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Chapter 191: Killing Move

"Hehehehe... what high-sounding sentiments. You're only at the second level of the Supreme Realm, but you still dare to be so arrogant. Do you really think there's no capable people in the Great Zhou?"

Lu Xiaoran:"..."

Why was this guy so talkative?

"I'll ask again. Who are you? Why ...?"

This time, before the other party could finish speaking, Lu Xiaoran directly flew up and kicked his chest.

An invincible strength erupted, causing a crisp crack to sound from the other party's chest.

Immediately after, Lu Xiaoran stepped on the Great Zhou's Grand Elder. The other party was kicked fiercely towards the ground like a meteor.

Boom!

The Grand Elder directly pierced through the mountain where he lived and shattered the entire mountain like a cannonball.

When he fell to the ground, it trembled and cracked. The ground within five kilometers was directly pressed down more than 200 meters by this powerful impact!

The density of the rocks underground had become even harder than steel!

Pfft.

The Grand Elder directly spat out a mouthful of blood. Before the blood could splash onto Lu Xiaoran, it was directly forced back to his throat by the astral aura on Lu Xiaoran's fist.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

One punch!

Two punches!

Three punches!

...

After more than ten consecutive punches, the Grand Elder had lost all his teeth. His entire sea of consciousness was in a mess and he was dizzy.

After more than ten punches, Lu Xiaoran raised the Grand Elder's neck with one hand, removed his bamboo hat, and opened the Trinity True Eyes to meet the other party's eyes.

The Grand Elder, who had already been beaten senseless by Lu Xiaoran, immediately felt a huge mental strength invade his sea of consciousness. His body suddenly trembled.

A moment later, his eyes became somewhat scattered, and the saliva at the corner of his mouth mixed with blood flowed down uncontrollably.

His body was already completely limp, as if he was drenched in sweat after a busy cultivation and did not have any strength at all.

"Sorry, Senior Lu, I was wrong."

When he muttered this, Lu Xiaoran slapped him in the face.

"I told you to get lost, but you didn't. You just had to force me to attack. Are you happy now?"

"Yes!"

"If you're happy, get lost and return to your Imperial City. Don't let those idle elders find trouble for me."

"Yes!"

After he finished answering, Lu Xiaoran threw him to the ground and used the Heaven-Breaking Shuttle to rush towards the Heaven Cloud Mountain.

The Grand Elder's expression was extremely gloomy.

"Ji Shangrong, how dare you! You actually dare to violate the ancestral rules of our Great Zhou and even hurt your own kin! I think your bloodline has stayed on the throne for too long."

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On the other side, on the Heaven Cloud Mountain, Fang Aotian was finally about to die.

He originally thought that by detonating a Martial Monarch Realm weapon, he could kill one of the trio and escape.

In the end, he did not expect Fang Tianyuan to end up increasing his strength!

Now, he had failed.

With the enhancement of the array formation, Fang Tianyuan's attack power was already comparable to his.

The effect of his medicinal pill had also been gradually decreasing. Now, it had completely disappeared!

Now, as long as the other party attacked him again, he would be completely finished.

Hah! Hah!

Fang Aotian panted heavily. Then, he placed his gaze on Yun Lige and Zhuge Ziqiong below.

The cultivation of these two people was very low. Why not take these two hostage first and escape? After his cultivation became stronger, he could make a comeback.

Thinking of this, he gritted his teeth and threw out five Saint Realm weapons. They directly exploded in midair.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Although the might of a Saint Realm weapon was inferior to a Martial Monarch Realm weapon, there were still advantages in numbers.

The five Saint Realm weapons exploded at the same time, isolating Fang Tianyuan and the other two.

Immediately after, Fang Aotian turned around and rushed to the ground.

Yun Lige had long expected this move. With a flick of his spear, the Primordial Chaos Emperor Scripture circulated crazily.

He raised his hand and shot towards Fang Aotian.

"A Creation Realm trash dares to attack me! How laughable!"

Fang Aotian urged and directly punched Yun Lige, not caring at all.

In fact, his punch was not unexpected. With lightning speed, it instantly shattered Yun Lige's spear beam.

It was even to the extent that the aftershock was still unstoppable. If nothing unexpected happened, Yun Lige and Zhuge Zigiong would most likely be severely injured.

At that time, he could seize the two of them and escape.

In the sky, Fang Tianyuan and the other two had already rushed out from the flames of the Saint Realm weapon explosion. Seeing this scene, their expressions could not help but change.

"This is bad!"

It was even to the extent that the expressions of Ling Xinyue and Zhuge Ziqiong, who were not far away, changed drastically.

Everyone felt that Fang Aotian would definitely succeed.

However, at this critical moment, the corner of Yun Lige's mouth suddenly curled up slightly.

Seeing this scene, Fang Aotian immediately could not help but frown.

He vaguely had a bad feeling, but he did not know what was going on.

Moreover, he had already arrived in front of Yun Lige. At this moment, it was unrealistic and not worth it to retreat.

Otherwise, wouldn't he have wasted five Saint Realm weapons for nothing?

Moreover, perhaps Yun Lige was bluffing?

He might not have any means at all.

Thinking of this, Fang Aotian's large hand had already spread out after the aftershock of his attack.

Unexpectedly, in the next second, Yun Lige took out a first-grade medicinal pill.

High-grade Saint Realm Explosion Thunder Pill.

The attack that this thing unleashed was comparable to a normal attack of a King Realm expert.

Although it was only a normal attack, he had many of them!

There were at least a few hundred of them here. All of them had been released by Yun Lige at once. One could imagine how powerful they were!

Fang Aotian already felt that something was wrong. However, if he still had a chance to escape when he was hesitating just now, at this moment, he really did not have a chance at all.

Just as his expression changed, Yun Lige threw all the medicinal pills onto him. Then, he pointed his middle finger.

"You'll die a horrible death!"

Just as he cursed, Fang Aotian was enveloped by a light.

The world was illuminated by light again. At this moment, countless powerful energies erupted.

Because the attack was already powerful and there was also strength in numbers, it directly caused the space to collapse.

Fang Aotian was directly implicated.

Yun Lige directly hugged his little junior sister and rolled into a valley at the side.

In the sky, Fang Tianyuan could not help but gasp.

"Hiss! Eldest Senior Brother is so terrifying."

Li Changsheng was puzzled.

"Where did Eldest Senior Brother get so many Exploding Thunder Pills from? These medicinal pills are not cheap!"

Ji Wuxia said faintly, "Where else could he have gotten it from? Of course he got them by sucking up to Master."

Li Changsheng:"..."

This did seem to be the case. Eldest Senior Brother was very good at bootlicking.

Fang Tianyuan did not know whether to laugh or cry.

"Don't say that. Eldest Senior Brother's talent is inferior to ours. After all, in the end, the one who dealt the key blow was him. Just based on this alone, he's not bad."

Ji Wuxia and Li Changsheng nodded.

Fang Tianyuan's words made sense.

Moreover, could it still be called bootlicking when it was between a master and his disciple? That was called filial piety.

At the same time, Zhuge Ziqiong, who was on the ground, also blinked her big eyes and said,

"Eldest Senior Brother, with your cultivation, you should be able to fly, right? Why are you rolling on the ground?"

"You don't understand. Master said that when the explosion happens, the airflow will spread to the air above. On the other hand, the ground is uneven and the airflow here is unstable, allowing us to avoid part of the impact of the explosion."

"But why do you need to hold me in your arms?"

"Master told me to protect you."

"Oh! But why haven't you let me go yet?"

"Ahem... I was afraid the shock wave would injure you."

Yun Lige immediately let go of his junior sister.

"Don't tell Master about this."

"Why?"

"This is only an insignificant matter. Protecting Junior Sister is my duty. I don't want to be praised by Master again. That will make me seem very vulgar."

Zhuge Ziqiong nodded, but she had already decided in her heart.

Senior Brother had saved her. How could she not tell Master of her senior brother's good deed?

Otherwise, wouldn't she be disappointing Eldest Senior Brother?

She had to tell their master. Perhaps he would even reward her senior brother with one or two Martial Monarch Realm weapons.

At this moment, the explosion space began to recover to its original state.

At this moment, as the space there distorted, Fang Aotian actually flashed out again.

"What!"

Everyone's expressions immediately changed.

At this moment, Fang Aotian had clearly been injured by the explosion. He no longer had an arm or a leg. His entire body was covered in charred scars. Even his hair had been burned away, turning him bald.

The aura on his body was also faintly discernible. Clearly, he was severely injured.

In fact, in the critical moment just now, Fang Aotian was really helpless. Therefore, at the critical moment, he hid in his Ancient Bronze Hall.

Even so, he was still injured by the explosion.

Fortunately, the Ancient Bronze Hall still protected him.

However, the Ancient Bronze Hall's protection was also not perfect. Because of the explosion, the space inside became too chaotic. Moreover, there were several Martial Monarch Realm formations set up by Lu Xiaoran that disturbed the power of time and space. This was to prevent the other party from using the power of time and space to escape.

Therefore, it was also impossible for the Ancient Bronze Hall to keep on protecting Fang Aotian. In the end, it still threw him out.

The moment they saw Fang Aotian, the few of them recovered from their shock and did not waste any time. They directly began to use their cultivation techniques in an attempt to completely send him off.

Their master had said that before defeating the enemy and burning their bones to ashes, they should not waste their breath!

Otherwise, a huge change would occur.

Among the three of them, Li Changsheng was naturally the first to bear the brunt.

His sword techniques had the strongest attack and the greatest chance of killing Fang Aotian!

A sword beam suddenly rose into the sky and then fell mercilessly with a destructive aura.

Fang Aotian could not help but reveal a despairing expression.

Was he really doomed this time?

Chapter 192: A Familiar Saber Beam, Shaking the World

He had been abandoned when he was young.

After experiencing countless hardships, he finally returned to the Ancient Ape Tribe and became the chief of the Ancient Ape Tribe step by step!

He had yet to establish his own empire.

He still had many beautiful women to enjoy.

If he died, what would happen to his women?

If he died, the Ancient Ape Tribe would fall into Fang Tianyuan's hands again, right?

It was even to the extent that his women might all end up in Fang Tianyuan's hands.

He was unwilling to accept this!

However, he was helpless.

The space here had already been disturbed and he was unable to summon the Ancient Bronze Hall for the time being.

At this moment, he did not even have the ability to resist.

However, at this moment, a saber beam suddenly flashed in his eyes.

The saber beam attacked from afar at a shocking speed. In his eyes, it became bigger and bigger.

In an instant, it caught up to Li Changsheng's sword beam.

Boom!

Without any hesitation, it directly severed Li Changsheng's sword beam on the spot in an almost crushing manner.

The saber beam did not lose its momentum and entered the opposite slope, directly cutting a small mountain in half.

"What!"

At this moment, be it Yun Lige or Ling Xinyue, their pupils constricted.

No one expected this situation.

Could this be what Lu Xiaoran had said? At the critical moment, the legendary hot shot would be saved from the crisis.

Among everyone, only Li Changsheng had a different reaction!

He was just as shocked as the others.

However, unlike the others who were only shocked, his body was also trembling. T

He felt shocked, but not much. Other than shock, he also felt excitement and fear.

"Looks like that little girl is right. You're quite lucky. After being crippled by me, you can actually rise again. Interesting."

Li Changsheng looked up, his face filled with excitement, killing intent, anger, and various other expressions.

"Li Liushui! We finally meet again!"

Ling Xinyue and Zhuge Ziqiong were puzzled and somewhat puzzled.

"Eldest Senior Brother, does this person know Fourth Senior Brother?"

Yun Lige's expression was complicated.

"If I'm not wrong, he should be Fourth Brother's old rival. Back then, Fourth Brother was suppressed by him time and time again and had never won. In the end, he was even beaten into a cripple. If not for meeting Master, Fourth Brother would probably still be begging in the Great Zhou Imperial City."

"I see."

Zhuge Ziqiong nodded.

Li Liushui's relationship with Li Changsheng should be equivalent to her relationship with her sister.

They were lifelong rivals.

Li Liushui only glanced at Li Changsheng indifferently.

