

Y Master 901

Chapter 901 - Aiming for Number 1!

Unlike the spectators outside the Holy Land who can watch the changes in the rankings at any time, the contestants inside the Holy Land need to use mental perception to check changes in the rankings, and can only see the information of the top ten.

This is the rule of the Holy Land, and it can be considered a form of motivational encouragement, so that contestants can use the top ten rankings as a timely target, perform extraordinarily in the competition, stimulate their potential, and achieve the dual purpose of participating in the competition and honing themselves.

Unlike many other contestants, Zorro, Xu Wudao, Mahayana, Anton, Andre, and Fa'er, the six peerless geniuses, have absolute confidence in their own strength, believing that others cannot compete with them, and the competition belongs only to them!

In this situation, they pay more attention to the frequency of the rankings than general contestants. Every time they kill a mutant beast, they will check the rankings to see changes in the points of the other five.

"Points suddenly soared by four thousand? Did he kill four Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts in a short time?"

When Zorro killed the sixteenth Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beast, he habitually checked the rankings, finding that he still firmly held the first place while also noticing Ye Fan's point changes, causing him to be stunned.

"Hey, I originally thought this scum would use the rules to give up the competition, but now it seems, this is not the case."

Zorro mused secretly, his eyes gleaming brightly, and then he sneered, "Hey, scum, are you trying to fight for first place by killing four Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts in a short time? I will make you despair—first place belongs to me!"

As he finished speaking, Zorro let out a cold snort, his body transforming into a phantom, swiftly heading forward.

Soon, he sensed an Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beast, but instead of seeking and killing as before, he continued to delve deeper, planning to find a group of mutant beasts like Ye Fan, to kill several beasts in a short time to respond to Ye Fan!

To him, having the Beast King's aura suppressing the mutant beasts, he could completely achieve this!

"Hmm? Ye Fan's points suddenly jumped by four thousand, reaching seventh place!"

Meanwhile, Xu Wudao killed another mutant beast, surpassing Mahayana and reclaiming second place.

He also checked the rankings, discovering Ye Fan's point and rank changes, his pupil contracted instantly, with some astonishment.

On one hand, he hadn't expected Ye Fan wouldn't choose to be a coward using the rules for safety. More importantly, he was surprised Ye Fan killed four Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts in a short time!

"Hey, it seems your strength is even stronger than I thought. But you are trying to prove yourself or declare your dominance by killing four Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts in such a dominant manner?"

After the astonishment, Xu Wudao sneered contemptuously, "So ignorant! Haven't you heard the higher you jump, the harder you fall? If you kept a low profile and concealed your strength, there would be a chance for survival in the finals. Now you've exposed your strength, destined for tragedy."

"Hmm, surely those few guys will exert their full strength now, I can't relax my vigilance either!"

Xu Wudao spoke, his figure flashing, quickly moving towards the depths of the Holy Land.

Although he knew defeating Zorro in the rankings would be an extremely difficult task, almost impossible, but he aimed to struggle for second place!

Just like Xu Wudao's prediction, Mahayana, Anton, Andre, and Fa'er also noticed Ye Fan's point and rank changes.

Among them, Fa'er was restricted by cultivation magic and couldn't quickly kill mutant beasts and didn't rashly enter the deepest sanctum, while Zorro, Mahayana, Anton, and Andre were provoked and all charged into the deepest part of the Holy Land.

There, lay a group of mutant beasts!

Some Alien Beast Race bases were right there!

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"Scum, see? Regarding the speed of killing mutant beasts, you can't beat me, first place in the rankings belongs only to me!"

The first to act was Zorro.

Half an hour later, he broke into a base of the Alien Beast Race, consecutively killing five Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts, his points exceeding twenty thousand in an astonishingly fast speed!

Because, with the ancient mutant beast's bloodline, his aura of the Beast King was suppressing ordinary mutant beasts, limiting their power to less than fifty percent, greatly reducing the difficulty of killing beasts!

"Hey, I thought the game was over, but unexpectedly it started prematurely, and became more and more interesting."

Under a towering tree, Andre sat cross-legged on the ground, his eyes shooting two sharp beams, a face overflowing with an excited smile.

Originally, he thought Ye Fan would use the rules, give up participating in the finals, causing their plan to hunt Ye Fan to be lost.

Now, not only did Ye Fan not give up, but on the contrary, he forcefully killed four Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts and surged to seventh place.

All of this made him feel very interesting and simultaneously stimulated his competitive mentality, leading him directly here to consecutively kill four Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beasts.

"Sin-laden sinner, don't struggle, your fate is sealed—I will cleanse the sins you've committed with your blood, death is your only end, Hell is your final home!"

Mo Ke shattered the final mutant beast's skull with a Vajra Palm, then casually dug out the beast core, kicking the mutant beast's corpse aside, murmuring with an icy expression.

Beside him lay six Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beast corpses, all dying miserably, nearly reduced to mere flesh, extremely bloody.

"Seems like these guys are all provoked like mad by the Evil Emperor's disciple of Huaxia. Well, this is good, at least it'll make the rankings even more intense!"

Meanwhile, in the deepest part of the Holy Land within another canyon, Anton killed five Flame Yaks, each an Early-Stage War God Level Mutant Beast, then checked the ranking changes, discovering all other peerless geniuses' points were skyrocketing except Fa'er.

"Hey, ignorant fool, see? Not only can you do it, others can do it too!"

Xu Wudao nailed a mutant black bear to the ground with a spear, the spear vibrating, the air thick with the pungent scent of blood.

Gazing into the distance, Xu Wudao seemed to peer through the void, speaking coldly.

With Zorro, Xu Wudao, Anton, Andre, and Mo Ke demonstrating unstoppable might, killing multiple mutant beasts within a short span, the competition was once again pushed to a new climax, the crowd in Bei Hai Canyon boiling once more.

"It seems those few peerless geniuses have been provoked by the actions of the Evil Emperor's disciple, and they're all bursting out now!"

"Yes, they've all slain multiple mutant beasts in such a short time, it's truly astonishing!"

"I said earlier, if the Evil Emperor's disciple can slay four Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts in a short time, those peerless geniuses can do it too!"

As Xu Wudao, Zorro, Anton, Andre, and Mahayana unleashed their power, the cultivators who previously felt embarrassed by Ye Fan's consecutive slaying of four Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts began to speak out.

"The Evil Emperor's disciple Ye Fan slew four Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts in two breaths of time, their speed at killing the mutant beasts is much slower than Ye Fan!"

"Exactly, the faster the killing speed, the stronger the power. I think the Evil Emperor's disciple's strength is not weaker than those six peerless geniuses, maybe even stronger!"

Soon, more voices emerged from within the canyon, and the voices belonged to Ye Fan's supporters, who all spoke out in rebuttal.

"Quick... look, the Evil Emperor's disciple's points have increased again!"

Amidst the argument, an observant young cultivator suddenly noticed the change in Ye Fan's points and blurted out.

Swish, swish, swish, swish...

The moment he spoke, everyone stopped arguing and turned their gazes to the Investiture of the Gods list.

At this moment, they clearly saw Ye Fan's points increase by a thousand!

Therefore, everyone knew that Ye Fan had slain another Early-Stage War God Level mutant beast.

Hmm?

The next moment, before everyone could look away, the ranking board changed again, and Ye Fan's points increased by another thousand!

"Heavens, the Evil Emperor's disciple almost instantly slew two Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts..."

Witnessing this scene, a cultivator couldn't help but exclaim.

However—

Before he could finish his words, Ye Fan's points increased by another thousand!

"Uh..."

The sudden change left everyone, including the strong people led by Yan of the War God Alliance, astonished.

They widened their eyes, staring intently at the Investiture of the Gods list, afraid of missing any change.

Then...

They saw Ye Fan's points skyrocketing in a straight line!

Eleven thousand points, twelve thousand points, thirteen thousand points...

In an instant, the vast Bei Hai Canyon fell silent.

Almost everyone stood frozen, staring at the constantly changing Investiture of the Gods list, with only one thought in their minds: How... how is this possible?

What answered them was the ongoing change in the Investiture of the Gods list.

Twenty-one thousand points, twenty-two thousand points, twenty-three thousand points...

Finally, when the Investiture of the Gods list stopped changing, Ye Fan's points reached an astounding twenty-eight thousand!

Twenty-eight thousand points, it was an extremely glaring score!

Pointing directly to first place!

With this score, Ye Fan directly replaced Zorro to take the first position on the Investiture of the Gods list!

"Oh... my God... this is just unbelievable!"

"Yes, in such a short time, his points skyrocketed by twenty-one thousand, equivalent to slaying twenty-one Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts... Is there something wrong with my eyes?"

After Ye Fan's score stopped fluctuating, the previously silent Bei Hai Canyon once again erupted with a series of exclamations.

No answer.

After the exclamations, everyone, including Yan, had only one question in their hearts: How... how did he do it??

Chapter 902 - Unintentionally Planting a Willow, It Grows Into Shade

How did Ye Fan do it?

No answers.

At this moment, whether it was the cultivators watching the contest in the canyon, the strong people from the War God Alliance in the sky, or even Yan and the heads of six ancient forces like Xu Tianqi, all were silent.

At this moment, the vast Bei Hai Canyon, including Chu Xuanji, everyone's mood was unsettled; it was like riding a roller coaster, tense and thrilling.

At the beginning, the Six Great Geniuses showed strong power, firmly holding the top six positions, which was not unexpected—if they couldn't secure the top six, that would be surprising.

It was Xue Chou who truly shocked everyone, previously unknown, he surged in the points shortly after entering, quickly closing in on the Six Great Geniuses.

Xue Chou only amazed and puzzled everyone for a while, but Ye Fan brought everyone unimaginable shock!

Indeed...

Shock!

Before the contest started, Ye Fan was undaunted by the Six Supreme Geniuses, nearly getting into a fight, and even claimed arrogantly for them to gang up on him.

However, after entering the Holy Land, he remained silent, even lagging far behind some ordinary cultivators, leading people to believe he was afraid of the Six Great Geniuses' hunt, using the rules of the Holy Land to save his life.

However—

Just when most people thought Ye Fan was avoiding hunting mutant beasts to escape the Six Great Geniuses' pursuit, Ye Fan explosively struck, killing four mutant beasts in one shot, his points soared, taking the seventh place.

At this point, the Six Supreme Geniuses were deeply stimulated by Ye Fan's results, they burst forth wildly, their points surged, quickly distancing themselves from Ye Fan.

Yet, before everyone could catch their breath, Ye Fan began a new wave of eruptions, continuously killing twenty-one Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts in a short time, with an extremely strong posture, he toppled over the Six Supreme Geniuses, leaping to the top...

Twists and turns, incredible!

This is the best description of all this!

"Those were twenty-one Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts, not domestic chicks, yet the disciple of the Evil Emperor of Huaxia killed them all within a quarter of an hour, this is simply astounding!"

"Exactly, under the same realm, mutant beasts have stronger offense and defense than human cultivators, it's extremely difficult even for an ordinary cultivator to slay an Early-Stage War God Level mutant beast, yet he consecutively killed more than twenty-one, how strong must he be?"

"Could he be a Mid-stage War God and snuck into the competition?"

"Impossible, Beihai Holy Land has special rules, non-Early-Stage War God cultivators can't enter, the one who forced his way in earlier was thrown out, that's the best proof!"

"Yes, he can't be a Mid-stage War God, otherwise, it wouldn't take the Holy Land's rules to stop him, those strong from the War God Alliance would have stopped him!"

"Not a Mid-stage War God, yet he could consecutively kill twenty-one Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts within a quarter of an hour...this power already far surpasses the Six Supreme Geniuses, right?"

After a brief silence, discussions resumed, the entire Bei Hai Canyon was like a boiling pot of oil splashed with cold water, it exploded instantly.

Almost every cultivator was talking about Ye Fan's results. If someone hadn't tested it before, proving that Mid-stage War God Level cultivators can't enter the Holy Land, some would even think Ye Fan was intentionally hiding his strength and was already a Mid-stage War God Level master, otherwise it wouldn't be possible to slay an Early-Stage War God Level mutant beast like slaughtering dogs.

