

Martial 2151

Chapter 2151 , Universe Shifting Divine Art

It was Murong Xiao Xiao who was talking. At this moment, she looked up at the sky while pointing her finger upwards, her small mouth opened slightly, with a surprised expression.

Following the direction she was pointing at, everyone looked up, dumbfounded.

They saw a stream of light piercing the sky, like a meteorite falling from the sky, creating gorgeous arcs, falling in a certain direction.

At first, there were only a few streams, but soon, the number of streams increased. At first glance, it looked like a meteor shower.

“Star Seals!” Lan Xun was shocked and screamed, “So many Star Seals?”

“What?” Xiao Chen, hearing this, was taken aback, “Princess, are you sure those are all Star Seals?”

Lan Xun stared at the sky. It was unknown what kind of Secret Technique she was using, but there was a flash of light in her eyes, as she nodded lightly. “There is no mistake, those are all Star Seals!”

Her voice fell, and there was a small *humph* from the side.

Everyone looked around and saw Wu Chang’s entire body turn into a red and white flash of light, flying in the direction where the Star Seals were falling.

He was quick to seize the opportunity. As soon as he heard that the things that fell from the sky were Star Seal, he immediately acted.

Behind him was Luo Yuan.

“Let’s go!” Xiao Bai Yi naturally was not slow to react, as he prompted in a soft but low voice. Thus, he and Murong Xiao Xiao hurried to catch up.

They had been in the Four Seasons Realm for two or three days, and they only encountered a single Star Seal in the Two Seasons Mountain Range. That Star Seal had been Branded on the forehead of a Monster Beast which they had severely injured before it ran away. After they caught up to it, they unexpectedly found all their effort just ended up being an opportunity for Yang Kai to easily pick it up; as though it had been ordered for him. This resulted in Luo Yuan and Wu Chang almost fighting over it.

With so many Star Seals appearing, even if everyone present divided them equally amongst themselves, it would still be enough for each person to receive six or seven Star Seals.

A Star Seal meant a voucher to enter Shattered Star Sea, which was of great significance to any Sect!

How could Xiao Bai Yi and Murong Xiao Xiao dare be negligent?

“Princess...” Seeing everyone fly off as swift as the wind. Xiao Chen suddenly became anxious.

“Let’s go too!” Lan Xun naturally did not wish to miss such an opportunity and replied immediately.

Xiao Chen nodded, then joined with Lan Xun and flew towards the Star Seals as well.

However, as soon as the two set off, a boat-like flight type artifact appeared alongside them.

Lan Xun turned her head and saw Yang Kai calmly standing on the wooden boat, with an emotionless expression, with the wind whipping his black hair back.

Lan Xun could not help but sneer. After all, at this moment, Yang Kai’s image was vastly different from the cowardly and timid persona he gave before, and it seemed that he wanted to attract her attention.

She understood Yang Kai’s approach very well. Basically, few men could maintain their nature in front of her. Those people always tried to vie for her attention as if they could get some satisfaction from it.

“Huh!” Xiao Chen coldly snorted with a displeased expression.

Xiao Chen had long been displeased by Yang Kai, and at this moment, this guy was still shamelessly pretending to be cool, it was simply unbearable!

Yang Kai did not seem to notice what Xiao Chen was thinking. So, he continued to act casual while pretending to be puzzled, and rushed to Lan Xun and asked, “Hey, why would this Friend by your side call you a Princess? Is that your name or something?”

“Whose name would carry the word Princess?” Lan Xun lightly smiled, shook her head before reassuring, “You think too much.”

“Then... I don’t understand,” Yang Kai shook his head. “I think your temperament is extraordinary and elegant. You are obviously from a noble background. However, what does that have to do with ‘Princess’? Hey? Can’t you help me understand?”

Lan Xun frowned and couldn’t help but feel a little embarrassed. She couldn’t tell Yang Kai that she was the daughter of the Bright Moon Great Emperor. That’s why she was called a ‘Princess’. It was a bit braggy to say it though it was true.

She could only ask back. “I came from Star Soul Palace, can’t you make a guess?”

To her it was obvious. As long as someone had a bit of common sense, after hearing this sentence, they should be able to come to a conclusion, so she would avoid the need to answer.

But to her surprise, Yang Kai thought for a while, and solemnly shook his head.

Yang Kai’s ignorance made Xiao Chen on the side roll his eyes. He could not help but coldly snort, “Star Soul Palace is a Sect created by the Bright Moon Great Emperor, and this one in front of you is the jewel of the Great Emperor!”

“Huh?” Yang Kai was shocked and hesitated, “So you... you are the daughter of the Great Emperor?” He looked extremely shocked.

“Who my parents are doesn’t mean anything.” Lan Xun smiled slightly and seemed more approachable.

Meanwhile, Xiao Chen cursed. "Where did this frog come from? To think you've never heard of the name of our Princess, but still managed to enter the Four Seasons Realm. You are simply an embarrassment for the people of our generation! Princess, you should avoid interacting with this person!"

Yang Kai, embarrassed, explained, "I used to cultivate deep in the mountains, and I just came out for experience not long ago, so I don't know much about things of the outside world... Heh heh, I don't know much, but I have at least heard of the name Bright Moon Great Emperor."

"So..." Lan Xun did not really know what to believe and expressed the same confusion, "It looks like you are the kind of cultivator who enters long retreats and cultivates really hard. It's normal if you don't know much about the outside world."

"Princess, you are too polite, I'm just ignorant and uninformed." Yang Kai scratched his cheek and said modestly.

"At least you still have a bit of self-awareness!" Xiao Chen continued.

"By the way, what is your name?" Lan Xun asked.

Xiao Chen immediately cut in. "Princess, why are you asking about this frog's name? Don't smear your ears!"

"What's wrong with just asking?" Lan Xun frowned, apparently not wishing to be so close to Xiao Chen. If it weren't for the Bright Moon Great Emperor, her father, ordering her, she wouldn't be with Xiao Chen now. She preferred to act alone. For her, nothing was more joyous than having her own adventure. The excitement and unknown danger continued to stir her desire, making her unable to stop.

"I'm Yang Kai."

Lan Xun nodded, suddenly showing a smile, "I have something I am uncertain about; I don't know if Brother Yang would be able to enlighten me?"

Yang Kai's eyes flickered, and he chuckled. "If the Princess has any questions, please say so. This Yang will do his best to answer!"

Lan Xun warned, "Brother Yang, you can't speak so frivolously. The question I ask might be related to your secrets..."

[Humph, I just wanted to catch your attention! I'm afraid any man who wants to be with you would be willing to answer anything just to get you to have a good impression of him... after all, this little girl would not settle with just anyone!] Yang Kai thought in his heart, faintly guessing what exactly Lan Xun wanted to ask. So, there he was not afraid of the question. "Princess, if you are asking me something, it means that you are already giving me a lot of face. What can't I say?"

As soon as this remark came out, Xiao Chen had a bad feeling. Although this little brat named Yang Kai was a wild brat that just recently came out of a forest in the deep mountains, he seemed to be well versed with the heart of women. He had just met the Princess and they hit it off so well! How could this be tolerated? Worst of all, the Princess, who was known to be scornful to men, had been dealing with this frog with a smile on her face!

Xiao Chen felt a sense of crisis in his heart, so he immediately cast a threatening look at Yang Kai, as if to say 'I dare you to continue speaking to her.'

Due to his position with Lan Xun and the angle, it was impossible for Lan Xun to notice his gaze. Meanwhile, it was well within Yang Kai's field of vision.

However, Yang Kai did not even spare him a glance. It was as though he was completely fascinated by Lan Xun. His whole view was only on the princess.

Xiao Chen felt a sense of powerlessness as he clenched his fist.

"Those two attacked you earlier. How did you manage to come out unscathed?" Lan Xun asked bluntly.

Indeed, as she said, this question was definitely related to Yang Kai's secret. A First-Order Dao Source Realm that could come out unscathed under the attack of two Third-Order Dao Source Realm cultivators. It must have been a powerful Secret Technique. Such a powerful Secret Technique would normally be kept under wraps, never spoken of casually.

So as soon as Lan Xun asked, Yang Kai immediately showed a look of embarrassment. He smiled and stammered: "That... haha... actually..."