"So what if we meet? Trash will always be trash. However, I didn't expect you to be able to defeat this Fang Aotian. Looks like you're a little stronger than before."

"However... unfortunately, in front of me, you're still trash!"

"You!"

Li Changsheng clenched his fists tightly, unable to control the killing intent in his body.

Fang Tianyuan immediately advised, "Junior Brother, don't be angry. You won't be rational if you're angry. At that time, you will be in real trouble."

Li Changsheng took a deep breath and his eyes became much calmer.

"You're right. I was too rash."

With that said, he looked at Li Liushui again and said with an indifferent expression,

"Li Liushui, since we've met again today, I will definitely return all the humiliation I suffered previously."

Li Liushui stood proudly in the clouds with his hands behind his back and glanced at him in disdain.

"Return the humiliation? You're not qualified."

Originally, I only came to find this Fang Aotian. However, since I've encountered you, I'll take this as an opportunity to stretch my muscles.

Otherwise, you might have forgotten the taste of being beaten. "

As soon as he finished speaking, Li Liushui raised his right hand high, and a nine foot long Martial Monarch Realm saber suddenly appeared in his right hand.

At the same time, a robotic voice sounded in his mind.

Ding! Detected that the host has used the famous Asura saber. The system has automatically generated a move, Asura World Destruction. The system is charging and is expected to complete the charge in two seconds. Host, please control the moment well and release it at the peak of your charge.

The moment this mechanical voice sounded, the long saber in Li Liushui's hand suddenly turned into a demonic blood red saber.

As soon as the blood-red color appeared, the world trembled. The entire sky was dyed red.

In the sky, the power of lightning exploded, as if it was warning Li Liushui of something.

However, Li Liushui did not care at all.

This was because the lightning power instantly disintegrated when it touched his saber beam.

After Li Changsheng and the others sensed the strength of this force, the hair on their bodies stood on end, and their hearts raced.

In particular, Li Changsheng clenched his fists and gritted his teeth as he stared fixedly at Li Liushui.

Was the other party already that powerful?

Even though only a few years had passed?

Wasn't this guy's improvement too great since the last time the two of them fought?

Although the cultivation he displayed at this moment was at the first level of the Emperor Realm, the aura and attack power he displayed was probably comparable to the peak of the Supreme Realm.

The other party was actually able to fight opponents two realms higher than him, just like Fang Aotian!

Indeed, part of the reason was that the other party was not standing in his master's array formation.

However, this still could not change the fact that the other party was able to surpass two realms.

Ling Xinyue's soul also felt endless fear.

The cultivation technique she cultivated was already the most evil cultivation technique in the Great Zhou!

It was an evil cultivation technique that had been passed down from generation to generation in the Demon Sect.

However, after seeing this Li Liushui today, she realized that her evil cultivation technique was simply trash.

Super trash!

How was this guy able to release such an evil power?

As she was deep in thought, Li Liushui had already slashed down.

Sensing the might of this saber, everyone's pupils could not help but shrink.

Fang Tianyuan did not dare to be careless at all and immediately shouted,

"Give me all the Martial Monarch Realm armor. Hurry!"

With a command, everyone quickly took off their Martial Monarch Realm armor and threw it to Fang Tianyuan.

There were a total of four layers of Martial Monarch Realm armor.

Fang Tianyuan's armor and Ling Xinyue's Martial Monarch Realm armor had already been destroyed.

After that, Fang Tianyuan immediately used the Indestructible Golden Body with all his strength.

Ji Wuxia gritted her teeth and said, "It's not enough. Third Junior Brother's cultivation is not enough to keep up. He can't control so many Martial Monarch Realm weapons and the Indestructible Golden Body is also not strong enough. Let's quickly transfer all of our spirit energy to him."

Li Changsheng and the others did not dare to delay. They immediately flew behind Fang Tianyuan and placed their palms on Fang Tianyuan's body. Even Ling Xinyue burned a portion of her soul power to help Fang Tianyuan.

Almost everyone present did not hesitate to send their spirit energy out.

After Fang Tianyuan received the enhancement of this strength, the Indestructible Golden Body and the giant phantom on his body also became more solid, appearing more corporeal.

Almost at the same time, Li Liushui's saber beam just happened to fall.

Boom!

The moment the blood-red light collided with Fang Tianyuan, it paused for a moment. Then, immediately after, with an unstoppable force, it broke through Fang Tianyuan's first Martial Monarch Realm armor, followed by the second, third, fourth... In the end, with a shocking explosion, Fang Tianyuan and the others completely collapsed and were directly blasted into the ground.

The strength of a Martial Monarch Realm weapon lay in the user.

Fang Tianyuan's cultivation was insufficient and he was only at the Shattering Void Realm. He was unable to unleash the true strength of the Martial Monarch Realm weapon.

As for Li Liushui, be it in terms of cultivation, techniques, or attack power, he completely suppressed Fang Tianyuan.

He was also using a Martial Monarch Realm weapon, so the strength he displayed was naturally so powerful that Fang Tianyuan was unable to withstand it.

In this situation, Fang Tianyuan's Martial Monarch Realm armor was destroyed and he was helpless.

The ground began to tremble again and again. A powerful energy shock wave swept through the entire Heaven Cloud Mountain.

Other than the mountain Lu Xiaoran was living in, which was engraved with a Martial Monarch Realm defensive formation, the other mountains all shattered like glass.

Even the other Martial Monarch Realm formations were not spared.

As for Fang Aotian, he originally thought that he would also be killed by this shock wave. He did not expect Li Liushui to actually save him.

"Thank you for saving me. May I ask if you know me?"

Li Liushui glanced at him and then returned to being cold.

"I don't know you. The reason why I came is because of a woman's request. As for why I saved you, she will naturally tell you when you meet her."

Fang Aotian's head could not help but reveal a puzzled expression.

Could it be one of his lovers?

However, was there such a powerful existence among his lovers? The other party could actually find such a powerful guy to save him.

At this moment, the commotion below gradually calmed.

Fang Aotian's expression turned cold.

"I'm currently heavily injured. I wonder if you can help me kill them? I'll definitely repay you heavily."

Li Liushui sneered.

"You think you can order me to serve you? Idiot!"

Fang Aotian's face twitched as he clenched his fists tightly, a chill flashing in his eyes.

However, he also knew that the other party was very powerful and was not someone he could deal with now. Therefore, he did not attack.

"In that case, I'll go down myself."

With that said, he immediately swallowed a bottle of holy pills and began to treat his injuries.

However, Li Liushui shook his head.

"Let me give you a piece of advice. Follow me immediately. If their master comes, I think the two of us won't be able to leave."

"They still have Master?"

Fang Aotian was immediately shocked.

"Otherwise? Why do you think they're so powerful? Why do they have so many Martial Monarch Realm weapons? Look at that small house down there. Their master will probably be here soon. Let's go. Don't really court death."

"House?"

Fang Aotian looked down and his pupils instantly constricted.

Chapter 193: Joining Forces

A small house was actually covered with Martial Monarch Realm defensive formations!

Moreover, Li Liushui's saber just now had almost destroyed these few mountains and the other Martial Monarch Realm formations. However, that small house was still intact.

How powerful was the person behind Fang Tianyuan?

Fang Aotian's eyes flickered twice before he finally chose to give up and follow after Li Liushui.

In any case, Fang Tianyuan would definitely not be able to withstand that move. After killing Fang Tianyuan, this huge threat, Fang Aotian felt that he would not lose out today.

On the ground, when the fluctuation dissipated, everyone immediately gathered together after recovering some blood essence and strength.

"Is everyone alright?"

Yun Lige shouted. Ji Wuxia and the others immediately replied,

"I'm fine."

"I can still take it."

Yun Lige heaved a sigh of relief and counted the people.

"One, two, three, four, five... No, where's Third Junior Brother?"

He exclaimed and immediately used his divine sense to search. Then, he flew towards the location he sensed.

"Junior... Junior Brother Fang."

"Senior Brother Fang, what's wrong?"

Li Changsheng and the others rushed over and saw Fang Tianyuan. Their hearts instantly pounded.

Fang Tianyuan's eyes had already dimmed. His chest had already been slashed open by a saber beam. It went from his shoulder to his abdomen, and even his heart had been slashed into two.

Li Liushui's saber was too powerful. It was already not something he could defend with his current strength.

"Junior Brother Fang died for us."

Ji Wuxia clenched her fists tightly, and her eyes were red. The killing intent in her eyes was corporeal.

"Fang Aotian, Li Liushui! I have to kill the two of them!"

The next moment, an unexpected change suddenly occurred in the sky. Space distorted as Lu Xiaoran's figure fell from the void.

Seeing Lu Xiaoran's figure in a coat and bamboo hat, Ling Xinyue's pupils immediately constricted.

It was him!

It was actually him!

At this moment, Ling Xinyue understood everything.

She had been used by Lu Xiaoran.

He was the one who guided her to deal with the Ancient Ape Tribe. He was also the one who deliberately pretended to be mistaken and treated her as his daughter. He also gave her medicinal pills and Martial Monarch Realm weapons so that she would consume Fang Aotian's strength!

At this moment, Ling Xinyue felt her heart collapse.

She, a dignified Demon Venerable, had actually been deceived so miserably!

Now, not only was she beaten until only her soul was left, but she had also called Lu Xiaoran 'Dad' so many times.

What was even more hateful was that until just now, she had been helping Lu Xiaoran. She even wanted things to remain this way and be his daughter for the rest of her life.

"Bastard! I'll kill you."

Ling Xinyue roared angrily, and her eyes widened. She transformed into a black light and rushed towards Lu Xiaoran.

Lu Xiaoran did not even look at her. With a snap of his fingers, he directly absorbed her soul into a Martial Monarch Realm weapon and temporarily suppressed it.

Then, he landed on the ground. Yun Lige and the others immediately leaned forward with red eyes.

"Master, Junior Brother Fang sacrificed himself for us."

"I know."

Lu Xiaoran nodded and then released the Body Modeling Mark, absorbing Fang Tianyuan's flesh and soul into the Body Modeling Mark and activating his Dharma treasure.

A moment later, a light flashed, and a new Fang Tianyuan appeared in front of everyone again.

Yun Lige:"..."

Ji Wuxia:"..."

Li Changsheng:"..."

Zhuge Zigiong:"..."

He was resurrected just like that?

Was this a joke?

They had almost cried just now and were even prepared to kneel and pay their respects to Fang Tianyuan.

Was their master's technique that abnormal? Was it impossible for them to die?

It was not strange for them to be shocked.

Although their master had also repaired Zhuge Ziqiong before, Zhuge Ziqiong was a zombie. Everyone thought that their master had used some special secret technique.

However, Fang Tianyuan was a living person!

A living, breathing person.

If their master could even bring a dead person back to life, how monstrous was their master's ability?

As for Zhuge Ziqiong, she did not know that she had only been left with a hand after being killed.

In fact, although Lu Xiaoran had a divine weapon like the Body Modeling Mark, he still could not repair Fang Tianyuan's soul in an instant. After all, the Body Modeling Mark only contained a drop of Fang Tianyuan's blood and a wisp of his soul essence. It would take a certain amount of time to completely fuse them.

Fortunately, Li Liushui's saber attack did not shatter Fang Tianyuan's body and his body and soul still existed.

At this moment, Lu Xiaoran used the Body Modeling Mark to absorb Fang Tianyuan's body and soul. After fusing, the repairing process went by quickly, allowing him to revive Fang Tianyuan in a few breaths.

"Master, I'm sorry. I was useless and let Fang Aotian escape."

Lu Xiaoran said with a calm expression,

"It's fine. Victory and defeat are common in war. Moreover, you guys did very well this time. You guys had basically killed Fang Aotian. However, another hot shot appeared in the end. With the two of them working together, it's normal for you guys to be unable to defeat him."

The hot shots were all hackers and experts. They had all kinds of powerful techniques at their fingertips. Moreover, the hot shots were extraordinary and could easily cause Fang Aotian and the others' attacks to miss, make their opponents' Martial Monarch Realm weapons shatter, and even break through in battle!

If Fang Tianyuan and the others really defeated the other party's two hot shots, Lu Xiaoran would feel that something was wrong!

