

Right after he spoke, Ge Yunfeng sprang forward with a fierce stomp. He charged toward Chen Hao like a ferocious tiger springing on its prey.

It was obvious that he was attacking Chen Hao with massive strength, for the stage floor caved in under his foot.

Yet, Chen Hao showed no signs of panic. With a wave of his hand, he whirled into action and counter-attacked with a swift and forceful kick.

Receiving the kick mid-air, Ge Yunfeng was instantly sent flying across the stage and landed with a resounding thump!

Everyone was astounded by the scene.

“Oh gosh!”

“Did this person just defeat the assessor? He’s so powerful!”

The scene immediately caused a stir among the crowd below the stage. As the spectators exclaimed and whispered among themselves, everyone began to look at Chen Hao with respect.

In an instant, Chen Hao had become the center of attention.

Not only the spectators in the crowd, but Yun Kong, who was sitting at the side, looked surprised as well.

He had never expected Chen Hao to be so formidable to the point of being able to easily defeat Ge Yunfeng, who had already achieved the Second Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality!

Following that, Yun Kong stood up and walked up to Chen Hao's side.

He looked at him and said, "Congratulations, you have passed the test. You are now a student of the Celestial Academy's Elite Class!"

Upon hearing Yun Kong's words, Chen Hao nodded and thanked him. "Thank you so much, Master Yun Kong!" he said.

After expressing his thanks, Chen Hao walked off the stage under everyone's gaze. All of them stared at him with admiration, but they were aware that they would never gain such powerful abilities like Chen Hao to defeat Ge Yunfeng.

Soon, the selection trial went on; another assessor had replaced Ge Yunfeng.

It turned out that Ge Yunfeng suffered a minor internal injury after his defeat by Chen Hao. As a result, he had to quit the assessment in order to recuperate. However, Ge Yunfeng refused to accept his defeat, and his heart was filled with grudge and anger toward Chen Hao. *I must teach this guy a lesson*, he thought to himself.

The selection trial eventually came to an end after a long day of assessment.

Lin Zilan was sorted into the Beginner Class, while Gao Zicheng and Zhou Nuo were sorted into the Inner Class. However, Chen Hao was the only person who entered the Elite Class. Apart from Chen Hao himself, nobody else was able to get into the Elite Class like Chen Hao did.

This further illustrated the Celestial Academy's strict selection criteria; only a handful of students were good enough to enter the Elite Class. On top of that, Chen Hao was the only student admitted to the Elite Class out of several thousand applicants this time.

There were only a few students in the Celestial Academy's Elite Class, and each of them had already achieved the Fifth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality or higher.

The Celestial Academy's principal had achieved the Seventh Tier of Soul Cultivation of True God. With that level of ability, he had long transcended into the great void, becoming an existence that could transform heaven and earth.

Several other tutors and grandmasters of the Celestial Academy had achieved somewhere between the First Tier and the Fifth Tier of Soul Cultivation of True God as well. All of them possessed formidable abilities, thus earning the Celestial Academy the reputation of being the most powerful entity throughout the entire Celestial Continent.

At the moment, the Celestial Academy's principal and several grandmasters were having a conversation while seated inside the main hall of the academy.

Just then, Master Yun Kong entered the hall from outside and approached the group. He bent down reverently before

taking a seat.

“Principal and Grandmasters, the recruitment test for the year has just ended. A total of 400 students qualify for the Beginner Class, while another 200 of them have entered the Inner Class. As for the Elite Class, only one student has been admitted!” He duly reported the result of the recruitment assessment to the principal and the grandmasters.

Upon hearing Master Yun Kong’s words, the Four Great Grandmasters seated around him looked surprised. They did not expect such a low number of recruits today, let alone the news of a single student qualifying for the Elite Class!

“Yun Kong, couldn’t anyone else handle three blows from the assessor other than the person who got into the Elite Class?” asked an elder in a purple robe.

This elder in the purple robe was Master Di Zang, one of the grandmasters teaching the Celestial Academy’s Elite Class. He had achieved the Third Tier of Soul Cultivation of True God.

“Excuse me for being frank, principal and

grandmasters, but the student admitted into the Elite Class did not get qualified by taking three blows from our assessor. Instead, he defeated our assessor. He has very strong abilities. Judging from it, he seems to have at least achieved the Fifth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality!” After hearing Master Di Zang’s question, Yun Kong promptly explained the situation to all of them.

“What?!” Master Di Zang blurted out in shock upon hearing Master Yun Kong’s words. “He defeated our assessor?”

The three other grandmasters exchanged glances with each other as well. None of them expected the student who had gotten into the Elite Class this time to be so powerful.

Over the years, no one had managed to defeat an assessor from the Academy. Chen Hao was indeed the first person to do so.

“What is the student’s name, Yun Kong?” Xu Mi, who was the Celestial Academy’s principal, asked Yun Kong.

“His name is Chen Hao, Principal,”

answered Master Yun Kong.

“Alright then. Bring him to the main hall to meet us!” instructed Xu Mi to Master Yun Kong.

“Right away!” replied Master Yun Kong before taking his leave.

After a while, Master Yun Kong brought Chen Hao into the main hall.

“Principal, Grandmasters, he’s Chen Hao,” said Master Yun Kong as he introduced Chen Hao, who was standing behind him.

He then proceeded to introduce the grandmasters in the main hall to Chen Hao. “Chen Hao, this is Xu Mi, the Celestial Academy’s principal. The four men before you are Di Zang, Tian Pu, Yun Xi and Gu Jun. They are the grandmasters teaching the Celestial Academy’s Elite Class.”

Upon hearing Master Yun Kong’s words, Chen Hao immediately bent down and bowed down to Xu Mi and the grandmasters before him. “Good evening, Principal and Grandmasters. I am Chen Hao,” he said.

Upon seeing Chen Hao's attitude, Xu Mi and the Four Great Grandmasters looked rather pleased. They felt that Chen Hao had good manners.

"I heard that you managed to defeat the assessor this time. Am I right?" asked Xu Mi slowly while staring at Chen Hao.

"Yes, Principal!" answered Chen Hao immediately with a nod.

"No one in the Celestial Academy has ever defeated an assessor over the years, and you are the only one to do so. Can you tell me at what stage your true abilities are?" asked Xu Mi again.

Chen Hao hesitated for a moment before answering, "Principal, I am now at the Fifth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality."

Of course, he was not telling the truth. In fact, he had already achieved the Ninth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality, but chose to conceal his abilities instead of displaying his actual strength.

"Hmm, that's not bad. It is no wonder you can defeat the assessor. You're very powerful to have achieved the Fifth Tier of

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Soul Cultivation of Immortality. In fact, that ability is strong enough to make you top of the Elite Class!” said Xu Mi as he praised Chen Hao, nodding in satisfaction.

“Thank you for your compliment, Principal!” Chen Hao thanked Xu Mi with a smile.

“Alright. Since you are now a member of the Elite Class, you are free to choose one of these four grandmasters as your mentor in the Celestial Academy!” Xu Mi instructed Chen Hao to make a choice.



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Upon hearing the principal's words, Chen Hao glanced at the Four Great Grandmasters seated around him.

The four of them straightened their backs and sat up straight while anticipating Chen Hao's decision.

However, even after staring at them for a while, Chen Hao had yet to make his choice.

This baffled Xu Mi and the four grandmasters.

"Chen Hao, aren't you going to choose one of them as your mentor?" Xu Mi asked Chen Hao.

Chen Hao's lips curled into a cryptic smile. He stared at Xu Mi and answered, "Principal, may I choose someone else other than the Four Great Grandmasters?"

"You!" Chen Hao's words immediately enraged Master Di Zang. He glared at Chen Hao and questioned, "Kid, are you looking down on the four of us grandmasters?"

That was actually not the case; in fact,

Chen Hao did not think so.

“I’m afraid you have misunderstood what I meant, Master Di Zang. I’m not looking down on four of you; I only want to choose a better mentor for myself.” Chen Hao stood calmly in place while explaining to Master Di Zang.

“Oh? Who do you wish to choose then?” asked Xu Mi while staring at Chen Hao with interest. He found the young man standing in front of him to be quite unusual.

“Would you like to take a disciple, Principal?” Chen Hao suggested immediately.

“You impudent kid! Principal Xu Mi is the principal of the Celestial Academy. How dare you behave in such a manner toward him?” Master Di Zang barked at Chen Hao again.

Master Yun Kong, who was standing by the side, looked extremely horrified as well. He did not expect Chen Hao to have the nerve to make such a suggestion!

As the principal of the Celestial Academy,

Xu Mi was a man of supreme status and authority. How could he take disciples so easily?

However, Xu Mi wasn't offended by Chen Hao's words at all. Instead, he put on a satisfied smile.

"You sure are courageous, Chen Hao; you are the first person who dared to voice such a request to my face. Not bad, kid. I really mean it," Xu Mi praised Chen Hao openly instead of scolding him.

Upon hearing Xu Mi's words, the Four Great Grandmasters and Master Yun Kong looked astonished and surprised. This was the first time they saw Xu Mi viewing a student with such interest and approval.

Then, Xu Mi stared at Chen Hao and said in agreement, "Okay, since I have never taken a disciple before, I, Xu Mi, shall make an exception today by taking you as my only disciple!"

What?!

The Four Great Grandmasters' expressions changed drastically.

The four of them were shocked; none of them thought that Xu Mi would make an exception for Chen Hao!

“Thank you, Principal... No, thank you, Master!” thanked Chen Hao immediately before greeting Xu Mi reverently.

Now that he had gotten into the Celestial Academy, of course he wanted to be the top achiever. Having the Four Great Grandmasters as his tutors was not his wish; he intended on becoming the principal’s one and only disciple right from the start!

With that, Chen Hao’s standing and position in the Celestial Academy instantly rose to the top.

After that, Xu Mi took out a golden badge from his sleeve and tossed it to Chen Hao. “This is your exclusive badge, which symbolizes your standing in the Celestial Academy. As my only disciple, you are free to use all the study resources within the Academy!” said Xu Mi as he granted Chen Hao his position and rights immediately.

The principal’s disciple was a highly privileged status that would, of course,

allow one to have whatever he wanted in the Academy.

More importantly, Chen Hao could freely use all the study resources within the entire Academy, thus allowing him to learn many skills and mysterious techniques that would enhance his abilities more quickly.

“Yun Kong, clear out the East Court Pavilion. That would be Chen Hao’s private residence from now onward,” Xu Mi instructed Yun Kong.

“Yes, Principal. I will take Chen Hao there now!” answered Yun Kong without a moment of hesitation.

After that, he left the main hall with Chen Hao.

The Four Great Grandmasters turned to look at Xu Mi with a displeased expression on their faces after Chen Hao and Yun Kong disappeared from their sight.

“Principal, why did you take Chen Hao in as your disciple?” Di Zang asked Xu Mi confusedly.

The Four Great Grandmasters could not understand Xu Mi's decision. The Celestial Academy had never set such a precedent before, yet Xu Mi made an exception for Chen Hao; he even voiced the decision himself.

"Hehe!" Xu Mi gave a light chuckle before explaining to Four Great Grandmasters, "Didn't you all notice? That kid's abilities are not at the Fifth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality at all. He deliberately concealed his true abilities!"

The Four Great Grandmasters were still doubtful after hearing Xu Mi's words.

"Did you mean that the kid concealed his true abilities on purpose? In that case, how powerful are his abilities?" asked Master Di Zang in surprise.

"He has at least achieved the Ninth Tier of Soul Cultivation, and there are signs that he's breaking through to the stage of True God!" said Xu Mi bluntly.

His words stunned the Four Great Grandmasters, as the students in the Celestial Academy had achieved only somewhere between the Seventh Tier and

the Eighth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality. None of them had achieved the Ninth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality at the moment. If it was true that Chen Hao had achieved the Ninth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality or above, then he was indeed eligible to be Xu Mi's disciple.

"If that is the case, not only would this kid be the most talented student in the Celestial Academy's history—he'd be the only one!" said Master Di Zang with an entirely different attitude, as if his doubts had been cleared.

It was a shame that such a talented student was the principal's disciple instead of his. Otherwise, he would have gained a higher standing and bragging rights in the Academy.

Nevertheless, Master Di Zang made up his mind to get into Chen Hao's good books.

Meanwhile, Master Yun Kong led Chen Hao to the East Court Pavilion of the Celestial Academy.

The East Court Pavilion had always been used as an empty space to store some

odds and ends. Now that Chen Hao had become Xu Mi's disciple, he had to have a residence of his own to show his status. Otherwise, it would be demeaning to have Chen Hao stay together with the rest of the students from the Beginner Class and the Inner Class.

Staring at the pavilion covered in dust before him, Chen Hao asked Master Yun Kong, "Master Yun Kong, has this place always been empty?"

Master Yun Kong immediately nodded to Chen Hao, saying, "You're right. Also, please don't call me Master anymore. Now that you're the principal's disciple, your standing is different!"

"Hehe, you're just exaggerating, Master Yun Kong. Although I'm the principal's disciple, I'm still a student of the Celestial Academy like the others. Since you are one of my tutors, I must treat you with respect," replied Chen Hao humbly.

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Master Yun Kong smiled upon hearing Chen Hao's words. Now that Chen Hao had a newfound status as the principal's only disciple, his opinion of Chen Hao improved considerably.

"Master Yun Kong, I'd feel bored if I were to stay alone here. Since I have several friends in the Academy, may I invite them to stay with me?" After pondering on it for a moment, Chen Hao made the suggestion to Yun Kong.

"Hmm... this might be..." Master Yun Kong looked troubled at once.

Since Chen Hao's status was above the rest, such a circumstance had never appeared in the Academy before.

Chen Hao immediately took out a Divine Energy Fruit from his Storage Ring and handed it to Master Yun Kong. "Master Yun Kong, this is a token of my appreciation. Please give me some slack, will you?" Chen Hao pleaded with Master Yun Kong.

Yun Kong was stunned at the sight of the Divine Energy Fruit in Chen Hao's hand. Little did he expect Chen Hao to have the

Divine Energy Fruit in his possession!

“That’s the Divine Energy Fruit! W-Where did you get it from?” he asked Chen Hao in shock.

Of course, Yun Kong knew that the Divine Energy Fruit grew in just one place throughout the entire Celestial Continent; he was simply surprised that Chen Hao had the fruit.

“Hehe, someone gave it to me as a gift,” explained Chen Hao with a faint smile. He did not elaborate any further.

Yun Kong could tell from Chen Hao’s words that the latter was hiding something, but he didn’t want to ask any further. Since Chen Hao had shown his sincerity, he was willing to help. Hence, he took the Divine Energy Fruit from Chen Hao and kept it immediately.

Since the Divine Energy Fruit was hard to come by, it was only natural for Yun Kong to accept the precious item.

After that, he acceded to Chen Hao’s request readily. “Tell me then, Chen Hao, so that I will make the proper

arrangements. Who are the few students that you want to stay with?" he asked.

Chen Hao then whispered the names of Lin Zilan, Zhou Nuo and Gao Zicheng into Yun Kong's ear.

"Alright, no problem. I will arrange it now. However, this matter is only between the two of us, Chen Hao. Don't let it slip, or else the principal and the grandmasters will put the blame on me!" reminded Yun Kong cautiously.

Of course, Chen Hao understood that as well. He knew that such matters would lower his standing in the Academy, but he didn't want to stay alone in this place.

Besides, Lin Zilan, Zhou Nuo and Gao Zicheng were his friends. Naturally, he wanted to share good things with them; he didn't want them to live in poor conditions either.

"Alright then. Just wait here for a moment while I arrange for the three of them to come here and stay with you," instructed Yun Kong to Chen Hao before he turned around and left.

Chen Hao sat outside the pavilion and waited alone.

Almost ten minutes later, he watched as Yun Kong brought Zhou Nuo and his other friends to the East Court Pavilion.