"It's fine... there is no need to speak of it. Just forget that I asked anything." Lan Xun said.

Yang Kai sounded off. It was as if he was willing to share, but the stammering meant that it was still something he would rather not do.

If Yang Kai had been completely 'infatuated' by Lan Xun at this moment, would he hesitate? How could a man who was thinking with his nether region possibly refuse to answer a question from his beloved? Under those circumstances. Even if the man did not wish to speak, he would still speak.

Yang Kai sighed "It's not that I can't say it. But..."

At this point, he suddenly put on a solemn expression. At the same time, he lowered his voice. "Princess, you have to keep it a secret for me. If rumours of this Secret Technique were to spread, it will no longer work. I am afraid I will die next time I encounter this kind of situation."

While he was talking, he deliberately moved towards Lan Xun and almost pressed his lips to her ear.

A scent of fragrance immediately lingered on the tip of his nose.

The two were too close, Lan Xun did not move to avoid him but her delicate ears suddenly turned red.

"What are you doing?" Seeing this scene, Xiao Chen could not bear it and started shouting aloud. He immediately pointed the sharp sword in his hand at Yang Kai.

Yang Kai was taken aback, and quickly moved away from her, with an innocent look on his face, he asked, "I didn't do anything! This friend, what is the meaning of this?"

"You just..." Xiao Chen wanted to explain but could not go on. After all, even though Yang Kai was a little closer to Lan Xun, he really did not do anything. If he really wanted to pursue this, he would seem too jealous. So, he could only give a warning. "Just stand there and speak. If you dare to lean in again, I will take your head!"

Yang Kai said in amazement, "This friend is really strange... Okay, then I will stand here and say it. Princess, please understand, my Secret Technique is called Universe Shifting Divine Art. Once it is used, I can borrow my opponent's strength to defeat him. It's how we use the weak to defeat the strong."

"Take advantage of their strength?" Lan Xun looked surprised.

"Yes." Yang Kai nodded solemnly, and said in a serious tone, "The two guys before both wanted to take my life, which is in line with the key points of Universe Shifting Divine Art, so I just..." Yang Kai grinned meaningfully, reached out and drew a semicircle, "Tweaked it a little bit and let them fight on their own."

Lan Xun thoughtfully for a moment and asked "So, if only one person attacked you at that time..."

"Then I'd be dead!" Yang Kai shrugged.

Chapter 2152, Golden Cloud

"There is such a mystical Secret Technique in this world?" Lan Xun asked after listening to Yang Kai's explanation, which made her incredibly surprised.

She was deeply knowledgeable and well-read. After all, she was the daughter of the Bright Moon Great Emperor and knew various Secret Techniques of the Star Soul Palace. Naturally, she could pick up whatever she wanted, but she had never heard anything like 'Universe Shifting Divine Art' before.

However, the effectiveness of this Secret Technique was obvious to all. With the cultivation of First-Order Dao Source Realm, Yang Kai was unharmed under the attack of the two Third-Order Dao Source Realm Masters. This was nothing short of extraordinary.

Naturally, she could not have known that there was no such thing called the 'Universe Shifting Divine Art' in this world, and Yang Kai had just used his Nihilism Secret Technique at a critical moment to avoid being hit by hiding in the void.

"Princess, this Secret Technique, I've shared with you because I am grateful for before. However, you must not spread news of it." Yang Kai solemnly exhorted, as though asking Lan Xun to make an oath.

"En." Lan Xun could not help nodding, and at the same time, wondering if she should get this Secret Technique from Yang Kai. Although the conditions to activate the Universe Shifting Divine Art were harsh, it was undeniably powerful. It could definitely save lives at critical moments.

Suddenly, Yang Kai rubbed his hands again with an apologetic face. "Princess, since I've answered one of your questions, can you answer one question for me?"

"What do you want to ask?" Before Lan Xun spoke, Xiao Chen immediately cut in with vigilance.

"I just want to ask about the Star Seal, what did you think I wanted to ask?" Yang Kai looked at Xiao Chen innocently, as if he was deterred by his aura.

Lan Xun pursed her lips and smiled. "Brother Xiao Chen, why must you be so aggressive against him?" Then, she turned to look at Yang Kai and asked, "You want to ask about the classifications and grades of Star Seals, right?"

Yang Kai nodded repeatedly. "The Princess is really beautiful and intelligent. It is as though you can see right through my heart."

Lan Xun smiled. She did not hide anything and with a serious expression, explained. "The Star Seals' grading, so to speak, is more related to the shape of the Star Seal... The more complex the Star Seal. The higher the grade. For example, the diamond-shaped Star Seal on your hand should be considered a relatively inferior one. Below it is the triangular Star Seal and on top of it is the pentagonal, five-pointed Star Seal. There is also a six-pointed, seven-pointed and even nine-pointed Star Seal!"

"Different Star Seals... other than the number of points they have, what are the differences?" Yang Kai asked sincerely.

The reason why he deliberately got close to Lan Xun was to inquire about the Star Seals. Even if he asked Hua Qing Si about this, he should receive the same answer, but Lan Xun was the daughter of the Great Emperor. She might have had information that others did not know about.

"I don't know the specific difference." Lan Xun slowly shook her head. "However, it is said that the higher the grade of the Star Seal, the more benefits one can get from Shattered Star Sea. We can only enter the Shattered Star Sea to find out."

"I see..." Yang Kai muttered thoughtfully.

It could not be said for certain that Lan Xun had revealed all the information she knew. However, she had answered most of Yang Kai's doubts, even if it was not a comprehensive explanation. Therefore, it was not good for Yang Kai to press for more answers.

As they were talking, they had already arrived at the location.

Around the area, cultivators were gathered in twos or threes, standing on the treetops of a forest, looking up at the sky, as if silently waiting for something.

Seeing this, Yang Kai immediately jumped to the top of a tree and turned his head to look around.

Wu Chang, Luo Yuan, Xiao Bai Yi, and Murong Xiao Xiao, who set off before him, had all arrived. In addition, there are some other cultivators, who were obviously attracted by the light show just now.

Yang Kai did a rough scan around and found that there were at least a dozen people here. What's more, 'swooshing' sounds could be constantly heard within the depths of the forest. It was obvious that more were coming.

And in the sky, a huge cloud was slowly forming. It had a golden hue, as though the cloud was cast in gold. It was extremely dazzling and mysterious. Especially since Yang Kai could faintly feel strange energy fluctuations from this golden cloud.

"Huh..." As he was observing, he suddenly stopped his gaze and turned his attention to somewhere not too far away.

Over there, a man and a woman were looking at him with a smile on their faces. Once their eyes met, the woman beckoned to Yang Kai.

“How unlucky!” Yang Kai secretly cursed. Unfortunately, he could not pretend that he did not see them. After all, even if he did, they would come to him. In a flash, he jumped down from the treetop and went to where they were.

“Why are the two of you here?” Yang Kai asked the two.

These two were none other than Bian Yu Qing and Kou Wu from Blue Feather Sect.

Although Yang Kai had no grievances with them, their direct superior was none other than Wu Meng Chuan. If possible, Yang Kai wanted to avoid having any contact with them.

“We were here!” Bian Yu Qing replied with a smile, reading between the lines. She was indicating that they were transported to the Two Seasons Mountain Range.

“Oh?” Kou Wu’s eyes lit up, staring at the back of Yang Kai’s hand, “Junior Brother Yang actually managed to get a hold of a Star Seal? We should celebrate!”

The corner of Yang Kai’s mouth twitched as he helplessly exclaimed. “If it is possible, I don’t want this thing!”

“Junior Brother Yang... what you are saying isn’t true, right?” Kou Wu teased.

Yang Kai snorted. “Look around and see how the others react after hearing what you’ve just said. You will know what I mean.”

Kou Wu looked around. His face suddenly sank.

Because he found that the cultivators gathered here, all cast their eyes on the back of Yang Kai’s hand, with several of them having greedy covetous eyes.

Although several dozen Star Seals had appeared in the sky just now, so far, none of the cultivators present has obtained a Star Seal. The Star Seal was related to the credentials to enter the Shattered Star Sea. It was their main goal when entering the Four Seasons Realm. Before they entered, every Sect Elder would have given at least a thousand sermons to their disciples: ‘to your best to compete for the Star Seals while ensuring your own safety.’

