

## **Martial 1951**

### Chapter 1951, Breaking Through

This discovery startled Yang Kai somewhat.

He now understood what the real danger in this Ice Cliff was.

The omnipresent Ice Principles were able to even freeze a cultivator's thoughts, making them lose their lives without even knowing it, which was why these cultivators had all seemingly passed away serenely without any signs of struggle or pain.

After checking all the cave mansions, Yang Kai debated for a moment before he jumped down the cliff.

Although Kou Wu had told Yang Kai not to descend into the valley, since the power of the Emperor Pressure increased the further one went down, Yang Kai naturally wanted to give it a try.

Back in the Dead Zone surrounding Shadowed Star, Yang Kai had immersed himself in Emperor Pressure and derived many benefits from it.

He already had his own set of methods to cope with the suppression of Emperor Pressure.

However, he did not dare to act rashly and instead controlled his speed to descend slowly.

As Kou Wu said, the further down one went, the stronger the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles became.

After less than a thousand meters, Yang Kai was already beginning to feel a little difficulty resisting the biting chill from reaching his bones. Even by circulating his Source Qi, he was unable to completely protect himself.

With no other option, Yang Kai had to use his Domain.

Yang Kai had forged his Shi, the prototype for his Domain, with the help of the Emperor Pressure from the Emperor Garden, and the Emperor Pressure of the Emperor Garden was much stronger than the one that lingered in this place.

As such, his Domain was able to resist Emperor Pressure to a certain degree.

As soon as he pushed his Domain, Yang Kai felt much more relaxed.

Quietly releasing his Divine Sense, Yang Kai tried to peer into the depths below to see just how deep this Ice Cliff was, but soon, he was forced to take back his Divine Sense in amazement.

Because he found that the Ice Principles in this place were able to freeze his Spiritual Energy and Divine Sense. If he had not retracted his Divine Sense promptly, he would likely have suffered damage to his Soul.

After realizing this, Yang Kai no longer dared to release his Divine Sense outside his body.

There was only darkness down below, like the giant maw of an ancient beast just waiting to swallow one whole, causing all who stared into it to tremble.

After continuing down another three thousand meters, Yang Kai began to hear slight creaking noises around himself.

This was a sign that his Domain was reaching its limits, and if he continued to dive down, it was likely to collapse. Once that happened, Yang Kai would not be able to resist the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles with just his pure physical strength, leading him to a dead end.

[Seems this is my limit!] Yang Kai understood in his heart and knew when to draw back, so he quickly began flying upwards.

Although he had not achieved anything for his efforts this time, Yang Kai knew that this was indeed a good place to hone himself, so from a certain perspective, he really was thankful to Bian Yu Qing.

Instead of flying up to the top of the Ice Cliff, Yang Kai chose to dig out a cave mansion at a position a thousand meters from the surface.

This was the most suitable position for his current strength. The Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles filling the air here were just rich enough that he could barely contend with them, so entering retreat in such a position would be of great benefit to his own growth.

The excavation of his cave mansion took Yang Kai a lot of effort.

Ice Cliff had been soaked in this icy environment for many centuries, causing the rock to become infused with both the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles, transforming from ordinary stone to extremely solid ice rock.

It took Yang Kai three whole days to excavate a simple cave mansion.

This cave mansion was also only the size of two small rooms.

Yang Kai did not rush to enter secluded retreat and instead sat cross-legged in his new cave mansion while resisting the harsh environment and restoring himself.

Fortunately, thanks to him recently offering Alchemy services, he had accumulated a lot of Origin King Grade Spirit Pills and Source Crystals, so restoring himself was a quick and easy process.

It took a few more days for Yang Kai to adjust his state to its peak before he started to work on the most important matter he was facing.

Breaking through!

Yang Kai had been at the peak of the Second-Order Origin King Realm for some time now, and his comprehension of the Martial Dao and Heavenly Way had reached a saturation point. In fact, just after arriving in the Star Boundary and entering Blue Feather Sect, he had the qualifications to break through once more.

However, he did not rush to do that.

For one thing, he did not want to draw too much attention to himself. He was now under the eaves, so acting cautiously was prudent. Secondly, he wanted to accumulate more so that this breakthrough would go smoothly. Lastly, and most importantly, he had no suitable place to break through.

Although he had been assigned a residence in Blue Feather Sect and could use his Identity Token to open the barriers around it to prevent ordinary cultivators from spying on him, that would not stop someone on Bian Yu Qing's level.

Yang Kai did not want to reveal any of his secrets.

This was not Shadowed Star. On Shadowed Star, he was supreme and could find somewhere uninhabited to enter undisturbed retreat with a single thought.

He originally wanted to stay in Blue Feather Sect for a while to gain the trust of Bian Yu Qing before leaving Blue Feather Sect temporarily on some mission and finding a suitable place to enter retreat and break through by himself.

But this trip to Ice Cliff made him change his mind.

Wasn't this Ice Cliff the perfect place for a breakthrough?

There was no one else within ten thousand kilometres of this place, and the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles that filled the air would greatly suppress the disturbance caused by a breakthrough.

What's more, three months from now, if he broke through to the Third-Order Origin King Realm and returned to Blue Feather Sect, he would have a good excuse to give Bian Yu Qing if she asked.

At that time, he could simply tell her that he had a sudden inspiration while he was in seclusion in the Ice Cliff that allowed him to break through and she would not investigate the matter further; after all, whether he was a Second or Third-Order Origin King, he was still of no concern to her.

For various reasons, Yang Kai felt that breaking through here was the optimum choice.

Regarding how to break through to the Third-Order Origin King Realm, Yang Kai had considered it greatly over the past few years and formed a plan in his mind long ago.

Inside his new cave mansion, Yang Kai sat cross-legged while surrounded by about thirty thousand Source Crystals he had earned during this period.

These were all the Source Crystals Yang Kai had on him.

Even if he was an Origin King Grade Alchemist and had been selling his services to others for more than a month now, Source Crystals were not easy to earn.

However, Yang Kai figured thirty thousand Low-Rank Source Crystals should be enough to support his breakthrough this time.

Yang Kai did not rush, though, instead reflecting on the Martial Dao he had walked to arrive at this place.

Originally, he was just a Trial Disciple in High Heaven Pavilion, but after countless sorrows and hardships, meeting various friends and beauties, he had reached this far step by step...

He had not lived many years. Among Origin Kings, Yang Kai was actually very young, but his life experience was extremely rich and colourful, not worse than those old monsters who had lived for hundreds or even thousands of years.

Various sights and scenes from the years flashed across Yang Kai's mind, like he had experienced them yesterday, both vivid and lifelike.

Yang Kai's mood quickly became as tranquil as an ancient well.

As time passed slowly, Yang Kai seemed to forget everything around him.

The icy cold lingered around his body and began seeping into his body, penetrating his five viscera and six organs.

In the cave mansion, a layer of ice gradually formed around Yang Kai and all signs of vitality, even his breathing and heartbeat, seemed to slowly fade.

He gradually became like the dozen or so dead Blue Feather Sect disciples, as if his life was slowly being taken away by the frigid cold.

However, astonishing changes were occurring inside his body.

From his lower abdomen, Yang Kai's Source Qi and Saint Qi rushed out and rioted inside his physique before flowing back to his dantian and undergoing a miraculous transformation.

The biggest difference between a Second-Order Origin King cultivator and one at the Third Order was not the conversion ratio of Source Qi to Saint Qi in their body, however. Even without a hint of Source Qi, a cultivator could break through to the Third-Order Origin King Realm.

The biggest difference between the two realms was the existence of an Origin Essence Crystal!

Only by condensing your own Origin Essence Crystal could one truly become a Third-Order Origin King!

The Origin Essence Crystal contained the essence of a cultivator, including all their insights into the Martial Dao and Heavenly Way.

It was similar to the Monster Core of a Monster Beast. Monster Beasts could use their Monster Core to activate their unique abilities and increase the power of such Divine Abilities.

Cultivators above the Third-Order Origin King Realm could similarly do so with their Origin Essence Crystal. This unique existence was a representation of a cultivator's perceptions and comprehensions, and when using it in combat, it could dramatically boost their strength.

In a crisis, one could even directly summon their Origin Essence Crystal and use it to kill their enemy, similar to how a Monster Beast could summon their Monster Core to battle.

If one wanted to condense their own Origin Essence Crystal, however, they needed to first ask a single question, what principle would they use as the foundation upon which to refine it.

An Origin Essence Crystal was not all-powerful and could only strengthen a cultivator's prowess and power in a certain field, not improve all aspects of their comprehension. For example, when Yang Kai first entered the Martial Dao, he had cultivated a Yang Attribute Secret Art. Later on, he had

transformed his strength into his Demonic Flames then cultivated his Golden Blood Threads and Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi. All of these could be taken as the foundation for his Origin Essence Crystal.

However, once one selected a base, their Origin Essence Crystal could only strengthen that particular facet of their strength.

If Yang Kai condensed his Origin Essence Crystal based on his perceptions of his Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi, when he used his Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi in the future, the power it could display would be greatly enhanced.

The same went for his Golden Blood Threads...

However, Yang Kai did not intend to do this. His Origin Essence Crystal had to be condensed based on his comprehensions of the Dao of Space!

Space Force was extremely difficult to guard against and was superior to any other power at his disposal. Since Yang Kai was proficient in Space Force, he naturally planned to follow that path. This idea had not changed once since he came to this conclusion many years ago.

It was also for this reason that he did not dare to make a breakthrough in Blue Feather Sect at will.

This was his trump card. Bian Yu Qing still did not know he cultivated the Dao of Space, but if he were to be exposed, Yang Kai was certain he would immediately draw the attention of Blue Feather Sect's senior leaders.

Even in the vast Star Boundary, the Dao of Space was only mastered by a handful of individuals.

From his lower abdomen, the mix of Source Qi and Saint Qi continuously converged and slowly condensed, causing a fiery pain in the process.

At the same time, inside Yang Kai's Knowledge Sea, his own perceptions and understanding of the Dao of Space began to transform into an invisible force that washed through the fiery ocean.

Yang Kai's Soul was unprecedentedly peaceful as his consciousness focused entirely inwards on himself. In that state of enlightenment, Yang Kai's ethereal Space Force surged, and in a nearly unconscious state, his perceptions and comprehension of the Dao of Space slowly expanded.

Time flowed forward quickly and quietly.

Gradually, extremely obvious signs of Space Force fluctuations spread from Yang Kai's body, shattering the layer of frost covering his form.

Chapter 1952, Third Order Origin King and New Secret Technique

A thousand metres down in the Ice Cliff, extremely obvious Space Force fluctuations began to burst forth from a certain cave mansion, forming a warped space that encompassed the surrounding region.

With cracking sounds, the space around Yang Kai began to destabilize.

One after another, tiny Void Cracks began to take shape and briefly swam through the air like dexterous fish before they were repaired by the ambient World Principles, only to reappear moments later in a seemingly endless cycle.

As time passed, the tiny Void Cracks began to connect, forming extremely terrifying rifts. It was as if the surrounding space was a piece of cloth that had been sliced through with a million sharp swords. Countless scars extended in all directions and the turbulent, chaotic Space Force sent chunks of rock and ice flying all around the small cave mansion.

At the same time, dazzling starlight suddenly burst forth from Yang Kai's body.

Wisps of starlight began to flit about like fireflies.

These wisps were the same ones that Yang Kai had previously absorbed in the Starlight Corridor but had failed to integrate into his physique so far and were instead stored in his Knowledge Sea.

Stimulated by Yang Kai's breakthrough, these starlight wisps emerged on their own and began to rapidly catalyze the transformation of his Saint Qi into Source Qi.

If anyone else was present at this moment, they would easily be able to identify Yang Kai as a Star Master; after all, his current appearance was so obvious that it would be hard for someone to not recognize his status.

A rushing force, like a magnificent tsunami, erupted from Yang Kai's body, but he remained completely unaware as he continued to immerse himself in his comprehension of the Dao of Space.

Big and small tears in space continued to form and be erased around him, which were manifestations of Yang Kai's Secret Technique: Exile.

A series of pitch-black crescent-shaped blades also shot out in all directions, obviously related to his Moon Blade Secret Technique.

Regarding Space Force, these two Secret Techniques were Yang Kai's own creations, so it was only natural for them to appear at this time and place.

The sound of metal striking metal seemed to ring out from his lower abdomen as a certain something began to take shape here. This was the condensation of Yang Kai's perceptions and comprehensions of the Dao of Space.

His Origin Essence Crystal had taken shape!

At the same time, the aura from Yang Kai's body rapidly inflated.