“Chen Hao!” Zhou Nuo called out immediately. She scampered excitedly toward Chen Hao upon seeing him.

“I shall not bother the four of you any longer, Chen Hao. Feel free to clean up the place yourselves and let me know if there’s anything you need,” said Yun Kong before he left. He did not want to bother Chen Hao and his friends.

His respectful manner toward Chen Hao surprised Zhou Nuo and the rest.

“Chen Hao, what did you do for Master Yun Kong to be so respectful toward you? Also, why are you here? Why did you call us here?” Immediately, Zhou Nuo had asked Chen Hao three questions in a row.

The corners of Chen Hao’s lips lifted up as he broke into a smile. He looked at the three of them and answered, “The four of us will be staying here from today onward,

for I am now the Principal's disciple!"

Zhou Nuo, Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng were in utter disbelief upon hearing his words.

"Chen Hao, are you playing a joke on us? Are you really the principal's disciple?" asked Gao Zicheng as he stared at Chen Hao doubtfully.

Chen Hao immediately took out the exclusive badge given by Xu Mi and handed it to them. He said proudly, "*Sigh*, I know you that you guys wouldn't believe me. Here, take a look at this. This is an exclusive badge that the principal had given to me. If you still don't believe me, you may ask Master Yun Kong."

Only then did Zhou Nuo and the rest believe Chen Hao's words. It was no wonder that Master Yun Kong treated Chen Hao with so much respect.

"You're simply unbelievable, Chen Hao. You managed to become the Principal's disciple; not only that, you get to stay in such a fine place all by yourself!" praised Zhou Nuo while staring at Chen Hao in admiration.

“Hehe!” Chen Hao chuckled lightly before continuing, “However, the three of you can stay with me, so that I won’t be lonely here!”

His words delighted Zhou Nuo and the rest. They did not expect Chen Hao to let them stay with him.

The four of them soon cleaned up the place in no time. They headed to the canteen to have their meals.

The Celestial Academy had an exclusive place for having meals. It was the same as any other university on Earth; the only difference was that the Academy was on another continent.

After the four of them arrived at the canteen, they bought their own meals and sat down to eat and chat.

Just then, an angry and chilling voice yelled, “Clear off! It’s the time for the Elite Class to have their meals now. Get out of here, all of you!”

These guys were all students from the Elite Class; they looked arrogant and condescending with their ill behaviors.

Upon seeing their presence, the students around them left the canteen hastily. None of them dared to mess with these Elite Class students.

Just then, Zhou Nuo looked at Chen Hao and asked, "Chen Hao, these guys seem quite unfriendly. What are we going to do?"

Those students might be afraid of the Elite Class students, but that was not the case for Chen Hao. After all, as the principal's disciple, Chen Hao's standing was higher than these Elite Class students, not to mention that he did not have to be afraid of these guys with his abilities.

"Don't be bothered by them. Just enjoy your meal," said Chen Hao flatly before he carried on eating with Zhou Nuo and the rest.

Seeing the four of them still in their seats, the few Elite Class students immediately came forward and surrounded them.

"Hey, the four of you! Do you understand what we just said? It's time for the Elite Class students to have their meals. Know your place and get out of here right now. Otherwise, don't blame us for being harsh

on you!” A man sporting a crew-cut barked icily while glaring at Chen Hao and his friends.

These students from the Elite Class were quite powerful; they had achieved somewhere between the Third Tier and the Fourth Tier of Soul Cultivation of Immortality.

Boom!

As soon as the man with the crew-cut finished his sentence, he was sent flying by a surge of force and landed with a loud thud.

The surge of force came from none other than Chen Hao.

He then said in a chilling voice, “Where is this son of a b*tch coming from? This is a public canteen, not the Elite Class students’ territory!”

Immediately, the other Elite Class students around them got ready to attack.

The atmosphere turned tense at once; with hostility burning on both sides, a fierce fight was about to break out at any minute.

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"It seems like you are tired of living, brat!"
The man with the crew-cut growled in a chilling tone.

With these words, he threw a punch right at Chen Hao's face.

Boom!

Before he could even lay a finger on Chen Hao, Chen Hao gave him a swift slap that immediately sent him flying. With that, the man in the crew-cut thumped heavily onto the table, breaking it into half!

Just then, a grim voice ordered, "Stop what you're doing now!"

The voice belonged to none other than Master Yun Kong, who came through the canteen entrance and scurried toward Chen Hao and the rest.

Everyone fell silent upon seeing Master Yun Kong. They did not dare to mess around anymore, including the few Elite Class students who lowered their heads.

"Master Yun Kong!" greeted the students at the scene.

Master Yun Kong walked up to Chen Hao and the rest of the group. He questioned them with a grim face, "What's going on here? Who gave you the permission to fight each other in the canteen?"

Although Chen Hao was of a special status, Yun Kong had to put on a stern attitude in front of the others.

Chen Hao stood calmly while telling Master Yun Kong what had happened. "Master Yun Kong, these students from the Elite Class were the ones who stirred up trouble. We were having our meals peacefully when they came in and asked us to leave, saying it was the time for the Elite Class to have their meals."

Master Yun Kong knitted his brows upon hearing Chen Hao's words; he immediately turned to fix his stern gaze at the Elite Class students.

He questioned them icily, "The canteen is a public space. Since when did it become the Elite Class' exclusive dining area?"

The Elite Class students did not dare to answer him. Although they were Elite Class students, they were not brave

enough to mess with Master Yun Kong.

At this moment, the man with the crew-cut stood up and apologized to Master Yun Kong cautiously. "We're sorry, Master Yun Kong. It's our fault," he said.

Despite that, he was seething with anger deep down inside, his heart full of grudge against Chen Hao. He felt that he had lost face. *I must get back at him for this*, he thought to himself.

"You may leave now. Never do it again!" warned Master Yun Kong.

After that, the man with the crew-cut quickly left the canteen with the others.

Master Yun Kong turned to look at Chen Hao and his friends after the rest had left.

"Chen Hao, be careful of these students. The man with the crew-cut is Zhao Li; a student from Grandmaster Di Zang's Elite Class. He's a headache in the Celestial Academy because he often bullies others and likes playing dirty tricks," Yun Kong reminded Chen Hao.

Chen Hao nodded slightly in response and

replied, "Rest assured, Master Yun Kong. I, Chen Hao, am not afraid of them at all. I'll take on whatever trouble they find with me."

"By the way, Chen Hao, the Academy's competition will commence soon. Please prepare yourselves for that," Master Yun Kong did not forget to remind Chen Hao and the rest of the group as he was about to leave.

"Sure!" answered Chen Hao with a nod.

The four of them didn't expect to come upon the Celestial Academy's competition soon after getting into the Academy.

However, the competition this time was not an easy feat.

The Celestial Academy's competition was held each year right after the admission of the new students in order to test their true abilities. It was held in the form of matches between students from the Beginner Class, the Inner Class and the Elite Class.

Two days went by very soon, and the day came for the Celestial Academy's martial

arts competition.

Everyone in the Academy gathered at the square. The Beginner Class students sat at the eastern part of the square, while the Inner Class students sat at the western part. On the other hand, the Elite Class students sat at the southern part of the square.

As for Chen Hao, he sat right next to Principal Xu Mi.

Upon seeing Chen Hao sitting right next to Xu Mi, everyone seated in the square below were stunned. They couldn't help but wonder who Chen Hao really was, and why he was enjoying such privileges.

"Everyone, today is the day of the Academy's annual martial arts competition following the admission of our new students. As per usual, the competition will be held in the form of matches between students from the Beginner Class, the Inner Class and the Elite Class." At that moment, Master Yun Kong came forward and said to the students seated below.

"Next, I would like to introduce someone to

you. He is Chen Hao, the principal's disciple—who will also be joining the martial arts competition. You'll have a match against him!" He proceeded to introduce Chen Hao.

His words instantly caused a great stir at the scene as the students began discussing among each other.

Who would've expected Chen Hao to be the principal's disciple? The crowd couldn't help but wonder how strong Chen Hao's abilities were, for no one had ever become the principal's disciple. Chen Hao was the very first person to do so.

Just then, an Elite Class student stood up and asked Master Yun Kong, "Master Yun Kong, if we are able to defeat him, can we become the principal's disciple as well?"

Upon hearing his question, Master Yun Kong was dazed for a moment. He turned around to look questioningly at Principal Xu Mi.

Xu Mi pondered on it briefly before he stood up and answered, "Students, whoever can defeat him will be my disciple!"

His words stirred the crowd of students below once again, as this was an extremely rare opportunity for everyone.

Of course, no one would reject the opportunity of becoming the Principal's disciple after defeating Chen Hao.

However, it was not that easy to come by such an opportunity since Chen Hao could not be beaten with the abilities he possessed.

Moving on, Master Yun Kong instructed the students, "Alright. The first match will be between the Beginner Class students and the Inner Class students. Both classes may send their students to the center of the square now!"

After he finished speaking, the Beginner Class and the Inner Class sent a student each to the center of the square.

The first match was between the Beginner Class and the Inner Class. Although it seemed unfair, that was actually not the case. All three classes had students of varying levels of abilities, which meant that even the Beginner Class had students with strong abilities as well.

In no time, the match between the two students at the center of the square began.

As a matter of fact, the student representing the Inner Class was quite strong; his fighting skills and agility were better than the student sent by the Beginner Class. However, the Beginner Class student was not easy to deal with either, for he didn't get defeated immediately.

Both students exchanged blows for a few rounds before the Inner Class student eventually won by overpowering the Beginner Class student.

Even so, the Beginner Class student had performed well; it was only his abilities that were slightly lacking compared to his opponent.

Following the end of the first match, Master Yun Kong immediately announced the start of the second match. "Alright, the Inner Class student has won the first round. The next match will be between the Beginner Class student and the Elite Class student!"

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The second match pitted the Beginner Class against the Elite Class directly, which took everyone by surprise. After all, the two classes had a pretty huge gap between them in terms of students' abilities.

In a blink of the eye, no one from the Beginner Class dared to come forward.



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“I’ll do it!” Just then, a voice rang out among the Beginner Class students.

As soon as he heard the familiar voice, Chen Hao immediately directed his gaze to look for the person.

It was Lin Zilan.

Since it was a battle between the Beginner and Elite Classes, Chen Hao had not expected Lin Zilan to volunteer. After all, there was quite a big gap between both of their skills.

“What’s your name?” Master Yun Kong asked Lin Zilan.

“Lin Zilan!” He blurted out his name.

Meanwhile, an Elite Class student had already strode out. He was none other than Bai Lie, the newest student in the class. Although Bai Lie and Lin Zilan were both from the Border Realm, the former was slightly stronger than the latter.

Although Lin Zilan was in the King of Kings cultivation stage, Bai Lie was already in the stage of Immortality. Hence, there was quite a big difference.

A malicious smile appeared on Bai Lie's lips. He felt that he finally had a chance to beat up Lin Zilan.

As someone who was also from the Border Realm, Bai Lie had always looked down on Lin Zilan. Even though the Lin Family was slightly more powerful than the Bai Family, he thought it was hilarious that the Lin heir was so weak.

"Hey, Young Master Lin. We finally meet as fellow competitors, but beware! I will show you no mercy!" Bai Lie walked right up to Lin Zilan and smiled mockingly at him.

Lin Zilan did not respond to Bai Lie's words. He knew that Bai Lie volunteered to fight as soon as he saw him standing in the ring; that way, he'd have a good reason to humiliate him. Even though Lin Zilan knew that was no match for Bai Lie, that didn't mean he'd back out instead of giving Bai Lie everything he got.

"Get ready, fighters. The match is about to start!" Master Yun Kong instructed them both. Lin Zilan and Bai Lie retreated to their respective corners, leaving a ten-meter distance in between; that way, the both of them would have enough space to

react once the fight started.

At that moment, Chen Hao could not help but worry when he saw the situation from above.

With Lin Zilan's current strength, Chen Hao was well aware that he'd most likely lose the match, especially when Bai Lie's cultivation was in the Immortality stage.

Even so, Chen Hao was unable to stop them because of the Academy's no-interference rule; he could only hope for Lin Zilan to endure any injuries sustained and lose honorably.

"Let the match begin!"

Master Yun Kong shouted, signaling the start of the second match.

Immediately, Bai Lie shot out of his corner and charged right at Lin Zilan, approaching him in the blink of an eye as he unsheathed his sword and attacked.

Indeed, the Immortality stage was a whole other league compared to being a King of Kings.

Fortunately, Lin Zilan had been in a state of intense concentration to begin with. As such, he instinctively reacted by taking several steps backwards, successfully dodging Bai Lie's first attack.

"Oh ho, I see that your reflexes are quite good!"

Bai Lie smiled coldly and dismissively, his tone filled with disdain toward Lin Zilan.

Then, with a leap and a mid-air turn, Bai Lie's sword danced to and fro as he attacked his opponent once more. Lin Zilan hastily drew his own sword to parry.

"Meteor Shower!" Bai Lie shouted the name of his attack loudly.

With a quick movement of Bai Lie's sword, Lin Zilan was surrounded by a shower of meteors, with no clue as to which flash of the sword was the actual attack and which was a feint.

After several seconds, Lin Zilan's clothes were practically shredded; the man himself also sported wounds all over his body. It was a truly humiliating sight to see. With that, it established the clear victor of this

match: Bai Lie.

“Alright, stop fighting. Enough is enough when the victor has been established!” Master Yun Kong shouted. He quickly followed up by announcing the results of the match. “The winner of the second match is Bai Lie from the Elite Class!” he said.

Even though Lin Zilan was dissatisfied with the outcome, he knew that he was no match for Bai Lie. As such, he had no choice but to admit defeat.

“Hmph! I’m warning you, Lin Zilan! You will always be defeated by me! You’d better not let me see you in the Academy again, or else I’ll beat you up every time we cross paths!”

After the match, Bai Lie threatened Lin Zilan in front of everyone, shocking the audience with his audacity to speak so harshly in front of the principal and the grandmasters.

However, such an incident was quite a common sight to see. The competition in the Academy had always been so fierce; moreover, the Elite students were far

better than the ones in the Beginner Class, so Xu Mi and the others did not comment on the threat.

However, Chen Hao subscribed to no such niceties. He thought that Bai Lie was too arrogant and too undisciplined, which angered him immensely.

Since Lin Zilan was his friend, Chen Hao felt disturbed by such a clear insult to his pal. As a result, he decided to fight for Lin Zilan's dignity and justice.

"Alright, the third match will be between an Elite student and the principal's own apprentice, Chen Hao! While the Elite Class picks a representative, will Chen Hao please come to the center of the arena?"

When Master Yun Kong announced the beginning of the third match, Chen Hao knew that his chance had come. Without further ado, he leaped from his seat into the arena, catching the attention of everyone present.

Everyone wanted to see just how powerful Chen Hao was, as well as the extent of his strength and abilities.

The entire Elite Class was already locked in a heated debate. Many of them wanted to go against Chen Hao. After all, everyone was itching to get in on some action.

“Principal and Grandmasters, I have a request!” Chen Hao looked at the principal and the four grandmasters while shouting at them.

“Name your wish, Chen Hao!” Xu Mi replied immediately.

“May I choose my opponent from the Elite Class myself?” asked Chen Hao, his request immediately drawing ire from the Elite Class students. Who was he to completely ignore them like this?

“Very well. Name your desired opponent.” It was only natural for Xu Mi to indulge his own apprentice, and proceeded to ask him.

“Him! I choose Bai Lie!” Chen Hao blurted out as soon as Xu Mi asked. He pointed a finger at Bai Lie, who had just sat down. In an instant, he drew everyone’s attention to him. Everyone was surprised because they had not expected Chen Hao to choose Bai Lie, but the man himself was ecstatic; if he

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bested Chen Hao in combat, that meant he could become the Principal's apprentice.