But more people believed that from Ye Fan's previous performances, his strength completely surpassed Xu Wudao and the other Six Supreme Geniuses!

Surpassed?

For the six leaders of ancient forces, represented by Xu Tianqi, their faces were very serious.

From Ye Fan's powerful comeback, they could see that Ye Fan's true strength was no less than their heirs, perhaps even stronger!

Because, in their eyes, even their heirs, wanting to consecutively kill twenty-one mutant beasts within a quarter of an hour, was almost an impossible thing!

"What do you think he did it with?"

On the ancient altar, the Clan Leader of the Luoke Family spoke. If he didn't know the Investiture of the Gods was inscrutable, he might even think there was a problem with it.

"If I'm not mistaken, he should have burned the Gang Qi Essence," Xu Tianqi voiced his judgment.

"Possible!" The Clan Leader of the Huang Jin Family nodded lightly.

"Consuming Gang Qi Essence and Primordial Qi in a ranking match? That doesn't make much sense," questioned the Clan Leader of the Elfa Tribe from the African Union.

Since Fa'er focused on cultivating Magic, he practically gave up competing in ranking matches, so he took rankings lightly, but Ye Fan's actions still shocked him.

However—

Compared to Xu Tianqi and the other five Supreme Strongmen, his shock was slightly less, and he appeared more rational.

"Aside from this, I can't think of any other possibility. His power alone doing all this? Ha, even our heirs can't do that, right?" Xu Tianqi frowned.

"I agree with Master Xu Tianqi's judgment," the Clan Leader of the Ross family from the American Alliance echoed.

Only the current Sect Leader of the Ancient Buddha Sect from the Tianzhu Alliance, Shijia Mo Ye, remained silent, lost in his thoughts.

"Ha, do certain people still believe Xiao Fan was deliberately using the rules to save his life now?"

In the sky, Lv Yuan felt exuberant, as if he had eaten Ginsengfruit.

Not only him, but Cang Bo from the Tian Shan Sword Sect, Killing Emperor Ye Feng, and Sect Leader Wu Shan of the Wu Sect were also smiling.

Originally, they didn't believe Ye Fan could survive the hunt by the Six Supreme Geniuses, but witnessing Ye Fan's astounding performance, they suddenly felt all of this wasn't impossible.

At the same time, they were certain that if Ye Fan survived the Hidden God List Competition this time, with Ye Fan's talent and cultivation speed, in time, he would absolutely become one of the strongest on this Earth, perhaps even replacing Yan as the strongest!

And their heirs were on good terms with Ye Fan, naturally benefiting in the future!

As Lv Yuan's words echoed, seeing the smiles on Lv Yuan and the others' faces, Jiang Yurong had no choice but to accept Ye Fan's astounding performance, her face unusually grim, as if she had swallowed a fly.

At this moment, she clamped her mouth shut again, silently enduring the humiliation of being publicly ridiculed, while secretly feeling relieved. She was relieved that Ye Fan had provoked the Six Supreme Geniuses, otherwise given enough time, Ye Fan would definitely grow to a point where everyone would find terrifying.

That... would be a disaster for the Jiang Family!

Seeing Jiang Yurong's mouth clamped tighter than a virgin's legs, Lv Yuan no longer attacked but turned his gaze to an inconspicuous corner of the canyon, and there he saw Chu Xuanji, always calm, unable to suppress his inner joy, grinning foolishly.

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

Swish!

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When Lv Yuan looked at Chu Xuanji, the crowd seemed to catch the contagion, turning their gaze towards the elder who once stood on the pinnacle but had fallen from his pedestal.

At this moment, nearly everyone understood why the elder insisted on coming to watch the Hidden God List tournament despite the cold stares and ridicule from the world.

With a disciple like him, what more could one wish for in this life?

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Just as the entrance to the Holy Land erupted with excitement due to Ye Fan's actions, deep within the Holy Land, nearly all the contestants noticed the change in the rankings, struck with utter astonishment!

"Oh my, Ye Zi is truly defying the heavens now!"

"Killed twenty-one Early-Stage War God level mutant beasts in succession, this is simply inhuman!"

Deep within the Holy Land, Lv Zhan, Xiao Selang, Ye Hei, and Wu Zi teamed up to kill an Early-Stage War God level mutant beast, and then noticed the change in Ye Fan's ranking, all were dumbfounded.

Among them, Lv Zhan was the first to snap out of shock, and seemed energized as if injected with vigor.

Defying the heavens, huh?

Ye Hei, Xiao Selang, and Wu Zi answered the question with silence.

"You little rascal, you're truly full of surprises for your aunt."

At the same time, Chu Ji, who fought alone, was also significantly astonished by Ye Fan's actions. She then flashed a habitually charming smile that seemed to captivate anyone, leaving a distant cultivator starstruck.

In response, Chu Ji cast an alluring glance at the cultivator and swiftly moved towards the depths of the Holy Land.

From the start of the competition until now, she had been diligently hunting mutant beasts, but limited by her strength, she could never manage to break into the top ten.

This left her quite unwilling!

"Is the miracle once again about to happen?"

Likewise unwilling to be unable to break into the top ten was Olivia.

Originally, her inability to rank in the top ten had left her frustrated, but seeing Ye Fan's ranking change swept away that frustration, replaced by deep anticipation for Ye Fan's performance in the finals!

At the same time, Doug, who held onto a seat in the top ten through desperate battles, saw the change in Ye Fan's ranking and was filled with complex emotions — shock, joy, anticipation, and a touch of loss!

He refrained from commenting on it but clenched his teeth and dashed towards the deepest part of the Holy Land — he had to kill more Early-Stage War God level mutant beasts to ensure he could hold onto a top ten position and secure a place in the finals!

The same was being done by Su Liuli.

Upon seeing the change in Ye Fan's ranking, she was quite delighted. Along with this joy, she continued to seek the next Early-Stage War God level mutant beast.

Hmm?

The next moment, before she could find another beast, she suddenly sensed a powerful and familiar presence.

Fa'er!

She encountered Fa'er deep within the Holy Land.

"I'm very curious, how did he achieve all this? Was it by burning Gang Qi Essence?"

Fa'er, having seen Su Liuli, directly voiced his doubt.

"You'll find the answer in the finals!"

Su Liuli replied expressionlessly and swiftly left.

At Fa'er's words, the corners of his brows twitched as a faint sense of unease appeared in his heart.

Not only Fa'er, but Xu Wudao, Zorro, Anton, Andre, and Mahayana all, upon seeing Ye Fan's ranking change, collectively believed Ye Fan must have burned Gang Qi Essence, otherwise, it would be impossible to achieve this!

Even so, they were slightly discouraged by the revelation but not dispirited, instead more resolute in their determination to hunt Ye Fan in the finals.

Because if they burned Gang Qi Essence, and their combat power soared, they could achieve the same feat!

Regarding all this, Ye Fan was unaware.

At this moment, he was in a canyon at the deepest part of the Holy Land, surrounded entirely by the corpses of Giant Strength Ants.

Giant Strength Ants.

These are a common type of mutant beast in the Ancient Cultivation World, renowned for their superior physical strength.

The canyon Ye Fan was in was the nest of Giant Strength Ants within the Holy Land.

After storming in, Ye Fan unleashed both Magic and Martial Arts, slaughtering wildly, and effortlessly killed all twenty-one Giant Strength Ants within a mere hour.

"The power of Early-Stage War God level mutant beasts is too weak, unable to effectively temper me anymore."

In the canyon, after storing away the beast cores of the twenty-one Giant Strength Ants, Ye Fan checked the leaderboard and upon finding himself ranked first, felt no joy but slightly furrowed his brows.

All this happened simply because he was never concerned with rankings, rather he wanted to use the ranking competition as an opportunity to temper himself and raise his cultivation.

That's all!

Chapter 903 - The Finals Begin

Although the Beihai Holy Land is equivalent to an independent space, it still experiences day and night cycles, and the sun and moon alternate just like in the outside world.

A day has passed since entering the Holy Land. As night falls, starlight dots the deep blue sky, and a bright moon rises slowly, casting a cool glow over the Holy Land.

After nightfall, the participating cultivators each find a place to rest, recovering the Gang Qi and stamina consumed during the day's battles against mutant beasts.

In a tranquil valley, Ye Fan eats an entire roasted wild boar leg and finds a hidden natural cave in a corner of the valley. His heart stirs as he flashes to the front of the cave.

At a glance, the cave, though small, is very dry, and the surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi is quite abundant—an ideal place for secluded cultivation.

Ye Fan quickly surveys the area and sets up a simple Enchanting Soul Array at the entrance to conceal the cave's traces. Afterward, he walks into the cave and sits cross-legged on a slightly elevated stone.

He decides to use the last bit of time to truly understand Domineering Fist, aiming to comprehend the second layer, 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood.'

As for killing mutant beasts, Ye Fan feels it's no longer meaningful, as those early-stage War God level mutant beasts pose no threat and offer no training value; they only provide beast cores.

Even if he stops slaying mutant beasts now, he can maintain a stable position in the top ten with his current points, so he's not worried at all.

"Since ancient times, kings are preferred over tyrants, not because tyrants are less than kings, but because tyrants are too unrestrained, feared by heaven, envied by heaven; thus, those who claim tyranny have no good end, for they can't contend with the heavenly rules..."

In the cave, Ye Fan continuously seeks the true essence of Domineering Fist. The more he comprehends, the more he realizes that the Tyrant was indeed a Heavenly Pride, able to create such an extraordinary boxing skill.

Domineering Fist is divided into three layers, the first being 'Blood Gang,' which when understood to the extreme allows perfect fusion of physical strength and Gang Qi into one explosive point, resulting in a deadly force.

Ye Fan now has comprehended 'Blood Gang' to Great Perfection, capable of unleashing its strongest power, but for the second layer, 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood,' he's completely in the dark with no clear insight.

This is not due to Ye Fan's lack of comprehension, but because only by understanding the first layer to Great Perfection can he grasp the second layer—there is a mysterious connection between the first and second layers.

"The azure sky and earth, all things in the world, merge into the fist..."

Information about the second layer of Domineering Fist, 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood,' is scarce, with only a few words that seem unrelated or even contrary to the first layer, 'Blood Gang,' which emphasizes cultivators exerting their strongest combat power, while 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood,' according to the description, requires the power of heaven and earth.

Ye Fan, although blessed with astonishing insight from the nourishment of the Nine Heavens Mystic Crown since childhood, encounters a bottleneck previously unforeseen in understanding the Mahayana Realm!

However, he is not impatient; with two days until the contest ends, he has ample time to understand.

Moreover, he knows that comprehension is not something obtained through deliberate pursuit, but governed by fate and insight.

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While Ye Fan calms his mind to understand the second layer of Domineering Fist, 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood,' Xu Wudao, Zorro, Fa'er, Andre, Anton, and Mahayana, deeply provoked by Ye Fan, seem maddened as they slaughter early-stage War God level mutant beasts in the Holy Land, with their points surging wildly.

Two days pass in the blink of an eye, and the cultivators outside the Holy Land astonishingly find that ever since ascending to the top, Ye Fan's points haven't changed at all over the two days.

Even so, his massive point basis is beyond what ordinary cultivators can catch up to, remaining in seventh place until the final half-hour of the ranking competition.

Previously bursting onto the scene and hailed as a dark horse by many in this competition, Xue Chou is overtaken by Doug and ends up at ninth place.

Su Liuli, after fighting through life and death situations, can now wield her strength confidently, and she dramatically surpasses two older-generation strong people, ranking tenth.

Zorro predictably claims first place, with points far surpassing those of the other five peerless geniuses.

The ranking second is Mahayana.

His competition with Xu Wudao is exceptionally fierce, both chasing and surpassing each other until the final moment when Mahayana delves into the mutant beast crowd, using Tianzhu Buddhist Sect's unparalleled skill to consecutively kill several mutant beasts, ultimately securing the second position!