\*Pa pa pa pa...\*

All the Source Crystals he had laid out in advance were suddenly lifted by a mysterious force and burst into pieces. Rich World Energy flooded the small cave mansion as Yang Kai's body seemed to transform into a bottomless pit that began swallowing this aura madly.

The shackles that kept him in the Second-Order Origin King Realm were instantly broken, allowing Yang Kai's cultivation to advance to the next level in a single, smooth leap.

Things had not ended yet though as Yang Kai continued to absorb the rich, pure energy from the exploded Source Crystals, allowing him to stabilize his cultivation and build a solid foundation.

As for Yang Kai himself, he did not pay any attention to the change in his realm as all his focus was still immersed in his insights into the Dao of Space.

He suddenly discovered that he had a new understanding of the complexities of Space Force.

Another brand-new Secret Technique faintly came to mind.

Ecstatic, Yang Kai remained perfectly calm outwards and focused himself even further as he tried to break through the bottlenecks which were hindering his comprehension so he could bring this new Secret Technique into existence.

Time flew by, and a month and a half soon passed.

During this time, Yang Kai hadn't even moved, and the thirty thousand Source Crystals that he had taken out had long been used up. His cultivation had stabilized at the Third-Order Origin King Realm, and although the Saint Qi in his body had yet to completely transform into Source Qi, that was not a process that was supposed to take such a short period of time anyway.

However, when he opened his eyes again after all this time, Yang Kai seemed slightly different from before.

From his eyes, a piercing light seemed to shine forth, one that could cause space to shift with just a glance.

"Is this my new Secret Technique?" Yang Kai muttered to himself as his thoughts flashed and his figure suddenly disappeared.

This was not the same as his instantaneous movement Secret Technique, because Yang Kai had actually not moved at all and was still just sitting cross-legged in place, but if one were to sweep the area with their Divine Sense, no trace of his existence could be found. Even as just a Third-Order Origin King, Yang Kai would be able to completely conceal himself from an ordinary Dao Source cultivator with this Secret Technique.

However, if one were to look with their naked eyes, they would still be able to see a vague transparent figure that was sitting there motionlessly, like a reflected image in a ripple filled pond.

This was an extremely profound concealment Secret Technique.

Yang Kai's new Secret Technique partially merged his body with the Void, making it almost impossible to detect him.

After pondering for a moment, Yang Kai grinned, "I'll name it Nihility!"

Unlike Exile and Moon Blade, Nihility was not a Secret Technique for combat, but rather for concealment. To a certain extent, it was more precious than Exile or Moon Blade because it could save his life in a pinch. Only by surviving could one continue to fight.

However, Yang Kai vaguely felt that Nihility did not just have utility as a concealment art, but also had another important effect.

Whether this was true or not required testing though.

After a month and a half of retreat, Yang Kai had achieved all his goals, which naturally lifted his spirits. Closing his eyes, he began to thoroughly inspect his current condition.

Sending his Divine Sense into his dantian, Yang Kai soon discovered that there was now a hexagonal crystal silently floating there. It was his newly condensed Origin Essence Crystal, the condensation of his comprehension of Space Force.

Putting it bluntly, if someone were to obtain this Origin Essence Crystal and then comprehend all the mysteries contained inside it, they would obtain all of Yang Kai's insights into the Dao of Space and would be able to use all of Space Secret Techniques.

This was no doubt Yang Kai's most valuable treasure.

It was not the first time he had seen an Origin Essence Crystal. He found an Origin Essence Crystal in the Flowing Flame Sand Field many years ago and was ignorant of what it was at the time. Later, he confirmed it was the Origin Essence Crystal of the Insect Emperor. That particular Origin Essence Crystal was swallowed by Yang Kai's Soul Warming Lotus, allowing it to evolve into its seven-coloured form. Later, Yang Kai had obtained the Origin Essence Crystal of Mad Crocodile Monster King from the Blood Prison. He had also obtained an Origin Essence Crystal at an auction on Purple Star.

The appearance of all Origin Essence Crystals seemed to be similar, a multi-sided crystal, but the colours varied quite a bit.

Regardless of the colour of other people's Origin Essence Crystal, Yang Kai's Origin Essence Crystal was pitch black, to the point where it seemed to be able to swallow all light and darkness!

This colour matched with his Space Force, satisfying Yang Kai greatly. The more he observed it, the more he liked it.

Withdrawing his consciousness, Yang Kai began inspecting his cultivation and the conversion ratio of his Source Qi.

There was not much to say about his cultivation: After condensing his Origin Essence Crystal, it was already obvious Yang Kai had successfully broken through to the Third-Order Origin King Realm.

But regarding the transformation of his Saint Qi, Yang Kai felt quite dissatisfied!

It was only half complete! Although he had been immersed in condensing his Origin Essence Crystal for the past month and a half, he was still well aware of his situation. He knew that the starlight wisps had voluntarily gushed out of his Knowledge Sea and begun transforming his Saint Qi for him.



But now, the starlight in his Knowledge Sea had almost been consumed clean but only half his Saint Qi had been converted to Source Qi, a depressing reality.

The reason he felt like this was that he did not know much about the Star Boundary.

If he knew that it would normally take several years for him to completely transform his Saint Qi into Source Qi despite being a Star Master and absorbing a lot of starlight from the Starlight Corridor, he might have been more appreciative of his progress.

For example, Yin Le Sheng had taken almost five years inside the Starlight Corridor to transform all his Saint Qi into Source Qi.

He too was a Star Master!

Ai Ou was also a Star Master, but if nothing unexpected happened, it would take him a minimum of five or six years to complete this transformation.

Cultivators who came from the lower Star Fields and were not Star Masters were even more miserable, needing at least ten years to convert their Saint Qi to Source Qi. This was the normal timespan. Even twenty or thirty years was also possible, while spending fifty years wasn't that unusual either.

A few dozen years, however, was nothing to an Origin King Realm cultivator.

The transformation of Saint Qi into Source Qi increased a cultivator's power noticeably, so even if one's realm did not change, the strength they could display would still gradually increase.

However, Yang Kai took less than three months to transform half of his Saint Qi into Source Qi, an incredible achievement in record time!

The current Yang Kai was more than twice as powerful as he was a month and a half ago; after all, his cultivation had risen by a Minor Realm, and the percentage of his Saint Qi which had been converted to Source Qi had also increased significantly.

"There's not much starlight left in my Knowledge Sea. How am I supposed to continue forming Source Qi in the future? Hmm... Some time ago, I overheard some people mention Source Condensing Pills that seem to have the same function as starlight. Should I try to refine those Source Condensing Pills?" Yang Kai stroked his chin as he muttered to himself.

Source Condensing Pills, as the name suggested, were specially used to transform Saint Qi in a cultivator's body to Source Qi. They were only taken by Origin Kings and were an Origin King Grade High-Rank Spirit Pill. Although not comparable to the starlight wisps, these pills were the most commonly used auxiliary Spirit Pill for Origin King Realm cultivators.

However, Yang Kai had only heard the name of this Spirit Pill and did not have its recipe, so he was unable to search for the right ingredients to refine them himself.

Yang Kai secretly decided that he would go to the shopping district to find out if he could acquire new pill recipes after his confinement was over, including the one for the Source Condensing Pill. The Star Boundary had far more pill recipes than the Star Field, so now would be a good time to begin collecting them as they might come in handy later on.

However, purchasing pill recipes required a large amount of Source Crystals. Thinking of his now empty Space Ring, Yang Kai felt a big headache.

He did not expect that he, who was extremely wealthy in the Star Field, would suddenly find himself broke in the Star Boundary.

Putting aside these depressing thoughts, Yang Kai stood up.

As he got up, the layer of frost which had covered his body fell off. Yang Kai casually patted himself off before suddenly frowning, only to smile a moment later.

He found that his ability to withstand the severe cold around him had greatly increased.

When he had first entered seclusion here, he had done so because he was just barely able to withstand the harsh environment.

But now, he found that the severe cold in his surroundings had almost no effect on him. Obviously, this was because his strength had experienced a massive increase, allowing him to easily resist this harsh environment.

Chapter 1953, Strange Ice Flower

There was still some time before Yang Kai's three-month confinement period was up, and now that he had accomplished all the things he had planned to, Yang Kai's mind began to wander again.

Arriving at the entrance to his cave mansion, Yang Kai looked down into the dark abyss.

A month and a half ago, he could only reach a position less than five thousand meters below the top of Ice Cliff before having to return, illustrating just how harsh the environment was here.

Now that his strength had grown significantly, he was eager to test his limits again.

Additionally, if he could cultivate under the thick Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles for some time, it would be of great benefit to his mind and body. If nothing else, it would serve as good preparation for when he faced Dao Source Realm masters in the future.

If he could withstand Emperor Pressure, what would the coercion of a Dao Source cultivator count for?

Considering all this, Yang Kai did not hesitate to jump down.

Just like previously, the further he descended, the greater the Emperor Pressure and the richer the Ice Principles became. The ubiquitous cold seeped into Yang Kai's body and Knowledge Sea, hindering his movements greatly.

Yang Kai did not move quickly as he slowly pushed his limits.

At three thousand meters, he was still safe and sound, at five thousand meters he was able to bear it, at eight thousand meters, it became somewhat difficult...

Once he reached ten thousand meters, Yang Kai was barely able to hold on.

He had broken through a Minor Realm and converted a large portion of his Saint Qi into Source Qi while also condensing his Origin Essence Crystal, yet it appeared an additional five thousand meters was all he could withstand. Experiencing this, Yang Kai could only shake his head as he further realized just how horrifying Emperors were.

With his current strength, ten thousand meters was his limit.

Just when he was about to stop and excavate a new cave mansion nearby to further temper himself, an idea flashed across his mind and he quickly became eager to test it out.

“I wonder if Nihility... can resist the frigid Ice Principles here!”

Having hit upon this idea, Yang Kai immediately put it into action and displayed his newly comprehended Secret Technique.

Instantly, his figure disappeared in place, leaving behind only a nearly transparent ripple where he once stood.

After displaying Nihility, Yang Kai immediately felt the terrifying Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles which were threatening to crush him alive disappear entirely.

There was simply no pressure at all where he stood.

[It really works!]

Yang Kai celebrated in pleasant surprise, but soon discovered a new problem.

After displaying his Secret Technique, Nihility, he could indeed ignore the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles in this place, but after just two breaths, the omnipresent Emperor Pressure and Ice Laws would overwhelm his Secret Technique, revealing him again.

The surging pressure descended upon him again in the next instant.

Standing still, Yang Kai frowned, pondering about what had just happened.

Soon, he understood.

His new Secret Technique relied upon him expending Space Force, merging his physical body with the Void to hide it from both visual and Divine Sense probing.

Because his body merged with the Void, it was also able to ignore the surrounding Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles suppression.

However, Nihility was by no means omnipotent; after all, the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles here were extremely profound and powerful, not something he could simply ignore. Under the battering of these two forces, it was natural that Yang Kai was unable to maintain his technique for long at his current level of mastery in Space Force.

Simply put, as long as the power of an attack exceeded his own ability to defend against it by a wide margin, it could dispel his Nihility Secret Technique.

Although this was all just speculation, Yang Kai felt like it was close to the truth.

This was an inevitable result, so Yang Kai was not frustrated and instead felt that it was natural.

There was no such thing as an invincible Secret Technique in this world. In the end, everything depended on one's own strength.

However, that being the case...

Yang Kai grinned and displayed his Nihilism Secret Technique again before immediately teleporting away.

The next moment, he appeared another fifty meters down where the ambient Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles broke his technique again.

However, just as his figure was revealed, before the surrounding terrifying forces could suppress him, Yang Kai once again used Nihilism to merge with the Void and avoid the deadly pressure.

Repeating this process, Yang Kai rapidly descended, completely ignoring the dangerous environment surrounding him.

He had only wanted to test out the uses of Nihilism, but now, he simply wanted to see how deep he could dive into the Ice Cliff.

Coming to his senses a moment later, Yang Kai could not help breaking out into a cold sweat as he stared up and was unable to even see the sky anymore.

Instinctively, he wanted to flee this place, lest he make a single mistake and wind up buried here. If that really happened, it would be the worst kind of joke.

However, just as he was about to leave, he saw a twinkle of light out of the corner of his eye, like something was gently flickering down below.

"What's that?" Yang Kai kept displaying Nihilism as he turned his head and looked down.

A moment later, the tiny fluorescent flicker appeared again.

Yang Kai was sure that he was not seeing things and there was really something there. After hesitating for a moment, he teleported once more to investigate.

However, to his surprise, Yang Kai actually found he had reached the bottom of the Ice Cliff without knowing it!

In these deepest depths, the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles were so strong they could instantly kill an average Dao Source Realm cultivator. Even a Third-Order Dao Source Realm master would not be able to reach this place.