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Under everyone's watchful gaze, Bai Lie stood up slowly.

He stepped out of the crowd and walked right up to Chen Hao.

"I can't believe you have chosen me. It seems like I'm about to be the principal's new apprentice!" Bai Lie said arrogantly, looking at Chen Hao with a confident expression on his face.

Bai Lie was already so full of himself before they'd even crossed swords.

However, Chen Hao had a nonchalant expression on his face. The way he saw it, Bai Lie was just a clown in his eyes, and Chen Hao paid little attention to his arrogance.

The ones who were truly strong would always keep a low profile and never show his true strength, which said volumes about Bai Lie's own gloating.

"Both competitors, prepare yourselves!" As soon as Master Yun Kong instructed Chen Hao and Bai Lie; the latter instantly assumed an attacking stance and waited for the command to strike.

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Meanwhile, Chen Hao squeezed his eyes shut with a look of complete serenity and did not react at all, surprising everyone by his actions and demeanor. Was Chen Hao going to surrender?

“Let the match begin!” Several seconds later, Master Yun Kong shouted. Bai Lie immediately shot toward Chen Hao with his longsword at hand.

Yet, Chen Hao remained motionless as if he was waiting for Bai Lie’s attack.

Just as everyone thought that he was going to lose, Chen Hao’s eyes snapped open as he lifted a hand and pinched Bai Lie’s sword with two fingers in the nick of time, bringing it to a complete standstill. It was only mere centimeters away from his eyes, which was a very close call.

“What?!” Bai Lie exclaimed.

He tried to withdraw his sword helplessly, but it felt like the sword had been frozen mid-air.

Crack!

The next thing he knew, Chen Hao broke

his sword with an audible snap.

Before Bai Lie could even react, Chen Hao had hit him right in the chest with a palm attack.

This sent him flying in a perfect arc off the arena and onto the ground, with blood trickling from his mouth.

The attack was clearly meant to be non-lethal since this was a match of strength and not a fight to the death, but it was clear that Bai Lie would not have survived Chen Hao's attack if he'd gone all out.

"Chen Hao is the winner!" Master Yun Kong immediately announced.

Clap! Clap! Clap!

At the very moment, Xu Mi broke into a satisfied smile and clapped for Chen Hao, causing the grandmasters and students to follow suit. In an instant, the crowd erupted with a loud round of applause. Indeed, Chen Hao had won indisputably.

Now, everyone knew that Chen Hao's strength was no rumor, and that he was indeed qualified to be the Principal's

apprentice.

However, a deep voice suddenly called out from among the Elite students, "I object! I want to fight him!"

"It's Young Master Lei!"

"Young Master Lei wants to fight? This should be interesting to watch!"

"Yeah! Young Master Lei is quite strong himself; I bet that there's no way he'd be satisfied with the results of the previous match!" The crowd was in uproar once they realized who had spoken up. They were all talking about Lei Lie, who was the best Elite student among all of them. His cultivation was already on the Seventh Tier of the Immortality Stage.

Lei Lie got up and walked through the crowd with a cold expression, pointing at Chen Hao when he got to the center of the square. "I, Lei Lie, challenge you to a fight. If you win, I will gladly become your obedient subordinate; if I win, you must become my servant!" Lei Lie said arrogantly and intimidatingly, but Chen Hao did not mind. In fact, he thought a blunt person like Lei Lie, who'd

immediately voice his dissatisfaction instead of playing tricks behind someone's back, was a respectable and interesting opponent.

"Alright, deal!" Chen Hao agreed immediately.

Before Master Yun Kong could announce the match's start, Lei Lie pounced on Chen Hao like a ferocious tiger with purpose and intent. Lei Lie was already muscular to begin with, so he had a large build that he used to gain momentum for a heavy punch.

As a cultivator at the Seventh Tier of Immortality, Lei Lie was much stronger than Bai Lie and the rest. Hence, Chen Hao didn't dare underestimate him.

Lei Lie's punch was strong enough that the air itself seemed to vibrate. There was no doubt that if the punch landed on Chen Hao, his bones would shatter to pieces.

However, Chen Hao liked sparring with such an opponent. It meant that he could test the limits of his physical body.

Boom! The next moment, he responded with a

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resounding punch of his own and parried Lei Lie's attack with a loud bang.

In an instant, a heat wave paired with debris spread throughout the arena, enveloping the two as the ground beneath them cracked and collapsed. More and more debris got blown up as time passed, a testament to the sheer power of both Chen Hao and Lei Lie's attacks.

Chen Hao was also the first one who dared to meet Lei Lie head-on in the entire academy.

After a while, the dust and debris settled. Everyone could see the both of them standing on the ground. However, Lei Lie looked slightly less composed while maintaining his position. Upon closer inspection, Lei Lie's purlicues were already wounded and crimson blood dripped onto the cracked ground below. It was a clear sign of who had won.

The standoff lasted for several more seconds before Lei Lie slowly withdrew his fist. "I surrender!" Those two words came out of Lei Lie's mouth.

Gulp!

As soon as he surrendered, the crowd became dead silent as everyone was overwhelmed with shock.

Lei Lie, admitting defeat?

No one had seen this coming. Lei Lie was the strongest student in the Academy; not only did he lose to Chen Hao, but he had also taken the initiative to admit defeat. This was earth-shattering news.

Yet, any objective bystander would realize that it took Lei Lie just one attack to know he was no match for Chen Hao.

“You are really strong and worthy of my respect!” Lei Lie smiled at Chen Hao.

“You’re not so bad yourself. I hope we can become friends!” Chen Hao replied politely before sticking his hand out.

“Of course. It’d be an honor to be your friend!” Lei Lie took Chen Hao’s hand and shook it without hesitation.

At that moment, the duo seemed to gain a newfound appreciation for one another, as was common among the strong and respected. Since his generosity was a rare

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sight nowadays, Chen Hao felt that Lei Lie was a man worth befriending.



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“Alright, let’s call it a day. Tomorrow will be the day of evaluation at the Tianfan Tower. Everyone, please get some rest tonight!” Master Yun Kong announced, noticing that the sky had turned dark. Soon after, the crowd began to disperse.

The Tianfan Tower was the greatest and most difficult test in the Academy with 20 floors in total. However, no one had managed to conquer all 20 floors to date. Even the principal, Xu Mi, stopped at the 18th floor, while the Four Great Grandmasters stopped at the 17th floor. Each floor contained a different test tailored to each individual student, so no one knew exactly what the tower contained, let alone how to cheat while inside it.

Later that night, Chen Hao was summoned to Xu Mi’s quarters. “You called, Master?” Chen Hao entered the room and asked Xu Mi respectfully while the latter was in a meditative position.

Xu Mi opened his eyes slowly and smiled at Chen Hao. “Chen Hao, you did well this afternoon. As your master, I am very satisfied. However, are you prepared for the Tianfan Tower tomorrow?” Xu Mi

praised him before asking concernedly.

“Master Yun Kong had already briefed me about the Tianfan Tower, but I’d like to ask you what it’s like inside. Please enlighten me, Master!” Chen Hao asked curiously.

“Hehe!” Xu Mi smiled slightly.

“The Tianfan Tower was created by the Astral Guardian, the ancient god of the Celestial Academy. Since his ascension into the heavens, the Tianfan Tower has become the Academy’s signature building. Every student must be evaluated by the tower, and only those who pass may earn their place here! As for what the tower contains, I can’t tell you much about that. It works in mysterious ways and tailors each test to the student, so you can only find out after you’ve experienced it for yourself!” Xu Mi did not answer him directly, and started a long lecture about the Tianfan Tower instead.

“Master, Master Yun Kong told me you stopped at the 18th floor?” Chen Hao asked cautiously.

“That’s right. The Tower gets harder with each floor. Decades ago, I stopped at the

18th floor and haven't entered it since!" Xu Mi smiled and nodded.

Chen Hao became even more curious after hearing Xu Mi's words, and decided to surpass his master's achievement. Since Xu Mi himself could only make it to the 18th floor, he had to surpass him and reach the top to prove his own abilities. After all, it was only natural for the times to change. As such, it was his duty to succeed where his master had failed.

After that, Xu Mi fished out a silk pouch from his sleeve and gave it to Chen Hao. "What is this, Master?" he asked in confusion.

"This is a silk pouch I received in the Tianfan Tower, and I haven't opened it once. Now, I will pass it to you and pray that it will be of some help once you enter the tower. However, you must only open it during the time of your greatest need. Remember that," Xu Mi said seriously.

"Yes, Master! I'll remember that!" Chen Hao nodded. With that, the conversation ended and Chen Hao left Xu Mi's room.

Not long after Chen Hao had left, Xu Mi

conjured a star map with a wave of his hand. The map was filled with glimmering dots, but no pattern seemed to emerge. "Chaotic star maps and dying starlight; I see that the Celestial Continent is on track for a huge disaster!" Xu Mi sighed after studying the map, his expression full of worry and melancholy.

Just then, a bright star showed up on the map with *ading*, attracting Xu Mi's attention. "Could Chen Hao be the savior of our continent?" He studied the starlight and exclaimed with surprise.

Before long, Chen Hao had returned to the East Court Pavilion. He was just about to enter his room when a familiar voice rang out, "Chen Hao!"

When Chen Hao looked behind him, he realized that the voice belonged to Lei Lie, who he'd just fought that afternoon.

"Lei Lie, is there something you want to tell me?" Chen Hao asked confusedly, since he did not expect Lei Lie to find him of his own accord.

"Hehe, I just wanted to have a chat with you, Chen Hao. Would you be interested in

a drink or two?" Lei Lie chuckled, then shook the bottle in his hand.

Chen Hao smiled, nodded and said, "Alright then, come in!" With that, the two of them entered the pavilion, noticing Zhou Nuo and the others sitting there.

"You're back, Chen Hao!" Zhou Nuo immediately got up when she saw him return. However, the others exclaimed when they saw Lei Lie, "Hmm? Isn't that Lei Lie?"

"Hello!" Lei Lie greeted them politely. After that, they all sat down to drink and talk.

Alcohol worked wonders for friendships. It didn't take Lei Lie long to become fast friends with Chen Hao and the others. The five of them spent half the night chatting animatedly, as if they'd known each other for a long time. Slowly, as the night went on, they nodded off one by one. They woke up in time for the Tianfan Tower evaluation just as the sun's rays lit up the pavilion the next morning. Although all new students of the Academy were required to undergo this evaluation, Chen Hao had to go first.

As the principal's apprentice, it was only

natural for him to lead the charge and by 9.15 am, every student had gathered at the Tianfan Tower. As they looked up at the sky-high tower, everybody suddenly felt insignificant in the face of its greatness.

“Today is the day that all new students will receive their evaluation in the tower. All of you must enter, and no matter what happens there, only those who can endure the tower’s trials may become a true student of our Academy!” Master Yun Kong walked out and announced loudly. “The first to enter the tower and be evaluated is the principal’s apprentice, Chen Hao!”

Upon hearing that, Chen Hao got up and walked to the tower’s doors, which opened with a loud rumble to reveal a pitch-black darkness that prevented everyone from seeing what was inside. Chen Hao strode in without hesitation. As he did so, the tower doors closed behind him instantly.

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As the tower doors fell, Chen Hao instinctively looked behind him, but the entire tower was shrouded in darkness with no light at all.

Just as he was getting confused, a flame ignited in the tower and gradually burned brighter, eventually becoming the size of a bonfire.

An elderly man in white robes emerged from the flames.

“Who are you?” Chen Hao asked curiously when he saw the man.

“I am the Astral Guardian of the Celestial Continent, and this is the last remnant of my soul. It was your arrival that summoned me into existence!” the Astral Guardian said while giving Chen Hao a pointed look.

“You’re the Astral Guardian? Why did you say that my arrival summoned you?” Chen Hao asked, almost speechless with surprise.

He’d never have guessed that the man before him was the legendary ancient Astral Guardian.

“Hehe!” The Astral Guardian chuckled and snapped his fingers, turning the tower’s walls into a gigantic star map with a loud clang. Next, he waved his hand to conjure a scene for Chen Hao. It was a scene of utter destruction as countless corpses scattered across the earth, the sky covered in endless black mist. It was truly a terrifying sight to see.

What happened? Chen Hao couldn’t help but think, and he voiced his curiosity immediately, “Astral Guardian, what’s happening in there?”

As soon as he finished his sentence, the number 300 showed up on the display.

What secrets do this place hold? What does the number mean? Chen Hao felt a barrage of questions surface in his mind, one after the other. After some hesitation, the Astral Guardian spoke, “This will be our world in 300 days!”

Chen Hao was shocked to hear that, and his expression turned to one of wide-eyed disbelief. “300 days?” Chen Hao said, confused.

“That’s right, what you see now is what will

happen to the world in 300 day. When the Ancient Demon awakens and conquers every living being in the world, it won't just be the Celestial Continent that falls. Even the Border Realm and all the other continents will be conquered by the Demon," the Astral Guardian said grimly, making Chen Hao feel as if he was listening to a very, very surreal fairytale. However, Chen Hao knew deep down that the Astral Guardian was telling the truth.

"Astral Guardian, what does this have to do with me? Am I the one who knows how to save the universe?" Chen Hao quickly recovered from his shock and asked the Astral Guardian. Since the Astral Guardian was showing him all of this, this meant that he was somehow involved in it. Was he going to save the world again?

Surprisingly, Astral Guardian's answer was exactly as he had expected. "Yes. You shall become the savior of the universe, because only you alone can defeat the Ancient Demon!" he said with an expression of complete certainty.

Nevertheless, Chen Hao was just as shocked. Since when did he become a savior?

Furthermore, he had no idea how he was involved in this, but he didn't want to give up until all his questions were answered. Chen Hao proceeded to ask, "Why me?"

"This is because your body contains the Ancient Will, which is capable of helping you fight the Ancient Demon. As long as you develop it, you can save the universe!" the Astral Guardian explained patiently.

"How do I do that?" Chen Hao asked right after.

In response, the Astral Guardian opened his closed fist to reveal a floating scroll, which he passed to Chen Hao. The scroll had a dent on it, as if to show that it would not be opened until it was reunited with a missing item.

"This is the Astral Scroll. You must insert the Divinity Stone here to unlock it, but the Stone remains an incredibly rare, undiscovered artifact to this day. If you can find it, then you can unlock this scroll and develop the Ancient Will inside you!" the Astral Guardian explained seriously.

Chen Hao took the scroll, gave it a long and knowing look, and proceeded to keep

it in his Storage Ring. “What about the Tianfan Tower trials?” Chen Hao asked again. Wasn’t he supposed to endure some tests here? Why did it feel more like he was here to accept a mission?

“I built this tower and set up many tests because I was waiting for the chosen one to appear. Now that you’re here, you are naturally exempted from these tests, because they are practically useless to you. Instead, I will send you straight to the top of the tower!” replied the Astral Guardian, and then immediately teleported Chen Hao to the highest floor of the tower.

At the same time outside the tower, an eagle-eyed student noticed light streaming from the top of the tower and exclaimed, “Look, there’s a light!”

At the sight of it, Xu Mi and the Four Great Grandmasters became shocked. They didn’t expect to see the light, because it was a sign that Chen Hao had defied their expectations and become the first person in history to reach the top.

Inside the tower, a glowing sword started vibrating with his arrival as if it could sense him when Chen Hao reached the

top. "Chen Hao, this is the Star Abyss Sword. From now on, it will be your chosen weapon. Here is a manual of techniques you can use with the Sword, and I hope your skills will improve once you have mastered all of them!" the Astral Guardian explained once again.

Chen Hao thought that it was unbelievable, but he advanced slowly anyway. "Put your hand on the hilt!" The Astral Guardian instructed, and Chen Hao obeyed after a moment of hesitation. The next thing he knew, there was a slight sting on his palm and a minor wound opened, producing a single drop of blood that fell onto the hilt.