Anton and Andre's competition, though not as intense as that between Mahayana and Xu Wudao, is still close, with victory only determined in the last hour—Anton triumphs, ranking fourth, putting Andre in fifth!

Fa'er due to practicing magic doesn't hold an advantage while killing mutant beasts, thus ranks sixth, being at an absolute disadvantage in the ranking competition.

Yet all this doesn't cast doubt on his strength in people's minds!

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"What did the Evil Emperor's disciple from Huaxia do in the last two days? Why didn't his points change at all?"

"Although I don't know why the Evil Emperor's disciple Ye Fan didn't slay a single early-stage War God level mutant beast in the last two days and finally ranked only seventh, he's the number one in my heart!"

"Indeed, if he had maintained his momentum from the first day, even Zorro couldn't compete with him; he would definitely be the first in the ranking competition!"

Chapter 904 - The Finals Begin_2

As the elimination round ended, the final match results appeared clearly before the Divine List outside the Holy Land, where numerous cultivators watched.

Nearly everyone was curious about where Ye Fan had gone during the last two days.

However—

No one knew exactly where Ye Fan went or what he did, but a significant portion of people believed that Ye Fan was the real number one in their hearts!

Swish!

Swish!

Swish!

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Amidst the chatter of the crowd, lights flickered on the ancient altar, and one by one, figures were transmitted out.

According to the rules of the Holy Land, if one couldn't enter the finals, they would leave the trial land of the elimination round, whereas those who entered the top ten would be transported to the second trial land!

Gradually, under the watchful eyes of the crowd, the participants were transmitted out one after another.

Among them, most accepted the results with a calm face.

Because they knew well that their strength was insufficient, and they could not compete with the top ten participants.

Some accepted it calmly, while others were disappointed and unwilling.

Especially Chu Ji and Olivia!

They both gave it their all, trying to squeeze into the top ten, but due to limited strength, their speed in killing Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts was not fast enough, and they regretfully stopped short of the top ten.

Among them, Chu Ji was ranked eleventh, and Olivia was ranked nineteenth!

Besides, Zuma and Farro also squeezed into the top twenty, while the rest were all taken by strong people among the older generation of participants.

"Congratulations to you all for successfully undergoing the trials of the Hidden God List elimination round!"

When all participants except Ye Fan and the other top ten were transmitted outside the Holy Land, Yan stood before the Divine List, looking down at everyone, and spoke.

Hmm?

As Yan's words sounded in their ears, the cultivators watching the competition in the canyon realized with a shock that the number of participants had decreased by nearly one-third!

All those people died in the Holy Land, becoming meals for the mutant beasts!

This realization sent chills down their spines.

At the same time, the surviving participants couldn't help but recall the dangers faced during the competition, with many showing an expression of lingering fear.

"Alright, now you can relax a bit, then watch the finals of the Hidden God List competition." Yan spoke again.

Hearing Yan's words once more, the participants all bowed to Yan in salute, then retreated to stand before their respective elders, masters, and companions.

Swish!

When all participants returned to their positions, Yan waved his hands quickly, sending bursts of Gang Qi into the Divine List, activating the formations within it.

In an instant, the Divine List glowed and emitted a terrifying energy fluctuation, then calmed down again.

Seeing this, Yan stopped inputting Gang Qi into the Divine List and suddenly spoke: "I am Yan. I can communicate with you through the formation of the Divine List.

First and foremost, congratulations on entering the top ten of the elimination round and qualifying for the finals.

This is an honor, as well as a motivation and a spur!

Next, you will have one day to recover and prepare, and then you will be transported to the second trial land for the final match.

As I said before the match, the finals will be more brutal, where the rule of not attacking each other among participants will be lifted, and survival will depend solely on the law of the jungle, hope you are prepared mentally!"

Hmm?

Shock struck those cultivators watching and participating for the first time as they listened to Yan's words, with a young cultivator blurting out, "Wh... what is going on? Can Yan actually communicate with people inside the Divine List?"

"Yes. After Master Yan activates the formation of the Divine List, he can communicate inside the Holy Land, and even view the situation within it. However, it requires Master Yan and the other six Supreme Strongmen to activate the Divine List together!"

An elderly cultivator answered, having watched the Hidden God List competition multiple times and understood the wonders of the Divine List.

"Uh..."

Realizing the answer, those attending and watching for the first time were dumbstruck, exclaiming over the Divine List's miraculousness.

Not only them, even Ye Fan inside the Holy Land found it incredibly fascinating!

Originally, he was comprehending the second level of Domineering Fist, 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood', in a cave, when suddenly hearing Yan's voice startled him into opening his eyes and standing up, listening intently to all Yan had to say.

When he heard that Yan was communicating through the Divine List, he sighed inwardly at its marvel, while subtly sensing that the quality of the Divine List definitely surpassed the realm of High-level Magical Artifacts!

Amid Ye Fan's amazement, Xu Wudao and other six supreme geniuses felt no surprise.

Because before joining the competition, they learned everything about the Hidden God List competition, including the various incredible functions of the Divine List.

"Heh, the finals are finally starting, trash, your head has long been booked by me, don't get killed by the other five before I get to you!"

As Yan's voice faded, Zorro sinisterly spoke inside the Holy Land, eating while speaking.

With a sinister and low tone, covered in blood, and tearing into bloody Exotic Beast Meat...

In that moment, Zorro seemed like a god of slaughter, striking fear!

"Ye Fan, even though you bested me in the Physical Body Domain, I'll make you realize that once I unleash my full strength, killing you will be like cutting grass!"

Simultaneously, Xu Wudao was filled with murderous intent, his hatred for Ye Fan even surpassing that of the other five supreme geniuses.

Because previously, Ye Fan had brutally beaten him, causing him a loss of face before his followers, and only by completely annihilating Ye Fan could he wash away the shame he brought!

As for Jiang Ying being crippled, it wasn't something he concerned himself with. To him, Jiang Ying was nothing more than a loyal dog, though this dog might have ambitions, it didn't change her fundamental nature of voluntarily relying on him.

The only thing he cared about was: One must respect the owner before hitting the dog!

Even if it's a dog of Xu Wudao, it's not something anyone can cripple as they please!

"Sinful ones, the opening of the finals is when I redeem you!"

Similarly brimming with killing intent towards Ye Fan was Mahayana, the 'Blood Monk', who saw the atrocities Chu Xuanji and Ye Fan committed against the Tianzhu Alliance as only washable by blood!

"The hunting game is about to begin, so exciting!"

Unlike Andre and Zorro, Xu Wudao, and Mahayana, he wasn't obsessed with killing Ye Fan but more with partaking in the hunting game itself, finding it quite fun.

"Hopefully, I encounter you, then I'll show you through actions that Illusion Technique and Manipulation Stream, which is stronger — the world's number one Magic practitioner is not your master Chu Xuanji, but the leader of the Elfa Tribe! And the world's top magical genius is me, Fa'er @Elfa!"

Fa'er also voiced aloud, determined to prove he was the unparalleled magical genius the world had seen.

In his view, if he encountered Ye Fan before anyone else did, he could gain all his points, increasing his chances of winning the Hidden God List competition significantly.

"Once the finals begin, survival will be governed solely by the law of the jungle, and the one who claims the first, will need to be prepared!"

Hmm?

They were taken aback at hearing Yan's words, and the first-time viewers and participants of the competition were all stunned, with one young cultivator blurting out: "Wha... what's going on? Can Yan really communicate with people inside the Investiture of the Gods?"

"Yes. Once Master Yan activates the formation of the Investiture of the Gods, sound transmission can be made inside the Holy Land, and even the situation inside the Holy Land can be watched through the Divine List. However, it requires Master Yan and six other Supreme Strongmen to work together to activate the Divine List!"

An elderly cultivator gave the answer, having watched the Hidden God List competition many times and knowing the mysteries of the Divine List.

"Uh..."

Upon learning the answer, those who came to participate and watch the competition for the first time were dumbfounded, marveling at the Divine List's magic.

Not only them, but even Ye Fan, who was inside the Holy Land, found it very amazing!

At the time, he was in a cave, receiving inspiration for the second level of the 'Azure Sky Overlord Blood' technique when suddenly hearing Yan's voice made his eyes pop open in surprise, and he stood up to carefully listen to everything Yan said.

Upon hearing that it was through the activation of the Formation of the Divine List that Yan could transmit his voice to them, he couldn't help but secretly marvel at its magic, while vaguely feeling that the quality of the Divine List definitely surpassed the category of High-level Magical Artifacts!

While Ye Fan was feeling amazed, the Supreme Strongmen were eagerly anticipating being the first to encounter Ye Fan in the finals.

"Heh, the hunt is about to begin, I'm really looking forward to it!"

As Yan's voice faded, the Supreme Strongmen in the Holy Land all looked at each other with anticipation for encountering Ye Fan first in the finals.

Chapter 905 - Encounter, Crisis! (Makeup 4)

The trial grounds of the finals are completely different from the trial grounds of the ranking matches. Although the Primordial Qi of Heaven and Earth in the entire Holy Land is more abundant than in the first trial grounds, it does not exhibit a vibrant scene.

On the contrary, most areas in the second trial grounds are barren. The earth is a reddish-brown color, as if soaked in too much blood, filled with a cold sensation.

Except for occasional places where the mountains and waters are beautiful, the majority seems like an ancient battlefield, as if it has experienced a world-shattering war, with an aura of age and mystery rushing forth.

Walking on the rubble-filled ground, Su Liuli frowned slightly, a bit of worry showing between her brows.

She believes that one-on-one, Ye Fan can kill those six peerless geniuses, but those six peerless geniuses had previously stated they would hunt Ye Fan in the finals.

Hunting.

It can be a one-on-one kill, or a siege!

Her only worry is that the six peerless geniuses might besiege Ye Fan!

In that case, even if Ye Fan's strength is extraordinary, it would be very dangerous!

Because of this worry, after entering the Holy Land, she wasn't thinking about how to kill mutant beasts but instead wanted to meet up with Ye Fan first.

After all, the power of two people is always greater than that of one.

If Ye Fan is really besieged, she can also join the fight, sharing life and death with Ye Fan!

Hmm?

She didn't know how much time had passed when Su Liuli suddenly sensed a familiar aura.

It's Doug!

"Lady Su."

At the same time, Doug also sensed Su Liuli and walked out of the bushes ahead, greeting her proactively.

"Hello, Sir Doug."

Due to the journey on the Australia Continent, Su Liuli was not unfamiliar with Doug.

And because of Doug's gentlemanly behavior on the Australia Continent, Su Liuli did not dislike Doug, thus responding very politely, though somewhat guarded.

After all, according to the rules of the finals, participants can attack each other and seize the points from each other!

"I really didn't expect to run into you so soon," Doug spoke again.

"Indeed, we just entered the trial grounds of the finals, and I haven't had the chance to kill a single mutant beast yet," Su Liuli replied lightly, subtly reminding Doug.

"I think you misunderstood me. Although I'm not friends with Ye Fan, we are not enemies either, at most competitors, from before."

Doug spoke with a somewhat darkened expression, then smiled bitterly and said, "Because now, I no longer have the qualification or strength to be his opponent. His opponents are those six guys."

"And it's quite possible that we, like Ye Fan, will become targets for those six guys to hunt!"

After speaking, Doug's expression became slightly grim.

With his strength, he does not fear fighting mutant beasts, but he is worried about encountering Xu Wudao and the other five peerless geniuses.

Hmm?

Since entering the trial grounds of the finals, Su Liuli has been worried about Ye Fan, never considering her own safety. Now, hearing Doug say this, she suddenly woke up!

"I suggest we join forces. This way, even if we encounter those six guys, we can fight them."

Su Liuli thought and then said.

In her view, since Doug is not Ye Fan's enemy, they should be able to unite, first to prevent being hunted by those six peerless geniuses, and more importantly, if Ye Fan is besieged, the three of them can join forces to resist!

"Alright!"

Although Doug was once hailed as the number one of the younger generation, with the rise of Ye Fan and the emergence of the six peerless geniuses, that title has become a thing of the past.