Kou Wu had told him that the Sect Master and four Protectors had all come here before to investigate the Ice Cliff, but none of them had been able to reach its bottom.

However, Yang Kai's Nihilism Secret Technique gave him the ability to temporarily ignore the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles in this place, allowing him to reach this unexplored land.

The luminous flicker was not too far away from him, so Yang Kai carefully moved towards it while maintaining a vigilant watch on his surroundings, lest some kind of accident occurred.

Soon, he arrived at the source of the light.

There was no sunlight at the bottom of the cliff, but Yang Kai was no ordinary person either, so his vision wasn't affected in any way. Looking around, his eyes could not help lighting up.

In front of him, a strange object that looked like an Ice Flower appeared. This Ice Flower looked as if it was really carved out of ice, having a pure and flawless appearance without the slightest imperfections.

Budding from this Ice Flower, were three small fruits.

Each of these fruits was only about the size of a small egg and had the appearance of fine ice crystal, a faint light actually pulsing from their surfaces, giving them an ethereal quality.

When Yang Kai first saw this, he subconsciously thought that it was some kind of ice carving rather than a spirit flower and fruits.

But soon, he realized he was mistaken because there was a faint scent in the air, the unique scent of spirit fruit that carried with it both a cool and refreshing aroma.

It was obviously a real spirit fruit!

In this terrifying environment, at the bottom of the deep Ice Cliff, Yang Kai did not dare to release his Divine Sense to check, but he could still tell that this Ice Flower and the three Ice Fruits contained extremely powerful energy. If a cultivator who cultivated an Ice Attribute Secret Art could obtain these things, it would be a peerless treasure!

They were most likely born here because of the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles.

Yang Kai quickly drew some conclusions about this Ice Flower and Ice Fruits and also understood that they were incredibly valuable. Because this spirit flower and fruits had been nurtured in this unique environment, they now contained traces of the Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles present here, which meant that a cultivator could comprehend some of the Divine Ability the Emperor who created this place used, whether they were used for Alchemy or swallowed directly.

This was a priceless treasure!

Yang Kai could not help breathing a little bit faster and nearly failed to re-active Nihility in time, causing a cold sweat to drip from his forehead.

After stabilizing his emotions, Yang Kai squatted down and began circulating his Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi with a thought.

Soon, Yang Kai's right hand was wrapped in a crimson red light.

Naturally, it was his Fire Sword Qi!

It was impossible to pick this kind of treasure without taking some precautions, but all Yang Kai could think of was to use his Fire Sword Qi to try restraining the rich Ice Attribute energy that radiated from this spirit flower.

However, he still underestimated the horror of this treasure and when his hand touched it, the crimson light which was protecting him collapsed on the spot. In the next instant, an indescribable chill began to seep into his fingers and travel up his arm.

A layer of frost formed on Yang Kai's arm at a rate visible to the naked eye.

Yang Kai was horrified and without even hesitating for a moment he roared "Dragon Transformation!"

Accompanied by the sound of a thunderous dragon roar, a golden dragon phantom suddenly appeared behind Yang Kai. This dragon phantom flashed before sinking into Yang Kai's body, at which point his right arm transformed into a dragon claw covered in thick Dragon Scales.

Grabbing the Ice Flower tightly, Yang Kai yanked fiercely before rapidly tossing it into his Sealed World Bead.

The next moment, Yang Kai inspected the situation inside the Sealed World Bead anxiously.

Inside the Sealed World Bead, a giant made from stone was meditating with its eyes closed. It was none other than Yang Kai's Soul Clone that had been integrated into the second Stone Puppet to become his Embodiment.

This giant mountain-like body stood up and disappeared from where it had been sitting with a flicker to quickly arrive at a different place.

This was where Yang Kai had thrown in the Ice Flower.

\*Kacha...\*

Crisp cracking sounds rang out as inside the Sealed World Bead, the area around the Ice Flower rapidly transformed into a frozen landscape that spread out at an extremely fast speed. The terrifying Ice Principles contained in the Ice Flower even began to have an effect on the space inside the Sealed World Bead, causing the temperature to drop slightly.

Soon, within a radius of ten kilometres, a thick layer of ice had formed. Only after extending out such a distance did the anomaly caused by the Ice Flower gradually subside.

Receiving a report from his Embodiment inside the Sealed World Bead, Yang Kai finally felt relieved as he stood at the bottom of the cliff.

Chapter 1954, Clear Sky Snowfall

Yang Kai was in a good mood after inadvertently acquiring a treasure like this Ice Flower.

While this thing was useless to him, it could be exchanged for a large number of cultivation resources, especially Source Crystals, which he was currently short on.

If he could find a good auction house to entrust the three ice fruits too, Yang Kai estimated he wouldn't have to worry about Source Crystals in the near future.

But the bottom of the cliff was not a place to remain, so after obtaining the Ice Flower, Yang Kai immediately prepared to evacuate.

However, at that moment, a sharp and strange hissing sound suddenly reached his ears and a thin white light shot over from the distance, whistling like thunder as it carried a fierce momentum with it.

Yang Kai's eyes shrank as an incredible sense of crisis gripped his heart. Without hesitation, he teleported away.

\*Chi...\*

The snow-white ray of light struck the empty space where Yang Kai once stood and proceeded to plow through the ground, sending ice and rock flying in a shocking display of power.

"Who!" Yang Kai subconsciously thought that a master had hidden themselves at the bottom of this Ice Cliff and had attacked him, because the attack just now gave off the feel of a Sword Dao Secret Technique, and the white light was clearly a kind of sword-light that contained potent Ice Principles!

However, as soon as he shouted, Yang Kai felt that something was wrong. This was the bottom of the Ice Cliff and he was only able to arrive here thanks to his Nihilism Secret Technique. If someone else was hiding here, just how terrifying would their strength have to be?

Would such a master need to launch a sneak attack to deal with him?

Thinking so, he quickly looked towards the source of the attack.

In the next instant, Yang Kai received a great shock.

Slashing towards him was another snow-white sword wave that was infused with rich Ice Principles that caused space itself to ripple and freeze as it flew forwards!

[I can't block it!] Yang Kai instantly judged his situation and did not hesitate to teleport away again.

At the bottom of this cliff, he had to divert a good portion of his attention to resist the suppression of the surrounding Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles by maintaining his Nihilism Secret Technique so he wouldn't be crushed to death. Now, facing such a violent attack, although Yang Kai was somehow able to deal with it, it was by no means easy.

After dodging the enemy's second blow, Yang Kai finally got a chance to see who it was that was attacking him.

Seeing his attacker though, Yang Kai's eyes bulged as his heart clenched and he exclaimed in disbelief, "How is that possible?"

He wasn't being attacked by another person, but rather by a Monster Beast. This Monster Beast had a thick, pure white carapace, possibly from living at the bottom of this Ice Cliff for so long.

"A Spirit Devouring Monster Insect? It can't be..." Yang Kai couldn't believe his eyes.

The Spirit Devouring Monster Insect wasn't a species exclusive to the Star Boundary, it also existed in the Star Field, so Yang Kai was able to recognize this Exotic Insect. The Spirit Devouring Monster Insect was capable of eating everything that contained energy.

Artifacts, Artifact Armour, cultivators, Saint Crystals... anything and everything could be gnawed through by this creature's powerful jaw. Even powerful ancient barriers could be consumed by it.

There was a legend back in Yang Kai's native Star Field that a swarm of these Spirit Devouring Monster Insects had been sealed on a certain Cultivation Star, but that after aeons of time, they had managed to eat their way through the seal and then caused a bloody reign of terror, nearly exterminating all life on that Cultivation Star.

Of course, this was only a legend, and whether it was true or not was unknown; however, where there was smoke, there was normally fire, so it was not difficult to understand the danger of Spirit Devouring Monster Insects.

Fortunately, these Exotic Insects matured very slowly, and most cultivators also understood how harmful they could be, so once they were found, they were quickly exterminated.

Yang Kai had also encountered Spirit Devouring Monster Insects before so he was able to recognize it at a glance.

But... the Spirit Devouring Monster Insects he had come across before were no bigger than his finger and couldn't cause any harm to even weak cultivators.

On the other hand, the snow-white Spirit Devouring Monster Insect in front of him was four meters tall and had a majestic and mighty aura to it. Its fierce appearance alone put great pressure on Yang Kai.

"A Monster Insect Queen?" Yang Kai's face sank.

Spirit Devouring Monster Insects weren't high-level sentient creatures, but instead had a similar social structure to common ants. Among a swarm of Spirit Devouring Monster Insects, there was always a matriarchal entity that ruled over them.

The one in front of Yang Kai right now was definitely such a Monster Insect Queen!

What was truly outrageous though was that this snow-white Monster Insect Queen was using its two forelimbs to condense a sharp, white Sword Qi.

Yang Kai couldn't believe his eyes.

At the bottom of this Ice Cliff, it was already unthinkable that such a huge Monster Insect Queen had appeared, yet it could even use Sword Qi.

What was going on?

The two attacks just now, which were clearly Sword Dao Secret Techniques, were no doubt from this Monster Insect Queen.

Even Yang Kai, who was accustomed to seeing great winds and waves and had a wealth of experience, felt like he was unable to keep up with the situation for a moment. Everything he saw before him completely subverted his common sense, destroyed his cognition, and made him unable to find a reasonable explanation.

The sentience of Spirit Devouring Monster Insects was very low, and even if one grew for tens of thousands of years, it couldn't evolve to the point where it could use anything resembling a Sword Dao Secret Technique.



However, judging from the power of the two Sword Waves just now, this Monster Insect Queen's accomplishments in the Sword Dao were not low! That was definitely a Grandmaster level attack.

One more thing that puzzled Yang Kai was that he faintly felt that the two sword attacks earlier gave him a feeling of familiarity.

Just as he was lost in thought, the Monster Insect Queen once again raised its limbs and its two small eyes flashed a cold white light before Ice Principles began condensing around it into a glowing white Sword Qi.

A flash of white light appeared as a pair of Sword Waves surged forward like a mighty dragon going to sea!

Even before these two Sword Waves reached him, Yang Kai's breathing stagnated as the space around him seemed to freeze.

This was Sword Intent, an extremely profound Sword Intent infused with Ice Principles! The surrounding World Energy even began to condense into millions of tiny ice blades that madly shot towards Yang Kai.

It was as if it had suddenly begun to snow.

Seeing this scene, Yang Kai exclaimed in shock, "Clear Sky Snowfall!"

The shock in his heart increased several times over as he never expected to see this Sword Dao Secret Technique in the Star Boundary. He knew the power this Secret Technique contained so he didn't dare to hesitate as he sent out countless Moon Blades to intercept it.

\*Hong Hong Hong...\*

The Ice Principles and Space Principle collided with one another, causing a series of explosions that shook the entire Ice Cliff. Although Yang Kai's comprehension of the Dao of Space had reached a level that ordinary geniuses could never reach, he was still just a Third-Order Origin King, in the end. What's more, this harsh environment at the bottom of the Ice Cliff greatly suppressed his strength while simultaneously boosting the Sword Dao Secret Technique displayed by the Monster Insect Queen.

So, as soon as the two Secret Techniques touched, Yang Kai's Moon Blades were smashed to pieces, unable to contend with the Sword Wave at all.

The dazzling icy blade tore through Yang Kai's resistance and slashed towards his face.

Yang Kai's heart clenched as he hurriedly pushed his Nihilism Secret Technique to its max, further merging himself with the void.

\*Xiu xiu xiu...\*

The countless ice blades and the two huge Sword Waves passed through the place where Yang Kai was located, directly nullifying his Nihilism Secret Technique.

Yang Kai's transparent body was revealed again, and although he managed to avoid most of the attack, he had not been able to completely resist the Ice Principles effects.

When he appeared again, his face was a shade of bluish-purple, and before he could gather his energy to deal with the Monster Insect Queen, the surrounding Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles crashed down on him again.

Panicked, Yang Kai quickly used Nihility again to avoid the violent murderous pressure.

[I can't stay here. If I do, I'll die!]

Yang Kai immediately understood his situation and the instant his Nihility Secret Technique activated, he madly pushed his Space Force and teleported upwards, trying to escape from the icy depths.

Even if he didn't look back, Yang Kai knew that the Monster Insect Queen was right behind him, because more Sword Waves were still flying at him from behind. If he wasn't proficient in the Dao of Space, which allowed him to instantaneously move from one place to another, he would either be an ice sculpture or a shattered ice sculpture at this moment.

"Impossible, this is absolutely impossible!" Yang Kai flew up while dodging the attacks from behind in a flurry as a look of incomprehension covered his face.

The reason was simple: This Sword Dao Secret Technique displayed by the Monster Insect Queen had left him at a total loss.

