and Mind Power attack secret techniques to enhance your attack power.

If your Magic Cultivation can advance further, or if your understanding of the Mind Power attack secret technique deepens, your attack power in this realm can be described as terrifying! By then, you can defeat any opponent with your formidable attack power!

Second, focus all your effort on Martial Arts cultivation to ensure that before the Hidden God List Tournament, you can break through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, enhancing your defense and speed to achieve a balance between offense and defense."

"I suggest you choose the second direction."

Yan continued, "Because, to ensure fairness and truly reflect the participants' strength and potential, this Hidden God List Tournament prohibits all contestants from using their own Magic Artifacts; they can only use the Magic Artifacts provided by the committee. These are all primary level and there are no flying Magic Artifacts!

This is extremely disadvantageous for you!

Firstly, your Flying Knife Assassination Technique, combined with flying Magic Artifacts, can maximize your combat power. Now, with no flying Magic Artifacts, and only primary Mind Power Artifacts available, your attack power will be significantly weakened!

More importantly, whether it's the Yanhuang Furnace or the Heavenly Demon Armor, they are both powerful defensive Magic tools, your greatest reliance for defense. Without them, with your current defense, it is nearly impossible to withstand the attacks of those six peerless geniuses, and with your current speed, avoiding their attacks is also very challenging.

If you can break through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm before the competition, increasing your speed and defense greatly, combined with your strong body, even if your attack power is weakened, you will at least be invincible!"

"What do you think yourself?"

At the end, Yan looked straight at Ye Fan, a trace of worry emerging from deep within.

He worried that Ye Fan might act too hastily, choosing to enhance his attack power to sweep across all geniuses.

If that happens, Ye Fan, regarded as a public enemy and target, even if he enhances his attack power somewhat, it would be hard to endure a fierce fight against those six peerless geniuses until the end!

"Master Yan, I myself am also prepared to put all my focus on Martial Arts cultivation, but not for enhancing defense."

Under the gaze of Yan, Chu Xuanji, Chu Ji, and Su Liuli, Ye Fan slowly opened his mouth.

"What do you mean?" Yan was puzzled.

"In the Hidden God List Tournament, I will only utilize my Martial Arts Cultivation!"

Ye Fan gave the answer.

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"Only relying on martial arts cultivation?"

Ye Fan's words echoed in their ears, causing Su Liuli, Chu Ji, Yan, and Chu Xuanji to be momentarily startled.

Currently, Ye Fan's magic cultivation has broken through the Gang Qi Introduction Realm, and through the inspiration from the Gu Sword Formation "Four Directions Sword Formation," he has mastered the third form "Flowing Light" of the "Flying Sword Skill," which is exceptionally powerful.

In such a scenario, Ye Fan's decision naturally leaves the four deeply surprised.

After all, even if Ye Fan can break through his martial arts cultivation to the Gang Qi Introduction Realm in the next two months, in terms of attack power, the third form "Flowing Light" of the "Flying Sword Skill" might not be weak.

"Haha, this is more like my disciple's style!"

After a brief moment of shock, Chu Xuanji laughed loudly: "What ancient cultivated family descendant, use only martial arts cultivation to trample them all beneath your feet!"

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Yan originally wanted to advise Ye Fan not to be careless, but upon hearing Chu Xuanji's words, he was rendered speechless.

However, upon seeing Ye Fan's calm demeanor, and reflecting on Ye Fan's past actions, he vaguely felt that Ye Fan's decision wasn't made on impulse, thus he refrained from persuading him further.

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At nightfall, Yan and Chu Xuanji left the valley, intending to find a peaceful place to enjoy some drinks together.

"Men and women make a perfect mix, cultivate without tiring out, I won't disturb you little lovebirds."
After Yan and Chu Xuanji left, Chu Ji joked with a smile.

Though Su Liuli inherited the legacy of Bodhi Wu Yin, possessing great wisdom, willpower, and excellent composure, she was somewhat shy upon hearing Chu Ji's teasing.