And that day, Andre's slap not only humiliated him but also sobered him up, making him let go of the pride that once belonged to the number one of the younger generation and face his own strength directly.

At this moment, upon hearing Su Liuli's suggestion, after a little thought, he agreed.

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After forming an alliance, Doug and Su Liuli traveled together. When encountering mutant beasts, the two took turns taking action, killing one each, and their points gradually increased.

Upon entering the trial grounds of the finals, all participants' original points were reset to zero, and everything had to start from scratch.

In a whole day, the two of them killed several Early-Stage War God Level mutant beasts that attacked them on the periphery of the trial grounds, consuming a lot of strength and Gang Qi.

Because of this, Doug proposed to temporarily recover and adjust, waiting until dawn to continue moving forward.

Although Su Liuli was eager to meet up with Ye Fan, she also knew that the two had consumed too much strength and Gang Qi. If they didn't recover and adjust, they wouldn't be able to maintain the best state.

In that case, whether killing mutant beasts or encountering the six peerless geniuses, it wouldn't be a good thing!

"Hehehehe..."

After dawn, just as Su Liuli and Doug finished their recovery and adjustment and were preparing to move forward again, a cold laugh slowly approached, sounding like magical music beside their ears.

Swish!

In an instant, Su Liuli and Doug felt their hearts tighten, immediately releasing their minds to sense the surroundings.

The next moment, they clearly sensed a familiar and powerful aura appearing ahead!

"How interesting, didn't expect a waste like you to hook up with that piece of trash's woman."

Soon, Zorro's figure appeared in the sight of Su Liuli and Doug.

He exuded a strong scent of blood, walking out of the bushes ahead, his golden short hair like that of a porcupine, his eyes fixed on Su Liuli and Doug, with a playful gleam.

Without answering, Doug eyed Zorro warily, secretly giving Su Liuli a glance, quickly urging the Gang Qi within him, aiming to elevate his aura to its peak.

Sensing Doug's gaze and feeling his rising aura, Su Liuli understood like a mirror in her heart—Zorro's strength was greater than the two of them. Trying to escape from Zorro was almost impossible. Only by joining forces to fight might they have a glimmer of hope!

"Hoo~"

Understanding all this, Su Liuli took a deep breath and quickly urged the Gang Qi within her.

Since a battle is unavoidable, there is only one option: go all out and fight to the bitter end!

"All struggles are futile; meeting me is your misfortune."

Zorro also noticed Su Liuli and Doug's continuously rising aura, guessed what they were about to do, but was indifferent, instead watching them with the gaze as if watching monkeys perform.

That feeling, as if they had already become two corpses in his eyes!

"Is that so?"

Doug replied coldly and exchanged a glance with Su Liuli, signaling her to strike first.

After a day's collaboration, Su Liuli and Doug, though not in perfect sync, could at least understand Doug's gaze.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In the next moment, before Zorro could speak again, Doug swung both his hands sharply, spraying streaks of Gang Qi from his palms to transform into a black cage.

No Gate to Hell!

Doug knew that to face Zorro, he not only needed to strike first but also needed to use his strongest skill; only then was there hope of seriously hurting Zorro.

Boom!

The black cage appeared out of thin air, descending rapidly, and covered Zorro.

"Humph!"

Seeing Doug use the renowned technique of Hei Emperor Augustine, which reverberated across the cultivation world, Zorro did not dodge or evade but snorted coldly and quickly thrust out his right hand. The surging Gang Qi frantically poured into the Beast Claw Artifact on his right hand.

"Roar~"

In the next moment, the Beast Claw Artifact flashed, and a giant beast transformed by Gang Qi appeared in the air, roaring as it leaped towards the black cage.

Boom!!

With a loud bang, the giant beast transformed by Gang Qi fiercely leaped at the front of the black cage. With a mighty grasp, it directly tore apart the solid black cage!

Zorro's seemingly careless strike easily broke Doug's strongest killing move 'No Gate to Hell'!

At this moment...

A giant tree transformed by Gang Qi suddenly appeared above Su Liuli's head.

Bodhi Tree!

Just like Doug, Su Liuli's first move was the strongest killing move of the "Bodhi Skill," 'Bodhi Tree'!

Swoosh!

Su Liuli abruptly pushed with both hands, and the Budha Tree transformed by Gang Qi, akin to a moving mountain peak, collided fiercely towards Zorro with powerful energy fluctuations.

"It's useless!"

Zorro sneered disdainfully, again striking out with his right hand.

"Roar~"

With a grab, the giant beast transformed by Gang Qi reappeared and roared as it lunged at the Bodhi Tree.

Boom!!

The loud boom was heard once more.

This time, the giant beast transformed by Gang Qi was blasted apart by the Bodhi Tree and vanished into nothingness!

Although the Bodhi Tree was somewhat broken, it did not shatter or disappear.

Hmm?!

This result made Doug slightly stunned.

But it was merely a stunned pause!

Immediately, he flashed aside, effortlessly dodging the Bodhi Tree's collision.

"People say Bodhi Wu Yin's comprehension is the best of this generation, and his creation 'Bodhi Skill' rivals Ancient Heavenly Technique; looks like there's some truth to it now."

Zorro stood a hundred meters away, laughing mockingly: "If you could unleash the strongest might of this martial arts technique, you would be able to fight me. But sadly, you are too weak, unable to change the final outcome."

Zorro's arrogant and boastful words echoed once again, but Su Liuli and Doug did not respond.

At that moment, their brows were deeply furrowed, their pupils shrinking into the most dangerous needle-like shape, and their hearts sank completely!

Because, through the previous exchange, they realized the considerable gap between them and Zorro, knowing that even if they joined forces, they couldn't be a match for Zorro!

Instantly, the shadow of death enveloped their hearts.

This time, they did not make any reckless moves but watched Zorro vigilantly while quickly thinking of strategies.

Meanwhile.

Not far from Su Liuli and Doug's confrontation with Zorro, Ye Fan moved swiftly through the forest like the wind, fully engaging his mind and carefully sensing everything around him.

Like Su Liuli, after entering the Trial Holy Land, he did not rush to kill the mutant beasts for points but instead immediately sought out Su Liuli!

"I hope Liu Li doesn't run into those six people!"

Ye Fan thought anxiously, his steps never halting.

At that moment, the direction he was heading towards was precisely the location of Su Liuli and Doug's confrontation with Zorro!

Yet he remained completely unaware of it!

Chapter 906 - Died in Battle

Neither Doug's 'No Gate to Hell' nor Bodhi Wu Yin's 'Bodhi Tree' could harm Zorro, and the former was easily countered by Zorro.

With one move, a master reveals their prowess.

Although Su Liuli and Doug both had the cultivation of an Early-Stage War God, nearly reaching Great Perfection and ready to step into the Mid-level War God Realm at any moment, they were still far inferior to Zorro.

In fact, if it weren't for Su Liuli's assistance in disrupting Zorro's attacks, Doug would have faced Zorro's frenzied assault after his technique was broken, leaving him with almost no hope of survival.

This... was the true combat power of the six peerless geniuses!

"Entertainment time is over, who of you wants to go to hell first?"

Zorro stood on the blood-red ground, looking mockingly at Doug and Su Liuli, as if he were looking at two corpses.

No response.

In an instant, the Gang Qi in Doug's body surged wildly, his entire momentum erupting like a volcano, suddenly soaring!

Hmm?

The sudden change left Su Liuli and Zorro both startled!

Burning Gang Qi!

Immediately, both realized that Doug was burning his Gang Qi Essence.

"Haha... Do you think burning Gang Qi Essence can stop me?"

Zorro sneered, then his figure flickered, pouncing towards Doug like a beast preying, "Go to hell!"

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Doug raised his hands again, and torrents of Gang Qi shot from his palms, forming black waves that evolved into a square model, like a prison enveloping the oncoming Zorro.

No Gate to Hell!

Doug once again employed the ultimate technique of Hei Emperor Augustine!

But...

This time, burning his Gang Qi Essence, the black prison was clearer and the energy fluctuations more terrifying than before.

"Useless!"

Zorro remained unfazed, shouted coldly, and suddenly waved his right hand.

Swoosh!

A sound of breaking air was heard as Zorro's right hand left a phantom, a surge of Gang Qi ejecting from his Beast Claw Artifact, blasting into the sky.

"Roar~"

The phantom of a mutant beast reappeared, roaring as it swung its claw towards the airborne prison.

Boom!

With a loud explosion, the beast claw of the mutant beast phantom shattered, and the entire body exploded, turning into streams of Gang Qi shooting in all directions.

At the same time, the black prison vibrated violently before finally dispersing, also transforming into streams of Gang Qi.

"Die!!"

Zorro once again broke Doug's 'No Gate to Hell,' murder intent erupting, reaching out towards Doug.

Fast!

Zorro switched from defense to offense in an instant, his speed like lightning, giving Su Liuli no chance to intervene.

Whoosh!

The Gang Qi surged, and a black Beast Claw suddenly appeared, descending from the sky, its shadow enveloping Doug, leaving him with nowhere to hide.

Thunk!

Doug's heart trembled, hastily raising his hands to defend.

Strong moves have a characteristic: they are mysterious and complex, and after using them, there will be a brief interval in which they cannot be used continuously.

No Gate to Hell is the same!

Having just used 'No Gate to Hell,' Doug's Gang Qi was somewhat chaotic. Seeing Zorro's Gang Qi Beast Claw whistling towards him, unable to use No Gate to Hell, he quickly pushed out two streams of Gang Qi with his hands, forming a Gang Qi Wall to block the attack, buying himself a chance to dodge.

Boom!

Amidst a loud explosion, the Gang Qi Beast Claw unleashed by Doug shattered like paper, unable to withstand the Gang Qi Beast Claw.

Bang!

The Gang Qi Beast Claw shattered the Gang Qi Wall, its momentum unabated, instantly attacking to Doug's front, striking Doug.

"Pfft—"

The Protective Aura on Doug's body dimmed, shattered with a cry, sending him flying backwards, blood gushed from his mouth, internal organs severely bruised!

One strike!

With a simple yet domineering strike, Zorro nearly shattered Doug's Protective Aura, which was fortified by burning Gang Qi Essence, severely injuring Doug!

This result brought a trace of despair to Doug and shocked Su Liuli, who was also burning Gang Qi Essence!

However—

Despite the shock, Su Liuli didn't lose her composure.

Also burning her Gang Qi Essence, she dared not delay, immediately waving her hands to unleash Bodhi Silent Sound's world-shaking ultimate technique 'Bodhi Tree' again.

The tree formed by Gang Qi reappeared, exuding vitality, appearing in the air.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh...

Without waiting for Zorro to pursue and kill Zorro in victory, Su Liuli waved her hands, causing leaves formed by Gang Qi to fall from the Bodhi Tree, whistling towards Zorro.

"Is it never-ending?"

Zorro was about to leap forward to kill Zorro when he sensed the Gang Qi leaves shooting towards him. With a growl, he turned and waved his right hand.

Whoosh!

A surge of Gang Qi whistled out from Zorro's Beast Claw Artifact, like a wave of air, instantly sweeping up all the Gang Qi leaves shooting towards him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just then...

The Gang Qi tree suddenly sprouted roots and branches, like tentacles of an octopus, whistling as they entwined towards Zorro.

"Damn bitch, you've pissed me off!"

Zorro roared, his facial muscles completely twisted, like a berserk mutant beast.

"Die!"

Zorro roared madly, frantically channeling the Gang Qi within, surging to his hands, rapidly waving them, forming phantoms, as streams of Gang Qi whistled from his Beast Claw Artifact, blasting forward.

In the next moment.

Under the stunned gazes of Su Liuli and Doug, the Gang Qi released by Zorro completely coalesced, once again evolving into a three-headed lion mutant beast.

Different from the previous mutant beasts, this time the War Beast was lifelike, extremely clear, almost real, even with distinct facial features and fur.

War Beast Soul!