After observing the Secret Technique several times, Yang Kai confirmed without a doubt that he had seen this attack before.

It really was Clear Sky Snowfall!

This was the Secret Technique that Su Yan used!

Back in High Heaven Sect, Yang Kai had occasionally seen Su Yan use this Secret Technique, so his understanding of it was very clear.

After coming to the Star Boundary though, he was now witnessing this Secret Technique be displayed by a Spirit Devouring Monster Insect Queen. How could Yang Kai not be surprised?

A Monster Insect Queen using a Secret Technique was shocking enough, but for it to be a Secret Technique that Su Yan had mastered was just too much. If it wasn't for the pain Yang Kai felt from heavily breathing in the ice-cold air, he would have definitely thought he was dreaming.

What's more, this Monster Insect Queen's mastery and comprehension of Clear Sky Snowfall was definitely far beyond Su Yan's.

After all, Su Yan was just a First-Order Origin King when Yang Kai left and she had only learned this Secret Technique a few years prior when she was a disciple of Scarlet Wave Star's Ice Heart Valley.

The same Secret Technique appearing in two different places could only mean that it was somehow inherited by a master who had visited both places. But who could that be?

Did this Secret Technique originate in the Star Boundary or the Star Field?

Many thoughts flashed across Yang Kai's mind, but he could not find a reasonable explanation.

However, he soon recalled Su Yan once saying to him that all the Secret Techniques she learned in Ice Heart Valley were originally created by Ice Heart Valley's Ancestral Founder, Bing Yun. Even Profound Frost, Su Yan's sword, was originally Bing Yun's personal artifact.

With this connection made, Yang Kai vaguely remembered that Scarlet Wave Star's Ice Heart Valley's current Sect Master, Bing Long, had told him that Ice Heart Valley's Ancestral Founder had likely not died because, in the Sect's Restricted Area, only Profound Frost remained, while there was no sign of Bing Yun's Origin Essence Crystal.

Could it be...

Did Ice Heart Valley's Ancestral Founder Bing Yun actually travel to the Star Boundary?

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The more Yang Kai thought about it, the more he realized that it was possible.

Yang Kai didn't know how strong Ancestral Founder Bing Yun was, but during her reign, Ice Heart Valley had been a super force that was comparable to Heng Luo Chamber of Commerce, Sword Union, and Purple Star.

However, over thousands of years, Ice Heart Valley's disciples could not retain the glory of their ancestors and the Sect eventually fell to the point where only a single First-Order Origin King remained to assume command.

The woman who founded a Sect that could reach such a height and endure for over ten thousand years could not possibly be weak.

If Bing Yun had left the Star Field long ago and travelled to the Star Boundary, everything could be explained.

The Clear Sky Snowfall Secret Technique displayed by this Monster Insect Queen was definitely related to Bing Yun, as was the formation of this Ice Cliff.

If Bing Yun was still alive, it should not have been difficult for her to reach the Emperor Realm with her aptitude. If that was so, the remnant Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles in this place would very much match with those of Ice Heart Valley.

Yang Kai gradually sorted out the context of this matter, but whether his hypothesis was correct or not was impossible to know. At the very least, his guess could explain why Clear Sky Snowfall appeared in the Star Boundary.

As the Sword Waves continued to fly at him behind, Yang Kai soon discovered a certain point that allowed him to slightly relax. It seemed this Monster Insect Queen was only able to use Clear Sky Snowfall, and it was likely its strongest move.

This made Yang Kai overjoyed; after all, if that was the case, he would still have a chance to deal with it.

Fortunately, he was proficient in Space Force and was an expert in fleeing. The most difficult kind of cultivator to kill was one skilled in the Dao of Space.

Whether it was in the Star Field or the Star Boundary, this was the case. No one wanted to offend a cultivator like Yang Kai who could use Space Force to come and go without a trace, because if they did and couldn't instantly kill them, it would only lead to great trouble in the future.

Therefore, once a cultivator offended such an enemy, there were only two safe solutions: Kill them quickly or exchange weapons of war for gifts of jade and silk! Otherwise, the consequences would be disastrous.

From the bottom of the cliff all the way to the surface, Yang Kai walked the line between life and death several times. Because he could not use his Divine Sense, Yang Kai didn't know exactly how strong this Monster Insect Queen was, only that it was an opponent he definitely couldn't contend with right now. As such, he didn't even think about fighting and focused entirely on running away.

However, the Monster Insect Queen seemed to be obsessed and chased after Yang Kai relentlessly, its massive body leaping and twisting with uncanny agility as it scaled the walls of the Ice Cliff at a pace not slower than its prey.

After a full stick of incense worth of time, Yang Kai shot out from the Ice Cliff like a bolt of lightning and flew towards a nearby peak, finally able to catch his breath.

Without the suppression of the strong Emperor Pressure and Ice Laws down below, the natural advantage the Monster Insect Queen possessed disappeared and the situation improved.

As his thoughts turned, Yang Kai waited attentively while exhaling tepidly.

In the next moment, the huge snow-white figure shot out from the cliff and landed a few dozen meters in front of Yang Kai.

Observing the Monster Insect Queen's hideous face, which was now clear in the light of day, Yang Kai couldn't help feeling his skin crawl slightly. Using his Divine Sense, he scanned the aura of his opponent and discovered to his dismay that it was the same if not stronger than Bian Yu Qing's.

"Emperor Realm?" Yang Kai paled in shock.

Even if this Monster Insect Queen was not a true Emperor level Monster Beast, it was likely not far off. That was almost two Great Realms above Yang Kai.

Fighting such an enemy was no different than courting death! Yang Kai couldn't help feeling grateful he had not been instantly killed at the bottom of the Ice Cliff.

Just as big beads of sweat were dripping from Yang Kai's forehead though, he suddenly discovered something else out of place with this Monster Insect Queen: It didn't give off any life aura, like there wasn't a trace of vitality in its body at all.

"It's dead?" Yang Kai couldn't help frowning.

Without any life aura or vitality, this Monster Insect Queen could only be dead, but how could something dead act so flexibly? It was even able to use a Sword Dao Secret Technique like Clear Sky Snowfall!

However, if this was the case, it also explained why a near Emperor Realm level Monster Beast had not been able to instantly kill Yang Kai. If it was already dead, it wouldn't be able to display anywhere near its peak strength from when it was alive.

Yang Kai observed carefully and quickly noticed a long scar on its abdomen, one that seemed to have been caused by a single sword slash. There was still some remnant Sword Qi lingering around this wound that had penetrated deep into its body. The wound itself was frozen over with a layer of crystal-clear ice, revealing its internal organs, but strangely no blood was flowing through it.

[It really is dead! Is this something similar to the Corpse Spirit Race with a dead body but a living Soul? Was it somehow brought back to life because of the special environment at the bottom of the Ice Cliff?]

Since encountering this Monster Insect Queen, Yang Kai had been faced with a series of unanswerable questions, but he didn't have any time to ponder on them as, after the Monster Insect Queen appeared, it immediately began to attack.

Its forelimb swords condensed a rich Sword Qi onto them before it slashed forward.

The sky instantly filled with thick snow, as if the world was being wrapped up in a layer of silvery-white.

A frigid, howling wind swept forth with the Monster Insect Queen at its centre and the land within a ten-kilometre radius was engulfed by an indescribable chill. In this world, it seemed the world's laws had been erased and all that remained was cold.

Here, the Monster Insect Queen was supreme!

This was an Emperor's ability to control Principles, the very laws which governed the world and moved the moon and stars.

Yang Kai's complexion changed drastically as he desperately pushed his strength to resist, but he couldn't stop his teeth from chattering as the cold overwhelmed him. At the bottom of the cliff, he had been struck by the enemy's Sword Wave, and although Nihility had allowed him to avoid fatal damage, he did not escape unharmed. Now, inside this field where the enemy's Sword and Ice Principles filled the air, Yang Kai was immediately beset with problems.

The eyes of the Monster Insect Queen flashed a strange snow-white light as it cried out sharply. As it screamed, its icy Sword Intent affected the surrounding World Principles even further, causing this originally not so cold region to become as unbearable as the bottom of the Ice Cliff.

Yang Kai's expression sank as he realized that he was in deep trouble this time.

While he was used to challenging opponents with higher cultivations than his own, there were still limits to his ability. Facing this Monster Insect Queen, which had likely touched upon the Emperor Realm and was proficient in a profound Sword Dao Secret Technique, Yang Kai couldn't put up any meaningful resistance, even with his great skill.

He could almost foresee that when his opponent's sword finally fell, his soul would be extinguished.

Facing this moment of crisis, Yang Kai desperately pushed his Space Force to escape, but to his dismay, he found that the surrounding space had already been sealed off by the rich Ice Principles, making it impossible for him to teleport away.

The white eyes of the Monster Insect Queen revealed a cruel glow as it raised its two forelimb swords up high and began condensing its Sword Qi.

Standing at the gates of death, inspiration suddenly struck Yang Kai and he hurriedly summoned out a certain object, poured all his strength into it, and hurled it towards the Monster Insect Queen.

It was a bracelet-like artifact that had countless tiny glowing runes engraved on it and released a thick Emperor Pressure.

When Yang Kai threw out this bracelet, the Monster Insect Queen didn't sense anything from it and completely ignored it, but when the tiny runes on the bracelet lit up, the Monster Insect Queen couldn't help releasing a pitiful cry.

Its eyes bulging violently as it stared at the bracelet in horror, the Monster Insect Queen's huge body actually began to tremble slightly.

The bracelet clearly had a powerful suppressive effect on it.

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The bracelet struck the Monster Insect Queen's forehead, and although Yang Kai had thrown it with a good deal of force, such an attack was obviously unable to cause any kind of injury to it; however, the aura which radiated from the bracelet was like a bolt of lightning striking the Monster Insect Queen.

The rich Ice Principles and Sword Intent which had enveloped the surrounding world suddenly collapsed and the heavy snowflakes filling the sky all shot off in random directions like tiny flying blades.

Yang Kai's face turned pale as he saw this and didn't dare to remain. Summoning the Sealed World Bead, he hurriedly escaped inside.

The moment after Yang Kai disappeared, a whooshing sound rang out as the entire icy domain poured back into the Monster Insect Queen's body and exploded.

\*Hong Hong Hong...\*

The Monster Insect Queen's body lacked any kind of meat or blood, but its snow-white carapace was instantly riddled with holes while even the Sword Qi on its forelimbs collapsed and splashed out.

Backlash!

Displaying such a high-level Sword Dao Secret Technique but being interrupted at a critical moment had caused all the power of this Secret Technique to flow back into the Monster Insect Queen, essentially hitting it with its own technique in a completely unguarded fashion.

\*Hualala...\*

Above the Ice Cliff, ice and rock were cut to pieces by the overflowing Sword Qi and the entire peak had a layer shaved off. It was conceivable that if Yang Kai was still here, even if he had used all his defensive methods, he would have been sliced to pieces and died on the spot!

A series of rumblings rang out as the fragmented ice and rock fell towards the bottom of the Ice Cliff, hitting the rock walls in a chorus of destruction.

Only after thirty breaths of time did the disturbance at the top of Ice Cliff gradually subside.

It was then that Yang Kai's figure reappeared from the Sealed World Bead.

The scene before him caused him to gulp unconsciously as he secretly rejoiced, he had acted fast enough to escape.

When he went to observe the Monster Insect Queen, Yang Kai was pleasantly surprised to find that it was lying motionless on the ground. It had been fatally wounded and its carapace was now in tatters. Obviously, it couldn't be any more dead.

A white light suddenly emerged from the Monster Insect Queen, twisted slightly, and directly condensed into the appearance of a long sword.

In form, it looked quite similar to Su Yan's Profound Frost.

"What the hell is that?" Yang Kai frowned and was just about to take a closer look when the snow-white light shot directly towards him, releasing a frightening ice-cold aura.

However, the pressure from this snow-white sword was nowhere near as terrifying as the Monster Insect Queen's had been.

Yang Kai grit his teeth, lifted his Sealed World Bead and released his Divine Sense like a tide to wrap up the snow-white light as he shouted, "Come!"

The next moment, the snow-white light wrapped by Yang Kai Divine Sense was pulled into the Sealed World Bead.

Chapter 1956, Sentient Sword Intent

Atop the Ice Cliff, the tranquillity that had lasted for thousands of years was finally restored as the snow-white light disappeared. Yang Kai paled slightly as he gasped for breath and took a few steps forward, picking up the bracelet artifact that had been thrown out before. Only then did he breathe a sigh of relief from having survived.

This time, he was able to overcome extreme danger and cause the Monster Insect Queen to suffer a severe backlash from its own Secret Technique, thus killing it, all thanks to the power of this bracelet artifact.