Kou Wu did not notice, so his voice was a little loud. This caused Yang Kai to become the focus of everyone’s attention, and he could not help feeling a little guilty and uneasy.

Bian Yu Qing giggled, her beautiful eyes scanned around for a second before staring at the man in front as she spoke in a soft tone. “If you don’t want it, how about leaving it with me?”

“What a beautiful way of thinking!” Yang Kai coldly snorted.

“How merciless...” Bian Yu Qing stared at Yang Kai, biting her red lips. “If I hadn’t taken care of you in the past, do you think you would still be standing here today?”

“Aren’t you embarrassed to talk about what happened during that time?” Yang Kai squinted at her, coldly snorting, “If you didn’t force me to stay in the Blue Feather Sect back then, I wouldn’t have....”

“Wouldn’t have what?” Bian Yu Qing asked.

“Nothing,” Yang Kai waved his hand. When he remembered that Wu Meng Chuan had taught him the Heaven Devouring Battle Law, he felt uneasy. Fortunately, he did not cultivate the Secret Art and instead gave it to the Embodiment. As such, even if Wu Meng Chuan had some kind of sinister plan, it would not harm him.

“Look at him. Just like I had expected, he has a human’s face but is still a beast at heart. He was acting so conscientious and innocent in front of the Princess, but now, this beast is messing with a seductress!” Not far away, Xiao Chen seized the opportunity and approached Lan Xun. He looked at Yang Kai contemptuously, while trying to discredit him.

“You just have to speak your mind. Why are you getting so close?” Lan Xun flashed further away with disgust.

“I was afraid you won’t be able to hear...” After being avoided like the plague, Xiao Chen had a sullen expression. Meanwhile, his hatred of Yang Kai grew even more. Just now, Yang Kai had also approached the Princess like this, but she did not react in such a manner. On the other hand, she quickly moved aside when it came to him.

Xiao Chen’s heart was filled with rage.

“I’m not deaf!” Lan Xun coldly snorted, her beautiful eyes looked forward as she spoke with suspicion. “Anyways, what I want to know now... is where all the Star Seals that have fallen have gone.”

Everyone here had been chasing the direction where the Star Seals fell. However, there were no traces of them here. Lan Xun couldn’t help but wonder what was going on.

“Let me ask around.” Xiao Chen immediately spoke up. After he said his piece, his eyes swept around, and finally was fixed on a short man. This man was with two more people. A man and a woman. The three of them dressed similarly. Obviously, they were from the same Sect.

Their cultivation was not low, the highest being the short man Xiao Chen set his eyes on. He was in the Third-Order Dao Source Realm. Meanwhile, the other man and woman were both in the Second-Order Dao Source Realm.

“You! Come here!” Xiao Chen pointed at the short man and shouted.

The little man heard this, and looked around for a while, before pointing at himself suspiciously, “Me?”

“Yes, you!” Xiao Chen said impatiently.

After confirming that Xiao Chen was beckoning him, the short man could not help but have a change of expression. Meanwhile, the man and woman with him became nervous, wondering what Xiao Chen wanted to do with their Senior.

Before entering the Four Seasons Realm, smaller Sects and the Elders of the families had already done a comprehensive investigation. They had already passed the names and portraits of the elites of the major Sects to the hands of their disciples. This way, it was possible to avoid provoking such people.

Therefore, even if the three have never met Xiao Chen himself, they would still know who he was.

Seeing Xiao Chen beckoning him at this moment, the short man's heartbeat was like a drum. Although he was also in the Third-Order Dao Source Realm, the same as Xiao Chen, he knew that if they were to fight against each other, he would be beheaded by Xiao Chen in an instant.

This was the difference between their cultivation heritage and Secret Techniques.

Despite his extreme reluctance, the short man flew slowly to Xiao Chen and Lan Xun, with an ugly smile on his face, he cupped his fists. "Benevolent Martial Sect's Jing Li greets Senior Xiao. May I ask what Senior Xiao requests of me? This One here will obey your orders!"

This short man named Jing Li gave a low bow. He was a lot older than Xiao Chen, and his cultivation was the same as Xiao Chen; however, it was more comfortable to address Xiao Chen as 'Senior.'

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Seeing him acting so humbly, Xiao Chen's expression eased and he asked with a smile, "I ask you, how long have you been here?"

Jing Li replied, "We arrived just slightly earlier than Sir..."

"Then did you see those things that fell from the sky before and where they went?"

"It seemed that most of them fell into the golden cloud and disappeared!" Jing Li pointed to the billowing golden cloud up in the sky.

"They fell there?" Xiao Chen raised his head up and frowned.

With his cultivation and Divine Sense, he could naturally detect the unusual energy contained in the golden cloud, but he was unable to determine what kind of mysteries were hidden inside it.

Xiao Chen couldn't help showing a look of embarrassment as he turned to Lan Xun and said, "Princess..."

Lan Xun frowned slightly and spoke after a moment, "Let's just observe for now!"

Although dozens of Star Seals had fallen into the golden cloud, rushing into this golden cloud without knowing what it was would be quite dangerous. Even someone like Wu Chang did not dare to act rashly, so it was obvious this was not a situation where the fastest had the advantage.

While Xiao Chen was asking questions, Yang Kai kept his ears open and listened intently, so he heard Jing Li's answer. At this moment, he turned to Kou Wu with the inquiring gaze, the latter simply nodding lightly, indicating there was nothing wrong with what Jing Li had said.

At this moment, as everyone was standing around waiting, others had already rushed over from all directions. Most of these people had been active nearby and were attracted by the vision of so many Star Seals falling from the sky.

Originally, there were only about a dozen people present, but in short order, that number doubled.

With so many people gathered together, all cultivators naturally became vigilant of one another, causing the atmosphere to become tense and treacherous.

However, this lull did not last long.

After about a cup of tea worth of time, a hum suddenly sounded from the golden cloud tumbling in the sky. This sound was thunderous and seemed to herald the birth of something inside the golden cloud. This caused many cultivators present to focus their gazes in shock and anxiety.

Beams of golden light shot out as the golden cloud tumbled even more fiercely. Soon, a vague, giant shadow emerged within the golden light.

As soon as this huge shadow appeared, everyone felt a solemn atmosphere tumbling down, as if whatever had manifested was about to show its true form.

With the appearance of this shadow, the golden cloud in the sky churned and distorted before it slowly began to dissipate.

Soon after, the outline of the giant shadow finally appeared.

“This is...”

“Is... is that a palace?”

“How could there be a palace here? How could something like that just appear out of thin air!”

“Hahaha, I know what this is! It’s the Flowing Time Temple! You fools, how could you not recognize the legendary Flowing Time Temple!”

“Flowing Time Temple? What’s that?”

Of the people present, not everyone knew the secrets of the Flowing Time Temple. Some cultivators came from small Sects and small families who had never heard of the Flowing Time Temple. Only those who came from great forces that had ancient books passed down from generations ago would know anything about the Flowing Time Temple. Before the disciples of these great forces entered the Four Seasons Realm, their Elders would definitely have explained some confidential information to them so they could be on the lookout for rare opportunities.

Yang Kai even suspected that Xiao Bai Yi and Murong Xiao Xiao had arrived here deliberately, hoping to find traces of the Flowing Time Temple.

Even Wu Chang, Lan Xun, and a few other leaders of the younger generation were present. If they had not known something about this, how could they have gathered here so coincidentally?

Whether the palace which had emerged from the golden cloud was really the legendary Flowing Time Temple or not, no one knew, but Yang Kai was fairly certain it was the real deal.

Because the location marked out on the map Hua Qing Si had ‘given’ him was in this vicinity.

However, Yang Kai had not expected that the Flowing Time Temple was actually hidden in the Void and that it would appear in such a shocking way, even drawing in dozens of Star Seals from all around when it manifested.

As a result of this grand entrance, many more rivals would likely appear.

As such distracting thoughts flashed across Yang Kai's mind, he suddenly noticed that someone was staring at him and couldn't help turning towards Bian Yu Qing and asking, "Are there flowers on my face?"

Bian Yu Qing coldly snorted and snapped, "You have some information about this Flowing Time Temple, right?"