Frustrated by Su Liuli's use of the Bodhi Tree to repeatedly obstruct him, Zorro, for the first time, used the ultimate technique of the Ross family!

"Roar~"

The three-headed lion let out a furious roar, and a wave of Gang Qi whistled out from its mouth, instantly shattering the incoming Gang Qi vines into pieces.

Thump!

Su Liuli's heart trembled.

This three-headed lion evolved from Gang Qi was so powerful that it shocked her.

"Roar~"

At that moment, the three-headed lion roared again, and without Zorro's command, it pounced towards Su Liuli in mid-air at an incredible speed.

Swoosh!

Su Liuli's face turned grave, her hands placed in front of her, suddenly pushed forward, and the Bodhi Tree formed from Gang Qi soared up like a giant mountain, crashing into the three-headed lion.

Meanwhile, Zorro's figure flickered, taking the opportunity to attack Doug.

Up ahead, Doug, who had been injured earlier, although he quickly took a Nirvana Pill, the effects of the medicine had yet to fully manifest, and his injuries were not healed, but seeing Zorro charge at him, he had no choice but to fight back.

Bang!

Just then, a loud noise erupted as the Bodhi Tree violently collided with the three-headed lion, exploding into a storm of Gang Qi that swept in all directions.

In an instant, both the Bodhi Tree and the three-headed lion disappeared almost simultaneously.

Evenly matched!

Even though Su Liuli burned the essence of Gang Qi, using her strongest move "Bodhi Tree," it was easily neutralized by Zorro.

This result left both Su Liuli and Doug feeling heavy-hearted!

"I'll hold him off, you leave quickly!"

Despite the heaviness in his heart, Doug understood that even together, they were no match for Zorro. If they continued to fight desperately, both would die here. Therefore, he steeled his heart and suddenly shouted loudly.

What?

Startled by Doug's words, both Su Liuli and Zorro were taken aback.

"Hold me off? Do you think you can?"

Zorro sneered coldly, deciding to end the battle quickly, stamping his right foot into the ground, cracking the rocks beneath, and sped towards Doug like a streak of light.

"Go quickly! Otherwise, we'll both die here!!"

Seeing Zorro approach, Doug shouted, frantically burning the Gang Qi within his body, while pushing his blood and energy to the extreme. The Gang Qi caused his clothes to flutter wildly, and even his hair stood on end.

Ready to fight to the death, even if it meant dying, he wanted to make Zorro pay a heavy price to give Su Liuli a chance to escape!

Witnessing this, Su Liuli felt a surge of complex emotions.

She really wanted to stay and help Doug but knew it was futile.

As Doug had said, if she stayed, the only outcome would be both of them being slain by Zorro!

"Thank you!"

Su Liuli gritted her teeth in gratitude, then turned and swiftly sped away into the distance.

"Tell Ye Fan, living in the same era as him is my regret, but also my fortune—if there is another life, I still want to compete with him!!"

Doug shouted loudly at Su Liuli's departing figure.

In that moment, he seemed like a different person.

He was no longer calm but extremely agitated!

For the first time, he revealed his true feelings to others!

As his words fell, his figure moved!

Fully burning the Gang Qi and blood within him, Doug did not sit and await death but instead proactively attacked Zorro!

Bang!

Bang!

For a moment, loud explosions erupted continuously, and an energy storm raged, destroying everything around beyond recognition.

In the distance, Su Liuli couldn't resist looking back.

Just one glance.

After that one glance, her heart sank completely!

Because she clearly saw Doug's body explode into a mist of blood, swept by the energy storm and turned to dust, completely vanishing from this world!

"Bitch, it's your turn next, you can't escape!"

After killing Doug, Zorro shouted ferociously, then using mental perception, locked onto Su Liuli's aura and pursued swiftly.

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"What's going on? How did Doug's points suddenly go to zero?"

"Did Doug get killed by a mutant beast??"

"No... no! Doug wasn't killed by a mutant beast! He was killed by Zorro!"

"That's right, Zorro's points skyrocketed suddenly! Moreover, the increased points are exactly what Doug had!"

Meanwhile, in the canyon outside the Holy Land, the cultivators watching the battle were startled by the changes on the Investiture of the Gods list.

Thump!

Hearing the words of those cultivators, looking at the changes on the Investiture of the Gods list, Hei Emperor Augustine and Olivia both felt their hearts jolt, completely stunned!

"Why? Why is this happening? What exactly happened?"

After the initial shock, Olivia's eyes turned red, filled with immense heartache!

She and Doug were both adopted by Hei Emperor Augustine as children, growing up and cultivating together, as close as siblings!

Because of all this, when she was suppressed by the Vajra Monkey in the Holy Land in Australia, Doug, anxious at heart, publicly used "No Gate to Hell" for the first time, helping her to kill the Vajra Monkey.

Now, Doug has died in battle!

This news was like a sharp blade piercing into her heart, causing her immense pain!

Unlike Olivia's sorrow and heartbreak, the ruler of the Ross family slightly curved his lips, revealing a joyful smile.

Originally, because Zorro carried the aura of the Beast King, he could suppress the mutant beasts and kill them quickly. Ever since entering the finals of the Holy Land, he was already in first place!

Now, after Zorro killed Doug and took his points, the first place became even more stable!

How could this not please the Clan Leader of the Ross family?!

"Doug is dead. Next, the disciple of the Huaxia Evil Emperor, Ye Fan, won't be spared either!"

"Not just Ye Fan, but also the successor of Bodhi Wu Yin, Su Liuli, she won't escape either!"

Soon, the discussions rose again in the canyon, and almost everyone, except for a few, believed that Ye Fan and Su Liuli were doomed!

Chapter 907 - Ye Fan Arrives

The competition is cruel, and the law of the jungle is the only rule for survival.

If you are not strong enough, not only might you die at the hands of a mutant beast, but you might also be killed by other contestants, having all your points taken away.

Besides, she knew that because Ye Fan had already clashed with the six peerless geniuses, they not only wanted to kill Ye Fan but would likely also vent their anger on her and kill her on sight.

Su Liuli was as clear as a mirror about all this, so after encountering Doug, she proposed an alliance.

But she hadn't expected that she and Doug would have no power to resist when facing Zorro.

As Doug fell in battle, Su Liuli knew clearly that if Zorro caught up with her, she would undoubtedly die!

All this brought unprecedented pressure upon Su Liuli.

Under pressure, her potential was fully unleashed, and her speed increased dramatically.

However—

Even so, in less than ten breaths, Zorro caught up with her.

"Hey, did you think you could escape? Although Doug, that fool, bought you some time, you still cannot escape my grasp and will eventually be killed!"

Zorro chased after her like a Demon God, and when he was a hundred meters away from Su Liuli, he sneered coldly, waved his right hand, and grabbed at Su Liuli across the distance.

A hundred meters, this was already within the attack range of an Early-Stage War God!

With a single claw strike, a huge black claw mark evolved from Gang Qi descended from the sky, slamming fiercely toward Su Liuli!

Shua!

Su Liuli's expression changed, but she did not panic; instead, she swung her hand toward the Gang Qi Beast Claw while sprinting.

Bodhi Palm!

In this strike, Su Liuli didn't use the Supreme Skill 'Bodhi Tree,' but launched the Bodhi Palm from the "Bodhi Skill."

With a palm strike, the Gang Qi shot out fiercely, transforming into a giant palm, rising from below to meet the Gang Qi Beast Claw.

Boom!

With a loud noise, the Gang Qi Palm shattered, and a Gang Qi shockwave swept in all directions.

Crackle!

Like the sound of frying beans, Su Liuli was hit by the Gang Qi shockwave, but it did not break through her Protective Aura; instead, the wave acted like a propellant that pushed her forward, dramatically increasing her speed!

Meanwhile, Zorro was momentarily stalled by this wave, and the distance between the two opened up a bit more!

"Is struggling useful?"

Zorro never expected his certain kill strike to become Su Liuli's means of escape and acceleration, first startled, then completely disdainful.

"Pa!"

Zorro stomped the ground, the hard rock beneath his feet instantly turning into a web-like pattern and cracking in a radial fashion. He used the powerful recoil to shoot forward like an arrow, once again chasing after Su Liuli!

In three breaths, Zorro had closed the distance between them to within a hundred meters once more.

This time, he didn't rush to strike but planned to close in and then kill Su Liuli with one blow!

Shua shua shua...

Seeing that she couldn't escape, Su Liuli made a firm decision, abruptly turned around, and launched a counterattack, spreading open her right hand and flicking her middle finger three times.

Bodhi Finger!

Su Liuli used the Bodhi Finger from the "Bodhi Skill," sending beams of light like lasers shooting toward Zorro, aiming at his face to both slow his pursuit and disrupt his sight!

"You think this attack can harm me?"

Zorro sneered, waved his big hand, and unleashed a wave of Gang Qi that scattered all the Finger Beams aimed at his chest!

At the same time, Su Liuli stopped, her white clothes like snow, resembling an ethereal Fairy in the breeze, shining with a holy light.

Clearly, she knew escape was impossible and decided to fight to the death; even if she couldn't kill Zorro, she would at least make him pay dearly to relieve pressure on Ye Fan!

"Run! Why aren't you running anymore?!"

Seeing his prey had stopped, Zorro was in no rush. He wanted to slowly kill Ye Fan's beloved woman to vent his inner resentment, satisfying his twisted psyche and delivering the heaviest blow to Ye Fan!

"You want to kill me? It won't be that easy!"

Su Liuli took a deep breath, facing Zorro, who was like an Asura, she put aside her worries for Ye Fan, forgot everything in the world, and became like Pure Glazed Body.

"Hm? It's actually the legendary Pure Glazed Body! No wonder Bodhi Wu Yin chose you as her inheritor, but it's useless, you will still die!"

Seeing Su Liuli as the legendary Glazed Body, Zorro was taken aback but then returned to his disdainful smile.

However—

Soon, the smile on Zorro's face froze!

Because he clearly sensed a strong aura rapidly shooting toward this place!

That aura was not unfamiliar to Zorro!

It was Ye Fan's aura!

Not only Zorro noticed this, but Su Liuli also did, and her heart couldn't help but fluctuate.

"Hey, I didn't expect that trash to deliver himself to me. God is really favoring me, haha..."

Perceiving Ye Fan's aura, Zorro was not afraid; instead, he was excitedly laughing, "I'll kill you first, and then send him on his way!"

With those words, Zorro's whole body exuded killing intent, his eyes turned blood-red, and he was like a fierce blade drawn from its scabbard, emanating sharp killing intent.

Feeling the change in Zorro's momentum and the even more intense Gang Qi surges, Su Liuli knew Zorro was about to strike!

Woosh!

Without any hesitation! Su Liuli immediately unleashed a palm, with the wild Gang Qi condensed and not dissipating, fiercely bombarding Zorro.

Strike first to gain the upper hand!

Originally, Su Liuli was prepared to fight Zorro to the death, but sensing Ye Fan's aura quickly approaching was like a drowning person grabbing a life-saving straw; a strong desire to survive surged in her heart!

But she didn't lose her composure because of this, instead, staying very calm, making the first move to delay for time, waiting for Ye Fan to arrive.

"Are you stalling for time?"

Zorro sneered, waved his right hand, and the Dark Gold Beast Claw flashed with light, Gang Qi shooting out and transforming into a golden Beast Claw, fiercely grabbing at the Gang Qi Palm.

Boom!

With a loud explosion, the Gang Qi Beast Claw shattered the Gang Qi Palm, and without losing momentum, continued toward Su Liuli.

Shua!

Su Liuli flashed sideways, swiftly darting several meters away, narrowly avoiding the Gang Qi Beast Claw.

The Gang Qi Beast Claw missed, then grabbed a dirt mound behind Su Liuli, slicing it off directly, showcasing terrifying power.

"Die!!"

After breaking through Su Liuli's Bodhi Palm, Zorro shouted coldly, switching from defense to offense, his figure darted forward, and he appeared in front of Su Liuli, his right hand swung again, the Beast Claw Artifact tracing a strange arc, transforming into a Phantom, suddenly grabbing at Su Liuli's head!