The Emperor Artifact, Insect Enslavement Bracelet!

This was the Insect Emperor's artifact, and was capable of restraining all species of Exotic Insects.

The Insect Emperor had been killed by Yang Kai after much difficulty on Shadowed Star, and his two Emperor Artifacts now belonged to Yang Kai. In addition to this Insect Enslavement Bracelet, which was the Insect Emperor's most recognized artifact, there was also the Soul Splitting Saber.

However, the grades of these two Emperor Artifacts were too high and could not be properly utilized or even refined by Yang Kai currently.

These two Emperor Artifacts had always been hidden inside Yang Kai's Sealed World Bead, while the Soul Splitting Saber had never even been used. As for the Insect Enslavement Bracelet, this was only the second time Yang Kai had taken it out since obtaining it.

The previous time was in the Severed World when Yang Kai and Xue Yue were being chased down by countless Illusory Butterflies. At that time, Yang Kai had used the magical effects of the Insect Enslavement Bracelet to easily suppress those butterflies which could even cause difficulty to powerful Origin Kings.

From that experience, Yang Kai realized this Insect Enslavement Bracelet still had its uses even if he had yet to refine it.

It was also just a flash of inspiration when he suddenly remembered this special artifact a moment ago, and with nothing else to lose took it out to try, the effects far surpassing his expectations.

Looking at the Insect Enslavement Bracelet for a moment, Yang Kai felt a bit suspicious, because even if the Insect Enslavement Bracelet was an artifact that the Insect Emperor once possessed, and it had a natural suppressive effect on Exotic Insects, the Monster Insect Queen was not weak after all, How could it suppress it to the point where it died of a simple backlash?

Yang Kai could not figure it out.

Sometime later, he put away the Insect Enslavement Bracelet and his figure flickered, disappearing from where he stood to enter the Small Sealed World of the Sealed World Bead.

After releasing his Divine Sense, Yang Kai quickly found where the snow-white light which appeared from the Monster Insect Queen was.

Disappearing again, Yang Kai instantly arrived at a different place in the Small Sealed World.

Here, the mountains and rivers were serene and peaceful, with only the white light flying around aimlessly in its long sword shape.

Yang Kai decided to first conceal himself and observe to see what would happen.

Now that he had collected this thing into the Sealed World Bead, Yang Kai had full control over it. Even if it had the strength of an Emperor, Yang Kai did not need to fear it.

The more he observed this thing, the more Yang Kai felt it was shaped similar to Su Yan's Profound Frost, which also bolstered Yang Kai's previous speculations about Ice Heart Valley's Ancestral Founder Bing Yun.



“Is it the Soul of that Monster Insect Queen?” Yang Kai thought secretly but soon dismissed the idea. This sword-shaped snow-white light was indeed somewhat similar to a Soul, composed entirely of energy with a trace of chaotic consciousness, but it was definitely not the Soul of the Monster Insect Queen. On the other hand, Yang Kai felt an incredibly profound Sword Intent radiating from it.

[Just what the hell is this?]

After some time, Yang Kai determined that it could not pose any threat to him after this thing had left the body of the Monster Insect Queen, so he decided to appear before it.

Just as Yang Kai appeared, the sword-shaped snow-white light suddenly pulsed, releasing rich Ice Principles and Sword Intent as it pointed its tip towards him.

“Don’t get presumptuous!” Yang Kai slowly shook his head as he stretched out his hand with a flick of his wrist controlled the surrounding Principles to shatter the Ice Principles and Sword Intent coming from the light.

Inside the Sealed World Bead, just like back on Shadowed Star, Yang Kai was the supreme master and could change anything he wanted to at will with just a single thought.

An opponent trying to fight with him here was the height of foolishness.

The strange snow-white light obviously did not realize this though and was not discouraged by Yang Kai dispelling its ultimate move so easily. Without pause, it tried again to display its Clear Sky Snowfall technique.

“Stop causing trouble!” Yang Kai spat disdainfully before reaching out and condensing a rope of pure energy that tightly bound the light.

Waving his hand once more, the shackled snow-white light immediately flew to his hand.

Yang Kai closed his eyes and began carefully probing it.

He was very curious about what this thing really was.

As time passed, Yang Kai’s calm and tranquil look gradually changed, becoming astonished, surprised, shocked... and eventually joyous.

After a long time, he opened his eyes and a look of utter disbelief covered his face as he stared down at the snow-white light that was still struggling to escape its restraints.

“A Sentient Sword Intent? Can such a thing really exist in this world?” Yang Kai was astonished.

This snow-white sword-shaped light was not the Soul of the Monster Insect Queen, nor was it the Soul of any living creature. Instead, it was formed from the residual Clear Sky Snowfall Sword Dao Secret Technique’s Sword Intent that had somehow achieved a level of independent consciousness.

In this world, not all creatures required a flesh and blood body to be considered alive and sentient.

Some trees, stones, and even Spirit Pills that absorbed enough World Energy over a long enough period of time would be able to obtain sentience. Examples of such things were the variety of World Spirit Treasures and Pill Spirits...

The world was incredibly vast, so such wonders existed.

However, Yang Kai had never imagined that the Sword Intent of a Secret Technique could also give birth to a conscious will.

This snow-white sword-shaped light was surprisingly the Sword Intent of the Clear Sky Snowfall Secret Technique which, after countless years of tempering under the rich Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles of the Ice Cliff, had obtained sentience.

To put it bluntly, this was a living Sword Intent!

Just how profound a comprehension of the Sword Dao did the master who unleashed this Secret Technique possess to allow the mere Sword Intent of it to produce such a bizarre evolution?

However, this also explained in a certain sense why it couldn't bring out the real power of an Emperor.

The Monster Insect Queen had died long ago, likely killed by that very Emperor in a single move, and only because of the special environment and its strong body did it manage to maintain its original form. Afterwards, the Sword Intent that lingered in its fatal wound had given birth to a chaotic will and instinctively attached itself to the Monster Insect Queen.

This was not like seizing control of a body by consuming and replacing its Soul, but rather like controlling the body of the Monster Insect Queen as a puppet, making it impossible to draw out its full power.

This also explained why it could only use Clear Sky Snowfall, and all its techniques seemed to be variations of this Secret Technique.

Fundamentally this Sentient Sword Intent was the essence of Clear Sky Snowfall, so aside from Clear Sky Snowfall, it naturally did not know anything else.

What's more, it obviously had not completely integrated with the Monster Insect Queen, so under the suppression of the Insect Enslavement Bracelet, it was directly driven out of its body. Suddenly being separated from this Sentient Sword Intent, the Monster Insect Queen's body lost all ability to control the attack it was condensing at that moment, so experiencing a total backlash was understandable.

Many of the incomprehensible events from earlier became clear after Yang Kai learned about the true nature of this snow-white sword-shaped light.

Looking down at the struggling Sword Intent in his hand, Yang Kai knit his brow.

Undeniably, this was a very precious treasure.

After all, it was a Sentient Sword Intent, so if it could be refined and consumed, it would be the equivalent of comprehending an Emperor Realm master's full understanding of this Secret Technique.

Even Yang Kai was a little moved.

Although he currently had many Secret Techniques, having one more would boost his options when facing enemies in combat.

However... if he wanted to use such a Secret Technique, he needed to first cultivate an Ice Attribute Secret Art or be able to manipulate Ice Principles. Yang Kai did not have the slightest experience

controlling Ice Attribute Energy, so even if he were to refine this Sentient Sword Intent, he would be unable to use Clear Sky Snowfall to any reasonable degree.

[It would be wonderful if Su Yan was here!] Yang Kai sighed.

He could not refine it, but he couldn't let it remain in the Small Sealed World either; after all, his medicine garden was inside this Small Sealed World with all the herbs and spirit medicines he had accumulated. If this unruly fellow were to find the medicine garden and freeze everything inside it, Yang Kai would have nowhere to cry.

[How troublesome!]

Yang Kai frowned as he was unable to refine this thing, unable to let it stay, and unwilling to simply throw it away. Scratching his head for a while, he could not come up with a good solution to the problem at hand.

Just when he was feeling at his wit's end, an idea suddenly popped into his head.

Yang Kai immediately smiled and carefully began to consider the possible gains and losses.

A moment later, he made up his mind and felt that this was indeed a good idea. Not only would it not waste this Sentient Sword Intent, but it could also boost his strength dramatically in the short run.

Considering all this, he no longer hesitated and exited the Sealed World Bead.

Looking left and right, Yang Kai quickly found the carcass of the Monster Insect Queen which was riddled with the backlash from the Clear Sky Snowfall Secret Technique. Rushing over, he quickly tossed the Monster Insect Queen's body into the Sealed World Bead before following after it.

Standing in a large clearing, the bound Sword Intent suspended nearby and the huge snow-white Monster Insect Queen in front of him, Yang Kai grinned and stretched out his hand.

Although this Sword Intent had its own consciousness, it was still in a chaotic state and was unable to communicate meaningfully. As such, it only possessed the basic instincts to fight and kill, so Yang Kai did not bother trying to reason with it and directly bound it with his Divine Sense.

Yang Kai wanted to leave his Soul Imprint on this Sword Intent.

By doing so, he would be able to command it and make it obey his instructions.

This was no different from controlling a cultivator by marking their Soul, it was just that his target this time was a chaotic consciousness, which would not actively cooperate. However, it was precisely because this Sword Intent's sentience was so limited that Yang Kai could control it completely.

Spiritual Energy pouring out, Yang Kai tried his best to burn his will into the Sentient Sword Intent.

During the process, he encountered a lot of resistance, and Yang Kai's Divine Sense was damaged quite a bit, but one side in this contest was acting on instinct while the other was acting purposefully. In the end, the Sentient Sword Intent was defeated by Yang Kai's methods and successfully engraved with Yang Kai's Soul Imprint.

Chapter 1957, The Strongest Blood Beast Is Born

Marking this Sword Intent with his Soul was only the first step.

After completing this, Yang Kai released the bindings on the Sentient Sword Intent, and it no longer displayed any hostility towards him, even giving off a feeling of intimacy instead. The white light of its long sword form hovered around Yang Kai continuously, like a newborn baby that had just opened its eyes for the first time to see its parents.

No longer did it threaten Yang Kai; rather, it obeyed all of Yang Kai's various orders without hesitation.

Yang Kai didn't pay it any more mind and simply let it fly around next to him before closing his eyes and restoring his Spiritual Energy.

One day later, having restored himself to his peak, Yang Kai opened his eyes and found that the Sword Intent had already stopped flying around and was now resting quietly on his shoulder.

"Come, I'll give you a new body," Although Yang Kai knew that there was no point in trying to communicate with it, he couldn't help talking out loud. As soon as his words fell, he stretched out his hand and grabbed the Sword Intent before immediately reaching out with his other hand and winding several Golden Blood Threads around it.

The Sword Intent seemed to want to resist, but under Yang Kai's reassurances, it quickly calmed down.

Soon after, the snow-white Sentient Sword Intent was wrapped up in Golden Blood Threads and a massive surge of vitality flowed into it.

Half a day later, the originally snow-white Sentient Sword Intent had taken on a vibrant golden glow. At this moment, the Sword Intent was no longer just an aggregation of pure energy, but had an obvious vitality due to the infusion of Golden Blood Threads. It was not an exaggeration to say that it now possessed its own simple body.

With the Golden Blood Threads as its physical form and the Sword Intent as its soul, this Sentient Sword Intent was now a living creature, in a sense.

Yang Kai wasn't finished yet though, and with a thought, the golden Sword Intent flickered and shot directly into the body of the Monster Insect Queen.

Lying on the ground, the Monster Insect Queen, which had no vitality at all, immediately underwent a significant transformation. The snow-white body took on a brilliant golden glow and was rapidly being repaired under the influence of the massive amount of vitality. The original damage from the Secret Technique backlash was now being restored at a rapid rate.

There were obvious power fluctuations now emanating from the Monster Insect Queen's body.

The white eyes which had been dull and lifeless now began to faintly glow.

Yang Kai paid close attention to the changes in the Monster Insect Queen and to the degree of integration between the Sentient Sword Intent and its former host!

The method he was displaying right now was completely different from the previous Sword Intent's control of the Monster Insect Queen. Before, the Sword Intent had simply attached itself to this body and controlled it like a puppet.

Yang Kai was using his method of condensing Blood Beasts to integrate the Sword Intent into the Monster Insect Queen's body.

If he was successful, Yang Kai would immediately obtain an extremely powerful Blood Beast!

As for if it failed... Yang Kai felt failure was highly unlikely.

After all, the Sword Intent already had a certain degree of compatibility with the Monster Insect Queen, so, bolstered by his means, there was almost no possibility of failure.