"Then Master, what should we do next? Fang Aotian escaped this time. It won't be easy to kill him next time."

"There's nothing we can do about that. He's already gone. It's not like we can chase after them now. We should leave this place first to avoid anyone coming and exposing our identities."

"Yes!"

Then, Lu Xiaoran used the Heaven-Breaking Shuttle and waved his hand. He raised everyone onto the Heaven-Breaking Shuttle like an eagle grabbing a chick and left in the direction of the Imperial City.

He more or less understood that this matter today was definitely not a coincidence.

Since he had yet to go find Li Liushui, it was impossible for Li Liushui to know him. Even if the other party was suddenly reminded of Li Changsheng's existence, it would still be impossible for him to come here at such a coincidental time to save Fang Aotian.

The only explanation was that there was someone behind all of this.

As for who it was, Lu Xiaoran more or less knew.

Other than Lin Fei's mother, who else could it be?

Currently, among all his enemies, only Fairy Hongyu was the most likely and most qualified to be the person behind all of this.

First of all, since she even dared to create a hot shot, then her cultivation and intelligence were definitely not low. Finding other hot shots was nothing special to someone like her.

Secondly, she controlled the Acacia Faction.

That was the strongest intelligence-gathering sect in the Great Zhou.

Whoever obtained the information would obtain victory.

If she had information, she could easily predict the best time for Li Liushui to arrive.

It seemed that Lu Xiaoran now had to take the initiative to start fighting her.

"Nalan Hongyu, since you want to mess with me, I'll return the favor properly. Let's see if you have more tricks up your sleeve or if I'm stronger!"

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On the other side, Fang Aotian, who had left this place, followed Li Liushui and quickly arrived at a nearby... Acacia Faction.

When he saw the Acacia Faction, Fang Aotian was dumbfounded.

Although he was very lecherous and had a lot of women, he had never come to a sect like the Acacia Faction.

However, seeing Li Liushui enter, Fang Aotian had no choice but to enter.

He really wanted to see who the mastermind was.

This Acacia Faction fairy was different from the other Acacia Faction fairies. When the fairies saw the two of them arrive, they did not act frivolously. Instead, they respectfully welcomed the two of them upstairs.

When the two of them arrived upstairs, Fang Aotian finally saw Nalan Hongyu for the first time.

He was instantly shocked by this woman.

Mature, charming, sexy...

Fang Aotian felt that countless praises in this world were not excessive when used on this woman.

"Come, sit."

Nalan Hongyu welcomed the two of them to the seats opposite her.

After getting closer, Fang Aotian smelled a strange fragrance on Nalan Hongyu's body. It was so tempting that it made his heart race.

A pair of grand searchlights were located in a corner of the room. They reflected a dazzling white light that made him dizzy.

He swore that if he had not met Lu Xiaoran's disciples, he would have long gone up to hit on the other party.

However, at this moment, there was a strange aura everywhere. It was better for him to be careful.

Most importantly, this woman gave him a feeling that she was very dangerous and her cultivation was abnormally powerful.

If he was not careful, he might be killed by her.

After taking a deep breath, Fang Aotian said with a solemn expression,

"Tell me, who are you? Why did you save me?"

"Let me introduce myself. My name is Nalan Hongyu. As for why I saved you, it's because I want to work with you."

"Why should I work with you?"

"Because only by cooperating with me can you live and kill Lu Xiaoran. Lu Xiaoran is also the person behind Fang Tianyuan."

"Lu Xiaoran?"

Fang Aotian frowned and muttered, "Why should I believe you?"

"You have no choice but to believe me because if you don't listen to me, I guarantee that you will be found by Lu Xiaoran very quickly. His disciple is already dead, and he won't let the matter rest. As for the consequences of being found by him, I don't think I need to remind you, right?"

Fang Aotian pondered for a moment and recalled the Martial Monarch Realm formations and the Martial Monarch Realm weapons on Fang Aotian and the others. His heart could not help but palpitate.

"What does that have to do with me? Fang Tianyuan was killed by your underling, not me."

"Do you think you can escape like this? It doesn't matter what the truth is and whether you kill Fang Tianyuan or not, Lu Xiaoran will still kill you because your existence is a huge threat to him."

"Why?"

"Because you're a hot shot. You can also understand it as being someone with the potential to become a Martial Monarch Realm expert on the path of martial cultivation. As long as you're given enough time to

develop, your future will be limitless. After Lu Xiaoran took Fang Tianyuan in as his disciple, he has already become your enemy. Do you think he will sit idly by and watch you kill his disciple after advancing to the Martial Monarch Realm?"

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"What is a hot shot?"

Fang Aotian raised his doubts again.

Nalan Hongyu pursed her lips and smiled, crossing her long legs. The moment she raised her leg, Fang Aotian's eyes could not help but twitch.

This scene naturally did not escape Nalan Hongyu's eyes. However, she did not expose him.

"The so-called hot shots are people who have great luck. These people might have ordinary talent, low status, or tragic fate. However, they usually have extremely powerful luck accompanying them. Luck will change their fate.

For example, a hot shot can jump off a cliff and still survive. In fact, he might even be able to find treasures under the cliff. "

Fang Aotian's heart skipped a beat.

Wasn't this referring to him?

However, he did not jump off a cliff. Instead, he was thrown off a cliff and coincidentally hung on a tree branch. Then, he was lucky to survive and obtained the Ancient Bronze Hall. Only then did he rise to prominence.

Nalan Hongyu did not stop.

"Other than that, there are also those who rose up in defiance of the heavens because of their engagement being canceled, those who rose up in defiance of the heavens because of humiliation, those who were reborn as experts, those who made up for their regrets, and so on... In any case, they will become stronger in a way that ordinary people can't understand.

"When a hot shot casually encounters a street stall, he might find a hidden Martial Monarch Realm weapon. When a hot shot explores an ancient tomb, he will definitely obtain a Martial Monarch Realm inheritance. Just to list a few examples..."

The more Fang Aotian listened, the more shocked he became.

He did not expect the so-called hot shots to be so powerful. Moreover, he did not expect to also be a hot shot!

However, after taking a deep breath, Fang Aotian continued, "Since you said that I'm a hot shot, why should I work with you?

"I can completely leave the Great Zhou first and avoid Lu Xiaoran. I can increase my strength outside. When my cultivation increases to a certain level, I can return and kill Lu Xiaoran. Wouldn't this be a more reliable plan?"

"Hahahaha..."

Nalan Hongyu smiled gorgeously. Her bell-like laughter and the undulating lights made Fang Aotian dizzy.

After laughing for a moment, Nalan Hongyu finally slowly stopped. However, a trace of a smile still hung on her face.

"You're right. You're a hot shot after all. You have some brains. However, what I want to tell you is that although you're a hot shot, you're not the only hot shot in this world!"

"Moreover, there are also people like Lu Xiaoran who specialize in killing hot shots.

"If not for Lu Xiaoran, your cultivation would indeed have far surpassed ordinary people. There would be few people in the world who could compare to you in terms of cultivation.

"Unfortunately, with Lu Xiaoran around, the speed of your advancement will simply be unable to keep up with the speed of his killing.

"Only with my help can you surpass Lu Xiaoran in the shortest time possible."

Fang Aotian clenched his fists slightly. This woman was determined to rope him in.

"Then... why should I believe that you will help me? What if you're a spy sent by Lu Xiaoran? What if you want to use me to obtain treasures?"

"Regarding this, don't worry. Because Lu Xiaoran and I have an irreconcilable grudge. My son, Lin Fei, has just been killed by Lu Xiaoran. With this alone, I will never work with Lu Xiaoran."

Hearing this, Fang Aotian took a deep breath and finally believed Nalan Hongyu.

With such a grudge, there was no need for him to worry.

"Alright, in that case, I agree to ally with you."

"Alright! Chief Fang is indeed a straightforward person. Then from today onwards, the three of us will be partners."

Nalan Hongyu stood up and shook hands with Fang Aotian. Fang Aotian reached out and shook Nalan Hongyu's hand. At the moment of contact, a few words could not help but flash in his mind.

What a soft hand.

Fang Aotian could not help but tighten his grip.

However, what he did not expect was that the moment he let go, Nalan Ruyu's index finger actually scratched his palm lightly.

That feeling made Fang Aotian's heart suddenly beat violently.

Damn, this Nalan Hongyu was really a deadly demoness. No wonder she was able to open the most popular service-type sect in the entire Great Zhou, the Acacia Faction.

Unfortunately, she was already married and had a son. She was already someone else's wife and mother.

No, why did he feel that the temperature of his blood seemed to have increased faster?

A moment later, he immediately circulated his cultivation technique to suppress the somewhat restless blood in his body.

This scene naturally fell into Li Liushui's eyes. His eyes could not help but flash with disdain.

Was this trash even worthy of being called a hot shot?

This guy was just an idiot whose knees went weak when he saw a woman.

The heavens were really blind to let him be on the same level as such a despicable person.

As for Nalan Hongyu, she did not think so.

The hot shots came in all shapes and sizes. There were cold and handsome ones like Li Liushui, and there were also lustful ones like Fang Aotian.

It had to be said that in comparison, she actually preferred Fang Aotian, the type who had flings here and there.

Li Liushui was a relatively cold and arrogant man who only kept one or two women by his side. Moreover, he was a man who only knew how to cultivate and become stronger. He was a man who did not have any feelings at all. He was really too boring.

People like Fang Aotian were easy to seduce and even easier to manipulate.

Of course, Nalan Hongyu also knew very well that Li Liushui was someone that was more suitable to marry. After all, this was a world of experts. Cultivation was the prerequisite for all safety.

As for Fang Aotian, he was more suitable to play with. His moves were complete and one would not feel bored.

If she could obtain both of them, her safety would be guaranteed.

Speaking of which, it was not bad to be a female Venerable expert. After all, wouldn't gathering a bunch of hot shots as her playthings make her stronger?

"Alright, let's get to the point. We won't fight Lu Xiaoran for the time being. Let's do our best to increase your strength. The two of you have the ability to fight those at a higher level. Even if you increase your cultivation to the Supreme Realm, it will still be enough to kill Lu Xiaoran."

"It's definitely impossible for you guys to rely on getting treasures from street stalls. There are too many markets in the Great Zhou market, so it's impossible for you guys to go through the street stalls one by one.

"The auctions won't do either. There are so many auctions being held in the entire Great Zhou every day. It's also impossible for you guys to go through all of them."

"The best way is for you guys to enter the ancient tomb.

"I've already used the Acacia Faction's methods to investigate the locations of all the tombs in the Great Zhou above the King Realm. The two of you are both hot shots. You will definitely be able to obtain something after entering the ancient tomb. You will definitely be able to greatly increase your strength in the shortest period of time."

"Fairy Hongyu is indeed extraordinary. With this move, even if Lu Xiaoran is a god, he will be helpless."

"In that case, the two of you can start working now. I've prepared two coats for the two of you. There's a connection formation engraved on them. It's a spatial teleportation formation. You can maintain contact with me at any time and also teleport to my side at any time. If there's any trouble, I can also help you escape."

Fang Aotian received the coat and touched the material on it before nodding.

"Good quality. This coat is made of more than 3,000 years of Heaven Silk. The array formations engraved on it are also extremely profound."

Turning it over, he saw the word "justice" embroidered on the back of the coat.

"What does this mean?"

Nalan Hongyu pursed her lips and smiled.

"The alliance Lu Xiaoran established is called the Avengers Alliance. We naturally can't be inferior to them. Therefore, I took the initiative to name our alliance the Justice Alliance!

"Of course, don't think that this is very childish. In fact, even a simple name can help us increase our luck and resist Lu Xiaoran."

However, both Li Liushui and Fang Aotian did not believe this.

A name could increase one's luck?

Did this woman have some strange hobby?

However, in fact, Nalan Hongyu indeed had some special thoughts.

In this strange world, anything was possible.

Just like how she had created Lin Fei, she wanted to define Lu Xiaoran as a villain while making herself the righteous one.

Although she did not know if this could create a luck effect like the one she created for her son, it didn't hurt to try.