In an instant, the sword let out a light *ding* and began spinning rapidly, breaking free of its bondage in mere seconds. It leaped straight into Chen Hao's hand. As he held the sword, he could feel a powerful burst of energy shooting from his palm to his diaphragm. This feeling... was the feeling of a breakthrough!

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A powerful energy pounded persistently against Chen Hao's Energy Centre.

Chen Hao quickly meditated with his eyes shut, taking in the agitating energy that was in his body. He thought of using his internal energy to suppress it, but failed to do so.

"That's right! I have the Divine Energy Fruit!" It was in the moment of desperation when Chen Hao suddenly thought of that.

As soon as it came to his mind, Chen Hao gobbled up a Divine Energy Fruit immediately after retrieving it from his Storage Ring.

After consuming the Divine Energy Fruit, Chen Hao immediately felt a refreshing sensation flow through his body. It was as if the energy had been vanquished.

With the help of the Divine Energy Fruit, Chen Hao had successfully broken through the Ninth Tier of Immortality, stepping into the First Tier Cultivation of the stage of True God.

At that very moment, Chen Hao felt stronger than ever as his whole body

replenished with energy.

“Congratulations for breaking through Immortality and setting foot into the stage of True God, Chen Hao. You now possess the power to achieve divinity, which can greatly amplify your strength by manifold. However, you should only unleash your divine power when you encounter an extreme situation. Consider it as your last resort to stay alive!” The soul of the Astral Guardian standing beside Chen Hao congratulated him.

The state of divinity was a unique ability. It could only be possessed by those who had entered the stage of True God.

In other words, it was the last resort to defend oneself by instantly enhancing one’s internal power, using it as the final means to hold out against an enemy.

Nonetheless, everything had its own advantages and disadvantages. Even though the divine power was undoubtedly powerful, the user would be driven into extreme weakness after using it. After that, it would require a long recovery period. Thus, the divine power should not be used unless one was being forced to.

“Thank you for the advice, Astral Guardian. I will not let you down!” Chen Hao immediately thanked the Astral Guardian before bowing down to him.

“Hehe! Chen Hao, keep in mind that the fate of the world will depend on you after 300 days.”

After leaving Chen Hao with the piece of advice, the soul of the Astral Guardian vanished right in front of him.

He had turned into dust after accomplishing his final calling as the soul of the Astral Guardian.

Being the savior of the world, Chen Hao knew that such burden now lay on his shoulders.

Just then, the gates of the Tianfan Tower opened up. Chen Hao slowly walked out of the tower, emitting a powerful sense of aura. The moment he stepped out of the tower, dust around him swirled in the air, hitting the faces of the people around him.

Xu Mi, who was seated high above, could not help but smile contentedly at the sight of this. He knew very well that Chen Hao

had succeeded.

That afternoon, Chen Hao sat right at the center of the main hall of the Celestial Academy. Xu Mi sat at the top while the Four Great Grandmasters sat at the side.

“Chen Hao, congratulations on being the first person to make it to the top of the Tianfan Tower! I believe you already know everything!” Xu Mi smiled kindly as he spoke to Chen Hao.

“Master, Four Great Grandmasters, I believe all of you are already aware of what is to come in 300 days’ time!” asked Chen Hao, who looked at the Four Great Grandmasters sitting around him before turning back to Xu Mi.

The Four Great Grandmasters shifted their gazes toward Xu Mi after hearing Chen Hao’s question.

“You’re right, it turns out that you really know everything. You are indeed a man of destiny. Have you prepared yourself, Chen Hao?” asked Xu Mi. He nodded firmly, fixing his gaze on Chen Hao.

“Master, Four Great Grandmasters, I am

fully prepared for it. However, I would like to look for the Divinity Stone first!” replied Chen Hao in a resolute tone, looking very determined.

The Divinity Stone was the main item Chen Hao was searching for.

If he could find the Divinity Stone, the Astral Scroll could be unraveled, unleashing the hidden willpower inside the body. Then, Chen Hao would be able to hold out against the Ancient Demon God 300 days later.

“Very well, Chen Hao. Go ahead, but remember: you only have 300 days. If you can't locate the Divinity Stone within the time span, the world is going to perish!” Xu Mi did not turn down Chen Hao's request. Instead, he gave Chen Hao an earnest look as he reminded Chen Hao of what was to come.

“I understand, Master. Nonetheless, I do not wish to go on this journey by myself. I was hoping to have some companionship for this search!” Chen Hao told Xu Mi after that.

It would be rather lonely to embark on this

journey by himself. Naturally, Chen Hao would surely want to bring Zhou Nuo and his friends with him to search for the Divinity Stone.

“That wouldn’t be a problem. Go ahead and choose the ones you think are suitable for the quest!” Xu Mi readily agreed to his request.

With that, Chen Hao bid farewell to Xu Mi and the Four Great Grandmasters before leaving the main hall to prepare for his departure.

After Chen Hao had left the hall, Di Zang asked Xu Mi worriedly, “Principal, do you think he is able to accomplish the mission?”

It was indeed a heavy burden to put on Chen Hao’s shoulders.

“We must have faith in him and show our full support. Otherwise, the world would be doomed!” Xu Mi did not directly answer Di Zang’s question. Instead, he profoundly reminded Di Zang to have faith in Chen Hao.

The Four Great Grandmasters nodded,

understanding what Xu Mi had implied. They did not question any further.

Meanwhile, Chen Hao returned to the East Court Pavilion to see Zhou Nuo and his friends resting in the pavilion and having a chat.

When they saw Chen Hao return, the four of them immediately smiled and praised him, “Chen Hao, you’re truly amazing for making it to the top of the Tianfan Tower! You’re very famous in the Celestial Academy right now, having the respect of so many people!”

Chen Hao took no credit to that statement because there was something far more important awaiting them. They had no time to be occupied with these trifling matters.

“Listen up, everyone. I need your help. I am going to leave the Celestial Academy in search of something known as the Divinity Stone. I have gotten permission from the principal and the Four Great Grandmasters to bring a few people along with me. I was wondering if the four of you would be willing to join me?” asked Chen Hao righteously, staring at the four of them.

After listening to Chen Hao, the four of them were stunned on the spot. They had never expected something like this to happen all of a sudden.

“The Divinity Stone? What is that? Why are we suddenly leaving the Celestial Academy to look for it?” asked Lin Zilan, feeling rather curious.

“I can't answer that right now, but I promise I will explain it to you one day. I just want to know if any of you are willing to follow me on this journey? We may encounter a lot of difficulties and obstacles along the way, so I won't force you to join me if you are not willing to come along. I can set off on my own!” asked Chen Hao in a serious manner, not giving any further explanation.

Chen Hao did not dare to joke around because it was a very serious matter.

Zhou Nuo and the group exchanged looks after listening to Chen Hao.

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“Chen Hao, no matter where you go, I am willing to follow you!” The very next second, Zhou Nuo looked at Chen Hao and offered him her companionship.

“That’s right, Chen Hao. I will also follow you!”

“All of us are willing to follow you!”

After Zhou Nuo expressed her decision, Lin Zilan, Gao Zicheng and Lei Lie also made their stances clear, implying that they were willing to follow Chen Hao to look for the Divinity Stone.

Chen Hao felt a sense of warmth after listening to their replies.

Chen Hao thought that they would not follow him since they had only met recently. Moreover, he was embarrassed to ask them to join him in this risky adventure.

However, the fact that Zhou Nuo and the others agreed to follow him proved that they had already treated Chen Hao as their friend, showing that they had great trust in Chen Hao.

“Great, I just want to thank all of you first. Let’s pack our bags; we’ll leave in two hours!” Chen Hao instructed the rest, feeling extremely grateful toward them.

Since the four of them had volunteered to follow him, they had to depart as soon as possible.

Taking advantage of each minute would bring them one step closer to locating the Divinity Stone.

Although there were still 300 days left, each day passed by quickly; Chen Hao knew that he was in a race against time. After all, he did not even know where to start his search for the Divinity Stone as he had no clues to begin with.

After hearing Chen Hao’s orders, the four of them quickly went their separate ways to pack their bags.

Two hours later, the five of them had finished preparing for the journey. Before they left the Celestial Academy, they headed to the main hall to bid Xu Mi and the Four Great Grandmasters farewell.

As soon as they left the Celestial

Academy, the five of them went to buy plenty of food and beverages first, making ample preparations for the journey ahead.

The five of them then officially started their journey after purchasing all their necessities.

“Where will be our first stop?” Zhou Nuo asked Chen Hao curiously.

The four of them were slightly confused because Chen Hao hadn’t told them where they should go in order to look for the Divinity Stone.

After hearing Zhou Nuo’s question, Chen Hao opened his map to take a look at it.

Chen Hao inspected the map for a moment before pointing to a spot on it and said, “We shall start our search from here! The Abandoned Land of the South!”

The Abandoned Land of the South was a barren land in the Southern region of the Celestial Continent. Nobody lived there, nor did anyone have the courage to enter that land to seek adventure.

However, since Chen Hao had made his

decision, the four of them did not question him and agreed to it.

After that, the five of them then set off to the Abandoned Land of the South.

After traveling for half a day, it was already sunset by the time they had finally reached the border between the Abandoned Land of the South and the Celestial Continent.

Upon arriving at the border, there were no buildings or people in sight; it was a complete wasteland. Furthermore, it was already nightfall, making the surroundings even more creepy. This sight just struck terror in people's hearts.

Nonetheless, this did not stop Chen Hao and his group from advancing.

Chen Hao did not fear such things.

The five of them entered the Abandoned Land of the South without any hesitation, walking until the sky had completely turned dark. Only then did they stop at a yellow brick wall to take a breather there.

"Look, guys! The moonlight can't even shine on the Abandoned Land of the

South; it has stopped at the edge of the Celestial Continent!” Zhou Nuo yelled out suddenly, pointing at the bright moon that high above the sky.

Chen Hao and the rest were astonished and shocked by the sight of this.

The Abandoned Land of the South was indeed a bizarre location with such a strange phenomenon. Not only couldn't the moonlight shine upon the land, neither could the moon cross into the land. The five of them could only sit in the Abandoned Land of the South and gaze at the bright moon far away.

“Chen Hao, look! There is a stele over here!” Lei Lie yelled all of a sudden.

As soon as his four companions heard him yell, they all rushed toward Lei Lie's side.

In front of them was an erected stele with several words carved into it.

“The Land of the Beast of the Abandoned Land of the South!”

Chen Hao extended his hand to wipe the dust off the stele before reading the words

that were carved on it.

Roar!

As soon as Chen Hao read the stele, there was a furious roar above their heads, reverberating across the universe and echoing through the Abandoned Land of the South; 'thunderous' could not be a better word to describe it.

Boom!

The moment the noise died down, a giant shadow leaped from the stone wall, landing heavily in front of the five of them.

The earth around them shook so strongly that it staggered them; this strong force was absolutely terrifying.

"W-What is this?" Zhou Nuo's eyes went wide as she asked Chen Hao in a petrified manner.

Chen Hao fixed his gaze on this giant shadow which looked like a lion. It was even bigger than the five of them combined.

"This must be the Beast of the Abandoned

Land of the South!” explained Chen Hao.

It turned out that the five of them had accidentally intruded the land where the Beast of the Abandoned Land of the South lived.

Their voices must have disturbed this beast just now, waking it up from its sleep. That was why it was so infuriated.

“This place is pitch-black, I can’t even make out what it is!” said Lin Zilan, knitting his brows tightly.

Without the moonlight, the five of them could not clearly see their surroundings. They could only see things in front of them that were within one meter.

“Don’t worry. I have a way!” Chen Hao consoled the four of them.

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Hao took out a talisman and a calligraphy brush from his Storage Ring. After a few quick strokes, he tossed out the talisman which he had drawn on.

The talisman fluttered in the air before turning into a raging flame, lighting up the

entire surrounding.

With the light from the flame, the face of the giant shadow in front of them was revealed. It was a male lion with a coat of golden fur. Its mouth was agape, exposing its razor-sharp teeth. The beast's eyes which were filled with anger, stared at the five of them dead in the eyes.

However, the male lion did not immediately attack; it seemed to be waiting for something.

"W-Why is it not attacking us?" asked Zilan, who was puzzled when he saw its behavior.

As soon as Lin Zilan ended his question, the male lion came charging in a fierce manner, heading straight toward the five of them.

"Damn it, Zilan. You jinxed it!"

Gao Zicheng's eyes nearly popped out from his head, scolding Lin Zilan furiously because he had jinxed it. As soon as Lin Zilan had said it, the lion immediately launched its attack.

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“Move aside, I will take care of it!” Chen Hao shouted at the four of them before running toward the male lion.



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“Roar!”

The male lion let out a roar as it charged toward Chen Hao.

As soon as it stopped roaring, the male lion lunged at Chen Hao. It wanted to use its humongous body to force Chen Hao to the ground.

Of course, Chen Hao would not allow such a thing to happen. As he quickly stepped to the side, he slid underneath the belly of the male lion.

Thud!

Seizing this window of opportunity, Chen Hao unleashed a heavy slap on its back immediately.

This slap alone sent the male lion flying several meters away.

Although it had a massive body, the male lion’s movement was clumsy and slow. Its speed was insignificant compared to Chen Hao, giving him the opportunity to teach it a lesson.

Nonetheless, Chen Hao did not want to kill

this male lion; his only intention was to tame it.

If he was able to domesticate the giant male lion, it would be of great use to Chen Hao.

The male lion was sent flying back before rolling on the ground a few times. It trembled before getting back on its feet once more. The male lion turned its head toward Chen Hao, fixing its gaze on him, before it started making a dull, roaring sound continuously.

It was an intelligent animal as well. Knowing that it was no match for Chen Hao, it did not dare to attack him recklessly anymore.

Chen Hao took two slow steps forward before he pointed at the male lion and shouted, "I will give you two options. One, you'll obey me obediently and acknowledge me as your master; two, I will kill you right now and make a meal out of you. I've never tasted lion's meat before, so make your choice wisely!"

At this moment, the male lion instantly calmed down after hearing Chen Hao's

threat, looking like it was deep in its thoughts.

Heavenly Beasts like this lion had the magical ability to understand human's speech.

A few moments later, the male lion let out a deep roar again.

"Oh, you're not giving up? Do you think that you can beat me?"

Chen Hao mocked the male lion scornfully after hearing it roar.

To be honest, he could easily kill this male lion with one technique, slaying it in the blink of an eye. However, he wanted to give the male lion another chance.

If this male lion was still arrogant and refused to be tamed, Chen Hao would not have any mercy on it anymore. Chen Hao had no use for keeping it alive if it refused to obey him. Hence, he might as well slay it there and then.

Purr!

The male lion made a purring sound after

hearing Chen Hao's threat. It bent down and turned its head away, not wanting to look at Chen Hao anymore. It looked like it was playing hard to get.

"Huh! Why are you acting so shamelessly?" Chen Hao could not help but tease the male lion. He felt that it was behaving like a kid.

Whoosh!

Just then, a shadow flew out from Chen Hao's body, landing right in front of the male lion.

The male lion was so shocked by the shadow that it instantly curled into a ball, looking like it had turned tame and obedient out of the blue. It hung its head low, and its eyes were locked on the shadow that kept swaying in front of him.

Indeed, this shadow was none other than the baby green dragon kept inside Chen Hao's body.

The baby green dragon's appearance silenced the male lion, making it compliant. It no longer had the stubborn demeanor it had moments earlier.

The five of them were startled. They did not expect the baby green dragon to have such an ability of striking fear into the heart of such a huge lion.

“This baby green dragon must be something remarkable. It must be much more precious than this male lion—which is why it can frighten the beast!” Lei Lie walked to Chen Hao’s side as he explained it to him.