Time passed as the colour of the Monster Insect Queen gradually changed to a mixture of gold and white while the aura fluctuations from its physical body and Soul became more and more stable, an obvious sign that the integration was nearly complete.

Just to be safe, Yang Kai even pierced his palm and forced out a few drops of his purest Golden Blood to ensure the Monster Insect Queen's body was fully repaired.

Suddenly, the snow-white eyes of the Monster Insect Queen glowed a profound golden light and its huge body shivered, as if the Sword Intent was becoming familiar with its newly fused body.

Stumbling up from the ground with difficulty, like a toddler trying to stand for the first time, it almost fell to the ground several times.

When it finally managed to support itself and began to slowly walk around, Yang Kai could not help laughing.

[Success!]

Although his idea was a bit outlandish, it had proved effective, in the end. Using a separate Soul and physical body, he was able to condense a complete Blood Beast!

Originally, Blood Beasts were not truly living creatures and were instead formed from dead Monster Beasts. It was a Divine Ability that attached a Golden Blood Thread to a corpse, and the requirements for materials were not too strict.

Even if the Monster Insect Queen was crawling on the ground, its body was still one and half times Yang Kai's height and had an imposing presence. The more Yang Kai observed his latest work, the more satisfied he became with it.

He could clearly feel the chaotic will of the Sword Intent inside the Monster Insect Queen's body still intimately tied to his Soul.

When he fought against this guy before, he had not been able to determine its full strength, so now, Yang Kai naturally wanted to see how powerful it could be.

With a thought, he instructed the Monster Insect Queen.

The Monster Insect Queen immediately stood upright and condensed Sword Qi onto its right forelimb.

With the appearance of this Sword Qi, rich Ice Principles also condensed, causing the surrounding temperature to rapidly drop and innumerable tiny snowflake-like blades to form in the air before it slashed forward, sending out a deadly barrage towards the void.

Clear Sky Snowfall!

A violent power burst out suddenly, causing the surrounding space to tremble as the World Principles became slightly disordered from the impact.

Yang Kai nodded in appreciation.

Worthy of a Sentient Sword Intent, its mastery of this Sword Dao Secret Technique had reached a Grandmaster-level; however, that wasn't a surprise as it was originally the Sword Intent of a powerful Emperor Realm master. At this moment, using the Monster Insect Queen as a medium, it was almost as if an Emperor was personally taking action.

The power it could display was obviously reduced due to various reasons, but the profundity of the Secret Technique itself was still an astonishing sight to behold.

"About as strong as a First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator's full-powered strike?" Yang Kai frowned as he muttered to himself and stared at the Monster Insect Queen.

Yang Kai was not dissatisfied at all as his experiment had achieved the expected effect.

Although he had felt an aura close to an Emperor Realm master from the Monster Insect Queen before, after transforming it into a Blood Beast, the amount of strength it could display had dropped noticeably.

This was inevitable.

The Blood Beasts Yang Kai had condensed before were all like this.

What's more, at this moment, the Sentient Sword Intent and Monster Insect Queen had just fused together, so it certainly wasn't able to exert its full power yet.

After some time, the power it could display would improve, but Yang Kai estimated that the Third-Order Dao Source Realm would be its peak.

Still, it was enough!

With the support of a Third-Order Dao Source Realm master by his side, one he could order around at will, Yang Kai finally had some qualification to stand in the Star Boundary and would no longer need to be as cautious and fearful as he had been until now.

However, external forces were in the end just that, external. It was personal strength that a cultivator should always prioritise.

Yang Kai deeply understood this and thus did not put all his hopes on external boosts.

His 'punishment' here in the Ice Cliff had yielded great rewards.

Without even mentioning the strange Ice Flower and Ice Fruits, just this Monster Insect Queen had made Yang Kai's stay worthwhile. On top of that, he had made a breakthrough to the Third-Order Origin King Realm here and transformed half his Saint Qi into Source Qi while simultaneously comprehending his new Nihilism Secret Technique.

Yang Kai was in an excellent mood as he observed the Monster Insect Queen in front of him while thinking it would be good if he could find an Ice Attribute artifact sword.

With a proper artifact to assist it, the Sword Intent would be able to exert significantly more power in combat.

If an enemy were to suddenly face this Monster Insect Queen while it wielded a long sword and used Clear Sky Snowfall, they would definitely be stunned stupid.

Although Yang Kai had many artifacts on hand, aside from a few Emperor Artifacts, there was really nothing he used personally, and there certainly was not an Ice Attribute sword that would meet the Monster Insect Queen's requirements.

This was not a surprise though, since how could there be any Monster Beasts who were proficient in Sword Dao Secret Techniques?

After instructing the Monster Insect Queen to continue adjusting itself inside the Small Sealed World, Yang Kai left.

There was nothing more Yang Kai needed to do as it would simply take time and accumulation for the Sentient Sword Intent and Monster Insect Queen to fully integrate. Once this process was complete, it would become a complete Blood Beast.

Yang Kai was looking forward to it.

Over the next few days, there were no more surprises. Yang Kai dug out a new cave mansion at five thousand meters below the top of the Ice Cliff and used the special environment here to temper his will.

At the same time, he immersed himself in researching his new Secret Technique Nihilism.

Finally, on a certain day, Yang Kai stood at the top of Ice Cliff and looked into the distance.

If his sense of time was not wrong, his three-month confinement should be up today, so he was standing here to wait for Kou Wu to come and pick him up.

Although his confinement was over, it might cause problems for him again if he simply flew back on his own, and Yang Kai didn't want to draw more attention to himself now, so he patiently waited.

However, to his surprise, no matter how long he stood there, Kou Wu did not appear.

It was not until the day was almost over that a small black spot appeared in the distance.

Yang Kai smiled happily as he stared outwards.

The appearance of this visitor quickly entered Yang Kai's eyes, but rather than Kou Wu, it was a cultivator he had never met before.

Judging from the aura this person gave off, he was only a Third-Order Origin King.

The visitor stopped at a distance, apparently not intending to get too close to this dreaded Restricted Area, and as he stared in the direction of Yang Kai, he simply yelled, "Senior Brother Kou asked me to come tell you today that your confinement is over, and you can return to the Sect."

After saying what he needed to, this man turned around and left.

Yang Kai was stunned and quickly leapt up from where he stood to chase after this man.

As a fellow Third-Order Origin King, and with the other party not flying at full speed, Yang Kai naturally caught up very quickly.

Flying forward side by side, the person frowned slightly as he quietly spread out a bit from Yang Kai.

Although Yang Kai was aware of this, he did not pay it any mind and instead cupped his fists and asked, "Dare I ask this Senior Brother's surname?"

The man wore an impatient look and snapped, "I was just ordered to deliver a message from Senior Brother Kou. Don't try to get friendly with me."

This man wore a grumpy expression on his face, like Yang Kai owed him a large sum of money.

Being rebuffed so forcefully, Yang Kai felt a bit awkward but still tried to ask, "Why didn't Senior Brother Kou come today and instead troubled Senior Brother to come in his place?"

"Senior Brother Kou was given a task and left the Sect a month ago. If you want to wait for him to pick you up, you can go back to Ice Cliff!" The man finished explaining quickly before accelerating forward, quickly throwing off Yang Kai.

Chapter 1958, Madman

The attitude of this man was quite off-putting, which made Yang Kai upset.

However, considering that most of Blue Feather Sect's disciples did not share a harmonious relationship and the two of them didn't have any friendship with each other or even know each other's names, Yang Kai didn't let it bother him.

However, Kou Wu being task to go out a month ago surprised Yang Kai quite a bit.

He wondered what kind of task would force Kou Wu to go out in such a hurry.

Shaking his head, Yang Kai did not think too much about it and just flew forward leisurely.

Ice Cliff was only ten thousand kilometres away from Blue Feather Sect's headquarters, a relatively short distance for Yang Kai, so it did not take him long to return to the Sect.

Before flying down to his humble residence, Yang Kai released his Divine Sense and inspected the room next door.

Naturally, this was Liu Xian Yun's residence as the two lived no more than twenty meters apart.

Inside the room, Liu Xian Yun seemed to be adjusting her breathing, but after sensing Yang Kai's Divine Sense, she quickly opened her eyes and ran out of the room with a look of pleasant surprise on her face, "Brother Yang, you're back?"



She had been alone for the past few months and was feeling a bit isolated and helpless here in Blue Feather Sect as it was an unfamiliar place to her.

Although she had not known Yang Kai for a long time, because the two shared similar fates and backgrounds, she still had a sense of intimacy with him that was only enhanced by Yang Kai being so kind and good to her.

When she learned that Yang Kai was being confined, she could not help worrying.

If something were to happen to Yang Kai on the Ice Cliff, she would really be alone from now on.

"I just returned," Yang Kai smiled slightly.

"As long as you're alright... Oh? Brother Yang, you actually made a breakthrough?" Liu Xian Yun quickly noticed Yang Kai's breakthrough and lifted her hand to cover her mouth, her beautiful eyes flashing with surprise. After all, she had heard that the environment in Ice Cliff was extremely harsh and it was difficult for people to even survive. She had been worrying about Yang Kai's safety, but he had now returned unscathed and actually broke through as well.

"It was just luck," Yang Kai nodded faintly. "How have you been these past few months?"

"How else could I have been?" Liu Xian Yun smiled bitterly and shook her head, "Nothing's happened."

As she spoke though, she suddenly coughed slightly, and an abnormal blush appeared on her face. Although she concealed this extremely quickly, how could Yang Kai have missed it?

"You're hurt?" Yang Kai frowned.

"I had a small accident while I was cultivating," Liu Xian Yun replied hurriedly.

Yang Kai stared into her eyes, as if to look straight into her heart, causing Liu Xian Yun to smile forcefully, "It's not a big deal, I just became a bit too anxious while I was meditating. I'll be fine after a few days of rest."

"Was it really an accident when you were cultivating?" Yang Kai's voice gradually became cold. Liu Xian Yun was a Third-Order Origin King, and although it wasn't unheard of for Cultivation Dissonance to occur during a retreat, that was only under the premise that someone was in secluded retreat and made a mistake while comprehending some profound Secret Technique or Art.

How could Liu Xian Yun have been so reckless to enter a secluded retreat in this unfamiliar, almost hostile environment?

"Why would I need to lie about this?" Liu Xian Yun said anxiously, "I wanted to enter retreat to comprehend the mysteries of the Dao Source Realm a few days ago, but I didn't expect my strength wasn't sufficient..."

"I'm not a naïve child, tell me the truth," Yang Kai interrupted her explanation.

Liu Xian Yun opened her mouth to say something, but soon let out a sigh before lowering her head, "Brother Yang, just let this matter drop. Right now, Protector Bian and Senior Brother Kou are not in the Sect. If we stir up trouble, it won't end well."

“Protector Bian isn’t in the Sect?” Yang Kai frowned.

“En, Protector Bian and a large number of the senior disciples left about a month ago. Senior Brother Kou was among them. I don’t know why they left. In any case, I’m really fine, it’s just a small injury. You and I are still new here, so we should tolerate what we can tolerate.”

Yang Kai nodded slightly before curling his lips and flashing a wry grin, “It’s good that you can think so, but I’m afraid some people don’t share your opinion.”

As he spoke, he turned his head and looked to the side.

Liu Xian Yun was startled but quickly reacted, following his gaze as her own became stern.

Over there, a group of four cultivators was walking over, with the one in the lead wearing a resolute and indifferent look. With his hands behind his back, he gave off an imposing aura while behind him there were three people whom Yang Kai had met before.

One of them was Chu Fei, who had been taught a harsh lesson by him in the shopping district last time. It had been three months already, but Chu Fei’s injuries had still yet to completely heal; this wasn’t a surprise though as Yang Kai had only held back just enough to not kill him last time. Even with good healing pills and Chu Fei’s own restorative abilities, healing completely in just three months was impossible. At this moment, Chu Fei had a somewhat weak air about him, with a pale complexion and slightly unsteady steps.

The other two were the ones who had been accompanying Chu Fei at the time.

The moment Yang Kai returned from the Ice Cliff, this group of people had shown up at his door, so their intentions were blatantly obvious.

Chu Fei looked at Yang Kai with deep hatred, like he was staring at his mortal enemy. Grinding his teeth, he quietly whispered to the cultivator who was walking in the forefront.

This man’s expression was cold and did not change in the slightest, but judging from Chu Fei’s flattering demeanour, it was apparent that this man’s status in Blue Feather Sect was not low; it was at least on the same level as Kou Wu’s, with strength to match.

This group walked over arrogantly while the man in the lead directed sharp eyes towards Yang Kai, obvious disdain and contempt apparent in his gaze.