Hearing this, Yang Kai curled his lips up sharply.

Bian Yu Qing said, "Tell me, you won't lose anything by doing so!"

"True I won't lose anything, but why should I tell you?" Yang Kai looked at her with a sneer.

Bian Yu Qing pouted in dissatisfaction as she argued, "Boy, you think that because you've got a bit stronger, your wings are now hard... what are you staring at!" As she spoke, she suddenly shot Yang Kai a bad look as she folded her arms across her chest to cover her peaks, "You're not thinking about something inappropriate, right?"

"If you had some propriety, we might be able to talk!" Yang Kai glowered at her.

Bian Yu Qing was angered and looked extremely annoyed.

Kou Wu simply smiled, however, and asked, "Junior Brother Yang, if it is convenient, can you tell us about this Flowing Time Temple? Protector Bian and I really don't know anything about this..."

Yang Kai frowned and said, "Since Senior Brother Kou has asked so politely, I suppose I can tell you about it! However, let me say this first, after I tell you what I know, we no longer owe each other anything and from now on. We shall be as well water not mixing with river water!"

"Why are you so wary of us?" Bian Yu Qing asked angrily. She could feel that from the moment they met again, Yang Kai was constantly on guard against her and Kou Wu, as if he wished to be as far away from them as possible.

"You wouldn't understand even if I explained!" Yang Kai glanced at her with a solemn expression before continuing, "I don't know much about this Flowing Time Temple, only that it was once the secluded home of the Flowing Time Great Emperor. You can even say that the Four Seasons Realm was formed because of the Flowing Time Great Emperor..."

"Flowing Time Great Emperor!" Bian Yu Qing's face changed dramatically when she heard this name. Judging from her reaction, it was obvious that she had at least heard of this Great Emperor.

Yang Kai nodded, organizing his thoughts before continuing. In truth, there was not much he knew either because even if he knew this was the Flowing Time Temple, he had no way of knowing what was hidden inside. Perhaps there were many wondrous opportunities to be had, but there might also be fatal traps...

"So it seems... those Star Seals that disappeared should have fallen into the Flowing Time Temple!" Bian Yu Qing speculated.

“Most likely,” Yang Kai grinned. “Perhaps it was because of the appearance of all the Star Seals that the temple even showed itself!”

“What Junior Brother Yang means is that the falling Star Seals were a separate opportunity... and if it weren’t for them, we would never have found the Flowing Time Temple?” Kou Wu asked.

Yang Kai nodded, his face becoming excited as he said, “But this way, this Flowing Time Temple must still have all its original opportunities and benefits leftover from the Flowing Time Great Emperor, and as for the Star Seals... I doubt anyone would ignore them, right?”

As everyone chatted amongst themselves, the golden cloud in the sky had almost disappeared completely and was replaced by a magnificent temple. Even if it was still a fair distance away, everyone could feel a sense of majesty from this temple, like they were staring at a dormant ancient behemoth that was slowly awakening.

Finally, at a certain moment, the temple fully manifested and the space around it rumbled violently.

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The sound of something breaking through the air echoed as two figures rushed forward at almost the same time. It was Wu Chang and Luo Yuan, who had both been waiting patiently until this moment. These two had supreme confidence in their own strength, so they didn’t hesitate to lead the charge!

After they saw these two move, other cultivators naturally wouldn’t hold back and everyone began using their Movement Skills to soar up into the sky.

Yang Kai was naturally among these people. Just like what he said, no one knew what opportunities hid inside the Flowing Time Temple, but what was certain was there were dozens of Star Seals waiting to be acquired, which was enough to drive people crazy.

When they were watching from the ground, no one was able to get a sense of just how big this Flowing Time Temple was, but as they approached closer, the majesty of this temple became more and more apparent. Everyone who flew up at full speed still took a full quarter of an hour to arrive before the entrance to the temple.

Around the periphery of the temple was a golden barrier of light, while atop what appeared to be the main entrance was a giant plaque with the words ‘Flowing Time’ emblazoned on it!

These two characters had an imposing and mysterious air about them, causing those who stared at them to feel slightly dizzy, as if time was passing quickly before their eyes.

After Yang Kai stared dumbfounded for a moment, he quickly retracted his gaze and shook his head.

One unfortunate fellow was unable to extricate himself, however.

This man was from some unknown Sect and possessed a Second-Order Dao Source Realm cultivation. He had been fine when he was flying up towards the temple earlier, but now, his gaze had become completely fixed on the two giant characters on the plaque and he seemed unable to turn away.

Suddenly, at a speed visibly to the naked eye, this person’s black hair turned white and began to flow away with the wind until his head was bald. At the same time, his sturdy body rapidly aged, and in less

than ten breaths, this vibrant man who looked as if he was in his early thirties, had transformed into an old wrinkled man.

It was as if in that short period of time, a few thousand years had flashed by for this man.

What was most shocking, however, was that this man seemed completely unaware of what was happening to him. Staring at the plaque, this man simply allowed whatever mysterious force it was that was eroding his body and soul to act. He was so lost he even wore a strange, satisfied smile on his face.

Shortly after, the vitality of this man expired and he began to fall from the sky.

Quite some time later, a thud sounded from below...

Everyone's complexion changed drastically after they witnessed this.

Learning from this unfortunate man's example, no one dared to stare at the 'Flowing Time' characters anymore, lest the same fate befall them. There seemed to be a mighty force left behind by a Great Emperor imbued into these characters, and once a Dao Source Realm cultivator was drawn in by it, they would be helpless to free themselves.

Hong Hong Hong...

At that moment, Wu Chang and Luo Yuan, who had set off first, arrived in front of the main hall at the same time, but when they touched the golden halo around the temple, they were blocked from progressing and were unable to enter its interior.

The two tried several times, but soon found that no matter what method they used, they could not get around this golden light, so they quickly changed tactics and began attacking it.

The pair caused a ruckus as they released a storm of violent attacks against the golden barrier, but to their surprise, their attacks were all reflected back at them, forcing Wu Chang and Luo Yuan to retreat steadily with looks of amazement on their faces.

The two of them had even suffered some slight injuries as a result of this unexpected development...

"Haha, what was the point in running up so fast? Weren't you blocked in the end?" Xiao Chen, who had followed immediately after, laughed when he saw this scene.

Wu Chang shot an angry look at Xiao Chen and snorted, "If you have the ability, show me how you go in."

Xiao Chen smiled slightly and shook his head and said, "Brother Wu Chang was unable to succeed, so how could this Xiao possibly go in? I'm not in the habit of wasting my strength."

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"Then keep your mouth shut!" Wu Chang snapped, unafraid of Xiao Chen in the slightest, despite the latter being an elite disciple from the Southern Territory's overlord, Star Soul Palace.

To Wu Chang, there were only two kinds of people in this world.

Those who were stronger than him and those who were weaker!

Masters may be able to win his respect, or arouse his fighting spirit, but the weak... he disdained them, regardless of their origins.

Being slapped across the face by Wu Chang like this, Xiao Chen found himself unable to simply back down and said with a gloomy expression, "You should be thankful that this Xiao has a heavy responsibility this time, otherwise, he would have taken your dog life long ago!"

The important task he was referring to was naturally to protect Princess Lan Xun.

Wu Chang sneered and didn't bother speaking with him again.

During these two's brief conversation, many other cultivators had arrived in front of the temple, each one of them staking out a good spot and looking up at the huge and magnificent building before them, a humbling feeling filling their hearts.

"Friends, what do you think?"

Suddenly, a person stepped out from the crowd and stood before Wu Chang and the others without fear, glanced around, and asked, "How should we go about breaking this golden barrier?"

This man had a dignified appearance and a seemingly mild temperament. He looked as if he was about thirty years old and was dressed in black robes, giving him an aura that made him look capable and refined. The energy fluctuations radiating from his body also indicated he was a Third-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator.

"Kong Qi? You were here too?" Xiao Chen looked at this person and narrowed his eyes, apparently recognizing him.

The young man named Kong Qi smiled slightly and said, "Why can't I be here? My Seven Glories Chamber of Commerce has a number of entry quotas to the Four Seasons Realm, does it now? Brother Xiao's question is quite strange."