The baby green dragon made another sound before turning around, flying back to Chen Hao once again. It stared at Chen Hao while twitching its body continuously, as if begging for something from Chen Hao.

Chen Hao understood its behavior very well. Therefore, he compromised and said helplessly, “Alright, alright. I know what you want. You want the Divine Energy Fruit, don’t you? Don’t make a big fuss. I’ll give it to you!”

As soon as Chen Hao finished talking, he took out a Divine Energy Fruit out from his Storage Ring before giving it to the baby green dragon.

However, the baby green dragon did not quit. Instead, it started twitching its body even more crazily while turning his head relentlessly toward the male lion sprawled on the ground.

Chen Hao immediately realized that the baby green dragon was actually begging him to give the male lion a Divine Energy Fruit.

Since this baby green dragon was his godly pet, he had no choice but to pamper it.

Hence, Chen Hao had no choice but to take out another Divine Energy Fruit and handed it to the baby green dragon.

Only then was the baby green dragon satisfied as it held the two Divine Energy Fruits in its mouth, before flying swiftly toward the male lion. Then, it placed one of the fruits in front of the male lion's mouth while swallowing the other in one bite.

The male lion lifted its gaze and glimpsed at Chen Hao curiously when it saw this. After inspecting the Divine Energy Fruit and making sure that there was nothing

abnormal about it, the lion then devoured the fruit in one bite. It looked as if it was afraid that someone would take the fruit away from it.

After swallowing the Divine Energy Fruit, the male lion instantly became joyous. Its body gradually shrank until it was around Chen Hao's size; its temperament had also tamed down.

Then, the male lion walked up to Chen Hao's ankle, sticking its body close to Chen Hao's feet. It kept brushing its fur against him, expressing its obedience toward Chen Hao.

"Hey, you little brat! All I needed was one Divine Energy Fruit to tame you. If I'd known this earlier, I wouldn't have wasted my energy dueling you!"

Chen Hao was appalled when he saw its behavior.

Nonetheless, things were good now. The male lion had submitted itself to him, meaning that he had earned himself another pet's companionship.

However, Chen Hao felt distressed after

taking out two more Divine Energy Fruits because they were extremely precious. Chen Hao could only hope that the male lion would not feed on the Divine Energy Fruit as often as the baby green dragon did. If not, these hundreds of Divine Energy Fruits would not be enough for his two pets.

“Chen Hao, were those the legendary Divine Energy Fruits?” asked Lei Lie who looked shocked.

Lei Lie had heard of this amazing Divine Energy Fruit before, but he never thought that Chen Hao would have such fruits on him. Lei Lie could not be more envious of him.

“Yes, they were!” Chen Hao replied smilingly.

Since they knew about it, Chen Hao did not want to keep the fruits to himself. Immediately, he took out four Divine Energy Fruits decisively before giving them to Zhou Nuo and the rest of them.

“Come, each of you can have one. Maybe it can help in your growth!” said Chen Hao generously. Since they were his friends

who were willing to follow him in search of the Divinity Stone, Chen Hao had to properly thank them.

They were astounded when they saw Chen Hao offering them his Divine Energy Fruits. His friends quickly took the fruits from him and ate them on the spot.

After consuming the Divine Energy Fruit, the four of them had a breakthrough in their strengths: Zhou Nuo advanced to the second stage of True God; Lin Zilan entered the True God stage; Gao Zicheng progressed into the fourth stage of True God; and Lei Lie had achieved the eighth stage of True God.



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After resting briefly for the night at the Abandoned Land of the South, the five of them continued on their journey.

Nothing else happened that night; it was rather peaceful.

However, Chen Hao and the group of them did not linger around the Abandoned Land of the South for long because it was not a safe place. Thus, they decided it was best to leave the place as soon as possible.

Chen Hao took out his map and decided on the next location to search, which was the city after the Abandoned Land of the South—the Blood Dragon City.

The Blood Dragon City was an ancient city in the Celestial Continent. It was rumored that an ancient Blood Dragon existed in this city. This Blood Dragon had a blood pearl on its body, which could bestow its possessor the power of the blood dragon.

However, Chen Hao was not going there for the dragon pearl, so he took little interest in it. His main objective was to acquire the Divinity Stone.

After a full morning of travel, the five of

them had successfully reached the Blood Dragon City.

At this moment, a few men on the back of several horses came riding toward the gate of the Blood Dragon City in an aggressive manner.

The men looked ruthless, and their bodies gave off a strong killing intent. All it took was one look to realize that they were definitely not some easy opponents.

Chen Hao and his four friends were standing at the city gate, but they were fortunate enough to react quickly. If not, they would have been trampled by that group of men.

“Damn it! Who are these people? Why did they charge toward us so fiercely?” asked Lin Zilan, who was visibly displeased.

“They are from the Blazing Anser Hall!”

Lei Lie blurted out right then.

The rest of them turned their gazes toward Lei Lie after hearing his reply. They did not expect him to know who those men were.

“The Blazing Anser Hall?” Chen Hao was slightly confused when he heard Lei Lie’s answer.

Chen Hao and the rest of them had never heard of the Blazing Anser Hall. Granted, they had only arrived at the Celestial Continent not too long ago.

“The Blazing Anser Hall is a force to be reckoned in the Blood Dragon City at the Celestial Continent,” explained Lei Lie to the four of them.

Chen Hao was enlightened after hearing his explanation.

“If that is the case, these men are surely not Samaritans!” said Chen Hao confidently.

Lei Lie nodded slightly but did not give Chen Hao a reply. Instead, he silently agreed with Chen Hao that these men from the Blazing Anser Hall were indeed thugs.

As expected, the Blazing Anser Hall was well-known in the entire Blood Dragon City. They were notorious for committing every crime that existed. Furthermore, they had

the support of a strong influencer, allowing their crimes to spiral and rampage on.

Thus, it was best to keep a distance from people like them. They must not be provoked so that people could avoid landing themselves in unnecessary trouble.

After that, the five of them entered the Blood Dragon City and started touring around the streets.

Admittedly, the Blood Dragon City could not be compared to the Celestial Academy at all. There was a world of difference between the two of them.

“Ah!”

Just then, they heard a woman’s sharp voice, catching their attention in an instant. They quickly turned to see where the scream came from.

As soon as they looked over, they saw four men dragging a young woman into an alley, even tearing the woman’s clothes and belongings apart.

The five of them exchanged gazes after

witnessing the situation.

They did not expect a violent crime like this to occur in broad daylight.

Chen Hao was a person who would help others out at the sight of injustice.

Without any hesitation, he led the group as they dashed hastily toward the alley.

When they reached the alley, the four men had already torn the woman's clothes into pieces. They were all acting wildly like tigers and wolves.

Chen Hao and his friends were infuriated by the sight of this.

He hated people like this the most.

"Stop, every one of you!"

The very next second, Chen Hao pointed toward the four men as he shouted furiously at them.

The four of them quickly reacted to Chen Hao's bellow of rage. They turned around before staring at Chen Hao dead in the eye.

“Move along and mind your own business! This has nothing to do with you!” yelled one of the men while glaring at Chen Hao.

“If you don’t leave any sooner, I will slash all of you open!” One of the men drew a machete from his waist before threatening the five of them.

“The four of you are scumbags! You guys are thugs for bullying a woman in broad daylight!”

Chen Hao fixed his gaze coldly on the four of the men while rebuking them. He was absolutely hostile toward them.

“Hey, you brat! I think you must be sick of living. Do you know who we are? We are from the Blazing Anser Hall of the Blood Dragon City. If you offend us, you won’t be able to leave the Blood Dragon City alive!” said the man who was holding a machete.

“Hmph!” Chen Hao snorted scornfully.

“I don’t care who you guys are. If you guys are sensible enough, let this woman go. If not, I will kill the two of you right here!” Chen Hao, who did not fear these people, immediately gave them a warning.

The four men from the Blazing Anser Hall burst with rage. They did not expect a young man to have the audacity to threaten them; he did not even have any respect for the Blazing Anser Hall.

“Since you guys are courting death, don’t blame me for being merciless, you brats!” yelled another man.

As soon as he spoke, the four men drew their machetes at the same time before charging toward Chen Hao and his friends.

“Don’t move, guys. I’ll handle the four of them!” Chen Hao instructed the rest of them with a composed look on his face.

The rest of them had no objections to his command, because they knew that Chen Hao was a formidable person; getting rid of these men was an easy task for him.

A hint of evil merely flashed across Chen Hao’s gaze.

Just as the four men from Blazing Anser Hall were about to reach Chen Hao, he finally moved!

In an instant, Chen Hao disappeared right

before their eyes. They were startled because they did not expect him to suddenly vanish.

While the four of them were busy looking for Chen Hao, he appeared behind their backs abruptly. He drew his sword that instant, unleashing a wave of Sword Energy.

As the Sword Energy propagated, their heads dropped to the ground. Blood splattered in all directions.

Chen Hao had killed the four of them effortlessly with only one slash.

The strength of the four men were not enough to offer any resistance to him. This was because his strength had reached the stage of True God; he must not be taken lightly.

After getting rid of those men, Chen Hao walked up to the young girl to help her up. He even took out a jacket from his Storage Ring before putting it on the woman. At that moment, he seemed kind and caring.

“Thank you, my savior! I am willing to offer myself to repay your kindness!”

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The young woman quickly thanked Chen Hao, expressing her willingness to be his follower.

Nevertheless, Chen Hao only put on a smile and replied, “You’re welcome. You don’t have to repay me—just be careful next time! Take these gold coins and think of a way to leave this place!”

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Hao grabbed a handful of gold coins from his Storage Ring before handing it over to the girl.



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After that, the five of them turned around and left the alley.

It was only after Chen Hao and the group had left for quite some time before the woman left walked away, grasping the gold coins in her hands firmly.

That evening, Chen Hao and his four other friends stayed in the same room at a hotel in the Dragon Blood City.

“Chen Hao, we’d better leave the Dragon Blood City as soon as we can. The Blazing Anser Hall will surely not let us off the hook that easily!” Lei Lie, who was sitting on a chair, reminded Chen Hao earnestly.

The Blazing Anser Hall was a formidable force in the entire Blood Dragon City. As such, news of Chen Hao killing four of their men would definitely spread quickly, which was what worried Lei Lie.

What was more, Chen Hao and the rest of them were in the Blazing Anser Hall’s territory. It would only spell trouble if they stayed there longer.

“Alright, we will stay here for the night. We will leave the Blood Dragon City first thing

tomorrow!” Chen Hao nodded his head understandingly before informing Zhou Huo and the rest.

Of course, Chen Hao did not want to waste his time on things like this. He knew that they had a more important task at hand, so they could not afford to be tangled up with the people from the Blazing Anser Hall. It would spell big trouble for them if those people found them.

Smash!

Meanwhile, somewhere in the Blood Dragon City, Lie Hu—master of the Blazing Anser Hall—smashed the tea cup that was in his hand furiously onto the ground.

The tea cup shattered into pieces, spilling the tea everywhere.

“B*stard, how dare they kill four of my men? I will not let them go!” bellowed Lie Hu, who had a ruthless look on his face as he clenched his teeth.

“Master, according to the information we gathered, it was a young boy who killed our men. He had another four accomplices with him. They should still be in the Blood

Dragon City right now!" A man wearing a headscarf reported to Lie Hu.

This man was Cui Xu, deputy leader of the Blazing Anser Hall.

"Hmph! Cui Xu, take your men and search the entire Blood Dragon City now. I want you to find them for me, dead or alive. I must not let them get away with this!" Lie Hu ordered immediately after hearing Cui Xu's report.

Nobody had ever dared to oppose the Blazing Anser Hall like this ever since they set foot in the Blood Dragon City. Now that four of their men were killed all of a sudden, Lie Hu felt provoked. That was why he was infuriated.

"Yes, Master. I will personally bring my men to search for them!"

Of course, Cui Xu obeyed his command respectfully without any objections. He knew that Lie Hu was truly seething this time.

Cui Xu turned around and left the hall after he finished talking.

That night was destined to be a night out of the ordinary.

Cui Xu and his men rode their horses fiercely into the night, searching the city rampantly for the five of them. They beat every family in search of Chen Hao, not giving anyone the benefit of the doubt.

Soon, the entire Blood Dragon City plunged into chaos. Household's lights were turned on. Every stranger in the city was thoroughly examined and beaten up by men from the Blazing Anser Hall. No matter what it took, they wanted to locate Chen Hao and his friends.

Chen Hao and his friends, who were resting in the hotel, were woken up by the huge commotion outside.

Lei Lie immediately leaned his head out of the window, taking a look at what was happening outside. Immediately, his expression changed tremendously when he realized there was a group of men relentlessly conducting a search.

"What is it?" Chen Hao asked Lei Lie curiously.

“The Blazing Anser Hall’s men are here!” answered Lei Lie, turning his head to Chen Hao. “It looks like they are here for you!”

“What should we do now?” asked Zhou Nuo worriedly.

Chen Hao, who had a serious look on his face, furrowed his brows. He did not expect the Blazing Anser Hall to act so quickly.

“Let’s pack up and go up to the rooftop!” After pausing for a moment, Chen Hao thought of an idea, so he instructed the four of them to quickly pack up.

After hearing his instructions, the five of them immediately packed their belongings and leaped out of the window before jumping onto the roof. They sprawled across the rooftop, observing the situation while keeping themselves hidden.

As soon as all five of them jumped onto the roof, Cui Xu and his men barged into the hotel.

After a round of questioning, Cui Xu found out that the people they were looking for were staying here. He instantly asked the

owner of the hotel to bring him upstairs to where Chen Hao and his friends were staying.

Slam!

With a kick from Cui Xu, the door swung open as the group of men swarmed into the room.

However, there was not a living soul in the room.

Realizing this, Cui Xu's face turned sullen. He glared at the hotel owner and asked, "Where are they? Didn't you say that they were staying here?"

"I-I don't know. The five of them were staying here, and I never saw them leave. Master Cui, what I'm saying is the truth. I'm not lying to you!" answered the hotel owner in a trembling voice, who looked absolutely petrified.

Of course, Cui Xu knew that the hotel owner would not have the courage to lie to him. He quickly went to the window and took a look outside.

"They must've escaped through the

window. Go and chase after them!”
commanded Cui Xu. Cui Xu and his men
rushed outside, leaving the hotel on their
horses.

Unfortunately, Chen Hao and his friends
never left the hotel. They were only hiding
at the rooftop.

After Cui Xu and his men had left, the five
of them climbed back down from the roof
and headed back to their room once again.

As soon as they returned to the room, the
first thing they saw was the hotel owner.
He stood inside the room, staring at the
five of them in a dumbfounded manner.

Chen Hao was initially stunned when he
saw the hotel owner, but he then quickly
walked up to him.

The hotel owner was so scared that he
took two steps back without realizing it.
He curled up in a corner, his head hanging
low as he shouted, “Mister, please! I beg of
you, don’t kill me! I don’t know anything!”

Chen Hao did not intend to kill the hotel
owner. Instead, he took out a tray of gold
coins, and gave them to the hotel owner.

“Don’t you worry, boss. I will not kill you. I don’t want you to tell anyone that we’re still here. Consider this money as compensation!” Chen Hao told the hotel owner.

There was a saying that the most dangerous place could also be the safest one.

Since Cui Xu and his men had already searched this place, it would not make sense for them to search this place once more. Hence, Chen Hao and his friends could take refuge here for the time being.

The hotel owner did not dare to disobey Chen Hao. He nodded, agreeing to Chen Hao’s request before taking the gold coins from him. Of course, he wouldn’t pass up those gold coins.

After that, the hotel owner left the room hastily.

They only dared to leave the hotel the next day after the Blood Dragon City had quieten down.

“My savior!”

Chen Hao and his friends had just stepped out of the hotel when they heard a woman's voice from behind.