What if she could really increase her luck?

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At this moment, Lu Xiaoran had already brought his disciples back to the Imperial City, the Purple Peace Imperial Palace.

The Purple Peace Imperial Palace was currently undergoing repairs. Everyone was busy.

Fortunately, because of the protection of the Martial Monarch Realm formation, Ji Wuxia's courtyard was not damaged. Lu Xiaoran directly brought everyone back and arranged for them to start cultivating.

The hot shots were all stronger than the other. If he still did not increase the cultivation of the disciples, they could only be beaten passively.

After getting his disciples to enter the Mountain and River State Painting to cultivate, Lu Xiaoran began to plan.

Nalan Hongyu was definitely already in the Great Zhou now. This could already be considered to be a done deal.

However, it was really difficult for him to determine if this woman was hiding in the dark.

He felt more and more like a villain.

This was because normally speaking, the protagonists were the ones hiding and ended up shocking everyone when they appeared.

However, now, he was the one in the open and Nalan Hongyu was in the dark.

The only good thing was that he had supported the Great Zhou Imperial Family and made Ji Wushang and the others carry out his orders openly. At the same time, he hid in the dark to avoid being targeted at. This way, he could also secretly observe and find out where Nalan Hongyu was.

Then, he would seize the opportunity to directly give her a beating.

However, Lu Xiaoran was not stupid to simply hide here. Ordinary people could hide and develop. This was because their opponent's cultivation speed was not fast, so they had a chance to surpass the other party.

However, he was facing a hot shot.

The other party's speed of improvement was very fast. It was impossible for him to surpass the other party.

In that case, since he could not surpass them, why not... attack and hinder them? If the other party was unable to increase his strength, or if their strength increased very slowly, it would also give Yun Lige and the others a chance to overtake them.

"There were only a few ways for the hot shots to advance. Street stalls, auctions, ancient tombs, cliffs..."

Chapter 195: No matter what happens to you, I'll be as firm as a rock

It was still relatively easy to deal with street stalls and auctions. Even if Ji Wushang could only become the crown prince tomorrow and not the emperor, Lu Xiaoran could still forcefully control the Great Zhou through that Grand Elder of the Great Zhou and set up a policy to suspend street stalls and auctions.

As for the cliffs and the ancient tombs...

That was even simpler.

The corner of Lu Xiaoran's mouth curled up slightly as he took out his Auspicious Cloud Divine Lightning.

After all, he was searching for treasures. How could he not have a probing-type Dharma treasure like the Auspicious Cloud Divine Lightning?

There was also that woman, Ling Xinyue.

At this moment, Lu Xiaoran released her from the Martial Monarch Realm weapon. Ling Xinyue immediately roared and brandished her claws as she rushed towards Lu Xiaoran.

"You big liar, I'm going to kill you!"

Slap!

As soon as she arrived beside Lu Xiaoran, she was slapped to the ground by Lu Xiaoran.

"Do you still want to hit me?"

Ling Xinyue was only a soul now. She was so furious that she trembled, but she did not dare to step forward. She only gritted her teeth, clenched her small fists, and kept cursing.

"Liar! Big liar! Shameless! Shameless !..."

Lu Xiaoran:"..."

"Forget it, I'll just suppress you and put you back in the Martial Monarch Realm weapon."

As soon as he said this, Ling Xinyue immediately shut her mouth, but her eyes still stared fixedly at Lu Xiaoran, filled with resentment.

A moment later, Lu Xiaoran waved his hand.

"Alright, you don't have to look at me like that. You were the one who was stupid to begin with. If I said that I was Fang Aotian, then would you also believe that I was Fang Aotian? However, I'm not a heartless person. After all, you've also called me 'Dad' so many times."

Ling Xinyue's entire soul body began to tremble. This huge humiliation made her simply wish to skin and eat Lu Xiaoran in front of her.

Lu Xiaoran ignored her and raised two fingers.

"Now, I'll give you two options. The first is to listen to me obediently in the future. I'll help you recover your body and cultivation. Moreover, you still have a Martial Monarch Realm weapon in your hand. The Martial Monarch Realm weapon I gave you is even better than your original Black Lotus. You won't lose out."

After a moment of silence, Ling Xinyue asked,

"What about the second option?"

"I think you should choose the first option."

Ling Xinyue:"..."

Ling Xinyue couldn't help but tremble with anger.

"What else can I say now that my fate is controlled in the hands of a cheat like you?"

Lu Xiaoran nodded.

"That's right. You have to be sensible. Here, immediately give orders to your subordinates. Tell them to spread the rumor that the Acacia Faction has colluded with your Demon Sect and is prepared to rebel."

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The night passed quickly, and it was soon the second day.

Ji Wushang's competition officially began.

With all the members of the Imperial Family gathered, almost everyone knew in their hearts that this would be an unprecedented competition that would determine the future of the Great Zhou Imperial Family.

The competition had not yet begun, but the wind and clouds had already surged in the arena.

The Great Zhou Emperor standing on the high platform looked down but yelled for them to begin.

"Before today's competition, I have something to ask the Purple Peace Imperial Palace."

Everyone was stunned and did not know what the emperor was trying to do.

Ji Wushang narrowed his eyes.

Looks like Senior Lu's guess was indeed right. On the emperor's side, he was prepared to throw away everything to announce the matter of the Grand Imperial Sire, Ji Shangrong, and use this to bring up the death of Ji Shangrong in the Purple Peace Imperial Palace.

At that time, there would no longer be a need for them to continue today's competition.

It was indeed a good plan.

"Last night, the Grand Imperial Sire had told me that he was paying a visit to the Purple Peace Imperial Palace. I wonder if the Purple Peace Imperial Palace knows about this?"

"What? The Grand Imperial Sire went to the Purple Peace Imperial Palace last night?"

"Why did he go to the Purple Peace Imperial Palace?"

"Could it be that his death last night is related to the Purple Peace Imperial Palace?"

Everyone's expressions changed drastically, and the scene became noisy.

Everyone was not stupid and instantly understood what was going on.

The Grand Imperial Sire had definitely gone to the Purple Peace Imperial Palace to kill Ji Wushang and sweep away the obstacles for Ji Tianming.

However, he did not expect to end up worse off. He had suffered a double loss and ended up losing his life.

Everyone was furious at the Grand Imperial Sire's selfishness and shocked at the strength of the Purple Peace Imperial Palace.

Ji Wushang's gaze met the Great Zhou Emperor's. He did not dodge the gaze. Although he was not an emperor, he already had the appearance of an emperor.

"Last night, the Grand Imperial Sire indeed went to the Purple Peace Imperial Palace. However, it's more appropriate to call his visit an invasion. He wanted to kill me but was killed in the end."

Hearing Ji Wushang admit it, the entire scene was instantly in an uproar.

Although they had long guessed it, it was still completely different from them to hear Ji Wushang officially admit it.

One was a matter of probability, and the other was a matter of certainty.

It also signified Ji Wushang's courage.

Killing an Emperor Realm expert was not a small crime. He actually dared to admit it in public. Just this courage alone was extraordinary.

The Great Zhou Emperor snorted and emitted his pressure.

"Alright! Since you've already admitted it, don't blame me for being ruthless. The Purple Peace Imperial Palace has killed the expert of the Great Zhou Imperial Family's Elder Group without permission and severely violated the interests of the Great Zhou Imperial Family. Now, with my status as the Great Zhou Emperor, I announce that the Purple Peace Imperial Palace is guilty. All the imperial palaces, immediately participate in the capture and kill all members of the Purple Peace Imperial Palace if they resist!"

However, who knew that as soon as he finished speaking, a powerful aura surged over from the direction of the Purple Peace Imperial Palace.

"What high-sounding sentiments! Your Imperial Family was shameless first, and now you want to blame others? Are you even worthy?"

The crowd was in an uproar again.

"Heavens, this aura, isn't this Zining? When did he step into the Emperor Realm?"

"Damn, isn't this brat hiding too well?"

The Great Zhou Emperor narrowed his eyes as killing intent surged.

He did not expect King Zining to have also advanced to the Emperor Realm at the critical moment.

"Hmph, you sure hid well. However, do you think you're qualified to oppose me with your mere first level Emperor Realm cultivation?"

"If a first level Emperor Realm expert is not worthy, then I wonder if a sixth level Emperor Realm expert is worthy?"

As soon as he said this, the entire Great Zhou Imperial Family immediately trembled.

This was crazy!

This was really crazy!

The old king of the Purple Peace Imperial Palace was actually a sixth level Emperor Realm expert!

When did he become one?

First, Ji Wushang had hidden his cultivation, then King Zining had broken through to the Emperor Realm, and now, it was the old king who had stepped into the sixth level of the Emperor Realm.

Could it be that this was all a scheme of the Purple Peace Imperial Palace?

The Great Zhou Emperor clenched his fists tightly and gritted his teeth.

He had never expected the cultivation of the members of the Purple Peace Imperial Palace to be hidden so deeply.

If King Zining had only broken through to the Emperor Realm by himself, he would not have been so shocked.

This was because two early-stage Emperor Realm experts were not enough to shake the decision of the Great Zhou Elder Group.

However, it would be different if one of them was a late-stage Emperor Realm expert!

After reaching the Emperor Realm, it was extremely difficult to increase each level.

Some people would even be trapped in their current realm for their entire lives.

No, he could not admit defeat like this.

If he admitted defeat like this, then the Imperial Family would have no chance of making a comeback.

"How dare you people from the Purple Peace Imperial Palace disrespect the Imperial Family! For many years, you've hidden your cultivation. What are your intentions? Moreover, you killed the expert of the Imperial Family's Elder Group and committed a serious crime. Now, in the name of the Great Zhou Emperor..."

Before he could finish speaking, an old but extremely dignified voice suddenly descended from the sky.

"Yulin, you're being a little too much."

Hearing this voice, the Great Zhou Emperor immediately felt as if he had been struck by lightning. His face was pale as he staggered two steps back. His mouth trembled as he wanted to say something, but in the end, he swallowed it.

At the same time, all the Imperial Family members present, including the kings and Elder Group experts, all knelt on the ground in unison.

"Welcome, Grand Elder."

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On that day, the Great Zhou Empire announced that because the Great Zhou Emperor was infected with a disease, he was unfit to rule. It was declared that the Great Zhou Empire's crown prince, Ji Wushang, would take over and become emperor.

King Zining would assist in the administration.

The entire Great Zhou Elder Group had agreed to this decision.

When the news spread, it immediately shocked the entire Great Zhou.

However, the shock was far from over.

This was because the Great Zhou issued four decrees in a row.

Firstly, the Acacia Faction had colluded with the Demon Sect with the intention of rebelling. From this moment on, all the Acacia Faction cultivators in the entire Great Zhou would immediately be disbanded. Moreover, they would need to go to various prefectures and turn themselves into the top-grade sects. Only by doing so would they be exempted from death. Anyone who disobeyed would be killed without mercy.

Secondly, all the stalls in the Great Zhou would now be completely standardized and were strictly prohibited from being scattered. Of course, the venue would be arranged by the various first-rate sects and various prefecture courts. Moreover, the cost of setting up stalls would be waived.

In this way, all the street vendors would come together and not suffer.

In fact, because all the stalls have been standardized and given protection, the itinerant cultivators were now safer and could avoid being robbed.

Third, all the auction houses in the Great Zhou would now run auctions in batches. They were originally opened every day, but now, they were opened once a month and were opened at fixed locations every time.

Fourth, Nalan Hongyu, Li Liushui, and Fang Aotian would be wanted in the entire country!

When these four announcements were made, the entire country was shocked. No one knew why.

However, everyone vaguely guessed that these few decrees were definitely related to Nalan Hongyu.

This was because everyone knew that Nalan Hongyu was the founder of the Acacia Faction.

For a time, the Acacia Faction became a hot topic for all the cultivators in the Great Zhou.

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A few days later, with the help of the Auspicious Cloud Divine Lightning, Lu Xiaoran found an ancient Emperor Realm Ancient Tomb.

"Tsk tsk, the level of this array formation is not bad, it is almost at 70% of my current level. This one is much stronger than the one in the previous Supreme Realm tomb."