Hearing what he said, Yang Kai immediately understood that this young man named Kong Qi was a rising star of the Seven Glories Chamber of Commerce.

Although Seven Glories Chamber of Commerce and Violet Source Chamber of Commerce focused mainly on business, that did not mean these two great forces lacked strength or Masters. On the contrary, the heritage of these two giant chambers of commerce was no worse than any other top-level Sect.

The world simply had a prejudice in its thinking about these two forces, imagining that they were weak compared to Sects that focused on cultivation.

"From what this Kong can see, this should be a powerful barrier Spirit Array. Is there any friend here who is proficient in Spirit Arrays who can examine it?" Kong Qi suggested.

"In the face of absolute power, any barrier is nothing, we just need to smash it!" A cold snort rang out as Luo Yuan took the initiative. Leaping up into the air, he lifted his arms and summoned a battle-axe into

his grip. Pouring his Source Qi madly into his artifact, Luo Yuan condensed the surrounding Principles around his blade, causing the ambient World Energy to tumble fiercely, releasing a coercion that caused many present to pale.

Even someone as strong as Wu Chang wore a slightly solemn expression as he could feel a threat from Luo Yuan's strike.

"Eight Paths Sect really found itself a true monster!" Lan Xun commented as a pale blue light flickered around her body, offsetting the pressure from the rolling World Energy.

Before now, she was still somewhat doubtful a small Sect that was barely considered middle-class in the Southern Territory could actually cultivate such a talent. Even in Star Soul Palace, such geniuses were rare.

[No wonder he dared to challenge Wu Chang without flinching. With such amazing strength, he indeed has the capital to act arrogant.]

Kacha...

In front of everyone's eyes, Luo Yuan's arm holding up his battle axe seemed to swell suddenly, his muscles pulsing with a kind of raw and violent force.

Slowly, the glow from his battle-axe increased in intensity as the energy fluctuations radiating from it doubled in frequency.

This channelling occurred five more times, causing the space around Luo Yuan to creak under the terrifying energy fluctuations. Wu Chang and the others who were close to the front even found their footing becoming a bit unstable.

As for the cultivators with slightly lower strength, they had been forced to withdraw as their faces paled.

Everyone was wondering in their hearts what the result would be if such a blow hit them.

Yang Kai's eyes flickered as he too was shocked by Luo Yuan's actions, but he also knew that such an attack could not be performed in real combat because it took far too long to accumulate energy and no enemy would give Luo Yuan so much time to prepare himself. What's more, delivering such an intense attack would no doubt put a heavy load on Luo Yuan and require an immense amount of concentration to execute.

Yang Kai understood this, and there were many others present who did as well, such as Wu Chang, Xiao Chen, Xiao Bai Yi and Lan Xun.

"HA!"

Suddenly, Luo Yuan roared and hurled his battle-axe, sending it out in a stream of light that had a Heaven-destroying and Earth-shattering power contained within it towards the golden barrier.

At that moment, everyone held their breath and watched quietly.

Hong...

A brilliant radiance burst forth as the stream of energy impacted the golden barrier, causing it to depress somewhat, but... it also showed no signs of breaking.

In the next instant, the golden barrier bounced back and reflected the battle axe's attack at an even faster speed than it had been delivered, sending it streaking back Luo Yuan's side and even managing to cut off several strands of his black hair.

Luo Yuan reached out and touched his cheek, where a finger-length wound had appeared along with fresh blood.

"En, it seems that brute force cannot be used to break this barrier," Kong Qi said lightly, "It is reasonable considering this is a barrier created by a peak-level Emperor Realm Master!"

He did not taunt Luo Yuan in the slightest. Although Luo Yuan's behaviour had been reckless, he had also proved with practical actions that this barrier was not breakable through brute force.

"Princess..." Xiao Chen suddenly turned his head to look at Lan Xun and called out inquiringly.

Lan Xun shook her head. "I haven't seen anything of use yet, so I cannot be certain..."

Xiao Chen nodded lightly and said, "Princess should act with a free hand."

Lan Xun didn't reply, her beautiful eyes just staring forward. From her demeanour and posture, it seemed she had some knowledge of Spirit Arrays and was currently looking for a weakness in this barrier.

At that moment, Kong Qi turned and swept his eyes over the crowd, "Friends, is there anyone who is proficient in Spirit Arrays who can come up and examine this barrier? As I'm sure everyone knows by now, this should be the legendary Flowing Time Temple. As long as we can crack this barrier, we shall be able to get inside and explore the wonders of this place while possibly obtaining incredible benefits! If there is someone of high skill here who is capable of assisting us, please do not conceal yourself!"

Of the more than thirty people present, no one stepped forward to answer this call.

The Dao of Spirit Arrays, like the Alchemic Dao, was broad and profound, a profession easy to tread upon, but extremely difficult to master.

Everyone present was a Dao Source Realm cultivator, so each had some knowledge of Spirit Arrays, but who would have the confidence to crack the barrier arranged by an Emperor Realm Master?

Following a brief silence, Kong Qi smiled lightly and turned to a certain individual in the crowd before calling out, "Brother Gong, why don't you come and try?"

Everyone heard this and quickly cast their eyes towards this man just in time to see him put on a depressed look as he glared towards Kong Qi.

"Surnamed Gong... could he be..."

"He must be someone from the Heavenly River Valley's Gong Family... So that's how it is!"

"Ha, it seems there is hope to break this barrier now."

Numerous cultivators all began to whisper about this man surnamed Gong.

“Who is he?” Yang Kai asked in a low voice, “Why does everyone seem to have such confidence in him?”

Bian Yu Qing smiled at him and quipped, “Are you asking me?”

She assumed the stance of one who had finally caught an opportunity and was clearly planning to blackmail Yang Kai.

“Do as you please!” Yang Kai snorted.

Bian Yu Qing squinted her eyes before muttering, “Little boy, this Protector suddenly discovered that... you’re quite hateful!”

“Hmph, that depends on who I’m talking to.”

Kou Wu punctually interrupted, “The Gong Family is famous throughout the Southern Territory, not for its strength, but for its proficiency in Spirit Arrays. No one who comes from the Gong Family should be underestimated, especially their Old Ancestor who is an Emperor Array Master. Regarding Spirit Arrays, the Gong Family’ Old Ancestor can stand among the top three in the entire Southern Territory... As for this person though, if I remember correctly, he should be the current Young Master of the Gong Family, Gong Wen Shan.”

“En, I understand,” Yang Kai nodded.

Kou Wu was correct. The one who had been caught by the crowd was Young Master Gong Wen Shan of the Gong Family. Although Gong Wen Shan’s cultivation wasn’t too high, only Second-Order Dao Source Realm, when it came to proficiency in the Dao of Spirit Arrays, everyone present put together would probably be inferior to him.

The Gong Family had studied Spirit Arrays for generations.

At this moment, Gong Wen Shan’s face was as wrinkled as a bitter gourd. Stepping forward under everyone’s eyes, he muttered to himself, “Damn it... I obviously just wanted to explore around and have some fun, so why did I have to encounter such a troublesome matter... If I refuse, it will definitely provoke public anger, and the ones here won’t give a shit about my name... Ha... so annoying, Kong Qi that bastard, one day I’ll make him swallow his own shit and then commit suicide!”

Kong Qi stood to the side, his mouth twitching as he said, “Brother Gong... Don’t you think you should act a bit more prudently... everyone can hear what you’re saying...”

Gong Wen Shan wrinkled his bitter melon face further as he snorted towards Kong Qi, “I said it so you could hear it, what of it!”

Kong Qi didn’t know whether to laugh or cry, but in this situation, he could only wave his hand and said, “Brother Gong, forgive me, but no one else present is proficient in Spirit Arrays, all our hopes rest with you.”

Gong Wen Shan snorted, “You and I have been acquainted for several dozen years, so you should know my temper!”

Kong Qi nodded repeatedly, "Yes, yes, I know you hate troublesome things the most..."

"Cracking the barrier of an Emperor is the most troublesome thing in this world!" Gong Wen Shan's face went so cold one could almost see frost coming off of it. As he walked up to the golden light barrier, he glanced back and forth a few times before turning around and declaring, "Good, it's not impossible for me to crack it, but what benefits can I obtain?"