After coming to a stop some ten meters away, Chu Fei looked at Yang Kai grimly before sneering, “Junior Brother Yang, I trust you’ve been well since we last met. I didn’t expect that Protector Bian locking you up in Ice Cliff didn’t take your life, it seems your luck isn’t bad.”

Yang Kai lightly chuckled as he swept his eyes over Chu Fei and said, “How are Senior Brother Chu’s injuries? Are your muscles perhaps cramped from lying in bed for so long and you came here to find Junior Brother to loosen them for you again? If that is the case, Junior Brother is happy to help.”

Chu Fei heard this and couldn’t help shivering slightly. In the battle three months ago, he had been unable to put up any resistance and was quickly knocked to the ground and beaten to a pulp. He had not only been severely wounded, but he had also lost all face. Even thinking about it now still gave him nightmares.

Realizing he had become frightened with just a few words, Chu Fei became angry out of shame and snapped, "Don't be so full of yourself! If you know what's good for you and cooperate, Senior Brother might spare you some pain, but if you don't..."

"Oh..." Yang Kai exclaimed. "After not seeing you for three months, Senior Brother Chu's courage has certainly grown a lot, I wonder why that is? Could it be... because of this Senior Brother?"

Saying so, Yang Kai turned his eyes towards the leader of this group.

Yang Kai didn't bother acting polite as the other party was obviously here to retaliate, so acting humble would only be showing weakness.

Chu Fei and the other two Origin Kings were not of any concern to Yang Kai. Three months ago, when he was just a Second-Order Origin King, he was able to easily deal with these three, and now his strength had grown quite significantly. The only one Yang Kai had to care about was this helper they had brought.

The man's aura was on the same level as Kou Wu's, and if Yang Kai's guess was right, he should be a First-Order Dao Source Realm master. This man had not said a word since he appeared, but when Yang Kai's eyes met with his, a terrifying light flashed across them as a pure burst of Spiritual Energy shot out and stabbed towards his Knowledge Sea.

This man had directly displayed a Soul Secret Technique in an attempt to overwhelm Yang Kai's Knowledge Sea defences in one fell swoop, giving him a vicious demonstration of authority.

Yang Kai was furious.

Divine Sense attacks were extremely dangerous, and if one was not careful, they could wind up as a mindless fool. The other party's actions were nothing less than brutal, and he obviously had no intention of holding back. This was completely different from when Yang Kai had beat up Chu Fei. No matter how heavy-handed Yang Kai was at the time, he made sure that Chu Fei would be able to recover normally if given enough time, but this man had launched an attack that could very well cause irreversible injury.

At the very least, this kind of approach would leave dark injuries on his Soul that could never be fully healed.

Infuriated, Yang Kai coldly snorted and madly mobilized his own Knowledge Sea's, summoning up a roaring wave of Spiritual Energy to meet his opponent head-on.

Facing a Divine Sense attack that had already locked onto him, Yang Kai could not dodge and could only brutally fight back!

At the same time, inside his Knowledge Sea, a dazzling seven coloured light blossomed from the Seven Coloured Soul Warming Lotus as it began to rotate rapidly. The dazzling radiance expanded outwards and merged together with Yang Kai's Divine Sense, further enhancing the power of his attack.

An invisible collision erupted between the two at a level of danger far greater than simply crossing swords.

The attacking man's eyes shrank as a look of surprise and amazement flashed across his face. Obviously, he hadn't expected Yang Kai's Soul to be just as powerful as his own.

A moment of carelessness had caused him to suffer a small loss as his face turned pale and he felt a sharp pain in his head.

Yang Kai also did not feel any better though. Such a dangerous Divine Sense collision had obviously caused him some damage as well; however, with the protection and restorative power of his Soul Warming Lotus, he did not need to worry about this.

Even if his Soul was damaged, the Soul Warming Lotus would be able to repair it for him.

On the contrary, his opponent, who had believed he could crush Yang Kai at will, now discovered that the young man in front of him was actually able to fight him on even ground, making him curse himself for underestimating his opponent as he hurriedly tried to take back his Divine Sense.

But how could Yang Kai let him off so easily?

Relying on his higher cultivation, this man had launched a Divine Sense attack without saying a word, obviously intending to suppress him in one shot, yet now he wanted to retreat? Not if Yang Kai had anything to say about it!

Resisting the piercing ache in his mind, Yang Kai grit his teeth and forced his Divine Sense to chase after the withdrawing enemy.

The indifferent look on the man's face finally changed, all of his previous disdain and mockery being replaced with shock and horror. Although he had only fought a single round with Yang Kai, he could now see that this young man was a madman.

Without even mentioning how this Junior Brother at the Third-Order Origin King Realm had Spiritual Energy equal to his own, just the will to risk critically injuring himself to strike back at his opponent was not something an ordinary man could achieve.

[Does this bastard... not fear death?] Deep in his heart, the man felt a deep sense of fright.

Chapter 1959 , Sneak Attack

In a head-on confrontation, the stronger won.

When Yang Kai's violent Divine Sense surged forward, crushing dry weeds and smashing rotten wood along the way, pursuing his opponent's Divine Sense back to his Knowledge Sea and tearing open his defences, the man couldn't help stumbling backwards and crying out in pain.

No longer possessing the aloof demeanour of a Senior Brother anymore, he was reduced to a simple man suffering unbearable torment.

Yang Kai also trembled as his face turned pale.

However, he grit his teeth and charged towards his enemy at remarkable speed without saying a word.

"Senior Brother Zhou Yi!" Chu Fei exclaimed in shock.

From his point of view, this Senior Brother named Zhou Yi had only stared at Yang Kai for an instant before both of them shook violently and turned pale. Senior Brother Zhou Yi had been forced to retreat several steps while Yang Kai took this opportunity to approach, a cruel and merciless light filling his eyes.

Chu Fei was still a Third-Order Origin King, so he had detected the fluctuations of Divine Sense just now, but what he could not believe was that, it was Senior Brother Zhou Yi who had actually suffered the bigger loss in that brief confrontation.

Seeing Yang Kai not retreat but instead attack, Chu Fei hurriedly shouted to warn Zhou Yi.

But how could he act in time?

As soon as his voice fell, Yang Kai had already rushed up to the cultivator named Zhou Yi and a five coloured glow from his Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi covered his fists as he struck forward towards his enemy's chest.

\*Hong...\*

The world vibrated fiercely as a violent force burst out and Zhou Yi was directly pounded into the ground, leaving behind a human-shaped pit as dust filled the air.

Seeing this scene, Chu Fei felt a sense of déjà-vu as it was so similar to what had happened to him three months ago. Suddenly his face turned pale as he trembled in place, while his two Junior Brothers put on an even more embarrassing display as they called out in alarm and hurriedly retreated for fear of being implicated.

"How could this be?" Chu Fei was completely dumbfounded.

He thought that Yang Kai would definitely be taught a severe lesson if he invited Senior Brother Zhou Yi to avenge him, and now, with all the masters from Protector Bian's faction out of the Sect, no one could stop him.

Today, he was going to get his revenge and humiliate Yang Kai, but how could he have anticipated that the Senior Brother he invited would be beaten to the ground by Yang Kai in a face-to-face encounter.

The bizarre scene before him caused Chu Fei to doubt his eyes.

It wasn't until this time that Chu Fei noticed Yang Kai's cultivation was no longer at the Second-Order Origin King Realm but had instead reached the Third-Order.

"How could he have made a breakthrough in that damned Ice Cliff?" Chu Fei's heart shook as he realized that he had made a mistake this time.

In Blue Feather Sect, there had always been a convention. Any disciple that was confined in the Ice Cliff and did not die would become highly valued, and if that disciple was able to gain some insight or even break through in the Ice Cliff, they would immediately become an elite disciple of Sect, causing their status to soar up to the sky.

Over the years, many Senior Brothers had risen to fame because of this.

After all, the Ice Cliff was formed by an Emperor Realm master's single strike and was suffused with profound Emperor Pressure and Ice Principles. Being able to break through in that kind of environment showed just how talented a cultivator was.

And now, Yang Kai was undoubtedly such a disciple.

If this news spread, it would definitely attract the attention of the Sect, and this Junior Brother, whom Chu Fei hated deeply, would instantly come to possess much higher status and importance than him. At that time, he would only be able to look up to Yang Kai. As for revenge, there was no need to even dream of it anymore as Yang Kai not coming to find trouble with him would be a blessing.

Many distracting thoughts passed through Chu Fei's mind as he quickly understood that if he could not solve this matter properly today, it would become a catastrophe for him, causing him to panic internally.

Just as Chu Fei was secretly scolding Zhou Yi for being useless, a low growl filled with rage suddenly rang out, "Boy, you court death!"

This voice was filled with unspeakable hatred, like a wounded beast's roar tinged with cold murderous intent.

Chu Fei's eyes lit up and he was called out with joy, "Senior Brother Zhou!"

The low roar was from Zhou Yi, who had been punched into the ground by Yang Kai.

Although Yang Kai had not held back, Zhou Yi was a First-Order Dao Source Realm master, so how could he possibly be killed so easily? After becoming disoriented after his loss during their Divine Sense confrontation just now, he had been unable to prevent Yang Kai's follow up attack in time.

Now that he had come back to his senses, he was naturally enraged.

As he shouted, he leapt up and turned a vicious glare towards Yang Kai, his eyes bloodshot as killing intent radiated from his body.

If he had only accepted Chu Fei's request to meddle in this matter reluctantly before, after being punched by Yang Kai, he now personally wanted to butcher him.

After being beaten to such an extent by a Junior Brother who was in a lower realm, how could Zhou Yi wash off this shame with anything other than blood?

The surrounding space began to stiffen as the anger of a Dao Source Realm master was even able to affect the ambient World Principles to a certain extent. Wind began to gather towards Zhou Yi, whipping his hair into a frenzied dance as his aura continued to sharply rise.

Yang Kai tensed up as he instinctively felt a sense of crisis surge up in his heart, so he directly used his Demon Eye of Annihilation without any hesitation.

His left eye suddenly turned golden as a narrow pupil containing a mysterious and majestic power that had an incredible suppressive effect on one's Soul burst forth.

As their eyes met, Zhou Yi could not help feeling startled because he could feel the strange force coming from this golden eye affecting his thoughts and will.

In his Divine Sense exchange with Yang Kai, he had suffered a small injury, so now facing the Demon Eye of Annihilation, he was naturally at a disadvantage.

Yang Kai seized the opportunity to display his most powerful Soul Secret Technique, "Blossoming Lotus!"

A lotus bud suddenly appeared in his left eye and in a flicker shot into Zhou Yi's eyes.

Everything in front of Zhou Yi suddenly disappeared and all that was left was this lotus bud. The bud madly began extracting his Spiritual energy and slowly blossomed, revealing a kind of strange, deadly beauty.

Yang Kai currently had an advantage over Zhou Yi in terms of Soul cultivation, so how could he not take advantage of it? As soon as the Blossoming Lotus Secret Technique came out, Yang Kai took the initiative to attack again.

Before Zhou Yi could react, Yang Kai shot out dozens of Golden Blood Threads which, under his exquisite Divine Sense control, twisted and turned into a golden net that wrapped up Zhou Yi.

This was just one of the myriad transformations possible for Yang Kai's Golden Blood Thread.

"Dragon Transformation!" Yang Kai did not hesitate to use another Secret Technique, morphing his right arm into a vicious dragon claw before he thrust it out towards Zhou Yi's chest.

Now that things had developed to this point, it was either Yang Kai died or Zhou Yi died. The latter's murderous intent was not just a deterrent, it represented a real desire to kill Yang Kai.

Against someone who wanted to seriously kill him, Yang Kai would not show mercy.

"Brother Yang, don't!" Liu Xian Yun called out in alarm from behind.

If Yang Kai really killed Zhou Yi, it would no longer be possible to resolve this matter, but as she did not have a way to calm the situation in front of her either, she could only shout instinctively.

Yang Kai turned a deaf ear to her cries as his expression remained cold and indifferent as he made his resolve to quickly kill the enemy before him.

Seeing the dragon claw about to penetrate his chest, Zhou Yi managed to shake off the influence of the Blossoming Lotus Secret Technique at the critical moment and roar, "Boy, you dare!"

With a clatter, the lotus image in Zhou Yi's eyes shattered and his murderous intent, which had stagnated somewhat, soared upwards again. At the same time, his First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivation exploded vigorously.

"Anguished Wind Palm!" Zhou Yi shouted as he stuck out a palm covered in rich Wind Attribute energy, creating a storm-like vortex that tried to chew through Yang Kai's right arm.

\*Kacha...\*

A harsh grating sound echoed as the dragon scales on Yang Kai's right arm broke apart. Even the dragon claw itself wasn't able to maintain its shape properly.