This was the 103th ancient tomb Lu Xiaoran had found in the past few days.

It was also the 35th Emperor Realm Ancient Tomb.

In the past few days, Lu Xiaoran had almost found all the ancient tombs in the Great Zhou Empire with the help of the Auspicious Cloud Divine Lightning.

The array formations on those ancient tombs were simply trash to Lu Xiaoran.

The array formations were simply unable to resist Lu Xiaoran's attack.

Therefore, these experts who had already died thousands or even tens of thousands of years ago had all been robbed. Wherever Lu Xiaoran passed, he did not even leave anything behind.

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While harvesting a large sum of wealth, Lu Xiaoran did not forget to repair the array formations in every ancient tomb.

In this way, it would be interesting if anyone wanted to enter again.

However, after Lu Xiaoran entered the ancient tomb, he was instantly dumbfounded.

"Brother, aren't you living too poorly? As a Emperor Realm expert, you only have a few hundred midgrade spirit stones, a Heaven Realm weapon, and a low-grade Heaven Realm bronze bottle with a spatial attribute. Is that all? The King Realm expert's tomb I robbed this morning is even more valuable than your wealth."

Lu Xiaoran almost lost control of himself and wanted to leave behind something to the other party as burial items.

However, in the end, he still endured it.

After all, the things he owned were things he had worked hard to dig out from other people's graves.

"Sigh! Seeing how pitiful you are, I won't snatch your things."

Lu Xiaoran shook his head and was about to leave when he suddenly felt somewhat peeved.

"I won't take your things. Lend me this bottle."

Men were naturally obsessed with holes. A true man had to find a hole to pee in. Even if he did not, he had to make a hole in the ground. This was how true men peed.

After peeing, Lu Xiaoran trembled and immediately flashed away to find the next ancient tomb.

"I'm a tomb raider and I'm very good at tomb robbing. After robbing his mom's tomb, I robbed his dad's tomb, I even cleaned out his ancestral grave..."

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As Lu Xiaoran sang, his voice soon disappeared. Before long, three lights fell on the ancient tomb like meteors.

"It's here. According to the Acacia Faction's information, it's very likely that this place is the grave of a Emperor Realm expert."

The three of them stabilized their figures and revealed their expressions. They were Nalan Hongyu, Fang Aotian, and Li Liushui.

Fang Aotian's expression was not good and was somewhat gloomy.

"Nalan Hongyu, I hope that this time, your information won't be wrong again."

Nalan Hongyu was somewhat embarrassed.

In fact, this was not her fault. The information of the Acacia Faction was basically correct. Its accuracy was very high. Other than a few empty tombs that had been robbed before, the rest were all ancient tombs that have never been visited. However, be it the array formation or the mechanisms of the tombs they visited, they were all shockingly powerful.

Nalan Hongyu really did not expect this. After all, other than the tomb of a top-notch expert, whose tomb would have so many powerful array formations?

Moreover, those ancient tombs were clearly very well built. The space underground was very large. Some of the tombs were even ancient tombs that were established by opening new dimensional spaces.

These ancient tombs were definitely genuine. She dared to guarantee with her life.

However, for some reason, the ancient tombs they had encountered were almost all empty. Up until now, they had only found two or three genuine ancient King Realm tombs and an Emperor Realm tomb that was more than 6,000 years old.

The items inside were not even as valuable as the items in Li Liushui and Fang Aotian's hands.

The most valuable items were two low-grade Martial Monarch Realm weapons and a low-grade Martial Monarch Realm Blood Pill.

This was simply about to anger Fang Aotian to death. It also made Nalan Hongyu furious.

She had also thought that someone might have done something to the ancient tomb, but the array formations of the ancient tombs were all intact.

Therefore, strictly speaking, it was also impossible for anyone to enter.

After taking a deep breath, Nalan Hongyu shook off the displeasure in her mind and said with a solemn expression,

"Alright, I don't want this to happen either. How the hell am I supposed to know what's going on? Let's open this tomb first."

Although Fang Aotian was furious, he had no choice. With a cold snort, he prepared to undo the array formation on the ancient tomb.

However, at this moment, Li Liushui behind him said coldly,

"Get out of the way!"

Fang Aotian was just about to turn around and retort when he felt an extremely powerful saber beam quickly slash down from behind.

"Damn it!"

He immediately dodged. The saber beam almost brushed past the back of his head before falling straight to the ground.

Boom!

With a shocking explosion, the ancient tomb was slashed open by this saber beam.

"You lunatic, you almost killed me!"

Fang Aotian clenched his fists tightly, killing intent jumping in his eyes.

Li Liushui did not even look at him. He retracted his long saber and directly fell.

"If you have the time, why don't you think about how to increase your strength?"

"You!"

Fang Aotian gritted his teeth.

"Do you really think I'm afraid of you?"

Nalan Hongyu stretched out her jade hand and caressed his back.

"Alright, calm down. We're all on the same side now. Don't get into an internal conflict. Otherwise, the ones who will be injured will only be us."

Perhaps because of these words or because of Nalan Hongyu's massage, Fang Aotian's anger was gradually suppressed.

He let out a shaky breath and reached out to grab Nalan Hongyu's small hand. Sensing the gentleness on it, he smiled indifferently.

"Alright, I'll let him off for your sake."

Nalan Hongyu did not struggle. To her, what was the big deal of being taken advantage of?

Her ultimate goal was to become a peerless female expert.

At that time, she could get whatever man she wanted.

Before this, she did not mind sacrificing herself.

It was not like she would lose face or flesh. Everyone was willing and complemented each other. What was wrong with that?

After all, everyone was happy.

"Alright, I'm satisfied that you think this way. You should go down quickly. Let's see if there's anything good."

"Alright."

Fang Aotian immediately landed.

Nalan Hongyu could not help but heave a sigh of relief.

The hot shots were all arrogant and looked down on everyone else.

She could not control these two fellows at all. She could only persuade them nicely and slowly coax them.

Before killing Lu Xiaoran and seizing his luck, he had to endure.

However, when she arrived at the ancient tomb and saw the few items on the ground, her mood changed again in the blink of an eye.

"Damn it, another poor tomb! Could it be that these ancient experts are all beggars?"

Li Liushui's expression was also not good.

"Perhaps it's time for us to stop leveling up this way."

He did not doubt the so-called 'hot shots' theory that Nalan Hongyu had mentioned. However, he kept feeling that something was wrong.

Although he could not tell what was wrong, he still felt that if this continued, they would only waste more time.

At this moment, Fang Aotian picked up the Heaven Realm weapon and the other spirit stones and threw them into his Ancient Bronze Hall.

In the past, he would not even take a second look at these things.

However, now, he was a starving camel. Therefore, he did not want to waste even a mosquito-sized piece of meat.

Li Liushui did not even look at these things.

He was different from Fang Aotian.

He relied on the system.

The system would give him good things when he did missions, unlike Fang Aotian who still needed to find treasures himself.

The mission he accepted this time was to find and open 60 ancient tombs. This was the last one. He had already obtained a reward and a top-grade Martial Monarch Realm saber.

From this point of view, Fang Aotian was not even qualified to carry his shoes.

"Eh, there's a low-grade Heaven Realm bottle here."

Just as Nalan Hongyu was rather regretful and prepared to leave, Fang Aotian discovered a bronze bottle in the corner again.

Although a low-grade Heaven Realm item was not good, it was not bad.

He picked up the bronze bottle and swept his divine sense over it.

"There's water inside, and it's hot!"

Nalan Hongyu's eyes lit up.

"This ancient tomb should be at least 7,000 years old. After such a long time, I can't believe that there's actually still warmth inside. There must be something good inside."

At this moment, she was almost moved to tears.

Finally, she encountered one of the famous scenes of the hot shots.

In a place where others could not find good things, a hot shot could easily find a top-grade treasure!

Although he did not know what was in this bottle, it was definitely good considering that it was contained in a low-grade Heaven Realm bottle.

Moreover, this thing could still maintain its temperature after thousands of years. Just based on this fact alone, the thing inside was definitely not ordinary.

"Perhaps it's a liquid that contains a special energy. After drinking it, it can increase my cultivation or help me wash my marrow and improve my talent."

As soon as he finished speaking, Fang Aotian directly began to blow at the mouth of the bottle.

If it were in the past, he would definitely not be so tasteless. He would not make himself look like a hungry wolf that had never seen the world.

However, now that he knew that Li Liushui was stronger than him, he couldn't care less.

What dignity? Those were all useless. Only by increasing his strength would he be able to get what he wanted.

Moreover, there was another thing. They were all together. If he did not drink, or if he drank too little, the others would. At that time, his benefits would be reduced.

This was too bad.

Moreover, if Li Liushui or Nalan Hongyu wanted to drink more, he would be helpless.

This was because their cultivation levels were both stronger than his.

Because of this, Fang Aotian had no choice but to take the other party by surprise and drink quickly.

"Gulp! Gulp! Burp!"

After drinking more than half a bottle in one go, he burped.

Nalan Hongyu said with anticipation,

"How is it? Do you have any special feelings? Do you feel that the meridians in your body are hot? Or do you feel that your dantian is filled with strength?"

Fang Aotian could not help but frown, his expression somewhat strange.

"It tastes... a little, but I feel that my stomach is the hottest. It feels like it's surging and I want to vomit it out."

"This is very normal. Because the medicinal liquid contained in some ancient spirit liquid is too dense, it's impossible for it to be melted and absorbed into your meridians. It will take a few days or even more than ten days of cultivation to completely refine it."

"Is that so?"

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"Yes, you have to believe in yourself. Because you're a hot shot, anything you find will definitely be the best among the best."

Fang Aotian could not help but smack his lips and frown.

"But why do I feel that you're wrong? This thing tastes strange. It's somewhat salty, bitter, and astringent. There's even a fishy smell. However, I don't feel any spirit energy or other energy at all."

"That's just your personal opinion. In fact, it's indeed a good thing."

"Now that you mention it, I do seem to sense something different."

Fang Aotian took a deep breath and began to circulate the spirit energy in his body to speed up the consumption of the liquid in his stomach.

Then, he tried to act generous and said,

"Although I was the one who found this liquid, I, Fang Aotian, am not the type to monopolize it. The two of you, drink a little too."

"Alright!"

Nalan Hongyu was overjoyed and immediately reached out to receive the bronze bottle.

This was what she had always been looking forward to the most. She wanted to find a hot shot and follow him to advance quickly.

She had been stuck at the Supreme Realm for countless years. Now that she had obtained this liquid, it was very likely that her bottleneck would loosen. She could welcome a new level.

However, just as she was about to drink it, Fang Aotian shouted,

"Fairy Hongyu, don't drink it all. Remember to leave some for Brother Liushui to prevent him from feeling unbalanced."

He had said this deliberately to suppress Li Liushui's arrogance.

They were both hot shots. However, from the beginning until now, Li Llushui had always been arrogant and cold. Moreover, he kept looking down on him. If he did not take the opportunity to suppress his arrogance, he would soon forget his own surname.

Unexpectedly, just as he finished speaking, Li Liushui said leisurely,

"No need. I'm not interested in piss."

As soon as he finished speaking, the air instantly fell silent.

A moment later, Nalan Hongyu stuffed the bronze bottle back into Fang Aotian's hand.

"I'm already a Supreme Realm expert. Among the three of us, your cultivation is the lowest. Why don't you increase your cultivation first?"

Fang Aotian's face immediately twitched fiercely.

"Li Liushui, what makes you think this is urine?"

"Won't you know if you take a look yourself? You only swept your divine sense over it just now and rushed to drink it. You were afraid that she and I would snatch it, so you didn't check carefully with your divine sense, right?"

As soon as he said this, Fang Aotian snorted.

"You're slandering me! You didn't even drink this holy water and yet you're already making assumptions. I bet you just want me to give up this holy water completely! Do you really think I'll fall for your tricks? I'll seal it now. You won't even be able to get a single drop."

With that said, he directly put the bronze bottle into his Ancient Bronze Hall and turned to leave the ancient tomb.

Nalan Hongyu was silent for a moment.

She could actually tell that what Li Liushui said might be true.