"Benefits..." Kong Qi's brow twitched, wondering what other benefits aside from the legendary treasures inside Gong Wen Shan wanted. For a moment, he didn't know what to say.

"How about keeping your life, is that a big enough benefit?" Wu Chang suddenly interjected.

Gong Wen Shan immediately turned his head and stared at him, a sneer forming on his lips as he asked, "Oh? Are you threatening me?"

Wu Chang snorted, "If you break this barrier, you can live, if you refuse or fail, I'll make you die here and now!"

From his solemn tone, it was clear Wu Chang wasn't just making an idle threat.

No one thought he was joking either; after all, it was Wu Chang who was speaking.

"Interesting..." Even when facing Wu Chang, however, Gong Wen Shan didn't show the slightest fear, instead his eyes just flashing slightly, indicating he was not someone with a weak spine.

Chapter 2155, You Can't Enter

To the side, Kong Qi was shocked.

He and Gong Wen Shan had indeed known each other for decades, and they also understood each other's personalities and temperaments. Gong Wen Shan was born to only eat soft food and refused to eat hard food. If one negotiated politely with him, everything could be discussed, but using threats was a big taboo.

And Gong Wen Shan was undoubtedly threatened by Wu Chang just now.

Kong Qi seemed to be able to foresee the scene where Gong Wen Shan unceremoniously walked off.

If Gong Wen Shan were to leave like that, no one would be able to crack the barrier around the Flowing Time Temple.

Considering all this, Kong Qi didn't care whether he would offend Wu Chang or not and his expression sank as he shouted, "Wu Chang, did you go mad from cultivating too hard? Brother Gong didn't say he wouldn't crack the barrier, so why are you making such indiscriminate remarks?"

Wu Chang glanced over at him coldly and snorted, "Who the hell are you? Why should I care what you think?"

Kong Qi was angered and shouted, "Do you think everyone here is a fool you can bluster in front of?"

Although he was not as famous as Wu Chang or Xia Sheng, Kong Qi was still a rising star who possessed extraordinary aptitude from Seven Glories Chamber of Commerce, so how could he not lose his temper when he was so blatantly despised?

“And if I do?” Wu Chang smiled arrogantly, “If you want to be put in my eyes, you need the corresponding strength!”

Something possessed Xiao Chen at that moment, causing him to insert himself into this argument and further exacerbate it, “Brother Wu Chang seems to not put anyone here in his eyes... heh...”

As soon as this statement came out, Luo Yuan frowned and silently stretched out his hand, causing his battle-axe which had bounced off by the golden barrier to fly back to him with a whistling sound.

Although Wu Chang was rampant, he was no fool, so when he heard Xiao Chen’s malicious comment which was clearly meant to direct the crowd’s anger towards him, he couldn’t help sneering at him and shouted, “Brother Xiao, do you have something to say?”

“Not at all!” Xiao Chen smiled lightly. “Brother Wu Chang is already the strongest under the Emperor Realm, how could this Xiao dare offer any advice to him?”

These words were even more provocative than his previous ones, causing even more ire to be directed towards Wu Chang. Even Xiao Bai Yi, who had been standing to the side silently, also began showing some fighting intent.

“Enough senseless bickering! Don’t disturb Brother Gong from cracking the barrier!” Lan Xun suddenly shouted.

When everyone heard these words, they turned back to find that the root of this whole quarrel, Gong Wen Shan, had at some point sat down cross-legged in front of the golden barrier and was continuously sweeping his eyes over it, intently studying the barrier.

“Seems you know your limits!” Wu Chang coldly snorted, secretly thinking that Gong Wen Shan had been frightened by his threat just now.

Not only him, everyone present basically thought so as well; after all, Gong Wen Shan had just been asking for benefits from everyone in order to break this barrier, but after a few intimidating words from Wu Chang, he had actually obediently sat down and complied.

For a moment, many people directed looks of contempt at Gong Wen Shan. Despite needing his ability to enter the Flowing Time Temple, that did not prevent everyone from despising him.

There was only one person present who had some cold sweat leaking from his forehead as he looked at Gong Wen Shan profile thoughtfully, muttering to himself, “Something’s not right... Brother Gong has always had an intractable temper and never gives in to threats, yet now he’s being so cooperative. Just what kind of wicked scheme is he plotting... Haa... now, he’s even wearing that smile... he must be up to something!”

The more Kong Qi observed, the more he felt that Gong Wen Shan’s behaviour was odd and he couldn’t help feeling an ominous premonition in his heart.

Soon after, Gong Wen Shan, who was fixedly observing the barrier, seemed to have gained something and flicked his wrist, taking out an exquisite artifact from his Space Ring which was about the size of a palm. There were countless mysterious runes and patterns engraved on this artifact, giving it a mystical air.

“The Gong Family’s Heaven Disrupting Plate?” Lan Xun’s eyes suddenly brightened as she stared at the plate closely, but soon she showed a disappointed look because what Gong Wen Shan had in his hand was obviously not the real Heaven Disrupting Plate, but an imitation.

Gong Wen Shan formed a series of seals with his hands as he poured his Source Qi into the plate, causing some streams of light to shoot out from it and sink into the barrier like fish leaping into a pond.

Everyone watched intently, but few could discern anything about what was happening.

Yang Kai could only speculate that this artifact was some kind of tool that was used to help determine weaknesses in barriers.

Things were indeed as Yang Kai thought. The Gong Family’s Heaven Disrupting Plate was famed for being able to break any Spirit Array that existed in this world. It supposedly functioned by searching for weaknesses or Array Nodes which could then be exploited to crack a barrier or array. However, the Heaven Disrupting Plate was the supreme treasure of the Gong Family, so even if Gong Wen Shan’s status was not low, he was not qualified to carry it with him.

The artifact which he took out was a lesser imitation of the Heaven Disrupting Plate the Gong Family had refined, but although there was a big gap between it and the real Heaven Disrupting Plate, it could still provide great assistance in this situation.

More and more streams of light leapt off the plate and sank into the barrier as time passed, and after a while, Gong Wen Shan’s eyes brightened and he shouted in a low voice, “I found it... hahaha, seems it was just as I thought...”

He seemed to be talking to himself about something no one else could understand.

As he spoke though, Gong Wen Shan stretched out his hand to collect the imitation Heaven Disrupting Plate.

Next, he took out some array tools from his Space Ring and began flying about, throwing out his tools in a particular arrangement around the barrier.

As time passed, Gong Wen Shan’s expression turned more and more solemn, as if what he was about to do was extremely strenuous and serious.

Those formation flags quickly sank into the Void and disappeared to no one knew where.

Gong Wen continued this process for about a stick of incense worth of time before he came to a stop.

After wiping the sweat from his forehead, he turned around and said to the waiting crowd, “Good!”

“Good?” The cultivators looked stunned as they all stared at the golden barrier which still looked perfectly intact, disbelief written all over their faces.

Gong Wen Shan grinned and said, "I'm finished, so naturally... everything is good!"

His words were filled with confidence.

Having spoken, he clasped his hands together and let out a shout. From the Void, countless rays of light burst out and sank into the golden barrier enveloping the Flowing Time Temple, quickly creating a small gap in it.

"Open!" Gong Wen Shan yelled as he slowly pushed his hands out to the sides, and with his movements, this crack began to expand, like the barrier was really being torn open by his bare hands.

"It really is good!" At this time, many cultivators were shocked.

This barrier had been arranged by the Flowing Time Great Emperor, so even after countless years, it was definitely not something an ordinary cultivator could open, but Gong Wen Shan had managed just that.

"The Gong Family's reputation is well-deserved!" Even Lan Xun couldn't help but offer her praise.

She had to admit that in terms of the Dao of Spirit Arrays, Gong Wen Shan had vastly surpassed her. Up until now, she had still yet to find a single weakness in the golden barrier, while Gong Wen Shan had actually gone so far as to break it open.

"Many thanks, Brother Gong, after we return, I will invite you for a drink!" Kong Qi laughed loudly before he rushed into the opening first, his figure disappearing in the next instant.

He instinctively felt that trouble would soon erupt, and the best thing to do right now was to head in first.

With him taking the lead, other people naturally scrambled towards the opening.