Although the First-Order Dao Source Realm was only a single Minor Realm above Yang Kai's current cultivation, because Zhou Yi's Saint Qi had been completely transformed into Source Qi, his true combat power had far exceeded that of an ordinary Third-Order Origin King.

What's more, First-Order Dao Source cultivators had touched upon the threshold Principles and could slightly mobilize them to enhance their techniques.

What Zhou Yi cultivated was undoubtedly the Wind Attribute, and his Anguished Wind Palm obviously contained all his perceptions and comprehensions of the Wind Principles.

Wind Principles were swift and flexible, so this Anguished Wind Palm was both terrifyingly fast and sharp.

Feeling the approaching murderous intent made Yang Kai's complexion change drastically, but rather than retreating, he grit his teeth and pushed his dragon claw towards Zhou Yi's chest with even more force.

"You..." Zhou Yi's eyes bulged as he desperately pushed his Source Qi to protect his body, but even then, he was unable to stop Yang Kai's sharp dragon claw.

Under the terrifying penetrating power of this dragon claw, Zhou Yi's defences were akin to paper.

In an instant, Zhou Yi's heart was grasped by Yang Kai!

The next moment, the Anguished Wind Palm's attack struck Yang Kai.

However, the instant Zhou Yi's palm was about to make contact, Yang Kai's figure suddenly flickered and disappeared, causing the violent blast of wind to hit nothing but air.

When the lingering power of this palm dissipated, Yang Kai's figure reappeared, as if he had never even moved.

Nihility!

By using his Nihility Secret Technique, Yang Kai had merged his body with the void temporarily, thus avoiding the majority of the Anguished Wind Palm's power.

However, a part of the attack's force still blasted into Yang Kai's body, ripping into his physique and wantonly damaging his physical body.

Yang Kai's vitality roiled in his chest and he could not stop himself from coughing up blood.

"You're not dead?" Zhou Yi exclaimed in shock.

He was certain Yang Kai would die under his palm, after all, Yang Kai's hand had grabbed hold of his heart, so there was no way he could dodge. Zhou Yi was sure that his Anguished Wind Palm was enough to rip apart any Third-Order Origin King in a frontal collision.

What Zhou Yi couldn't figure out was how Yang Kai seemed to have only suffered some small injuries and not taken any major damage.



What kind of Secret Technique did he just use? This boy had somehow been able to avoid his attack without even moving, it was almost as if he didn't exist at that moment.

Chapter 1960, Great Shame

In front of his simple wooden house, Yang Kai's right arm dripped with red blood as golden blood leaked from the corner of his mouth, making for a terrifying picture as he tightly clenched Zhou Yi's still-beating heart.

Zhou Yi was still bound tightly by the net of Golden Blood Threads as he stared at Yang Kai in front of him with dilated eyes.

Madman! This Junior Brother of his was an absolute lunatic! Zhou Yi kept screaming in his heart.

The two maintained such a stalemate, motionless.

An extremely solemn atmosphere filled the air, making it almost impossible to even breathe.

Not far away, Liu Xian Yun covered her mouth with her small hands as her beautiful eyes shook violently, while Chu Fei and the other two Origin Kings stood there gulping hard.

"Heh heh, it seems this is your loss, Senior Brother!" Yang Kai grinned suddenly.

Zhou Yi's face twitched slightly and although he was full of unwillingness, there was no doubt that his life was currently no longer his to control.

As long as Yang Kai exerted a little bit more force, he can take his life.

"If you kill me, you'll die too!" Zhou Yi stared at Yang Kai coldly but did not even try to beg for mercy, instead making threats.

"Are you willing to bet on that? Let's see if I can leave this damned place after I kill you! Junior Brother may not be very strong, but he is confident in his ability to escape!" Yang grinned wickedly as Zhou Yi shut his mouth, not daring to speak for fear that this crazy Junior Brother of his would really crush his heart.

If that happened, it wouldn't matter to him if Yang Kai lived or died because he would already be dead regardless. Everyone had only one life, so Zhou Yi didn't dare to risk his.

"If you dare to move, I'll kill him immediately!" Yang Kai suddenly turned his head and stared coldly at Chu Fei who seemed to be trying to escape.

Only after Yang Kai spoke, did Liu Xian Yun suddenly recover from her shock and with a flicker she arrived in front of Chu Fei to stare at him vigilantly in case he took the opportunity to escape.

Chu Fei felt like crying in anguish as he really didn't dare to move now.

“You seem like a smart person, and obviously you don’t want to fight a battle where everyone dies in the end, right? Draw back and Senior Brother will let this matter drop,” Zhou Yi’s expression narrowed as he stared at Yang Kai in front of him and spoke.

Yang Kai snickered, “Naturally, I don’t want to die, but with things having gotten to this point, there can be no good end. Senior Brother, what do you think would be best, killing you now and fleeing... or killing you and waiting to see what punishment the Sect metes out? And do not spout any nonsense about not finding trouble with me again if I let you go, only a fool would believe such drivel.”

Zhou Yi’s face went gloomy as he did not know how to answer.

“Forget it,” Yang Kai suddenly laughed cheerfully and said. “We should settle accounts here first before discussing what comes next.”

Saying so, he turned his head and looked at Chu Fei and his minions, his eyes gradually becoming cold, “In the end, you’re the reason all of this happened. Whether it was me being confined for three months or this incident, it’s all your fault. Since that’s the case, let’s start by having you kneel down and slap yourselves while calling yourselves pigs!”

As soon as this statement came out, Chu Fei and the others’ complexions changed drastically.

“You... don’t go too far!” Chu Fei screamed. Although this place was relatively remote and there were usually very few people who came and went from here, if he really obeyed Yang Kai’s command, how would he be able to show his face in the Sect in the future? This story would immediately be passed out to every disciple and he would degenerate into a complete laughing stock.

“We’d sooner die than suffer such humiliation!” The Second-Order Origin King also yelled, his face filled with anger.

“Is that so?” Yang Kai smiled slightly before ignoring Chu Fei and the others, instead turning to look at Zhou Yi while slowly tightening his grip, “Senior Brother, Senior Brother Chu doesn’t seem to want to cooperate, so what should we do now? Junior Brother currently has his hands full and cannot force them to comply, which is annoying him greatly. If by some chance Junior Brother were to lose control and apply too much strength...”

Zhou Yi immediately began oozing big beads of sweat from his forehead. He could already feel the pressure on his heart growing stronger and stronger, causing his breathing to become a bit hurried. Quickly turning his head, he yelled at Chu Fei and the others in a panic, “The guilty must pay for their own crimes, this matter was caused by you three so you cannot just stand by and feign innocence. If I die, I die, but if I, Zhou Yi, can escape this disaster, you should understand what fate you’ll endure.”

As soon as Zhou Yi spoke, Chu Fei and the others could not help turning pale as all of them turned hate-filled yet imploring looks towards Yang Kai, as if praying he would show them mercy and spare them.

Yang Kai of course turned a blind eye to them as he continued to increase the strength of his grip.

“You haven’t kneeled down yet?!” Zhou shouted.

Chu Fei and the others didn’t dare to hesitate, and all fell to their knees, their expressions uglier than if they were about to die.

Shame, such great shame!

Regardless of anything else, they were Origin King Realm cultivators. Fighting and being injured was a common matter to them, but when had they ever been forced to kneel? Each of them cursed out Yang Kai in their hearts as they all secretly vowed to find a chance in the future to repay this humiliation a hundredfold, otherwise how could they purge the hatred in their hearts.

“Why don’t I hear the sound of faces being slapped?” Yang Kai turned his ear to the side with a puzzled look on his face.

Zhou Yi’s fierce eyes immediately floated over towards Chu Fei and others.

\*Pa pa pa...\*

Chu Fei and his followers lifted their hands and slapped their cheeks numbly.

“What else?” Yang Kai continued to sneer.

Chu Fei felt his blood boil as his heart seized, almost causing him to pass out from rage and making him wish he could rush out and fight Yang Kai to the death, but because of Zhou Yi’s despotic power, how could he dare show any trace of resistance?

Steeling himself, with a face as ugly as if he was crying, he began to shout.

“I am a pig, wu wu...”

With Chu Fei taking the lead, the remaining two naturally did not dare to hold their silence and so a grand spectacle played out. Three Blue Feather Sect disciples knelt on the ground, slapping themselves while calling themselves pigs. This kind of humiliation was a hundred times worse than any torture the Sect would use as punishment.

“I should not have provoked Junior Brother Yang, I am a pig!”

“I’m a pig, Junior Brother Yang, please show mercy and spare us this time.”

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“En, very good,” Yang Kai laughed with satisfaction, “Even if things were a bit forced, it’s good.”

“Is that enough?” Zhou Yi looked at Yang Kai coldly, his teeth grinding so hard they seemed they would shatter as the hatred in his eyes was so thick it was almost tangible.

“Senior Brother, you’re really fierce!” Yang Kai immediately put on a frightened look, “Junior Brother is quite timid, so please don’t stare at him like that. If Junior Brother becomes flustered, he might accidentally crush your heart...”

Zhou Yi closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and when he opened them again, they were dull and indifferent as he quickly said, “Junior Brother Yang, it was Senior Brother that had eyes but failed to see and angered you today. We should let this matter stop here. In the end, we’re both fellow Sect Brothers, so we should not raise our hands against...”

Before he could finish speaking though, Yang Kai suddenly lifted his left hand and slapped him.

\*Pa...\* A blood-red palm print appeared on Zhou Yi's cheek and even a few teeth were knocked out.

"Now you say we're fellow Brothers? We should not raise our hands against one another? Why didn't you think so when you tried to attack me just now!"

"You....."

"You what?" Yang Kai slapped out again. Zhou Yi instinctively wanted to resist, but feeling the grip on his heart tightening, he did not and could only receive this second slap willingly. The anger which he had just forced down was instantly rekindled and his eyes became bloodshot.

"If you utter another word, I will slap you, and if you keep staring at me like this, I'll punch you like this," Yang Kai punched out, hitting Zhou Yi's eyes, blackening them.

Zhou Yi finally held his tongue, knowing that Yang Kai was completely insane and could not be provoked. Showing any signs of resistance or anger now would only cause him to suffer. With no other option, Zhou Yi simply lowered his head, so he didn't have to look at Yang Kai. At the same time, he was already thinking up just how he would torture Yang Kai in the future to wash off this insult.

"Xian Yun, is he the one who hurt you?" Yang Kai suddenly asked an inexplicable question.

Liu Xian Yun's expression changed, opening her mouth as if she wanted to say something, but she just nodded in the end.

It wasn't difficult for Yang Kai to guess this; after all, he understood Liu Xian Yun's strength well and knew it was impossible for Chu Fei to have wounded her so. The only person who had such ability was this Zhou Yi.

Yang Kai nodded indifferently before grinning, "As a Senior Brother in the Sect, not only did you not take care of your Junior Brother and Sister who were newly recruited, you deliberately bullied and oppressed them. Senior Brother Zhou Yi, you're a true role model."

When his words fell, Yang Kai's left fist flew and beat Zhou Yi violently.

Zhou Yi had no ability to resist and could only endure Yang Kai's abrupt beating.

Although Yang Kai's cultivation was a Minor Realm lower than his own, his physical strength was extremely strong so the force behind each fist could not be ignored. As such, it was not long before Zhou Yi's face had become swollen and bruised, deformed to the point it was miserable to look at.

Suddenly, Zhou Yi laughed coldly and said in no uncertain terms, "Boy, if you don't kill me today, you'll pay for this in the future."

Yang Kai frowned, looked out into the distance thoughtfully, then coldly snorted and said, "Don't worry, I'll be sure to kill you before I die!"

At that moment, he had sensed a master rapidly approaching their position.

This was not a surprise, of course, as it had been some time since this incident had begun and word of it had surely spread throughout Blue Feather Sect by now, so Yang Kai expected someone to come sooner or later.

What he didn't expect was that the master who came would be so powerful. Even from so far away, the pressure Yang Kai felt was not weaker than that of Bian Yu Qing's.

[Which Protector has come?] Yang Kai could not stop his expression from sinking.

Soon, Liu Xian Yun also sensed the approach of this master and her beautiful eyes could not help looking at Yang Kai with worry; after all, the trouble he had gotten into was indeed a bit fierce. Meanwhile, Chu Fei and his two minions were still kneeling on the ground slapping themselves while calling themselves pigs.

A moment later, a profound streak of light appeared and came to a halt up in the sky not far from where Yang Kai and the other stood. When the light faded, a number of figures were revealed.

Terrifying coercion fell from the sky, making it difficult for everyone to breathe and causing their bodies to sink, as if a great mountain was pressing down on them.