Close combat!

This is Zorro's first close combat, the whole person is like a fierce mutant beast, the Gang Qi surges on his Beast Claw Artifact, the light flickers, and it emits a terrifying energy fluctuation.

Su Liuli had no room to dodge, her hands turned into palms, and she suddenly pushed out, Gang Qi surged in her palms, transforming into a little tree, lifelike.

It has to be said, Su Liuli's comprehension is astonishing, not only understanding the 'Bodhi Tree', but also applying it to close combat, allowing it to attach to her palms.

Bam—

With a dull sound, Su Liuli's hands fiercely collided with Zorro's dark gold Beast Claw.

In an instant, Gang Qi exploded!

"Poof—"

A terrifying force hammered into Su Liuli's hands, spreading throughout her body.

Su Liuli's Protective Aura dimmed, her whole person flew backward, blood spurted wildly from her mouth, the Gang Qi within her body was in chaos, many meridians were shattered, and even her internal organs were shattered, suffering unimaginable massive damage!

Pop! Pop! Pop!

At the same time, Zorro was also subjected to a forceful backlash, retreating three steps, the ground under his feet cracked open, dust flying everywhere.

"I really didn't expect you to be able to withstand this strike of mine!"

Although Zorro's Protective Aura was not broken, the Qi and blood inside him was slightly churning, prompting him to sigh inwardly about the magic of the 'Bodhi Skill'.

Without responding, Su Liuli swiftly stabilized the chaotic Qi and Gang Qi inside her body.

"No need to struggle, even if that bastard arrives, he can't save you, you will both journey to Hell together, to become a pair of ghostly lovers!"

After the surprise, there was not the slightest expression on Zorro's face, he took a step forward, and waved his right hand again.

In an instant, the Gang Qi Beast Claw reappeared, fiercely grabbing at Su Liuli.

Whoosh!

As the crisis approached, Su Liuli totally ignored her own injuries, forcibly activating her Gang Qi, then suddenly opening her mouth, spitting out an essence of Gang Qi!

At this moment, in order to resist Zorro's attack, she could only abandon her own essence of Gang Qi!

The essence of Gang Qi was ejected as an airflow, quickly transforming into the shape of the Bodhi Tree.

Boom—

Immediately, before the Bodhi Tree fully took shape, the Gang Qi Beast Claw crashed down, shattering it into pieces.

"Poof—"

A terrible energy storm swept through, and Su Liuli was directly knocked flying, spitting out a few more mouthfuls of blood, her clean white clothes were stained with blood.

"I really underestimated you, even like this you won't die!"

Seeing Su Liuli once again resist his strike, Zorro was shocked again, then sneered: "I want to see how many more times you can withstand!"

"Huff!"

With his words, Zorro raised his right hand again, the Beast Claw Artifact flashing with golden light, like the scythe of Death, about to end Su Liuli's life.

Swoosh!

With a wave of the big hand, Gang Qi surged out!

The Gang Qi Beast Claw reappeared.

This time, Su Liuli made no resistance.

Under the morning sun, that face, once holy and charming, was drained of all color, like a blank sheet of paper.

Her meridians and internal organs were all shattered, and after forcibly activating her Gang Qi, she was backlashed by it, suffering unimaginable severe injuries, unable to even mobilize her Gang Qi!

"How great would it be to hold on for a little longer?"

As death approached, Su Liuli's face did not show fear, but was filled with longing.

She longed for Ye Fan!

Because, having been perceived as Ye Fan's woman by the world, she had not yet given Ye Fan the most precious thing in a woman's life!

Because, Ye Fan's path of invincibility had just begun, she could no longer witness and accompany him!

With yearning, with unwillingness, Su Liuli's eyes were wide open, staring blankly in the direction of Ye Fan's approaching aura.

She wanted, before death, to look at Ye Fan once more.

Just one more look, even if it's only a glance!

As she looked, tears rolled from her eyes, slowly sliding down her pale face.

"Get lost!!"

The next moment.

As Zorro wore a grim smile, expecting Su Liuli to explode.

As Su Liuli widened her eyes, thinking she would never see Ye Fan again in her life.

A furious roar pierced the sky!

"Shing!!"

With the roar, a flying knife appeared!

A Xuanye Flying Blade whistled through the air, surrounded by blade energy, slashing fiercely towards the airborne Gang Qi Beast Claw.

Boom!!

With a loud bang, the Gang Qi Beast Claw exploded apart, the Xuanye Flying Blade's power undiminished, it swung ferociously towards the front Zorro.

Hmm?!

Zorro was shocked, his footsteps moved, quickly dodging, leaving a clear afterimage in place.

Boom!!

The fierce blade energy slashed onto Zorro's afterimage, then onto the ground, the ground shattered with a long crack extending tens of meters, several meters deep.

Crackle!

At the same time, a Big Furnace flew with a whistle in front of Su Liuli, the furnace body sparkling, shaking away all the energy waves sweeping towards her.

Immediately, a figure, like a towering mountain, stood in front of Su Liuli!

Ye Fan arrived!

Chapter 908 - Complete Overwhelm!

Zorro was incredibly domineering. First, he killed Doug, then relentlessly pursued Su Liuli, severely injuring her in just a few moves. Su Liuli was like fish on a chopping board, unable to resist, only left to be slaughtered by Zorro.

At this moment...

Ye Fan arrived just in time, forcefully breaking through Zorro's Gang Qi Beast Claw using the third form of the "Flying Sword Skill" known as 'Flowing Light', then protected Su Liuli with the Yanhuang Furnace, preventing her from being swept by the energy wave.

"Liuli..."

Seeing Su Liuli covered in blood, her face pale, Ye Fan felt as if his heart was being cut by a knife. He hurriedly activated his mind to check Su Liuli's injuries.

As she saw Ye Fan so close, Su Liuli's pale face revealed a bright smile. She slightly opened her mouth, wanting to say something, but before she could, her head tilted, and she collapsed to the ground.

"Liuli!!"

Ye Fan was shocked and swiftly bent down to support Su Liuli, then discovered that although her injuries were severe, she was still alive.

"No need to shout, she won't die for now."

At this moment, Zorro stood in front, coldly staring at Ye Fan. He sneered, "However, once I kill you, I'll send her on her way to Hell to accompany you!"

No response.

Ye Fan acted as if Zorro was nothing but air, sitting cross-legged, supporting Su Liuli with one hand, the other placed on her wrist, channeling the Pure Yang Qi within him into Su Liuli's body for healing.

Hmm?

Seeing this, Zorro was initially stunned, then instantly enraged!

That's right...

Enraged!

As the heir of the Ross family, alongside Xu Wudao and four others, he was regarded as an unparalleled genius, a future savior.

This identity granted him respect and even awe wherever he went!

Ye Fan not only ignored his threats before but also publicly killed his servant before the Hidden God List competition began, humiliating him ruthlessly!

At this very moment, encountering each other in the finals' Holy Land, Ye Fan entirely ignored Zorro, casually healing Su Liuli...

To Zorro, this was blatant contempt; how could he not be infuriated?

"Bastard, I'm genuinely curious, what exactly makes you so arrogant?"

Furious, Zorro spoke again, his voice hoarse, with terrifying killing intent locking onto Ye Fan fiercely.

"No need to rush, you will die soon."

While maneuvering the Pure Yang Qi throughout Su Liuli's body for healing, Ye Fan coldly responded to Zorro.

"Haha..."

Upon hearing this, Zorro laughed in extreme anger, "Go to hell!"

Swish!

As soon as he spoke, Zorro's body sprang forward, dashing toward Ye Fan, his Dantian spinning madly. Gang Qi quickly surged into his right hand, entering the Beast Claw Artifact.

The Beast Claw Artifact flickered, spewing out streams of Gang Qi, morphing into a three-headed lion.

The Soul of the War Beast!

Perhaps Zorro knew Ye Fan was far stronger than Doug and Su Liuli, or perhaps because Ye Fan thoroughly enraged him, Zorro's first move was the Ross family's unique skill!

Previously, even when Su Liuli burned Gang Qi Essence to execute 'Bodhi Tree', she couldn't break Zorro's Gang Qi-evolved three-headed lion.

What about Ye Fan?

"Roar~"

The three-headed lion roared, flashed fiercely, and lunged at Ye Fan.

In the face of all this, Ye Fan showed no sign of fear, not even stopping Su Liuli's healing.

Hmm?

Zorro was both shocked and enraged witnessing this.

Shock, because he never imagined in his wildest dreams that Ye Fan would be so audacious facing him, disregarding his attack entirely.

Anger, because Ye Fan's actions deeply pierced him, trampling on the pride belonging to an unparalleled genius!

As Zorro was both shocked and enraged, Ye Fan multitasked, healing Su Liuli while activating his mind to perform the third form of the "Flying Sword Skill" 'Flowing Light' again.

"Whoosh——"

The sharp sound of a knife piercing the air echoed once more, tearing through the sky. Another Xuanye Flying Blade whistled out from Ye Fan's sleeve, rapidly absorbing the surrounding Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, forming a three-meter-long blade energy, fiercely slashing toward the three-headed lion!

Boom!

With a loud crash, the sharp blade energy directly shattered the Gang Qi-evolved three-headed lion, Gang Qi scattering.

"How... how is that possible?"

Seeing his ancestral skill easily countered by Ye Fan, Zorro was stunned.

Was it possible?

"Whoosh!"

The response to Zorro was the sound of blade energy cutting through the air.

After slicing through the three-headed lion, the blade energy, though less condensed than before, remained extraordinarily powerful, creating a vacuum seam in the air wherever it passed.

"Break for me!!"

As the blade energy slashed toward him, Zorro realized the situation like a nightmare but no longer dodged like the first time. Instead, he roared hideously and swung his right hand, clawing violently!

Head-on collision!

At this moment, Zorro chose a head-on collision, intending to forcefully break Ye Fan's flying knife assassination to restore his face!

Whoosh!

As Zorro clawed, Gang Qi surged, transforming into a golden beast claw mark, grasping at the Xuanye Flying Blade.

Boom~

Another loud noise erupted, the blade energy unrivaled, instantly shattering the golden beast claw mark, then continued forward, slashing toward Zorro!

Swish!

This result shocked Zorro, and no longer daring to overestimate himself, his figure swiftly flashed, dodging quickly.

However—

The distance was really too close, even though Zorro's reaction was quick enough, he was still swept by the residual wave of blade energy. If not for the protective aura, he would have been torn to shreds.

"Rumor has it that your Flying Knife Assassination Technique is unpredictable and immensely powerful. It seems true now. But do you think this is enough to stop me??"

Zorro stabilized his posture, staring at Ye Fan with eyes like lightning, feeling both shock and anger.

Clearly, he never dreamed that Ye Fan could multitask, using the Flying Knife Assassination Technique to embarrass him so thoroughly!

Still no response, Ye Fan realized that Su Liuli's injuries had stabilized, he stopped infusing Pure Yang Qi into Su Liuli's body, released Su Liuli's wrist, gently placed her beside the Yanhuang Furnace, and slowly stood up.

"Hey, not daring to take risks? Are you scared now?"

Seeing this scene, Zorro laughed coldly, assuming Ye Fan was afraid of the full-on fight and hence stopped treating Su Liuli to face him fully.

"Doug was killed by you?" Ye Fan asked coldly.

"Yes."

Zorro responded with a sneer, "Speaking of which, you should thank that worthless guy. If it weren't for him sacrificing for your woman to buy time, your woman would already be dead. Of course, none of this matters— the final result will not change!"

"You talk too much!"

Ye Fan's eyes turned cold, Gang Qi surged beneath his feet, he took a step like shrinking the ground into an inch, swiftly rushing towards Zorro, punching out!

Dominating Fist, First Form: Blood Gang!

With this punch, Ye Fan used the Dominating Fist's first form 'Blood Gang', but only utilized his physical strength!

"Looking for death!"

Seeing Ye Fan abandoning the Flying Knife Assassination Technique, solely relying on physical strength for close combat, a murderous glint flashed in Zorro's eyes, and he sneered.