Wu Chang, Luo Yuan, Xiao Chen, Lan Xun, and even Xiao Bai Yi and Murong Xiao Xiao all pushed their Source Qi in order to protect themselves from being attacked as well as to guard against any dangers which they might encounter after intruding into the Flowing Time Temple before they too headed to the entrance.

As this group of elites rushed to the forefront, others naturally did not dare to compete with them. With Wu Chang's explosive temper, if they accidentally annoyed him, it is possible they would die on the spot.

Xiu xiu xiu...

The sounds of people breaking through the air sounded as one figure after another disappeared into the opening.

However, at that moment, Gong Wen Shan glanced at Wu Chang deeply and grinned sarcastically.

"What?" Wu Chang frowned as a vague feeling of unpleasantness swept over him. However, he didn't think too much about it as his focus now was entering the Flowing Time Temple to snatch the Star Seals and whatever opportunities were hidden within.

A shocking scene occurred though when he tried to pass through the opening in the golden barrier. Just as Wu Chang approached the entrance, an invisible force struck him from the front and pushed him back several dozen meters.

Wu Chang's face changed drastically as he quickly stabilized his figure and turned a gloomy look towards Gong Wen Shan.

Gong Wen Shan just stared back and sneered while pointing his finger and shaking his head, "Everyone else can enter, but you can't!"

"As I thought!" Wu Chang coldly snorted. How could he not understand that this was Gong Wen Shan's way of taking revenge?

Wu Chang had threatened Gong Wen Shan's life just now, but the latter had not reacted too strongly. Now it seemed Gong Wen Shan had been plotting this from the start.

It could be said that this was the perfect method of getting back at Wu Chang.

If everyone was allowed to enter the Flowing Time Temple while only Wu Chang was blocked outside because of his previous threats, how could Wu Chang not be furious?

"This guy has such a black heart!" Yang Kai looked at Gong Wen Shan with a happy smile as he secretly approved.

Just now, he too had thought that Gong Wen Shan agreed to break the barrier because he was afraid of Wu Chang, but now, it turns out he was actually hatching this kind of wicked scheme.

Even as he thought so, Yang Kai did not slow his pace; after all, it was best to enter the Flowing Time Temple as quickly as possible. As for what happened between Wu Chang and Gong Wen Shan after, that had nothing to do with him.

"Do you think you can block me?" Wu Chang asked coldly as he looked down at Gong Wen Shan.

Gong Wen Shan smiled and said, "Now that this barrier is completely under my control, only those I allow can enter. Why wouldn't I be able to stop you?"

"Good... then I'll just kill you!" Wu Chang coldly snorted as he held his hands up high, condensing two different kinds of energy onto his palms, one fiery red, one icy white. When these two opposite energies condensed, instead of repelling one another, they surprisingly began to merge together and amplify one another. Forming a giant ball of red and white light, Wu Chang hurled it towards where Gong Wen Shan stood.

Gong Wen Shan remained where he was, not trying to dodge or avoid this attack, simply wearing a light sneer on his face.

From this falling ball of light, a terrifying power could be felt, causing Yang Kai and the others who were about to rush into the barrier to hurriedly withdraw, lest they be caught up in this attack by accident.

Just as the ball of light was about to swallow him, Gong Wen Shan waved his hand lightly and a golden light suddenly separated from the barrier and enveloped him.

In the next instant, a loud explosion rang out as the power of Ice and Flame filled the air.

Chapter 2156, Puppets

Flames burst out and ice and snow rolled, but after the dust settled, Gong Wen Shan stood unscathed, and the golden barrier surrounding him showed no signs of damage.

Glancing up at Wu Chang sarcastically, he sneered, "I already said this barrier is under my complete control, did you not understand? Idiot!"

Wu Chang's face twitched as his expression turned gloomy.

After seeing this bizarre scene, the onlooking cultivators who had not yet entered the Flowing Time Temple were all shocked. On the one hand, they admire the courage of Gong Wen Shan who dared to offend a monster like Wu Chang. On the other hand, they were shocked by Wu Chang's strength.

If the terrifying blow just now had fallen among the crowd, few of them would have survived.

When two Masters clashed, it was the audience that suffered. Realizing this, everyone present quickly composed themselves and used their best Movement Skills to charge into the crack in the Flowing Time Temple's barrier.

"If I can't enter, none of you can either!" Wu Chang shouted angrily, apparently not willing to suffer alone here and swiftly acting to ensure just that.

Stretching out his hands, he summoned two Dao Source Grade High-Rank swords, one burning red, one icy white. Slashing out, blades of red and white Sword Qi shot towards the advancing crowd.

"Ah... dodge!"

"Wu Chang's gone crazy!"

"How... how COULD he do this!"

Everyone was shocked and quickly dispersed.

However, Wu Chang had acted without any warning, and coupled with his immense strength, even if his attack had been dispersed across many people, there were still some who were unable to avoid it and were hit by his strange, opposing attribute attack.

Hong...

A huge pit was opened up in front of the temple as blood and shattered limbs were strewn across the ground. Six people had been killed directly while another dozen or so were injured.

Yang Kai had dodged quickly and emerged unscathed, but Bian Yu Qing and Kou Wu had been slightly injured, their faces both showing some shock and fear at this moment.

Even as he witnessed all this, Gong Wen Shan just stood in place, not using the power of the barrier to protect anyone but himself, nor to stop Wu Chang from attacking. However, after Wu Chang launched his attack, Gong Wen Shan actually grinned slightly, as if his conspiracy had succeeded.

"Wu Chang, have you gone crazy! We didn't provoke you in any way, so what's the meaning of this?"

“That’s right, Wu Chang, you were born into a great Sect like Heavenly Martial Holy Land, so you should know how to distinguish right from wrong! Just because you cannot go in, do you intend to make trouble for all the rest of us?”

“Wu Chang! Don’t go too far! If you want to vent your anger, do it on the one who refused to let you in, don’t just attack us out of spite!”

Among a group of cultivators who had survived the catastrophe, a few people began shouting with dissatisfaction.

“Good, the two of you also cannot go in,” Gong Wen Shan suddenly pointed at two cultivators who were clamoring for Wu Chang to direct his rage at the ‘evildoer’.

The faces of these two people suddenly collapsed, turning extremely ugly.

“Brother Gong, I didn’t mean that... Brother Gong, please be the bigger man and don’t care about some misspoken words...”

“Yes, Brother Gong, no no, Uncle Gong, please let me in!”

The two immediately backed down and begged for mercy.

Gong Wen Shan simply ignored them.

“Brother Wu Chang...” The cultivator named Jing Li who had arrived here first suddenly cupped his fists and said with a solemn expression, “My Benevolent Martial Sect can be regarded as an attached Sect of Heavenly Martial Holy Land, so even if others can’t enter, I can, right?”

Wu Chang did not respond.

Jing Li nodded, “Many thanks!”

As soon as his words fell, he rushed straight towards the Flowing Time Temple, but just as he was about to reach the crack in the barrier, Wu Chang attacked again, sending a blast of Sword Qi towards Jing Li, nearly slicing his arm off.

“Brother Wu Chang, what are your intentions here?” Jing Li sweat profusely as he raised his head up and asked anxiously.

Wu Chang simply stood mid-air and snorted, shouting in a firm, unbending tone towards the crowd, “I said, since I can’t enter, none of you can either.”

As he spoke, he lifted his swords again, crossed them above his head, condensed his Source Qi, then slashed downwards.

A shocking sword light shot out, seemingly leaping across space as it cut towards a figure which was sneakily trying to approach the entrance down below.

After releasing this blow, Wu Chang stood calmly and said indifferently, “Anyone who dares ignore my words will die!”

The moment he uttered these words though, his expression suddenly changed as a look of amazement filled his face.

In front of the entrance below, Yang Kai had to stop in place because Wu Chang's attack was too fast. If he didn't stop, he would definitely be hit.

In desperation, Yang Kai could only spin around, form a fist while using his Dragon Transformation Secret Technique as well as his Five Elements Indestructible Sword Qi, and punch out.

Hong long long...

The cross of red and white Sword Qi was struck by the dazzling five-coloured punch, causing space to cave in.