However, Fang Aotian would definitely not admit it.

It was useless even if he was beaten to death.

However, at the current moment, she was more bothered by something else. There was actually a serious problem.

Why was there urine here?

Moreover, why was the urine warm?

There was only one explanation for this. Someone had just come to this ancient tomb.

It was impossible for this place to be haunted because this Emperor Realm expert had already died for thousands of years and had long become a skeleton. Moreover, it was possible for him to possess a body, but it was definitely impossible for him to pee.

"Looks like someone got here before we did. The treasures in these ancient tombs have all been swept clean."

"Damn it, but who could it be?"

Nalan Hongyu gritted her teeth and clenched her fists tightly, her eyes filled with sharp killing intent.

Li Liushui sighed slightly and said, "If I'm not wrong, it should be that Lu Xiaoran."

Nalan Hongyu's expression changed. Although she did not really want to believe it, what Li Liushui said was very reasonable.

In the entire Great Zhou, other than Lu Xiaoran, no one else was capable of something like this.

"How did this damn guy do this?"

"Who knows? However, this is good. Now, things have become even more interesting."

The corner of Li Liushui's mouth curled up slightly because the system's voice sounded in his mind again.

Ding! The highest-level mission has been released. Kill Lu Xiaoran. Mission reward: directly ascend to God Realm! Do you accept the mission? '

Li Liushui's heart instantly stopped.

Was the reward for killing Lu Xiaoran so generous?

"Accept."

How could he not accept such a good mission?

Li Liushui vowed that he would definitely behead Lu Xiaoran and take his decapitated head!

As the two of them flew out of the ancient tomb, Fang Aotian was already outside crazily rinsing his mouth at the side.

Seeing the two of them come out, he immediately pretended to be calm and composed, swallowing back the bit of urine he had forced out with his spirit energy.

This made Fang Aotian almost collapse.

As soon as he came out, he took out the bronze bottle and poured out the urine inside.

After confirming that it was indeed urine, he did not hesitate to use his spirit energy to drink a large mouthful of water and wash his stomach clean.

Previously, when he was in the ancient tomb, he had already used spirit energy to speed up his digestion and had digested a lot of urine.

Now, it was not easy for him to wash out the remaining bit in his stomach. In the end, when Li Liushui and the others saw this, he had no choice but to swallow the urine back.

At this moment, Fang Aotian swore in his heart that he would find the owner of this urine no matter what and then chop him up to feed the dogs!

"Let's go to the next ancient tomb."

"No, I'm afraid we won't be able to find anything good in the other ancient tombs. Now, let's change our method and go to a street stall. The two of you are both hot shots. You will be able to find some powerful items that others will fail to recognize. For example, weapons, cultivation techniques, medicinal pills, and so on."

"Is this method effective?"

Fang Aotian had already begun to doubt Nalan Hongyu.

Nalan Hongyu smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry. I guarantee that you won't be disappointed this time."

"Hmph! Then I'll believe you one last time."

As soon as he finished speaking, Fang Aotian stomped his foot and instantly flew towards the nearby city.

Nalan Hongyu stood beside Li Liushui and gently ruffled her beautiful hair. She showed her beautiful side profile to Li Liushui and leaned towards him.

"Liushui, let's go too."

However, Li Liushui only glanced at her before snorting and directly leaving without looking at her at all.

"I'm a clean freak. I don't like old second-hand things."

"You!"

Nalan Hongyu was so furious that she almost collapsed.

Because she saw that Fang Aotian was unreliable and had drunk someone else's pee, she no longer had any thoughts about Fang Aotian.

Therefore, she leaned towards the cold Li Liushui.

However, she did not expect Li Liushui to directly ridicule her mercilessly and not give her any face at all. She was simply furious.

"Why are you acting all high and mighty? You're only a hot shot and not the chosen one. Do you really think you're a big shot? After I kill Lu Xiaoran and snatch his luck, I'll wait for you to suck up to me!"

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The three of them quickly arrived at the nearby city, but they did not see any stalls near the city.

This puzzled the three of them.

It had to be known that cultivators flowed in and out of many areas and the stalls were never fixed.

As for ordinary supplies, such as medicinal pills, cultivation techniques, weapons, and the like, they were also monopolized by the few large chain stores in the Great Zhou. Therefore, the cultivators' favorite way of trading was through street stalls.

However, the streets of this city were basically empty. Almost no one could be seen.

Could it be that there was a problem with this city?

Fang Aotian stopped a passerby in the city and took out a low-grade spirit stone.

"Friend, can I ask you something? Why is there no one setting up stalls in this city?"

The cultivator smiled and received the spirit stones.

"Of course. However, the Great Zhou has a law now. All street vendors have to be gathered in one place and are not allowed to casually set up their stalls in random locations. Everyone has been gathered in the newly planned area in the southeast of the city. If you want to trade, you can go to the southeast area of the city."

"What? When did this happen?"

Fang Aotian could not help but be somewhat shocked.

"It happened more than half a month ago. The Great Zhou now has a new emperor. Not only that, but they have also issued several laws in a row."

"First, they destroyed the Acacia Faction. Then, he issued new laws for the stalls and auction houses."

"What did you say? The Acacia Faction is gone?"

Nalan Hongyu's mind instantly seemed to have been struck by lightning.

"That's right! The Acacia Faction has all been disbanded. All the fairies have now been recruited by the various large sects. They have also issued three wanted posters for the chief of the Ancient Ape Tribe, Fang Aotian, the original Acacia Faction's sect master, Nalan Hongyu, and the peerless genius, Li Liushui."

Nalan Hongyu staggered two steps back, her face as pale as wax.

Damn it!

She originally wanted to use Fang Aotian and Li Liushui's luck to go searching for treasures and increase her cultivation. However, she did not expect to be plotted against like this.

She was prepared to quickly increase her cultivation after snatching away Lu Xiaoran's luck!

Even if she used her toes to think, she could still guess who the mastermind behind all this was.

Other than Lu Xiaoran, she really did not expect anyone else to be able to do this. Who else would specifically target her!?

"Eh! Why do I feel that the three of you look very familiar? Wait, could it be that you're the three people wanted by the Great Zhou Imperial Family?"

As soon as the other party finished speaking, this person's heart and soul were directly punched through by Fang Aotian.

"This damn Lu Xiaoran actually schemed against us to this extent."

Nalan Hongyu even gritted her teeth and said coldly, "The Acacia Faction that I spent hundreds of years of blood, sweat, and tears to establish has actually been completely eradicated by the Great Zhou Empire. The intelligence-gathering organization that I painstakingly established over the past hundreds of years and the 90 billion top-grade spirit stones... are all gone now!"

The air fell into silence. After a long time, Fang Aotian could not help but ask, "If you have so much money, why didn't you say so earlier? With so many spirit stones, it's enough for us to buy a few Martial Monarch Realm weapons in a stronger empire!"

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"Shut up!"

Nalan Hongyu was currently in a rage. Hearing Fang Aotian's words, she immediately could not help but roar

At this moment, she no longer gave Fang Aotian any face.

She could sense that she was really in big trouble this time.

Was this the terror of the chosen one?

After going against the other party, she had already lost hundreds of years of blood and sweat.

It had even severed their paths.

Now, the three of them could either fight, hide, or leave the Great Zhou.

Moreover, Lu Xiaoran's speed of improvement was already fast enough. If he was given some more time, she really did not know how powerful he would become!

At this moment, Nalan Hongyu yearned for Lu Xiaoran even more.

If she could kill Lu Xiaoran and seize his luck, she really could not imagine how powerful she would become!

Fang Aotian smiled coldly and could not be bothered with her.

As the saying went, women are heartless and so are actors. There was no relationship between him and Nalan Hongyu to begin with. They were only searching for some simple happiness from each other.

Now that their hypocritical appearances had been torn apart, even this last trace of happiness had completely disappeared. All that was left was the fact that Lu Xiaoran was their common enemy.

"I'm afraid we can't delay any longer. The longer we delay, the greater the difference between us and Lu Xiaoran. This guy is too threatening."

Li Liushui said coldly.

Fang Aotian also nodded and did not oppose Li Liushui like before.

"That's right. This so-called development is simply unrealistic for us. Our cultivation increases faster than ordinary people, but Lu Xiaoran's speed of improvement is far faster than ours! The longer we delay, the stronger he will be."

"Wait, could it be that you want to fight a decisive battle with Lu Xiaoran? This is too rash."

Nalan Hongyu immediately opened her mouth to stop him.

However, Li Liushui said coldly with an indisputable tone, "I don't plan to give you a choice. You just have to cooperate with the two of us."

"If we fight rashly and die, what will we do?"

"I won't die!"

With these three words, Nalan Hongyu's delicate body suddenly trembled.

At this moment, she even had a faint feeling that Li Liushui was really able to defeat Lu Xiaoran.

Was this the terror of a hot shot?

She had always wanted to rule the hot shots as the leader and make them obey her orders. Then, she would use them to increase her own strength.

However, as time passed, she had already begun to show signs of being conquered.

This meant that her heart would gradually become a vassal of the hot shots.

The hot shots were really too terrifying!

They were so terrifying that no one could resist them.

However, speaking of which, just the hot shots had already become so terrifying. If so, then just how powerful was Lu Xiaoran?

If she could kill Lu Xiaoran and obtain his power of luck, she would definitely be able to make these hot shots listen to her commands and become her subordinates.

At that time, not only could she enjoy the power to step on the hot shots, but she could also enjoy the freedom to suppress the hot shots.

She decided to take a gamble!

After all, she had found two hot shots this time instead of just one. It was not impossible for her to kill Lu Xiaoran.

After taking a deep breath, Nalan Hongyu strengthened her heart.

"Alright! Then what do you plan to do? Deal with Lu Xiaoran?"

"It's very simple. Defeat them separately."

"As you said, Lu Xiaoran's strength mainly depended on his luck.

"I looked at the information the Acacia Faction had previously gathered. In all the information, there was no record of Lu Xiaoran attacking. Based on all the records, he always let his disciples attack for him.

"In other words, Lu Xiaoran was an extremely cautious guy. In that case, his combat strength might not be as high as we thought.

"At the very least, he was not a Martial Monarch Realm expert!

"It was even possible that he had yet to reach the Saint Realm. Otherwise, he would not have hidden behind the scenes every time.

"As long as he is not a Martial Monarch Realm expert, we have a chance of killing him.

"As for his array formation strength, it has to be known that the strength of an array formation is not equivalent to an individual's combat strength.

"If he was a true expert, he would definitely not be so cautious.

"Of course, we could not lower our guard. We could first treat him as an expert.

"However, let's not think of him as some legendary figure.

"No matter how powerful he is, he still relies mainly on the absolute advantage of luck. If we can suppress his luck, he will be no different from an ordinary passerby."

Nalan Hongyu was somewhat puzzled.

"How can you reduce Lu Xiaoran's luck?"

Li Liushui continued,

"I don't know if you guys noticed anything when you read the dossier. Be it dealing with Xiao Bei, Lin Fei, or even Fang Aoran, the methods used are all the same."

"Lu Xiaoran would use others to deal with the target first. As for himself, he would never take the initiative to provoke the opponent or make his disciples appear in advance.

"This means that he is also not confident in directly dealing with the hot shots. He wants to use others to constantly reduce the hot shots' luck or combat strength before getting his disciple to step in and destroy them in one blow.

"If my analysis is correct, one's luck should be related to one's main body and the people around one has around them.

"If the people around you encounter a mishap, you will lose your luck. If your main body is attacked, your luck might also decrease."

Nalan Hongyu's breathing froze. She seemed to have sensed something.

"Continue. Get to the point. How do we deal with him?!"

"Start with his disciple.

"We'll split into three directions. Fang Aotian will take one direction. I'll take one direction. You take the other direction.

"I'll go to the Azure Lotus Sword Sect. There are still Li Changsheng's relatives there. If I go there, it's impossible for Li Changsheng not to go.

"You will go and deal with the Great Zhou Imperial Family. The Great Zhou Imperial Family seems to have already become Lu Xiaoran's lackey. I don't believe that Lu Xiaoran will just ignore them.