Although he knew from Xu Wudao's experience that Ye Fan's physical strength was extremely strong, in mere physical combat, rarely anyone of the same rank was Ye Fan's match.

But... he didn't include himself!

Because, members of the Ross clan possess the bloodline of ancient mutant beasts!

This bloodline made his body strength far surpass that of an ordinary cultivator since childhood!

In fact, when he heard Ye Fan easily defeat Xu Wudao with mere physical strength back then, he felt a faint defiance, wanting to defeat Ye Fan on his strongest physical combat prowess, to prove that he was the best in close combat of the same generation, and not others.

Beastification!

Zorro frenziedly stimulated the beast blood within, his vital energies boiled entirely, his hair stood upright, shining with a golden hue.

Swoosh!

After beastification, Zorro's beast king aura was even more apparent, like an ancient beast king resurrected, eyes blood-red, right hand transforming into a claw, fiercely clawing at Ye Fan.

Bang!

Fist and claw collided, Ye Fan's physical power exploded fully, shaking off Zorro's Beast Claw Artifact, the terrifying force surging through the Beast Claw Artifact into Zorro's body.

"Crack—"

The sound of bone-breaking rang out, Zorro's wrist was instantly snapped, blood gushed out, and he flew backward.

While Ye Fan's feet were nailed to the ground like nails, unmoved.

One punch!

In physical combat, Ye Fan sent Zorro flying with just one punch!

"His... his physical power is actually this strong?!"

In the sky, Zorro experienced the 'pleasure' of flying, shock overwhelming his heart.

Only after trading blows did he understand it wasn't that Xu Wudao's physical strength wasn't strong enough, it was Ye Fan's physical power that was overwhelmingly strong—he stimulated beast blood

within, used the ancestral secret technique 'Beastification', his physical power was enormously strong, yet he got punched flying!

After the shock, Zorro forcefully stabilized his posture, and gracefully landed.

Snap!

After landing, Zorro quickly took out a mysterious black Elixir Pill from his bosom, crushed it, and sprinkled it on the fractured wrist; the wrist wound healed astonishingly fast.

"Since you like close combat, I'll fulfill your wish!"

With his wounds healed, Zorro spoke coldly, fully urging the Gang Qi within, preparing to engage in close combat with Ye Fan once more.

Swish!

As his words fell, Zorro made no stoppage, again darting towards Ye Fan, as fast as lightning!

"Go to hell!"

In the span of a breath, Zorro approached Ye Fan, the Gang Qi within crazily surged to his right hand, flowed into the Beast Claw Artifact, which glimmered, faint sounds of mutant beasts' roars resonated, terrifying to the extreme.

"Whew!"

Ye Fan neither dodged nor evaded, once again punched out fiercely!

Still, Dominating Fist First Form: 'Blood Gang'!

But this time, Ye Fan no longer simply used physical strength alone and combined physical power with Gang Qi, delivering a perfect 'Blood Gang'!

"Clang!"

A crisp sound, Zorro's Beast Claw Artifact, was directly shaken away.

"Boom—"

Ye Fan's fist did not wane and fiercely struck Zorro's chest.

"Crack—"

"Puff—"

The sounds of snapping bones and blood splattering rang nearly simultaneously.

Zorro was once again sent flying by Ye Fan's punch!

This time.

His protective aura dimmed, his internal meridians, tendons, and organs all shattered; he suffered unprecedented major injuries!

Chapter 909 - Death in Despair!

Flying Knife Assassination, Zorro didn't dare to take it head-on, he could only dodge the sharp edge.

Physical combat, Zorro was punched by Ye Fan and sent flying, his wrist fractured.

Full power confrontation, Zorro was once again blasted away, severely injured.

Complete defeat!

Three encounters, Zorro was completely defeated!

This outcome was entirely beyond Zorro's expectations.

After being punched and sent flying by Ye Fan once more, there was no longer a trace of arrogance on his face, only shock!

He feared Ye Fan would press the advantage and deliver a fatal blow!

Because, at this very moment, he had suffered unprecedented injuries, his internal blood and Gang Qi thoroughly chaotic. If Ye Fan pursued and struck hard, he would surely die!

However——

What he did not expect was that after Ye Fan punched him away, he did not make another move, but instead stood in place, coldly watching him.

Although he didn't know why Ye Fan was doing this, Zorro couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief, the heart that was in his throat also settled down.

Soon, Zorro, enduring the severe pain on his body, exerted his waist to stop flying backwards, landed on the ground, and while vigilantly watching Ye Fan, quickly took out a black bottle from his chest, opened the cap, and poured the black liquid inside into his mouth.

"I have to admit, your strength indeed exceeded my expectations..."

After doing all this, Zorro spoke again, not as arrogant as before, but instead with a hint of panic, always wary of Ye Fan making a move.

"Are you buying time to heal?" Ye Fan interrupted Zorro's words coldly.

"__"

Hearing this, Zorro's face changed, unable to reply.

Because, as Ye Fan said, he feared Ye Fan would make a move, so he spoke to delay and gain time to heal.

"Don't worry, I'll let you die in despair!" Ye Fan spoke again, his tone calm, but his words made Zorro feel a chilling dread.

"You... what do you mean?" Zorro sensed something ominous in his heart.

"You're buying time, planning to use your most powerful skill after healing, I'll give you this opportunity." Ye Fan responded coldly.

"Uh..."

Hearing Ye Fan's words again, Zorro felt a chilling terror, he originally wanted to use the most powerful martial arts of the Ross family's ancestral teachings to kill Ye Fan after recovering some of his injuries, but now he was somewhat shaken.

Although he had full confidence in his most powerful martial arts.

However, Ye Fan's performance made him feel an inexplicable fear!

It was a kind of contempt!

If it were before, Zorro would think Ye Fan was too arrogant, but through the previous encounter, Ye Fan had shown sufficiently strong power.

In such a situation, he did not think Ye Fan was being arrogant, but had absolute confidence in killing him!

At the same time, he also understood the true meaning of Ye Fan's words "let you die in despair"!

Upon understanding all this, Zorro's fear skyrocketed, and an idea of abandoning the fight emerged!

"You also needn't hope to escape, that's impossible."

As if seeing Zorro's hesitation, Ye Fan spoke again, directly sentencing Zorro to death, "You killed Doug, gravely injured Liu Li, only death can atone for your sins!"

"Escape? The word escape does not exist in my Zorro's dictionary!"

Originally, Zorro was a bit shaken, but at this moment, hearing Ye Fan mention the word "escape," he immediately dismissed the idea of running away.

Because he knew, this battle, if he chose to abandon and flee, not to mention whether he could succeed, but one thing was certain, an indelible shadow would be left in his heart.

In that case, even if he could live, his future cultivation would be greatly hindered, and he would eventually be left far behind by Ye Fan and the other five peerless geniuses!

After speaking, Zorro quickly stabilized the chaotic blood and Gang Qi inside his body, then swiftly catalyzed that mysterious healing liquid to accelerate the healing process.

That mysterious healing liquid was the Ross family's ancestral healing medicine, extremely potent, and could achieve healing in a short time after ingestion.

Within just a few breaths, Zorro's injuries began to recover at an astonishing speed, although not fully healed, he could continue to fight.

"Beast Blood Boiling, Ultimate Beastification!"

Feeling that his injuries had mostly recovered, Zorro let out a roar towards the sky, his whole body's blood completely boiling.

Ka——

Suddenly, the sound of bones cracking incessantly, Zorro's body changed, his height suddenly increased, his muscles swelled up, and his clothes burst open.

The changes were far from over!

His hair and body hair grew longer at a visible speed, turning golden, as if covered by a layer of golden scale armor, his hands also transformed into the shape of beast claws...

At this moment, he resembled a humanoid mutant beast!

"Is this the ancestral martial arts of the Ross family?"

Upon seeing Zorro's transformation, an unusual light flashed in Ye Fan's eyes.

Like many, he knew that members of the Ross family carried the bloodline of ancient Beast Kings, with ancestral martial arts greatly linked to mutant beasts, but he didn't expect that after fully awakening his Beast King bloodline, Zorro would turn into a humanoid mutant beast!

Aside from surprise, Ye Fan also clearly noticed that Zorro at this moment was like a different person compared to before, his aura surged, and streams of Gang Qi continuously flowed from his body, surrounding him, morphing again into the form of three lions.

Just——

Unlike before, at this moment, Zorro had become part of the three lions!

"Scum, I must say, you are strong — you are the first to force me to use the Ultimate Beastification form!"

After transforming, Zorro's voice became muffled, as if it echoed from his nasal cavity, making it particularly unpleasant to hear.

"Despair, then die!"

Ye Fan said coldly, with a deadly chill accumulated from life and death sharpening erupting abruptly, appearing like an Immortal War God returned from hell, filled with murderous intent.

"Ant, killing intent is useless against me, you will pay for your arrogance!"

After transforming, Zorro completely forgot his previous defeat, his confidence swelling rapidly, thinking that now, killing Ye Fan was not a difficult task.

"Prepare to die!"

Zorro shouted loudly, his body flickering, carrying rolling Gang Qi, like a fierce lion king, lunging towards Ye Fan.

Swoosh!

Ye Fan's eyes narrowed, like an arrow leaving the string, shooting out at lightning speed!

"Die for me!"

In a breath's time, Zorro approached Ye Fan, his right hand transforming into a claw, viciously clawing at Ye Fan.

Pa! Pa! Pa!

With Zorro's claw strike, the Gang Qi surrounding his body instantly gathered, forming a massive golden beast claw, shielding him before covering Ye Fan, the air exploding wherever it went, its power terrifying beyond compare.

At this moment, Zorro was enveloped in the aura of a mutant beast, like a lion king hunting its prey, fierce and savage!

"Hu!"

Without extra words, Ye Fan faced the golden beast claw and threw out a punch!

Pressing forward with indomitable will, breaking the boats and sinking the ships!

No matter how many spells or martial arts you have, I will break them with one punch!

This is the essence of the Domineering Fist, and also the core!

With a punch thrown, an invincible aura surged from Ye Fan, he appeared like the descent of an Immortal War God, with Gang Qi swirling on his right fist, the Black Iron Fist set gleaming, emitting an energy fluctuation that made people's hearts palpitate.

Bang!!

With a loud noise, Ye Fan's punch struck the golden beast claw, and the physical strength along with Gang Qi energy erupted instantly, directly shattering the golden beast claw, then transformed into a Punch Ray, whistling away!

Hmm?

Seeing the golden beast claw, formed by Gang Qi, shatter explosively, Zorro couldn't help but be shocked!

Ultimate Beastification.

This is the strongest martial art passed down through the Ross family, which allows the performer to transform, with body hair turning into armor, greatly enhancing defense, meanwhile, Gang Qi leaks out and transforms with the self into the form of a mutant beast, vastly increasing momentum.

The more crucial part is that after performing Ultimate Beastification, each attack contains two parts, the first part being the Gang Qi transforming into beast claw, and the second part being close-combat fighting!

Although Zorro knew that solely relying on the beast claw formed by Gang Qi could hardly pose a threat to Ye Fan, the real trump card was his ensuing close-combat fight, he didn't expect that the Gang Qi beast claw would be forcibly shattered by Ye Fan!

Immediately.

Before Zorro could recover from the astonishment, the black-red Punch Ray whistled towards him!

Clang!

Zorro waved his hand to grab, only feeling as if he grabbed an Outer Heaven Meteorite falling from high altitude, an overwhelming force instantly knocking his Beast Claw Artifact off course.

The almost tangible black-red Punch Ray knocked away Zorro's Beast Claw Artifact and struck Zorro directly.

"Bang!"

"Crack!"

"Pfft—"

Three sounds nearly occurred at the same time, Zorro's protective Qi fully cracked; the golden armor, evolved from body hair, shattered violently, all bones in his body fractured, his mouth spurted fresh blood, and he flew backward again.

Old wounds unhealed, new wounds arrived!