When they turned around to see who it was, it was the girl that Chen Hao had rescued yesterday.

"Why haven't you left this place yet?" asked Chen Hao while looking at the girl suspiciously.

"My savior, I know you guys are in trouble. You can follow me. I'll bring you to somewhere safe where they will never find you!" The girl offered while glancing at Chen Hao with a serious look on her face.

The five of them exchanged gazes when they heard her offer. In the end, they decided to believe her and left with the girl.



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“Hey, aren’t you Miss Piao?”

After walking for quite some time, a teenager’s voice suddenly came from behind.

Chen Hao, his companions, and the girl stopped in their tracks before turning around to look at who it was.

“It’s you, Young Master Wu. I thought it was somebody else!” said the girl teasingly when she saw who the teenager was.

From the girl’s expression, Chen Hao could tell that she was not so fond of the teenager.

Everyone could see that he was a typical wealthy kid who was good-for-nothing.

This teenager was Wu Quan, the Young Master of the Wu Family in the Blood Dragon City.

The Wu Family was an established and powerful family in the Blood Dragon City. They were also a very reputable family.

As he looked at Wu Quan in front of him,

Chen Hao knew that he was also a cultivator. His strength was at the Third Tier of Soul Cultivation in the Immortality Stage.

“Miss Piao, I heard that your sister lost in the martial arts competition. It looks like the Piao Family isn’t that capable anymore. You, as a younger sister, are not even skilled in martial arts. You’re a disgrace to the Piao Family!” Wu Quan mocked the girl disdainfully.

The girl’s actual name was Zhen Mei, and she was the second daughter of the Piao Family in the Blood Dragon City. Her elder sister was Zhen Ji, who happened to be a cultivator as well. Her strength was at the Second Tier of Soul Cultivation in the Immortality Stage.

Between the two sisters, Zhen Mei did not have any martial arts skills whatsoever. However, Zhen Ji did have some skills. Thus, Zhen Mei seldom had the opportunity to voice her opinions; everything was given priority to her sister.

“Wu Quan, are you here to tease me? I think it’s been a long time since my sister has taught you a lesson!” Zhen Mei’s

expression turned sullen, staring at Wu Quan dead in the eyes.

“Hahaha! No, no, no. You’ve misunderstood me, Zhen Mei. Why would I be teasing you? I’m just caring about you. I don’t know who defeated your sister, but if I manage to find that person, I will surely teach him a lesson on behalf of your sister and stick up for you!”

Wu Quan explained to Zhen Mei quickly with a smile on his face. He took no notice of Chen Hao, who was standing beside her as he talked to Zhen Mei shamelessly.

Chen Hao snickered mentally when he heard what Wu Quan had said, for Wu Quan was so naïve that it was just laughable. He was only a third-tier cultivator, but he was bragging endlessly.

“Is that so? Are you sure?”

Zhen Mei was getting angry. But after hearing Wu Quan, she seemed to have thought of something, and curiously asked Wu Quan that question.

“Of course, I am a man of my words. That guy had better not show up in front of me;

if not, I'll give him the beating of his life!" said Wu Quan righteously, pounding his chest.

Zhen Mei instantly turned toward Chen Hao who was beside her.

"Great, the culprit is right here. He is the man you're looking for!" replied Zhen Mei, pointing to Chen Hao who was beside her.

Wu Quan was stunned when he heard that. He shifted his gaze to Chen Hao, not expecting that person to be someone so unassuming like him.

At that instant, Chen Hao was dumbfounded. He was wondering when he had defeated Zhen Mei's sister. It was clear that she was using him as a scapegoat.

"Zhen Mei, you're pulling my leg, aren't you? This guy is so scrawny. You must be joking!" answered Wu Quan after giving Chen Hao a disdainful glare, not believing a word Zhen Mei had said.

"Hmph! Wu Quan, let me ask you something. Why would I be joking around with you? I think you're getting scared,

aren't you?" Zhen Mei was trying to agitate Wu Quan.

The naïve Wu Quan ended up taking the bait.

"Hey, you! Why don't we have a one-on-one fight? Do you dare to take me on?" After that, Wu Quan furiously pointed at Chen Hao, challenging him to a duel.

"Are you sure?" asked Chen Hao nonchalantly.

"Hmph! Of course, why wouldn't I be sure? Are you scared?" mocked Wu Quan.

"No, I'm not scared. I'm worried that you'll lose very terribly!"

Chen Hao was extremely composed as he teased Wu Quan confidently.

He had not expected Zhen Mei to cause trouble for him.

It looked like there was no way for Chen Hao to get out of this mess.

Meanwhile, Zhen Mei winked at Chen Hao before whispering something into his ear.

“Chen Hao, please help me teach him a lesson. This guy likes to pester me every time!” Zhen Mei tried to convince Chen Hao.

“Hey, I am not your fighter!” Chen Hao quickly reminded Zhen Mei.

“Hey, just help me out this once, will you? Don’t worry, I will take full responsibility if anything happens!” Zhen Mei started acting coquettishly toward Chen Hao.

Chen Hao had no choice but to agree to Zhen Mei’s plea.

“Brat, I refuse to believe that you are capable of defeating Zhen Ji. You must have cheated. Just watch as I teach you a lesson!” said Wu Quan confidently while pointing at Chen Hao, showing no regard for him at all.

As soon as he uttered those words, Wu Quan immediately charged toward Chen Hao.

Wu Quan’s speed was extremely sluggish compared to Zhen Mei, not even reaching half of her speed.

A strength like his was not even worthy for Chen Hao to make a move.

However, before Chen Hao was going to defeat Wu Quan, he wanted to toy with him for a bit. He did not want the match to end so quickly.

Wu Quan's fist came flying toward Chen Hao.

Chen Hao turned his body sideways slightly, making Wu Quan's fist draw a blank as it glided right in front of his eyes.

Wu Quan reacted quickly and turned his fist into a claw, striking right back at Chen Hao.

Chen Hao reacted swiftly. He raised his hand to deflect Wu Quan's attack and blocked the claw.

Rip!

Wu Quan seized the opportunity to tear Chen Hao's sleeve off his arm.

Chen Hao was stunned by this; he did not expect Wu Quan to know the Dragon Claw technique.

“The Dragon Claw. Not bad, it’s rather interesting!”

Chen Hao took a step back before looking at Wu Quan, revealing a sinister smile on his face.

“Hmph! It looks like this is all you’ve got, brat. I really don’t know how you managed to defeat Zhen Ji!” Wu Quan scoffed condescendingly. He was full of confidence as he looked at Chen Hao.

In Wu Quan’s opinion, Chen Hao was no match for him at all.

Zhen Mei, who was standing on the sidelines, could see what Chen Hao was up to.

He was obviously pulling his punches, not using all his might to fight Wu Quan.

Chen Hao’s strength was no joke. He could easily defeat Wu Quan with one simple technique. Why would he want to waste his energy on anything unnecessary?

“You haven’t even won against me yet. Confidence is the downfall of a man!”

Chen Hao was not infuriated by Wu Quan's mockery. Instead, he ridiculed Wu Quan in return.

After all, he had no reasons to be angry at someone like Wu Quan.

"Hmph, you brat! Watch me defeat you with this one technique!" Wu Quan scoffed in disdain.

As soon as he finished talking, Wu Quan lifted his heels before leaping from the ground, giving Chen Hao a flying kick.

Chen Hao did not panic at all. He turned around and gave Wu Quan a kick of his own.

Slam!

The very next second, Wu Quan was sent flying more than ten meters away.

Wu Quan slammed hard to the ground and could not pick himself up for quite some time. It was plain to see how powerful Chen Hao's kick was.

Chapter 862 Wu Quan



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A joyful smile appeared on Zhen Mei's face when she saw Wu Quan being kicked away.

It was Wu Quan who asked for it; he was digging his own grave. Anyhow, she had nothing to do with his misfortune. It was all Wu Quan's fault and it served him right.

Later on, Zhen Mei took Chen Hao and his friends and left the place.

Not long after Chen Hao and the group had left, Wu Quan gradually regained consciousness and got up from the ground.

As soon as he stood up, Wu Quan pressed down on his chest as he felt a sharp pain from the spot; it was most probably due to an internal injury.

He tried to look for Zhen Mei and Chen Hao, but he noticed that the duo was nowhere to be found. Without any energy left to support himself, he collapsed to the ground. He could no longer withstand the pain and fainted.

Meanwhile, Chen Hao and his friends were back at the Zhen Mansion.

“Chen Hao, you are really mischievous! I was sure that you could knock Wu Quan out with a single strike, but you didn’t. Instead, you chose to play around with him!” Zhen Mei teased Chen Hao.

“Uh, he was the one who wanted to challenge me in the first place! I certainly can’t end the fight so soon! By the way, don’t use me as a tool to get back at your enemies.” Chen Hao felt a little awkward before he decided to remind Zhen Mei about it.

If Zhen Mei were to continue doing that, he would face many troubles himself. He’d offend countless people and have too many enemies.

Not only had Chen Hao made an enemy in Blood Dragon City, he also had to worry about Wu Quan now. This greatly distressed him.

“Alright, I understand. I just needed to get rid of that guy. I won’t do it again next time!” Zhen Mei quickly nodded in agreement when she heard Chen Hao’s words. Still, Zhen Mei felt happy that Chen Hao was willing to help her teach Wu Quan a lesson.

After that, Chen Hao and his friends followed Zhen Mei back to the Zhen Mansion.

On the other hand, Wu Quan was being carried back to the Wu Mansion. He had completely turned into a handicap. His martial arts skills were completely annihilated by Chen Hao, and he was unable to move a muscle.

Several days later, three robed elderly men came to the Wu Mansion one night in Blood Dragon City. They gathered around Wu Quan's bed.

Ever since Wu Quan was disabled by Chen Hao, he had been lying on his bed like a comatose patient every day. His condition was rather pathetic as he could not even take care of himself; he needed a servant to take care of his daily needs. However, in order to nurse his son back to health, Wu Qi did not hesitate to spend a fortune. He hired three elderly men skilled in martial arts all the way from the Ancient Ridge Mountain in hopes to cure his son completely.

An elderly man sat on the edge of Wu Quan's bed and inspected him carefully.

After a while, he slowly opened his mouth and said, "Hmm... I'm afraid Young Master Wu's condition is rather serious!"

Wu Qi looked puzzled when he heard him. "Elder Qiu, why do you say so?" He asked the elderly man.

The elderly man was Qiu Ling. He was a Third Tier True God.

"Master Wu, Young Master Wu was injured by a powerful expert. This expert is very vicious, emphatic, and precise in his attack. I'm afraid it will be difficult for Young Master Wu to fully recover." Qiu Ling sighed helplessly while shaking his head and explaining it to Wu Qi.

Wu Qi frowned in worry. A flame ignited in him when he heard Qiu Ling's words. It was just 'great' now that he was unable to seek revenge from Chen Hao on behalf of his son. This was because the Zhen Family was the only family feared by the Wu Family in the entire Blood Dragon City. Wu Qi did not dare go against the Zhen Family and jeopardize the good relationship the two families had.

"Elder Qiu, from what you said just now, do

you mean that there's still hope for my son to recover?" Qiu Ling's words were not exactly bad news. Wu Qi, who finally understood his meaning, stared at Qiu Ling and asked.

Qiu Ling nodded slightly. "That's right. It's usually very difficult to treat a person who has his martial art skills annihilated. U- Unless, you can get a mysterious herb from the ancient times, Master Wu. The mysterious herb has been passed down from the ancient times. It is called Bone Restoration Herb, which can reconsolidate and restore all the destroyed meridians within someone who has an annihilated martial arts ability." Qiu Ling explained the treatment method to Wu Qi.

"Elder Qiu, where can I get the Bone Restoration Herb?" Wu Qi asked without any hesitation. He was eager to find out where he could get his hands on it.

However, there was no way he could get his hand on such a precious herb so easily.

"Master Wu, legend has it that the Bone Restoration Herb can be found at a place located at the Peak of Pond Mountain, surrounded by streams of rivers with lots

of treacherous vortices. Therefore, it cannot be obtained so easily. Since the history of mankind, the Bone Restoration Herb has only appeared twice in the world.” Qiu Ling reminded Wu Qi again.

Wu Qi thought it would be better than no hope at all. He did not want to see his son become a handicap for the rest of his life without doing anything to help him.

“Elder Qiu, don’t worry. I’ll do everything I can to find the Bone Restoration Herb!” Wu Qi reassured Qiu Ling with a confident and determined look on his face.

“By the way, is the person who injured Young Master Wu still in Blood Dragon City? Since you have invited us here, we must avenge Young Master Wu!” Later on, Qiu Ling asked Wu Qi.

After all, they were hired by Wu Qi with a high price. Even though they could not treat Wu Quan successfully, they could help to avenge Wu Quan by attacking Chen Hao.

Wu Qi was extremely happy when he heard it. He thought with the attack of the three elderly men from Ancient Ridge Mountain,

Chen Hao and his friends would definitely be doomed.

“Elder Qiu, that guy is quite strong!” Wu Qi replied to Qiu Ling after hesitating for a while.

“Hahahaha!” Qiu Ling burst into laughter when he heard that.

“Master Wu, don’t worry. With the three of us together, we will definitely defeat that guy. By then, we will have avenged you and Young Master Wu!” said Qiu Ling confidently.

As soon as he finished, Qiu Ling and the other two elderly men leaped out of the house and left Wu Mansion immediately.

In the middle of the night, Chen Hao and Zhen Mei were sitting in the backyard of the Zhen Mansion.

Zhen Mei’s feelings toward Chen Hao had grown stronger ever since the latter saved Zhen Mei that day. Both of them were chatting in the backyard.

At the very least, Chen Hao and his friends would be safe for the time being as they

stayed temporarily in the Zhen Mansion. After all, the Zhen Family was quite powerful and influential in Blood Dragon City, so other families did not dare to simply offend the family.

At that moment, a sword hurled toward Chen Hao and Zhen Mei before she could say anything.

“Be careful!” The vigilant and athletic Chen Hao quickly pulled Zhen Mei away from the sword.

Both of them had successfully dodged the oncoming sword, which plunged right into the ground. This alerted the duo, who observed their surroundings carefully. Within seconds, three elderly men in grey robes leaped over the wall into the house, standing face-to-face with Chen Hao and Zhen Mei.

“You punk, I’ve come to claim your life today!” Qiu Ling said while glaring at Chen Hao coldly.

“Who are you? I hold no grudge against you, so why would you want to kill me?” asked Chen Hao, who frowned as he stared at Qiu Ling.

Chapter 863 Trouble Comes

“Hmph! Stop talking rubbish, punk! You’re going to be dead anyway, so just give up your life and wait for your death quietly!”
Qiu Ling snorted. He refused to reveal his identity.



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“Zhen Mei, you go first! I’ll take care of them!” Chen Hao warned Zhen Mei, who was standing behind him.

Zhen Mei nodded. She knew that she could not stay and hinder Chen Hao. After all, she did not know any martial arts. Hence, Zhen Mei turned around and left immediately. She must get help as soon as possible.

At the moment, Chen Hao took on Qiu Ling and the two other elderly men by himself. Chen Hao was slightly helpless against their harsh and quick attacks. Since the trio were at the stage of True God, it was impossible for Chen Hao to defeat them successfully. The only thing he could do was to delay and look for an opportunity to attack.

Bam!

Suddenly, Chen Hao was hit by Qiu Ling’s palm, which sent him flying. Like a person who lost anchorage to the ground, Chen Hao was hurled away by the rough force and fell back onto the ground heavily.

Puke!

All of a sudden, Chen Hao vomited a mouthful of blood.

Qiu Ling's harsh attack destroyed and disrupted the normal Inner Energy flow within Chen Hao's body.