"As for Fang Aotian, he will go and deal with Lu Xiaoran's sect, the Heaven Demon Sect.

"After living in the Heaven Demon Sect for so many years, I don't believe that he doesn't have any feelings for the Heaven Demon Sect.

"If he goes back to save them, he would be restrained. If he does not, the Heaven Demon Sect will be destroyed and his luck will be weakened. No matter what, he would suffer a certain loss.

"After I kill Li Changsheng first and Fang Aotian destroys the Heaven Demon Sect, you can cause a scene in the Great Zhou Imperial City. Even if Lu Xiaoran has three heads and six arms, he still won't be able to handle everything."

Fang Aotian could not help but ask curiously,

"However, speaking of which, although Hongyu is a Supreme Realm expert, the Great Zhou Imperial Family is not to be trifled with, right? Don't tell me that the Great Zhou Imperial Family doesn't even have a Supreme Realm expert holding down the fort?"

"Just as you said, the Great Zhou Imperial Family has already become Lu Xiaoran's lackey. The Great Zhou Imperial Family will definitely not sit idly by.

"Of course, I know that."

Li Liushui looked at Nalan Hongyu.

"Fairy Nalan, you've been in this business for hundreds of years. I don't believe that you don't have the network that we need! I think it shouldn't be a problem for you to find more than three Supreme Realm martial artists, right?"

Nalan Hongyu's eyes kept flickering. She was weighing the pros and cons.

Originally, she felt fine when she did not need to fight the Imperial Family. However, now that she was asked to directly take on the Imperial Family, she had to consider it.

She was really not sure that Li Liushui could defeat Lu Xiaoran. She needed to calm down now.

"On what basis? On what basis are you targeting Lu Xiaoran? What confidence do you have to completely kill him?"

Li Liushui looked at the sky at a 45-degree angle, his hands behind his back, and endless confidence flashed in his eyes.

"I have a move that can kill a Saint Realm expert!"

Fang Aotian and Nalan Hongyu's pupils immediately constricted.

It was too terrifying!

Li Liushui was only a first level Emperor Realm cultivator now. Usually, it was already powerful enough for one's combat strength to surpass two realms.

They did not expect that Li Liushui would say that he was actually able to kill a Saint Realm expert with a single move.

In that case, they might really have a chance to deal with Lu Xiaoran.

"Alright! I promise you. I'll help out with the Imperial City."

Nalan Hongyu had already stabilized her mind.

She knew that the chance to kill Lu Xiaoran had arrived.

Her improvement speed was extremely slow, and Lu Xiaoran's cultivation speed was shocking. The two of them were simply not on the same level.

Now that she had two trump cards in her hand, the two hot shots, she naturally had a chance at killing Lu Xiaoran.

Coupled with the move Li Liushui mentioned, it was really a perfect opportunity to kill Lu Xiaoran.

If she missed this opportunity, she really did not know if she could kill Lu Xiaoran again in this life.

"How long will it take before we can find enough Supreme Realm experts to cooperate with you in your attack on the Imperial City?"

"Half a month, no, ten days!"

Fang Aotian also said, "Perfect, I can also return to the Ancient Ape Tribe and gather the equipment I scattered to resist Lu Xiaoran."

"Alright! In that case, we can post the challenge on the ninth day."

"Remember to build a teleportation formation. When the battle begins, we can teleport together at any time and attack Lu Xiaoran together."

Li Liushui's timing needed to be perfect. After all, he needed Lu Xiaoran to release Li Changsheng and his other disciples willingly. At the same time, he also needed Lu Xiaoran to not have enough time to

prepare and set up array formations. Moreover, he also could not have Lu Xiaoran go and protect the people from the Azure Lotus Sword Sect and the Heaven Demon Sect.

He could not afford to make a single mistake!

The three of them quickly spread out and carried out their respective plans.

On the other side, Lu Xiaoran had also returned to the Imperial City.

This huge sweep had indeed been a huge harvest for him.

Just the value of top-grade spirit stones alone had amounted to nearly 10 billion.

Other than that, there were also other top, middle, and low-grade spirit stones, as well as various weapons and Dharma treasures.

Sensing his aura of returning to the Imperial City, Ji Wushang immediately came to greet him.

"Senior Lu, you're back."

Lu Xiaoran nodded. Having obtained a lot, he was in a rather good mood.

"How's the Acacia Faction doing?"

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"The Acacia Faction has already been completely eradicated by me. Not only that, but I also plundered more than 90 billion top-grade spirit stones from the Acacia Faction."

"How much?"

Lu Xiaoran immediately did not dare to believe his ears.

"More than 90 billion."

Lu Xiaoran:"..."

He had gone through a lot of trouble robbing other people's ancestral graves. After working for more than half a month, he had almost dug up all the ancient tombs in the Great Zhou Empire. However, he had only obtained 10 billion or so. Moreover, those weapons and whatnot did not even reach 20 billion.

In the end, Ji Wushang had only shut down the Acacia Faction's sect and obtained more than 90 billion. Was this a joke?

"Senior Lu, what's wrong?"

As if seeing that Lu Xiaoran was silent, Ji Wushang's heart suddenly trembled and he hurriedly asked.

Lu Xiaoran waved his hand and said, "Nothing."

"That's good. Here are 90 billion top-grade spirit stones. Senior, please take them."

Lu Xiaoran nodded and put the spirit stones into his Mountain and River State Painting.

"Did anything troublesome happen recently?"

Ji Wushang replied, "Yes, there's been a bit of trouble. It's just that a few kings of the imperial palaces, the heirs, and some of the old trusted aides of the previous emperor have not been very obedient. It has been quite difficult to order them around."

Lu Xiaoran advised sincerely, "You're an emperor now. In the future, don't always use your power to suppress others. Sometimes, you have to learn to use your power to give people benefits. Remember, there are no eternal enemies or eternal friends in the world. However, as long as you have money, you will have eternal bootlickers."

It was true that in a world where martial artists were respected, the weak would submit to the strong.

However, this did not mean that the weak would unconditionally work for the strong.

Without any practical benefits, one would not work foolishly.

Humans die for wealth, and birds die for food. This was the eternal truth.

The size of a fist could only be displayed when one could see it. If one could not see the fist, it was useless no matter how big the fist was.

Ji Wushang had now ascended to the throne by relying on the Grand Elder he controlled, King Zining, and the old king who had already advanced in cultivation.

After obtaining absolute strength, its display could still threaten some people. However, as time passed, people would gradually forget this threat.

Moreover, some people were unwilling to accept this powerful suppression from the beginning.

"Yes, I'll definitely remember Senior Lu's words."

Lu Xiaoran nodded.

"Alright, if there's nothing else, you can go back."

Ji Wushang bade Lu Xiaoran farewell and Lu Xiaoran also began to cultivate.

In the past few days, Yun Lige and the others had already increased their cultivation by a lot, allowing Lu Xiaoran's cultivation to also increase a lot. He needed to enter meditation and fuse his martial arts concepts in order to completely master everything so that he could perfectly control his current cultivation.

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Time passed quickly. In the blink of an eye, nine days had passed.

When Lu Xiaoran opened his eyes, the cultivation in his body emitted popping sounds.

It was as if the spirit energy had opened a small world in his body, triggering waves of thunder.

"Sixth level Supreme Realm!"

Lu Xiaoran clenched his fists and felt that a special magnetic field had formed around him. In this magnetic field, the spirit energy had become an extremely gentle little sheep that was completely at his mercy.

A Supreme Realm expert was called a Supreme Realm expert because they could suppress the spirit energy and make the spirit energy submit to them. From then on, he would reach a completely new level of control over spirit energy.

With every increase in his cultivation, this magnetic field would become stronger until it evolved to the next level, the legendary Saint Realm!

"It's said that those at the Saint Realm also use cultivation techniques. However, even though they use the same cultivation technique, they can still suppress the other party with a single word. I wonder if that's true."

In martial arts, the characteristics of every level were different.

The higher he went, the harder it was for others to resist him.

However, this also indirectly showed how terrifying Fang Aotian and Li Liushui's talent was.

Despite being in a higher realm, they could still surpass two realms. They were unlike Lin Fei and Xiao Bei, who could only fight one realm higher.

"We should see the cultivation of our disciples, Wang Cai!"

"Coming, coming, Master, I'm here."

"Generate Yun Lige and the others' cultivation panels."

"Alright, Master. It's being generated."

Wang Cai quickly generated the information panels for Lu Xiaoran.

"Lige is doing quite well this time. He has already advanced to the fifth level of the Shattering Void Realm. Looks like he didn't cultivate in vain these days."

The time passed in the Mountain and River State Painting was different from the time spent outside. One day outside was equivalent to seven to eight days inside.

Because of this, several months had already passed inside the Mountain and River State Painting.

Lu Xiaoran looked at Ji Wuxia again and immediately fell silent.

The second level of the Essence Realm.

The difference seemed to have widened again.

Moreover, Ji Wuxia seemed to have vaguely obtained an... egg?

What was this?

Another divine soul?

However, this divine soul was a little strange. It was actually an egg.

Forget it, he could not figure it out for the time being. In any case, it was fine as long as it was not harmful. He would look at the others first.

With that said, Lu Xiaoran opened Fang Tianyuan's information panel again.

The perfected tenth level of the Essence Realm.

Lu Xiaoran: "???"

Why were these people all advancing so quickly?

Why was Fang Tianyuan so many times more abnormal than Yun Lige and Ji Wuxia?

At this moment, the purple Demon Ape phantom in Fang Tianyuan's body was much bigger. There was naturally also one in Lu Xiaoran's body. Lu Xiaoran could sense that this Demon Ape Divine Soul was actually extremely powerful. If he combined it with a God Realm cultivation technique, who knew how powerful he would be.

"Looks like the effect of the divine soul is indeed very powerful. Now that Wuxia also has a divine soul, her cultivation speed will probably increase. I wonder if this poor child, Lige, can still endure in the future."

Thinking of this, Lu Xiaoran casually opened Li Changsheng's information panel.

As expected, Li Changsheng had already advanced to the tenth level of the King Realm.

The speed of his advancement this time was actually not fast. The main reason was that time had been greatly accelerated by Lu Xiaoran. Although it seemed like less than two months had passed outside, it had actually been almost a year inside.

In a year, with their talent and so many trump cards, it was already enough for them to increase their strength at this speed.

"There's also Ziqiong, my youngest disciple. Her cultivation is probably similar to Li Ge's, right?"

However, when Lu Xiaoran opened Zhuge Ziqiong's interface, he could not help but click his tongue.

Zhuge Ziqiong's cultivation had already reached the first level of the Essence Realm.

This girl... was indeed not human.

In fact, there was a reason why Zhuge Ziqiong's cultivation increased so quickly.

She was unlike ordinary people like Yun Lige who could only consume one Martial Monarch Realm Blood Pill, Martial Monarch Realm Soul Pill, Martial Monarch Realm Marrow Pill, and the like.

Lu Xiaoran had refined Martial Monarch Realm blood and Martial Monarch Realm marrow from those medicinal pills and gave it to her to directly consume.

Lu Xiaoran even gave her a Martial Monarch Realm heart.

The effect of a Martial Monarch Realm expert's heart was simply too powerful.

If he let Li Ge and the others eat it, they would definitely not eat it. However, Zhuge Ziqiong was a zombie, so she did not mind at all.

Sigh!

Forget it. Lu Xiaoran decided to not care about Lige anymore. He didn't care if Lige would be the weakest of the bunch.

After all, the faster his disciples improved, the faster his own cultivation would increase.

While his heart ached for Lige, Lu Xiaoran received a pile of gifts with tears in his eyes and casually opened them.

God Blood Pill x100.

Mid-grade God Realm Wolf God Totem x1.

Low-grade God Realm Moon Shattering Saber x1.

Top-grade God Realm luck Golden Dragon x1.

Golden Luck Dragon, could be used to increase one's luck and reduce one's bad luck.

Mid-grade God Realm Steel Dragon Armor x1.

Mid-grade God Realm divine beast egg x1.

Top-grade God Realm cultivation technique, Beast Control Divine Art x1.

Divine Dao Spirit Stone x10000.