On the other hand, Ye Fan was long accustomed to Chu Ji's teasing and maintained a straight face as he said: "Are you sure you don't want to join us in cultivation?"

"No. Little kid, you better work hard, or you'll become my defeated opponent!" Chu Ji smiled slightly, then sprang up and vanished into the night.

She went to find a quiet place to undergo closed-door training, consolidate her Gang Qi Introduction Realm, and strive to cultivate this realm to the fullest.

"I also want to find a place for closed-door cultivation." After Chu Ji left, Su Liuli hesitated for a moment, then spoke.

"I'll accompany you."

Ye Fan knew that if Su Liuli stayed in the valley, being surrounded day and night by Bodhi Wu Yin's grave, she would be somewhat affected, which is not conducive to her cultivation.

"You should stay in the valley to cultivate; Master Chu can guide you."

Su Liuli really wanted to train with Ye Fan but also knew the importance of Chu Xuanji to Ye Fan, which was the reason for her previous hesitation.

"My cultivation of the 'Nine Heavens Profound Skill' is different from other cultivation techniques. For this technique, the old fellow may not be as well-versed as me. Moreover, I've basically cultivated the postnatal and innate realms to perfection, so if you encounter anything you don't understand, I can explain it to you." Ye Fan understood Su Liuli's intentions and explained.

"Mm."

Hearing Ye Fan's explanation, Su Liuli no longer hesitated and nodded lightly.

Seeing this, Ye Fan didn't waste any more words and habitually grabbed Su Liuli's hand, then activated the Flying Shuttle and took off.

After leaving the valley, Ye Fan thought for a moment before flying towards Tumor Peak.

Tumor Peak is one of the peaks in the Heavenly Mountain Range.

Back then, to refine the 'Lifespan Extension Pill' for Old Master Ye, Ye Fan went to Mount Tian to search for alchemy materials and felt a mysterious call in his heart, which led him to find Tumor Peak.

On that day, Tumor Peak underwent a huge transformation, the snow-capped mountain collapsed, and the concentration of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi was astonishing.

That day, the cultivation method for the "Flying Sword Skill" appeared in Ye Fan's mind; he later learned that it was Elder Xuan who taught it to him.

But Elder Xuan did not mention anything about what happened that day, leaving Ye Fan very puzzled.

After that day, the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi on Earth suddenly increased, and cultivators found their breakthrough speeds were noticeably faster. The strength of mutant beasts also increased, causing small-scale riots.

All this left a deep impression of Tumor Peak on Ye Fan, and he vaguely had a premonition that Tumor Peak held extraordinary significance for him, and perhaps something might happen there in the future!

Tumor Peak isn't far from the valley where Chu Xuanji resides; flying with the Flying Shuttle, Ye Fan quickly reached it with Su Liuli.

Now Tumor Peak looked completely different, the peak seemed to have been cut off, making it much flatter, and the valley below was filled in, forming a glacier.

"Back then, when the snow-capped mountain collapsed, it was quite a scene. I came here with my master, but we didn't find anything unusual."

After landing, Su Liuli said: "Later, with the increase in Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, many believed the change here caused it, and plenty of cultivators came to explore, but found nothing."

"On the day the snow-capped mountain collapsed, I witnessed it firsthand; the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi here was extremely dense."

Ye Fan nodded: "I always felt there was something strange here, just right to take advantage of this closed-door cultivation opportunity, spend some time here and see if anything new comes up."

"Okay!"

Su Liuli nodded; ever since Bodhi Wu Yin passed away, she stayed closely by Ye Fan's side, allowing him to take charge of all matters.

"Let's go, we need to open up a cave first!"

Ye Fan said, then sprang toward a mountain wall.

Swoosh—

After a few breaths, Ye Fan paused and moved his consciousness, sending the Xuanye Flying Blade flying out from his sleeve. The blade, with Blade Energy circling around it, effortlessly carved out the shape of a cave in the mountain wall.

Phew!

Once the cave was formed, Ye Fan waved his hand, releasing a strand of Gang Qi that swept up the rocks and earth inside the cave like a net and threw them into the distance.