"Hmph! You punk, I can't believe you are a True God. You're an incredible martial arts genius, but you have messed with someone whom you shouldn't mess with; that's why I can't spare your life! It's a shame!" Qiu Ling snorted pitifully while staring at Chen Hao, who was standing right in front of him.

Few could actually reach the stage of True God at such a young age. Even old men like them, who had been training diligently for decades, had only managed to reach the stage of True God after many years.

As he finished, Qiu Ling raised the sword in his hand and advanced toward Chen Hao.

Chen Hao knew he was doomed when he saw this. He closed his eyes tightly and waited for his death. Right at that moment, he suddenly remembered the silk pouch given to him by Xu Mi. Chen Hao quickly opened the pouch and a bright golden light

shone through it, lighting up the entire backyard. The blinding golden light forced Qiu Ling and two of his men back as they were unable to open their eyes.

Whoosh!

Just as the sword was about to stab into Chen Hao's heart, a figure descended from the rooftop.

Bam!

As soon as the figure reached the floor, he launched a fierce attack on Qiu Ling with his palm. The latter was sent flying due to the attack.

Indeed, the one who came was Xu Mi.

"M-Master..." Chen Hao felt glad when he saw Xu Mi. Looking up, Chen Hao called out to him weakly before he passed out and lost consciousness.

Xu Mi was consumed with anger when he saw Chen Hao faint before his eyes.

"It seems like you are the punk's master. You have arrived just in time to be killed by us!" Qiu Ling remarked confidently while

he glanced at Xu Mi coldly.

As soon as he finished, Qiu Ling and the two elderly men made a move and charged fiercely toward Xu Mi.

Xu Mi stood motionless on the ground, holding a sword in his hand. His face was expressionless without any signs of nervousness and fear, and remained perfectly still and calm on the ground.

The very next second, Xu Mi made a move. He unsheathed and raised his sword. With a single swing and a slash, he claimed the lives of the three as visible lines of blood suddenly appeared on the throats of the trio.

The eyes of Qiu Ling and the others bulged as they held their necks, lying dead in a pool of blood.

Up until the final moment of their lives, they could not believe that Xu Mi would be so incredibly skilled to the point in which his attack was terrifying.

With just a single slash, he had managed to claim all their lives within a split second.

It proved that Xu Mi was not joking around with them; he was furious because the trio had injured Chen Hao. Besides, his ability was way more powerful than Qiu Ling and the others. Obviously, killing the trio was as easy as pie for Xu Mi.

At the same time, Zhen Mei, who just bought Zhou Nuo and the others over, saw the entire scene unfold. She was utterly dumbfounded by his skills. She could not believe that Chen Hao's master was so skilled; it was no wonder Chen Hao was so powerful himself. Anyone could become strong following the teachings of a skilled master.

"Chen Hao!" After Zhen Mei had finally snapped out of her thoughts, she rushed toward Chen Hao quickly. She called out to him loudly as she held him up. However, Chen Hao did not respond as he had lost all consciousness.

Xu Mi sheathed his sword and hurried toward Chen Hao to check on him. "The flow of Qi in his body has been seriously disrupted. He needs to be treated immediately!" Xu Mi explained as he placed his fingers on Chen Hao's wrist and inspected his pulse.

After he finished, Xu Mi carried Chen Hao to the latter's room immediately and placed him on the bed.

"Get out, don't interrupt me while I'm treating Chen Hao!" Xu Mi said to Zhen Mei coldly.

Upon hearing his instructions, Zhen Mei had no choice but to remain silent even though she still had something to say. There was nothing she could do except to follow Xu Mi's order and get out of the room obediently. Feeling a little helpless, she waited outside.

At the same time, Zhen Yunhai rushed to Chen Hao's room too.

"Zhen Mei, what happened?" Zhen Yunhai asked Zhen Mei worriedly.

"Chen Hao was injured. Three martial arts experts came out of nowhere and said that they wanted to kill Chen Hao. I don't know who they were too," said Zhen Mei to her father, Zhen Yunhai.

"What? What kind of ridiculous nonsense this is! How dare they attack and injure our family savior at Zhen Mansion? I must find

out who's behind all of this!" Zhen Yunhai bellowed when he heard it. He was very surprised and shocked by the news.

However, what concerned them the most now was Chen Hao's injury. Zhen Mei had been very worried about him since the incident. She only hoped that he would be fine.

"Where is Chen Hao? How is he now?" Zhen Yunhai asked Zhen Mei again.

"Chen Hao's master is treating him now!" Zhen Mei replied.

As she said it, she pulled her father to a side, slightly away from the room.

"What's the matter, Zhen Mei? Why are you being so secretive?" Zhen Yunhai stared at Zhen Mei curiously and asked.

"Father, did you know that Chen Hao's master is a very powerful martial arts expert with incredible abilities? Earlier, I saw him single-handedly kill those three people with a single slash of his sword. Those people died within seconds!" Zhen Mei told her father while looking at him in utter shock. She was still pretty startled by

the scene she saw earlier whenever she thought about it.

“Oh, and I thought it was about something else. Don’t you realize how incredible Chen Hao is? What makes you think his master’s ability will be weaker than his?” Zhen Yunhai replied calmly. He was not so surprised by Zhen Mei’s discovery.

In fact, Zhen Yunhai was aware of it from the beginning. He could feel that Chen Hao’s master, Xu Mi, was not an ordinary person. Xu Mi did not want to make a move, but once he decided to act, it would definitely give everyone a shock of a lifetime.

“Father, should I ask Chen Hao’s master to take me in as his disciple? What do you think about it?” Zhen Mei suggested her idea to Zhen Yunhai.

“Zhen Mei, you mustn’t say such nonsense! You must know that certain things are not as easy as it seems. Besides, he is Chen Hao’s master after all, he can’t be your master at the same time!” Zhen Yunhai reprimanded Zhen Mei as soon as he heard it.

Chapter 864 A Silk Pouch

Zhen Mei fell silent immediately. Of course, she knew that Xu Mi would never take her in as his disciple, so she was just thinking about it without putting much hope on the matter.

While the father and daughter were busy talking to each other, Xu Mi opened the door and walked out of the room.



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Zhen Yunhai and Zhen Mei strode across quickly to Xu Mi.

“Master, how’s Chen Hao?” Zhen Yunhai asked Xu Mi concernedly.

“He’s fine at the moment, but he needs to have a rest and recuperate for several days. I need you guys to help me take good care of him. I have something to do and need to be away for a while!” Xu Mi told both Zhen Yunhai and Zhen Mei before he leaped out of the house directly through the rooftop.

Zhen Yunhai and Zhen Mei did not know what exactly Xu Mi had to do. However, they knew one thing—Xu Mi must be out to avenge Chen Hao.

Later on, Zhen Yunhai and Zhen Mei pushed the door open and entered the room hurriedly before sitting down on the edge of Chen Hao’s bed to check on him.

Chen Hao lay quietly on the bed, looking very pale and weak. Since he had suffered a serious internal injury, nothing else could be done. Fortunately, Xu Mi had restored Chen Hao’s disrupted Qi flow in his body back to normal again; all he needed to do

was to rest quietly for a few days.

Meanwhile, Wu Qi was sitting in the Wu Mansion, waiting anxiously for the return of Qiu Ling and the other two elderly men.

“It’s not good, something bad has happened, Master!” Suddenly, the Wu Family’s butler dashed into the house hastily. He looked very panicked and worried.

“What happened? What’s with all the panic and rush? Look at how disheveled you are right now!” Wu Qi questioned his butler sullenly while frowning and glaring at him.

“Master, Elder Qiu... Elder Qiu and his men are dead!” The butler informed Wu Qi immediately in a trembling voice.

“What?” Wu Qi was in utter shock when he heard of the news. It really caught him by surprise. He could not believe such powerful cultivators like Qiu Ling and his men were no match for Chen Hao too, and therefore, he panicked all at once.

“Are you sure?” Wu Qi asked again in disbelief.

“Master, I saw it with my own eyes! They were killed in a single slash within seconds!” said the butler fearfully. The scene he saw earlier still sent shivers down his spine when he thought about it now.

Wu Qi was horrified by his butler’s words. *If that really is the case, everything will be exposed!*

Boom!

Suddenly, a loud noise pierced through the silent night as the main door of the Wu Mansion was flung open into the house.

Luckily, Wu Qi and his butler were able to avoid the door just in time. Otherwise, they would have become corpses that were crushed to death by the giant door. Still, it was a matter of time before they would die eventually.

Before Wu Qi and his butler could react, a dark shadow appeared suddenly in front of the duo. Their bulging eyes stared at the dark shadow. Before they could say anything, a thin bloody scar appeared on the throats of the duo. Following that, Wu Qi and his butler fell to the ground and lay

dead in a pool of blood.

After killing the duo, the dark shadow leaped up into the air and left Wu Mansion immediately.

By the time the other members of the Wu Family rushed to the scene, the dark shadow had already disappeared without a trace. What was left were the corpses of Wu Qi and the butler in a bloodbath. It immediately caused a commotion in the entire Wu Family.

Even Wu Qi's wife fainted when she saw her husband's body.

Within a single night, the entire Wu Family plunged into a chaotic and disorganized mess.

The next day, Chen Hao woke up to find Xu Mi sitting on the edge of his bed, his eyes closed and resting quietly. Chen Hao opened his eyes to get up, but a sharp pain crept through his body. The pain prevented him from rising and sitting up on the bed.

Suddenly, Xu Mi opened his eyes. "Chen Hao, you're awake!" He greeted Chen Hao with a joyous smile when he saw the latter

waking up.

“Master, I...”

“Don’t worry, you’re going to be fine. You just had a little internal injury. You’ll be fine after resting for a period of time!” Chen Hao, who yet to finish his sentence, was suddenly interrupted by Xu Mi. Chen Hao remained silent again when he heard Xu Mi’s words.

Knock! Knock! Knock! At the same time, there was a knock on the door. Xu Mi walked to the door and opened it. Zhen Mei brought breakfast into the room and put it on the table.

“Are you awake, Chen Hao? How do you feel? Do you feel any discomfort?” Seeing that he was awake, Zhen Mei asked him with a concerned look on her face.

Chen Hao shook his head and smiled faintly as he replied in a weak voice, “I’m fine, just need to rest for a period of time.”

By then, Xu Mi had already left the room, allowing some privacy to Chen Hao and Zhen Mei.

Zhen Mei relayed the news to Chen Hao when she saw that Xu Mi had left. "Chen Hao, I have good news for you. The Head of the Wu Family was killed in his own Wu Mansion last night."

Chen Hao was slightly shocked by the news too. He did not expect that to happen so suddenly.

"Moreover, your master left the house alone last night. No one knows where he went, so..." Zhen Mei continued while gazing at Chen Hao. She seemed as if she was suspicious of something.

"Do you think that it was my master who did it?" Chen Hao asked, staring at Zhen Mei.

"I went to see Wu Quan's body this morning. The fatal wound on his body looked exactly like the ones on the three old men who were killed by your master. All of them were killed with a single fatal slash of sword!" Zhen Mei explained.

Chen Hao was lost in thoughts when he heard Zhen Mei's words. *If what Zhen Mei said was true, it was most probably my master's doing. He did it to avenge me.*

“Chen Hao, don’t think too much about it. I don’t think the Wu Family knows that it was your master who did it. Besides, you were attacked last night as well, so I’m sure those people from the Wu Family wouldn’t accuse you of killing Wu Qi.” Zhen Mei reminded Chen Hao as she continued to look at him.

Last night’s incident was a double whammy for the Wu Family. Thus, they would not do anything rash for the time being.

Later on, Zhou Nuo and the others entered Chen Hao’s room.

“Chen Hao, how are you feeling?” Zhou Nuo asked concernedly while sitting on the edge of Chen Hao’s bed. Upon seeing Chen Hao passed out yesterday, Zhou Nuo was frightened out of her wits. She thought that something bad would happen to him.

“I’m feeling much better. I’m okay now!” Chen Hao replied with a grin.

“Chen Hao, we’ll get some good rest for the next few days before continuing our journey when you recover!” Lei Lie, who

stood beside the bed, suggested to Chen Hao.

Since Chen Hao was injured now, it would not be possible for them to continue their journey so soon. Hence, they needed to wait until Chen Hao got better.

“Alright. By the way, where’s my master?” Chen Hao nodded in agreement to Lei Lie’s suggestion. He then asked Zhou Nuo and the others about Xu Mi when he thought of him.

“He left. He told us to take good care of you. You don’t have to worry about the other matters; he has taken care of them for you. Besides, it’s a tragic and chaotic mess over at the Wu Family now, and they will be doomed in no time!” Lei Lie informed Chen Hao immediately about everything.

Chen Hao was relieved after hearing Lei Lie’s words. However, he felt rather disappointed when he thought of how badly he had been attacked and injured yesterday. It seemed like he was still not strong enough.

Chapter 865 Avenging My Disciple



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Chapter 866 Guidance

“Chen Hao, just get some rest for the next few days and leave the rest to us!” Zhou Nuo instructed once more. Chen Hao couldn’t do anything but obey and lay back down to recuperate.

A few days later, Zhen Mei’s sister, Zhen Ji went knocking on Chen Hao’s door early in the morning. “Chen Hao? Chen Hao, are you there?” Even after waiting for a long time, there was no response from inside the room. Zhen Ji became confused and went straight inside, only to find the room empty.

“Where could that guy have gone? Did he leave already?” Zhen Ji said, puzzled.

After pondering for a bit, she walked briskly outside and headed to the garden. Sure enough, Chen Hao and Quan Lie were both sitting on a stone bench, their eyes closed with seemingly serene expressions on their faces.

Upon seeing this, Zhen Ji couldn’t help but roll her eyes.

No wonder his room had been empty—the man had run off to train with Quan Lie. After a moment, Zhen Ji walked up to

Chen Hao and called his name softly.

Upon hearing his name, Chen Hao's eyes snapped open and he smiled at Zhen Ji when he noticed her. "Miss Zhen! Training this early in the morning too?" he asked.

Zhen Ji snuck a glance at Quan Lie and breathed a sigh of relief when he didn't seem to react emotionally or physically. She knew that Quan Lie wasn't someone she should mess with, and she'd been worried that he'd be displeased when she came looking for Chen Hao.

Quan Lie also seemed to sense her gaze, and immediately opened his eyes before leaping off the bench and leaving the garden tactfully.

Chen Hao felt warm inside upon seeing this, knowing that Quan Lie knew him well enough to leave them undisturbed. Zhen Ji was pleased as well.

"Why are you up this early, Chen Hao?" Zhen Ji asked curiously after Quan Lie had left.

"I wake up early every day. Old habits die hard," Chen Hao explained succinctly.

He had developed this habit from a young age because it improved his health and martial arts skills immensely.

“Come on, let me take you to a place!” Zhen Ji suggested to Chen Hao. Before he could react, Zhen Ji took his hand and dragged him outside.

Chen Hao couldn’t do anything but let himself be dragged.

Before long, Zhen Ji had taken him to a steamed bun stall. “Come, I’ll treat you to breakfast. The steamed buns here are so good, and I come here every day!” Zhen Ji sat Chen Hao down and hollered to the waiter, “Waiter, get me three servings of steamed buns!”

“Got it. One moment, and I’ll get them to you!” The waiter seemed to know Zhen Ji, so he didn’t dare dawdle. Less than a minute later, three servings of steaming hot buns were placed in front of Zhen Ji and Chen Hao.

“Come on, eat up!” Zhen Ji pushed one serving toward Chen Hao before she started gorging on her own share. Truth to be told, her appetite was massively large

as she finished two servings of steamed buns while Chen Hao had just one.

“Ahem... You have quite the appetite, Miss Zhen,” Chen Hao said bluntly, scratching his head in surprise.

Zhen Ji looked up at him with an arrogant expression as she cocked her head to the side and asked, “Yeah, I was born with it. Do you have a problem with that?” Chen Hao hastily shook his head in reply, for fear that Zhen Ji would flip a table if he offended her.