Zorro's body flew backward several meters in the air, then heavily crashed to the ground, his gaze scattered, consciousness blurred, his entire body seemed disjointed, not even one finger could move.

He completely lost his combat capability!

"Clap! Clap! Clap!"

Just then, dull footsteps sounded, awakening Zorro from his daze, simultaneously like the sound of death pounding heavily on his heart, filling him with fear!

Amidst fear, his remaining sliver of rationality told him this place would become his grave!

All of this brought him to despair.

In despair, he abruptly opened his eyes, nearly dull, staring at Ye Fan walking towards him.

"What martial art did you just use?"

"How could there possibly be such a powerful boxing skill in this world?"

"Could it be the inheritance you received on the Australia Continent?"

"And, is your powerful body also cultivated from the inheritance obtained on the Australia Continent?"

Watching, watching, Zorro's emotions suddenly became agitated, constantly questioning, eyes filled with unwillingness.

Without answering, Ye Fan looked at Zorro with pity, as if looking at a humble insect.

"Tell me, tell me!"

Zorro coughed blood and roared furiously, feeling as if, without Ye Fan's answers, he would die with regrets!

Bang—

The response to Zorro was a kick!

Ye Fan stomped on Zorro's Dantian with a foot, shattering Zorro's Dantian and Qi Vortex, yet sparing his life.

"Kill me..."

With his Dantian destroyed, Zorro immediately fell from an unparalleled genius to a wastrel, which was unbearable for him, he roared in agony, actively seeking death.

"I said, I will let you die in despair!" Ye Fan looked at Zorro numbly.

"You... what are you planning to do?"

Hearing Ye Fan's words again, Zorro was gripped by fear once more.

"You possess the Beast King Bloodline, if you become food for the mutant beasts, it will surely be a very painful thing, right?" Ye Fan said expressionlessly.

Although according to the finals rule, one could plunder the points from the other contestant by killing them.

But for Ye Fan, obtaining the points from Zorro and letting Zorro die in despair, the former was trivial—only by doing so could he quench the hatred in his heart!

"You... you demon!!"

Seeing that Ye Fan intended to make him mutant beast food, Zorro's emotions completely lost control, he used all his remaining strength, hysterically roaring, "Scum, don't be triumphant, even if you kill me, you will never walk out of this Holy Land alive, the five of them won't spare you..."

Hmm?

Before Zorro could finish, Ye Fan suddenly sensed a murderous intent!

That murderous intent, though extremely weak, was real and rapidly approaching him!

Whoosh!

Without time to think, Ye Fan flickered his steps, Gang Qi surging, his whole body darting away.

Swish!

A blood-colored long blade brushed past Ye Fan's body, piercing through the illusion he left behind!

Sudden, cunning, fierce.

This is a deadly strike!

Chapter 910 - Enemies Meet, Especially Furious!

When Ye Fan defeated Zorro with overwhelming force and crippled his cultivation, he encountered a perilous assassination attempt.

If not for his keen mental perception, sensing the presence of killing intent in advance, he would have surely been stabbed by the blade, facing either grave injuries or death — truly, it was a moment of extreme danger!

Swish!

Ye Fan steadied his stance, his gaze sharp as lightning, looking forward.

What met Ye Fan's eyes was a young man holding a dagger.

The young man was clad in a black robe, his hair, face, and the robe all stained with blood, as if he'd been soaked in a blood pool, exuding an aura of evil.

"Xue Chou?"

Among the ten finalists, besides the six unparalleled geniuses like Zorro, only Ye Fan, Doug, Su Liuli, and Xue Chou participated.

Ye Fan had long met and even confronted the six geniuses like Zorro, so he wasn't unfamiliar with them. Thus, he could ascertain that the person before him was the mysterious Xue Chou.

"To think you could avoid my ambush, no wonder you appeared so strong and arrogant before the match!"

Xue Chou spoke coldly, ignoring Ye Fan's crippling of Zorro and instead directly mentioning Ye Fan's evasion of his assassination, with a hint of astonishment in his words.

On one hand, he was confident Zorro was not his match; Ye Fan's crippling of Zorro proved nothing. More importantly, he knew that a person's vigilance would completely relax the moment after defeating an enemy, making them most vulnerable to ambush. Ye Fan dodging his assassination was somewhat unexpected!

"If I remember correctly, we previously had no interactions, much less enmity. Even by the rules, eliminating a contestant to gain their points should not warrant such hostility."

As Xue Chou's words rang in his ears, Ye Fan slightly frowned. He could sense Xue Chou's arrogance, and simultaneously feel the intense hatred and killing intent in Xue Chou's eyes!

This struck him as peculiar!

Because, as he himself noted, if Zorro merely intended to kill him for points, he would not exhibit such intense hatred.

Such hatred only emerges when lifelong enemies meet!

Moreover... a mortal enemy!

"Your observation skills are good, but it doesn't matter, the outcome will not change—my Blood Saber will consecrate your soul!"

Xue Chou sneered. For him, participating in the Hidden God List competition and striving for a rank was secondary; his most important objective was to accomplish the task assigned by Chen Daozang — to kill Ye Fan during the competition.

Achieving the greatest benefit at the smallest cost!

That's his *modus operandi*.

Originally, he intended to slice Ye Fan during a moment of negligence to fulfill Chen Daozang's assignment. But since Ye Fan evaded the previous assassination, he didn't mind killing him outright in a fair duel.

As if Ye Fan was merely a fish on the chopping block, only requiring a bit more effort!

"You remained inconspicuous before the match, with no one discovering your true strength, likely using some kind of secret technique or magic artifact to obscure your presence and hide your strength — did you do all this just to kill me?"

Ye Fan frowned, staring intently at Xue Chou.

Though Xue Chou's displayed prowess outmatched Zorro, he felt indifferent; his only concern was why Xue Chou bore such resentment towards him, going so far as to hide his strength and employ such despicable means.

"Since you don't want to die without knowing why, I'll grant your small request — your guess is entirely correct."

Xue Chou sneered again, his blood energy began to surge, even spilling out, enveloping his surroundings like a crimson shield.

"Who exactly are you?"

Ye Fan furrowed his brows tighter, logic told him Xue Chou's faction certainly had ties with him, but he could not determine from which adversarial side Xue Chou came.

"Chen Daozang is my godfather."

Xue Chou responded coldly, "Is there anything else you wish to ask? If not, then prepare to die!"

"So that's it!"

Upon hearing this, Ye Fan was first stunned, then the killing intent exploded instantly, and the hatred in his eyes burned like a raging fire. fr.eewe.bno.vel.com

Yes...

It was hatred!

For in this world, if Ye Fan hated anyone most, Chen Daozang would undoubtedly top the list.

It was Chen Daozang who pushed his biological mother off a cliff, leaving her fate uncertain to this day!

It was Chen Daozang who issued threats to kill his father, Ye Wenhao, and wipe out the Ye Family, even acting on it until thwarted by Chu Xuanji in a bloody fight!

It was also Chen Daozang who killed Su Liuli's master, Bodhi Wu Yin, leading to Chu Xuanji nearly losing all his cultivation, subjected to the world's scorn and ridicule!

All this made Ye Fan harbor an intense enmity toward Chen Daozang, dreaming of reducing him to ashes!

Thus, he was racing against time, fiercely cultivating, and enduring life-and-death trials to soon enhance his power, kill Chen Daozang, and eradicate the Qinghong Organization from Earth!

In such a scenario, learning that Xue Chou was Chen Daozang's adopted son, he spared no effort in expressing his hatred.

"Setting aside your earlier assassination attempt, merely your identity means you aren't leaving here alive today!"

Ye Fan spoke once more, the tangibility of his killing intent as sharp as a blade, deadlocked on Xue Chou!

A dragon has a reverse scale; touching it means death!

Before this, Xue Chou and he had no grudges, not even an intersection, but their identities determined that only one of them could leave here alive!

Even if Xue Chou fled to the ends of the earth, he would kill him!

"Do you think defeating the Ross family's wastrel or narrowly escaping my ambush means you can kill me?"

Xue Chou coldly stared at Ye Fan, grinning sinisterly. His voice was raspy and low, making one's skin crawl, "Mark my words, I've already promised my godfather to present your head to him, so kindly lend me your head!"

"Poo—"

Zorro was already on the brink of death, pleading with Ye Fan to kill him. Upon hearing Xue Chou call him a cripple, he was suddenly enraged to the point of spitting out three mouthfuls of blood. Then his head tilted to the side, and he collapsed to the ground in a faint!

"Hoo~ hoo~"

At the same time, the Holy Land was filled with wind, a biting cold sweeping across the desolate ground, stirring up fallen leaves that danced in the sky, as if to echo the chilling words of Xue Chou.

The sudden gust blew wildly, causing the clothes of Ye Fan and Xue Chou to flap loudly.

Xue Chou's hair, soaked with blood, clung tightly together, flying in the fierce wind.

Standing downwind, Ye Fan squinted at Xue Chou, recalling what Chen Daozang had done, and the murderous intent in his heart continued to rise, even feeling an urge to howl up at the sky!

In the gale, Ye Fan and Xue Chou faced each other, a mere hundred meters apart, with Zorro and Su Liuli between them.

Among them, Zorro had fainted from Xue Chou's words.

Meanwhile, Su Liuli had somehow opened her eyes and discerned the situation on the field.

Due to her previous unconsciousness, she did not know Xue Chou's identity, but she was aware that the one confronting Ye Fan was Xue Chou, and she could sense that Xue Chou's strength was not weaker than Zorro's before!

This gave her a slight amount of worry.

On one hand, although she didn't witness how Ye Fan defeated Zorro, she judged that Ye Fan had to have expended some Gang Qi and energy, whereas Xue Chou seemed full of momentum and in a peak state!

On the other hand, Xue Chou's origins were too mysterious; no one knew his means, nor did they know how strong he truly was.

The unknown always breeds fear.

Su Liuli believed in Ye Fan's strength, though fear was absent, worry was inevitable.

"Don't worry, I'm fine."

Ye Fan gave Su Liuli a reassuring look, then with a wave of his hand, unleashed a Gang Qi, which transformed into a large net, enveloping Su Liuli and the Yanhuang Furnace, sending them to a safe area.

"Bang—"

After accomplishing this, Ye Fan pondered briefly, then raised his hand again to unleash a Gang Qi, which turned the unconscious Zorro into a pile of minced meat.

"Are you worried I'll kill him first and take his points?"

Seeing this scene, Xue Chou sneered, "As long as I kill you, all of your points will be mine; there's no need for me to make another move."

No reply followed.

This time, Ye Fan laughed outright.

Even as Xue Chou eyed him like a tiger, ready to strike at any moment, he laughed!

"I really admire you for being able to laugh when you're at the verge of death!"

Xue Chou's gaze was sharp as a blade, fixated on Ye Fan's eyes, trying to see fear within them.

Even just a hint!

However, he was disappointed. Ye Fan's eyes were as deep as a lagoon, without a trace of fear, only confidence and disdain remained!

"If there was ever an opportunity for you to kill me, just now was your only chance," Ye Fan responded.

"Ridiculous!"

Xue Chou smirked with derision, his aura soaring to its peak, as if he were an Asura Killing God emerging from Hell, his being exuding death and bloody malevolence.

"Oh, really?"

Ye Fan was not to be outdone, speaking as the blood and Gang Qi within him surged wildly, his aura continuously climbing.

Hmm?

Ye Fan's sudden transformation made Xue Chou's pupils shrink to the most dangerous pinpoints!

His reason told him that Ye Fan's strength was likely far more formidable than he had imagined, and he must not underestimate him.

"Pa!"

"Pa!"

"Pa!"

As if to corroborate Xue Chou's suspicion, Ye Fan abruptly stepped forward, striding towards Xue Chou, causing the ground at his feet to explode, the entire earth shaking.

At this moment.

He was like a War God descending to the mortal realm, an invincible aura emanating from his being, spreading in all directions.

At this moment.

For the first time, he revealed his true strength.

Because...

He decided to demolish Xue Chou in the most domineering way possible!