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Lu Xiaoran already felt numb to these things.

In any case, he threw all of them into the Mountain and River State Painting.

Just as he finished working, a subordinate from the Imperial Palace rushed in from outside the next second.

"Senior Lu, there's an urgent letter outside for you."

Lu Xiaoran raised his eyebrows slightly.

"What's the matter?"

"Senior Lu, I don't know..."

With a thought, the letter immediately arrived in his hand.

Lu Xiaoran swept his divine sense again and learned the information.

To his surprise, there was a challenge letter inside.

What surprised him even more was that these people were actually old friends.

Nalan Hongyu, Fang Aotian, and Li Liushui.

"These three people actually want to fight me? Interesting."

However, this was more or less within Lu Xiaoran's expectations. After all, he had already blocked the advancement path of the three of them. If the three of them wanted to live, they could either escape from the Great Zhou Empire or fight him head-on.

It was simply unrealistic to simply hide and cultivate for dozens of years before seeking revenge on him.

The hot shots would never submit to others. This was the natural arrogance of the hot shots. They were unwilling to wait for decades.

"I'll satisfy your wish."

Lu Xiaoran snapped his fingers.

"Tell this person who sent the letter that I, Lu Xiaoran, will accept their challenge."

"Yes."

The subordinate of the Imperial Palace retreated, and Lu Xiaoran summoned the others.

"Greetings, Master."

The few of them bowed in unison, and Lu Xiaoran nodded slightly.

"You all did well. You cultivated very seriously this time."

"Thank you for your praise, Master."

"You're welcome. I summoned you for serious business."

"Please tell us, Master."

"Nalan Hongyu sent over a challenge letter. They have challenged us and I've already accepted it. Currently, the other party is prepared to unleash some sinister moves. I want to ask for your opinion."

"Sinister moves?"

"The other party will be attacking from three different places. They want to fight us separately."

Li Changsheng immediately understood.

"Master, let me go to the Azure Lotus Sword Sect. The Azure Lotus Sword Sect is the place that gave birth to me and raised me. I know what Li Liushui wants to do there. I have to go."

"Don't be in a hurry to make a decision. Since the other party dares to challenge me, their strength must be extraordinary. If we're careless, we might die."

"But Master, my family is in the Azure Lotus Sword Sect. I can't watch them be killed by Li Liushui. They're very important to me."

"You're just as important to me."

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"Master."

Li Changsheng's heart surged with a warm feeling.

"I'll listen to your arrangements."

Lu Xiaoran nodded.

"This Nalan Hongyu is indeed quite ruthless. She directly attacked three places at the same time. Even if I already know her goal, I still can't avoid it because I don't have enough clones."

Wang Cai was able to unleash the same strength as Lu Xiaoran. However, as his trump card, Lu Xiaoran did not want to expose Wang Cai in such a short period of time.

He had to keep a trump card.

When Yun Lige destroyed the Lin family, he had activated the teleportation information. No one knew what kind of experts this would attract.

At that time, if he could not defeat the other party, he could still get Wang Cai to help him create a favorable situation.

The problem now was that even if the situation was so difficult, Lu Xiaoran could not help but be led by the nose by Nalan Hongyu.

Was he supposed to give up on the Imperial City?

With the Imperial Family, he could control the Great Zhou. Many resources and information could be obtained immediately.

Other than that, there were also countless benefits.

Moreover, Ji Wuxia would not give up on her parents and brothers. Lu Xiaoran could not watch his disciple die in battle here, right?

Was he supposed to give up on the Azure Lotus Sword Sect?

There were many of Li Changsheng's seniors and friends inside. It was also impossible for Li Changsheng to accept them being killed.

There was no need to mention the Heaven Demon Sect.

Lu Xiaoran had lived there for ten years. Before he transmigrated, this body had also been raised by the Heaven Demon Sect.

He was not that cold-blooded after all.

However, Lu Xiaoran did not want to lose the battle.

Even if he had to fight, he had to drown Nalan Hongyu in her own ocean.

"If I'm not wrong, it's definitely impossible for Fang Aotian to come to the Imperial City to fight me head-on. His cultivation level is still not enough. Moreover, last time, despite only being attacked by the few of you, he almost died."

"As long as Nalan Hongyu was not stupid, she would not send him.

"Secondly, Li Liushui had already said that he was going to the Azure Lotus Sword Sect.

"Then, Nalan Hongyu would naturally be the one to head to the Imperial City. However, Nalan Hongyu is not stupid. I'm not the only expert in the Imperial City. She would not come alone.

"According to my deduction, they probably want to separate us.

"After destroying one of you guys, they would quickly use the teleportation formation to gather their strength to deal with me.

"Our strategy is the same. Whoever gets rid of the other first will be in charge of helping the others. It's best for us to stick in groups."

In such a situation, it was not impossible for Lu Xiaoran to use the array formation to block one area and then fight in a group.

The other party was not stupid and had definitely prepared their own teleportation formation. Once they discovered that something was wrong, they would definitely teleport away immediately. If they did not act according to the rules and wanted to launch a sneak attack, they would only be shooting themselves in the foot.

Thus, they were only left with one solution. He could only strengthen his disciples and ensure that his disciples could successfully win the fight.

"Changsheng, I'll teach you an additional cultivation technique. The Battle God Art can allow you to constantly increase your attack power in battle to ensure that you become stronger to make up for the difference between you and Li Liushui. In addition, I think you'll suffer some injuries in the early stages of the battle. Other than the medicinal pills, I'll also teach the Purple Qiong Azure Thearch Longevity Art so that you would be able to recover during the battle."

"Yes, thank you, Master."

"As for Tianyuan, you'll be in charge of Fang Aotian. Lige and Wuxia will help you. I'll let Lige cultivate the Azure Thearch Longevity Art to support the two of you. As for the rest, I'll try my best to give you some advantages in terms of equipment."

Fang Aotian's cultivation was inferior to Li Liushui's. Moreover, Fang Aotian's luck seemed to be inferior to Li Liushui's. It was still relatively easy for the other party to win.

However, Lu Xiaoran was more cautious and did not like to do anything too careless.

Although he could revive the disciples, it was still best if they could kill the hot shots first.

The hot shots might become stronger after each battle that they won.

It was just like how cockroaches could reproduce and increase their overall number to achieve the goal of becoming stronger.

The hot shots were like cockroaches that could not be killed. The more they fought, the more spirited they became.

"This time, I'll give each of you two Martial Monarch Realm armors. I'll also give you two more combat Martial Monarch Realm weapons. Otherwise, you won't be able to take it when the enemy detonates their Martial Monarch Realm weapons."

Lu Xiaoran actually had another Martial Monarch Realm Core Pill. It was the advanced version of the Exploding Lightning Pill.

If this pill exploded, it would definitely cause enough lethality to the enemy. Even a Supreme Realm expert like Nalan Hongyu would not be able to resist it head-on.

However, that thing was not useful. It was comparable to detonating a Martial Monarch Realm weapon.

Even a Supreme Realm expert might not be able to withstand it, let alone the Heaven Demon Sect, the Azure Lotus Sword Sect, and the Imperial City.

It was even to the extent that even Fang Tianyuan and the others were unable to endure it.

This thing could only be released from a long distance. However, in a battle, Fang Tianyuan and the others were not as powerful as the hot shots to begin with, so how could they widen their distance from the hot shots?

This was a defensive battle and not a battle of attrition. He could only rely on his own strength to clear the level.

After Lu Xiaoran finished speaking, Ji Wuxia stepped forward and said,

"Master, actually, I personally think that there are two reasons why we lost in the previous battle."

"Speak."

"Firstly, Senior Brother Fang did not say the mantra of victory. When he returned to the vicinity of the Ancient Ape Tribe, he did not say out loud how many years he had taken to return."

"Secondly, among the few of us, Senior Brother Fang took off Master's coat."

"Is that so?"

Lu Xiaoran lowered his head and pondered for a moment.

The so-called mantra of victory was a method he copied from those hot shots.

Even now, Lu Xiaoran was still not sure if it really worked.

However, through these relatively obscure methods, it seemed that it could indeed reduce the luck of the hot shots and increase their luck.

He also couldn't exactly say that the mantra of victory was useless. After all, both Yun Lige and Ji Wuxia succeeded.

Fang Tianyuan, on the other hand, did not say anything and failed.

Perhaps it was indeed effective.

As for the coat, because he was the one who made it, Lu Xiaoran did not know if it would increase one's luck.

Lu Xiaoran had already vaguely realized that he seemed to have quite a bit of luck. It was either because he had killed the hot shots, because of Wang Cai, or because he originally had some luck.

At the very least, he had never been defeated by a hot shot.

Did this mean that he could resist the luck of the hot shots? If so, did it mean that the things he made were also immune to the crushing luck of some hot shots?

Yun Lige, Fang Tianyuan, and the others all resembled villains. Although their talent was not bad, they were actually stepping stones for hot shots.

Their only weakness was—bad luck!

The reason why Fang Tianyuan died might really be related to luck. Otherwise, he might only be severely injured.

Thinking of this, Lu Xiaoran immediately said, "Then from today onwards, I'll add two more rules. Firstly, no one is allowed to take off their coats in battle. Secondly, when dealing with your old enemy, remember to say the mantra of victory to increase your chances of victory and decrease the other party's luck."

"Yes!"

Hearing his disciples answer, Lu Xiaoran nodded. Then, he taught Li Changsheng the Battle God Art and Yun Lige and Zhuge Ziqiong the Azure Thearch Longevity Art.

Then, he distributed the equipment to the disciples.

Lu Xiaoran had almost piled up a mountain of Martial Monarch Realm weapons. If it was not a God Realm weapon, Lu Xiaoran would simply be bored of it.

He was even more merciless when he gave them out to his disciples. It was as if he was giving them out for free.

Then, Lu Xiaoran put the few of them into the Mountain and River State Painting again, allowing them to prolong the time they had and cultivate the few Martial Monarch Realm cultivation techniques first.

Before entering the Mountain and River State Painting, Zhuge Ziqiong said, "Master, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me."

"Last time, when we were dealing with Fang Aotian, Eldest Senior Brother worked very hard to protect me. When we encountered danger, he hugged me and used his body to block the battle shock wave for me."

Lu Xiaoran:"..."

"Since Eldest Senior Brother is doing his best, I hope Master can reward Eldest Senior Brother more.

After all, his cultivation level is so low, I think it's quite difficult for him."

"Got it. Go in and cultivate the Azure Thearch Longevity Art first."

"Yes."

After Zhuge Ziqiong entered the Mountain and River State Painting, Lu Xiaoran brought Yun Lige out in the blink of an eye.

"Eh, Master, didn't you ask me to cultivate the Azure Thearch Longevity Art? Time is tight. Why did you get me out again?"

Lu Xiaoran said angrily, "Stop pretending to be serious. Let me ask you, what's going on between you and your junior sister?"

"Little Junior Sister? What's the matter?"

Yun Lige's heart skipped a beat, and he vaguely had a bad feeling. His eyes also began to dodge.

"Stop pretending. Did you secretly take advantage of your junior sister last time?"

"No... no. I was protecting my junior sister. How could I say that I was taking advantage of her?"

"Protecting her? Really? You're just craving her body. You're despicable!"

After cursing, Lu Xiaoran finally said sincerely, "Lige, you're still young. You're only 289 years old. You're at the age where you need to work hard. How can you be obsessed with women? Look at your master. Along the way, I've met so many beautiful women. Have I ever been moved?"

"Take my advice. Women are like tigers that eat humans or poison that pierces the intestines.

"If a man is useless, no matter how beautiful a woman he finds. In the end, he would only be raising a wife for others.

"If a man is capable, his wife could be easily found along the path. He would have a never-ending supply of women."

Yun Lige muttered, "Master, I don't have a choice either. My junior sisters and junior brothers are all stronger than me. I'm almost hopeless at cultivating. At this moment, I have you to protect me. After all, I'm the eldest senior brother of Zhishui Peak. However, in the future, after you die, I'll be nothing.

Shouldn't I take the opportunity while my junior sisters are all single to pursue one of them? In the
future, I can even bootlick them and rely on them."