After breakfast, the two of them headed for the Blood Dragon City training arena.

Every city had such an arena built for martial arts practitioners to spar and compete, with different competitions being hosted throughout the year.

By the time Chen Hao and Zhen Ji got there, the place was already packed with people in the middle of training.

All of them put on respectful expressions and made way for her when Zhen Ji arrived. It seemed that her reputation still preceded her in Blood Dragon City.

Chapter 866 Guidance

The strong will always be respected more than any other, ladies included.

Zhen Ji quickly found a secluded spot and took Chen Hao there before suggesting, “Chen Hao, I want to spar with you!”

“Alright!” Chen Hao agreed without hesitation. He’d promised to teach her a thing or two. After all, continuous sparring was the only way to guarantee swift progress.

With that, the two of them got into a sparring position.

“Are you ready?” Zhen Ji asked Chen Hao.

“Bring it on! I’m ready!” Chen Hao nodded at Zhen Ji, who then took off and charged towards him. She was quite fast, reaching Chen Hao in no time and threw a punch.

As usual, Zhen Ji used the same few attacks.

Thus, Chen Hao easily defeated her by sidestepping the attack. He then grabbed her arm and pulled her to the ground.

The sharp tug caused Zhen Ji to lose her

balance, and she would have actually hit the ground if Chen Hao hadn't caught her in time and saved her from embarrassment.

Upon seeing this, everyone around them had a shocked expression on their faces.

Zhen Ji's skills were no secret to the citizens.

Furthermore, she has had her fair share of sparring in this arena, to the point where no one dared challenge her. Since then, she had no equals to spar with.

Now that she was swiftly defeated by a young man, it was natural for everyone to be shocked.

"Again!" Of course, Zhen Ji wouldn't give up so easily, so she asked for a rematch immediately after steadying herself. She felt that she wasn't weak enough to be defeated by Chen Hao in a single move.

"Hold up, Miss Zhen!" Chen Hao stopped her.

"What is it?" Zhen Ji turned around to look at him, confused.

Chapter 866 Guidance

“I think you need to change the way you attack. If you continue to use the same old tricks, I’ll be able to beat you using one move no matter how many times you come at me!” Chen Hao explained her weaknesses, hoping she’d make a change.

“What’s wrong with my technique?” Zhen Ji asked, still puzzled. She’d always used this same attack and found no issue with it, so why was he saying that?



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In actuality, that wasn't the case. While Zhen Ji's method of attack was powerful, the weaknesses that it exposed were far too obvious. It would easily be taken advantage of by others.

This was also the reason why Chen Hao was able to defeat Zhen Ji so effortlessly.

There was no denying that any other person stronger than Zhen Ji would also have been able to defeat her without much effort.

Prior to this, Zhen Ji had always come across opponents weaker than her. They were completely incapable of seeing through Zhen Ji's own weakness, and that was how she had managed to defeat them with ease.

However, this wouldn't work on Chen Hao. Chen Hao had been personally trained by Quan Lie, who had unique, distinctive views and analyses when it came to martial arts offenses or moves.

"Zhen Ji, what I said was true. Think about it carefully—there is actually a huge flaw in your method of offense. You focus on attacking without protecting your

weaknesses. That was how I seized upon your shortcomings and defeated you in an instant!” Chen Hao explained to Zhen Ji with a serious expression on his face.

Zhen Ji did not become angry after listening to his words. On the contrary, she thought that Chen Hao’s explanation was very reasonable.

As she thought carefully, she realized that she had really exposed a big flaw during her fights. It seemed like the thought of it had never crossed her mind before.

“I get it now, Chen Hao. Thank you for your reminder and guidance!” After a brief pause, Zhen Ji conveyed her gratitude towards Chen Hao.

To Zhen Ji, this was a huge help. No wonder she had been so average all these years and never showed improvement during her martial arts journey; she had been limited by a single offensive method.

As long as she broke free from that particular method of attack, her own strength and martial arts prowess would improve.

Listening to a wise man's words is more enlightening than studying for ten years.
That was what came to Zhen Ji's mind at the moment.

Even so, old habits die hard, especially when the said habit was a method of offense. Trying to change it would require an immense amount of effort and time.

After that, Zhen Ji continued to spar with Chen Hao.

This time, Zhen Ji took Chen Hao's advice and changed the way she attacked her opponent.

Although Zhen Ji was a little unused to this change, it didn't make her lose to Chen Hao as quickly; she had even managed to survive a few strikes.

The two finally stopped and sat down to rest after more than two hours of sparring.

Both of them were already drenched in sweat.

"Chen Hao, I really am thankful for today. If you hadn't pointed my mistakes out and given me guidance, I wouldn't have

improved so quickly!”

Zhen Ji continued to thank Chen Hao from her seat. Her gratitude stemmed from the bottom of her heart.

After training with Chen Hao, it was clear that Zhen Ji’s technique had a vast improvement. However, there was still a large chasm between Chen Hao’s skills and her own.

Right at that moment, Zhou Nuo and Lei Lie rushed into the arena from outside.

“Chen Hao, something bad has happened!” Zhou Nuo’s had a panicked expression on her face as she shouted at Chen Hao.

Chen Hao was startled. He gently frowned and stared at Zhou Nuo. “What happened? Why are you two so tense?” he asked.

“Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng have been taken away by the Blazing Anser Hall’s underlings. We engaged in combat with them, but there were far too many; that’s why we couldn’t save those two!” Zhou Nuo explained the situation.

“What!”

Upon hearing that, Chen Hao instantly roared in fury. How dare they go after his own friends? It seemed like the Blazing Anser Hall was far too arrogant and obnoxious.

“Come, let us go to the Blazing Anser Hall!” Chen Hao suggested after a short pause.

With that, Chen Hao was about to leave with Zhou Nuo and Lei Lie. He had to save Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng.

“Chen Hao, wait!” Zhen Ji stopped him in his tracks.

“Miss Zhen Ji, is there still anything else? My friends have been captured by the Blazing Anser Hall. I have to save them immediately!” Chen Hao stared at her, slightly bewildered.

“Chen Hao, don’t panic. Hear me out first; the Blazing Anser Hall people aren’t easy opponents. Their Master’s strength is at the Third Tier of the True God stage. If we go there, it’ll be no different than walking into our own deaths!” Zhen Ji told Chen Hao in all sincerity.

A cultivator who had attained the Third

Tier of the True God stage was far stronger than any of them. Apart from Chen Hao, who had already entered the True God stage, the rest of them only had the strength of an Immortal.

That was why Zhen Ji didn't want the three of them to sign their own death warrants.

"Even so, I will save them!" Chen Hao couldn't care less. No matter how formidable the master was, he wanted to rescue Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng.

Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng had voluntarily agreed to follow him on his adventure, and now they had met with such an incident. If Chen Hao left them to fend for themselves, that would be too heartless of him.

"How about this? Let me get someone to investigate the situation first. After that, we'll think of a way to save them," Zhen Ji said to Chen Hao.

Upon hearing her words, Chen Hao paused for a moment before nodding his head slightly to indicate his agreement.

After all, Zhen Ji wasn't wrong. They

should assess the overall situation first before devising a rescue plan. If they rushed in headfirst, they would certainly be in trouble.

Since the Blazing Anser Hall had captured those two, it showed that they had already anticipated for Chen Hao and the others to come and save their friends.

With that, Zhen Ji stepped out for a moment. She sent someone to gather information at Blazing Anser Hall.

At that moment, Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng were tied up in an adjacent hall inside the Blazing Anser Hall at Blood Dragon City.

The master of the hall, Lie Hu, looked patronizingly at Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng with a dark expression on his face. Cui Xu, on the other hand, stood by the side with the two prisoners.

“Master, these two are his companions. Now that we have captured them, I am sure that fellow will come and rescue them both. We can then assure our victory.” Cui Xu’s mouth curled up into a malevolent smile as he addressed Lie Hu.

“Hmph!” Lie Hu scoffed in disdain.

“Those who dare to kill the people under the Blazing Anser Hall must die. Lock them up in the dungeons and put them under heavy guard. Relay my orders; everyone must be on their guard in order to prepare for when that whelp comes to play savior. This time, we will ensure that they won’t leave this place!” Lie Hu ordered sternly.

As soon as he barked out his orders, Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng were dragged out and immediately thrown into Blazing Anser Hall’s underground dungeon.

“Buddy, it looks like we’re done for this time!”

Lin Zilan sighed helplessly at Gao Zicheng inside the dungeon.

“Don’t panic. I’m sure that Chen Hao will come and save us. He won’t let us die like this!” Gao Zicheng comforted Lin Zilan.

Gao Zicheng still had a large amount of trust in Chen Hao, and firmly believed that he would come and save them; Chen Hao would certainly not leave them alone.

Chapter 867 Sudden Incident

Indeed, Chen Hao and the other three had already arrived discreetly at a restaurant not far from the Blazing Anser Hall. They sat by the window, discussing their plans while looking at the building.

“I’ve gotten someone to investigate. Your two friends are currently locked in the dungeons located behind the Blazing Anser Hall. If we want to rescue them, we must go through the main hall!” Zhen Ji broke down the situation for Chen Hao and the others.



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“How are we going to save them? It seems like the Blazing Anser Hall is heavily guarded. Look, there are followers everywhere keeping guard, and someone would patrol the area every now and then. If we rush into the building just like that, we will surely be discovered.” Lei Lie observed and relayed the situation at the Blazing Anser Hall to Chen Hao.

Chen Hao and the other three agreed with Lei Lie’s analysis.

As what Lei Lie had said, the Blazing Anser Hall was kept under watchful guard.

It seemed like they were prepared to curb any chances of rescuing Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng, and were now simply waiting for Chen Hao and his friends to take the bait.

“Miss Zhen, do you have any brilliant ideas?” Chen Hao asked Zhen Ji, who was standing beside him. He wanted to listen to Zhen Ji’s opinion.

Right as Chen Hao asked for her opinion, Zhen Ji sunk into deep thought. She knew very well that in their current position, it would be very difficult to stage a rescue operation.

“Unless we can successfully divert some of the followers’ attention, there’s no way we can make our way into the Blazing Anser Hall territory, let alone save those two,” Zhen Ji said to Chen Hao after contemplating carefully.

“You’re right, I share the same sentiments as well; going in headfirst to rescue them will not work. The only way is to divert their attention. That way, we’ll be able to sneak over that wall and save Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng,” Chen Hao said solemnly to his audience.

“Chen Hao, tell us what we should do. We’ll listen to you and follow whatever you say,” Lei Lie said to Chen Hao with a determined expression.

“That’s right, Chen Hao. Just give us the order,” Zhou Nuo said to Chen Hao after Lei Lie had spoken.

“Alright, then we shall split into teams accordingly. Zhou Nuo, Lei Lie, you two will follow me and climb over the wall. I’ll rescue Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng, while you two will be in charge of covering me. Miss Zhen, you will have to be the one to help divert the attention of the Blazing

Anser Hall followers.” After he had given Lei Lie and Zhou Nuo their instructions, he addressed Zhen Ji next.

“Alright, no problem! Just watch me!”
Having no other objections, Zhen Ji immediately agreed.

“Wait for my signal. The moment I give it, we will immediately get into action. Once we’re done, we’ll all rendezvous in the forest just outside of Blood Dragon City,” Zhen Ji looked at Chen Hao as she said this.

Chen Hao gave a slight nod after he had finished listening. The success of this rescue mission rested upon them.

After that, Zhen Ji retreated towards the back. She was going to sow discord and chaos among the people of the Blazing Anser Hall in an effort to distract them.

On the other hand, Chen Hao brought Lei Lie and Zhou Nuo quietly to the base of the wall. Fortunately, this wall was rather tall. It was practically impossible for them to be discovered, concealing the three of them and giving them great cover.

After they arrived at the base of the wall, Chen Hao and the other two looked toward Zhen Ji's position; she wasn't too far away from them. They quietly waited for Zhen Ji to give them the signal.

Whoosh!

The very next second, they heard the sound of fire roaring to life, seemingly flaring towards the sky. Fire rushed straight towards the inside of the Blazing Anser Hall followers' territory, setting fire to the building from inside.

This instantly made the Blazing Anser Hall followers inside panic as they scuttled around to put out the fire.

Having seen this, Chen Hao and the other two knew that Zhen Ji had given her signal. The three of them immediately sprang into action.

After they got the signal, Chen Hao led Lei Lie and Zhou Nuo as they climbed up the wall.

Once they reached the top of the wall, the three of them surveyed their surroundings from above. They realized that even the

followers who were in charge of standing guard had also been drawn toward Zhen Ji's chaos.

The three of them quickly made their way through the main hall and arrived at the dungeons in the back. After ensuring that they hadn't been discovered by poking his head out from the dungeon entrance to glance at the two Blazing Anser Hall guards, Chen Hao then carefully pulled out his Star Abyss Sword.

The next moment, Chen Hao shot forward like an arrow and swung his sword with all his might, cleanly slicing off the neck of one of the followers in one strike.

Blood sprayed everywhere in an instant. The Blazing Anser Hall follower had been dealt with in one clean move.

The other Blazing Anser Hall follower finally registered what had happened. He immediately moved his own longsword and brought it down towards Chen Hao's head.

Luckily, Chen Hao's reflexes were quick. With a sidestep, he evaded the longsword. He raised his leg and sent the longsword

flying with a kick. Chen Hao then dashed again, planting a kick right into the other follower's belly.

The follower immediately bent over in pain.

Seeing this, Chen Hao followed up with a punch to the other's head, finishing him off in an instant.

In just a short span of time, Chen Hao had quickly dispatched two Blazing Anser Hall followers. His speed and actions were quick and efficient; he hadn't given them the slightest chance to react and retaliate at all.

Chen Hao's skills were formidable; the Blazing Anser Hall followers were practically unable to keep up. Had it been someone else, they might not even get a chance at scratching the two followers.

After he had finished off the two Blazing Anser Hall followers, Chen Hao raised his sword and brought it down upon the chains on the cell.

Clank!

The clear sound of metal breaking rent the air as the chains fell apart, having been sliced by the Star Abyss Sword.

The Star Abyss Sword was so incredibly sharp and sturdy that it could even slice apart metal chains.

After the chains broke, Chen Hao pulled the cell door open and walked in to see Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng.

However, Lie Hu came storming over in fury from the adjacent hall with some followers at that moment. He walked towards the dungeons and glanced in its direction. It was only then he realized that Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng had vanished.

Lie Hu's gaze darted around his surroundings, and he immediately discovered Chen Hao and the others, who were in the midst of climbing up the wall.

"Huh? That twerp has come to save his comrades. Quick! After them!" Lie Hu suddenly raised his head and let out a roar, barking out orders toward his subordinates furiously.

As soon as he yelled at them, Lie Hu and

his followers charged towards Chen Hao and his friends.

By then, Chen Hao had already sent Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng over the wall. Zhou Nuo and Lei Lie were outside, helping Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng over.

“Zhou Nuo, Lei Lie, take the two of them and go first. I’ll distract these guys!” Chen Hao instructed Lei Lie and Zhou Nuo.

“Chen Hao...”

“Stop wasting your breath. Go, otherwise none of us will be able to escape!” Zhou Nuo seemed to have something to say, so Chen Hao immediately ordered her in a stern voice.

Upon hearing Chen Hao’s order, Lei Lie and Zhou Nuo had no other choice but to do as he said. The two of them grabbed Lin Zilan and Gao Zicheng before leaving at top speed.

Chen Hao, however, ran in another direction after he had climbed over the wall. He must draw the Blazing Anser Hall followers away.

Chapter 868 Emergency Rescue

At that moment, Lie Hu and the rest were already chasing after him. They immediately discovered Chen Hao, who was running in one specific direction.



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