With the assistance of the recoil from this attack, Yang Kai easily made it to the entrance of the Flowing Time Temple. Before crossing the barrier, he did not forget to call out to Gong Wen Shan, "Thanks!"

Gong Wen Shan stared at the place where Yang Kai disappeared, a strange expression covering his face as he muttered to himself, "That guy... he's strange!"

He clearly felt that Yang Kai only had a First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivation, but right before everyone's eyes he had taken a blow from Wu Chang head on without any damage.

That was not something an ordinary cultivator could accomplish.

Wu Chang was also quite shocked.

The moment Yang Kai turned around, Wu Chang recognized him as the one who had obtained the diamond-shaped Star Seal. At that time, he had also used some strange Secret Technique to resolve the fatal blow he and Luo Yuan had launched against him.

That Secret Technique was so strange and mysterious that Wu Chang was unable to even determine what it was.

Now, however, this strange guy actually blocked his own blow head-on...

[Was that brat playing the pig to eat a tiger?] This idea came to Wu Chang's mind involuntarily.

At that moment, he became distracted, giving the cultivators down below an opportunity to rush towards the entrance, many of them passing through the barrier and disappearing in the blink of an eye. When Wu Chang came back to his senses and wanted to stop them again, it was already too late.

He could only watch everyone rush into the Flowing Time Temple, leaving just him and the two other cultivators excluded by Gong Wen Shan.

"Wu Chang, Wu Chang..." Gong Wen Shan laughed, repeating Wu Chang's name, a sarcastic and teasing expression on his face as he quipped, "Now that everyone else has gone in, what are you going to do?"

Wu Chang didn't speak as he stared at Gong Wen Shan coldly.

"Trying to kill me with a glare?" Gong Wen Shan grinned, "This is the cost of threatening me! There's nothing wrong with young people being hot-blooded, but if they become too arrogant..."

As he spoke, he assumed the tone and demeanour of a wizened old sage, but before he could finish what he wanted to say, he saw Wu Chang turn around and fly off, soon disappearing from sight.

"...I didn't even get a chance to add some insults. Well, he's decisive, I'll give him that. If it was me I wouldn't have been able to give up such a great opportunity so easily... I guess there wasn't any point in sticking around," Gong Wen Shan laughed at himself before he turned around and entered the Flowing Time Temple.

As he said, it was meaningless for Wu Chang to stay. Gong Wen Shan had said he would not let him in and had the ability to back up his words, so instead of staying and being smugly derided by Gong Wen Shan, Wu Chang felt it best to leave and search for other opportunities.

Of course, a grudge had been formed already, so if the two of them were to meet again, Wu Chang would definitely not let Gong Wen Shan off so easily.

"Uncle Gong... come back, come back!"

"Brother Gong, don't ignore us. We're still out here!"

The two cultivators who had been refused entry by Gong Wen Shan hurriedly shouted, but who was left to give them a response? After waiting for some time outside the temple, the two men could only leave in a depressed manner.

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"What's this?" Inside the Flowing Time Temple, as soon as Yang Kai got in, he was stunned by the scene in front of him.

Here, there was a massive hall that seemed at least a few thousand meters in length and breadth. In front of him, Xiao Chen, Lan Xun, Luo Yuan, Xiao Bai Yi, and Murong Xiao Xiao, who had entered first, were surrounded by a group of countless and densely packed puppets. All of them were engaged in a fierce melee, with metal shards and puppet limbs scattered across the ground. Obviously, before Yang Kai came in, these people had already destroyed many puppets.

Yang Kai was naturally quite familiar with puppets, having encountered them a few times back on Shadowed Star. There was also a family on Shadowed Star which specialized in the Dao of Puppetry and were able to create almost life-like puppets.

There was no doubt that the Star Boundary also had puppets, but Yang Kai had not encountered any yet.

Now, inside the Flowing Time Temple, there were too many to count.

These puppets were of all different shapes and sizes, but they could be roughly divided into three categories. One was human-shaped puppets, all of which were quite tall and burly and held different kinds of weapons, giving them an imposing air. The second type was beast-shaped, with tigers, leopards, wolves, even snakes and insects. These Monster Beast-like puppets behaved similarly to real Monster Beasts and had great lethality to them. As for the third category, they were simply the ones that did not fall into either of the previous two, their images too unique to describe as either man or beast. The number of puppets that belonged to this third category was the smallest, but they also seemed to be the strongest, each one having unique abilities and strengths that were difficult to predict.

The number of puppets in this giant hall was quite large, reaching into the hundreds, and all of them gave off an aura equivalent to a Dao Source Realm cultivator. Even though Xiao Chen and the others were favoured Sons and Daughters of Heaven, two fists couldn't block four strikes, so when Yang Kai came in, he found these people on the defensive, with almost no leeway to counterattack.

"If I knew it would be so troublesome, I would have waited outside a little longer!" Yang Kai grumbled to himself. He was worried that some of the good opportunities in the Flowing Time Temple would be snatched up by others if he didn't hurry, so he rushed inside, but seeing the scene before him, he realized it would have been better to take his time. It wouldn't be too late for him to enter after all these puppets were killed.

"Junior Brother Yang, be careful, these puppets are not easy to deal with!" Murong Xiao Xiao's voice suddenly entered his ear. She should have spotted Yang Kai come in and found some time while she was defending herself to warn him.

"Although I really want to thank you for your consideration... I wish you could have warned me without exposing my existence!" Yang Kai smiled wryly as, sure enough, the moment Murong Xiao Xiao called out to him, one of the puppets that was near her turned and directed its strange red eyes towards him.

Chapter 2157 , Fierce Battle

This puppet had a strange appearance, looking like a large lizard walking upright, with short forelimbs, extreme long hind limbs, and an inexplicable, hideous atmosphere lingering around its body.

As soon as it looked at Yang Kai, it immediately opened its big mouth and sprayed out a bright red light.

"A casual attack has the same strength as a Dao Source Realm's strike? These puppets... are quite extraordinary!" Yang Kai felt the intensity of the energy of this ray of light and his expression changed slightly as he immediately dodged.

Sou...

The beam of light barely missed Yang Kai's body and hit a cultivator who came in right after him.

This cultivator was lucky, however, because before he came in, he had worn a defensive Artifact Armour.

His original intention was to prevent Wu Chang from suddenly killing him, but now, this Artifact Armour had coincidentally saved him from this attack.

Hong...

The cultivator couldn't help stumbling back a few steps as his Artifact Armour flashed wildly, a moment later calling out in surprise, "What the hell was that?"

At that moment, a large number of people rushed in from the entrance, and even Gong Wen Shan who came in last showed his face.

It could be said that among the cultivators who stayed outside the Flowing Time Temple before, apart from the few who were killed by Wu Chang, only three were excluded from entering.

With more life auras appearing, the puppets that were besieging Xiao Chen and the others in the first group began to disperse to target these new enemies. Xiao Chen and the others were suddenly relieved of some pressure and immediately launched a counterattack, smashing the puppets which had turned their backs on them, causing many to break apart and fall to the ground.

Without exception, each of the crushed bodies of these puppets would contain a crystal about the size of a fist that gave off rich energy fluctuations.

“Spirit Energy Heart!” Someone exclaimed as they stared greedily at the crystal.

Yang Kai’s heart was also moved as he instantly realized what this thing was.

Spirit Energy Hearts were the core component of a puppet, and without them, no matter how well crafted a puppet was, it would simply be a dead object. Only by inserting a Spirit Energy Heart would a puppet be able to operate independently.

However, Spirit Energy Hearts were extremely difficult to refine and required the cooperation of an Artifact Refining Grandmaster as well as a Puppet Master, so their value was extremely high, especially high-grade Spirit Energy Hearts which were almost impossible to find nowadays.

There were several hundred puppets in this hall, and each one was at least Dao Source Grade; in other words, there were hundreds of Spirit Energy Hearts here!

If one could bring all these Spirit Energy Hearts out and find a Puppet Master to refine bodies for them, one could create a Dao Source Realm grade puppet army!

Cultivators such as Xiao Chen, Kong Qi, and Xiao Bai Yi, who were born into peak level forces, may not care too much about the value of these Spirit Energy Hearts, but for those who were born into small Sects and families, it was a different story. Smaller forces often found it hard to cultivate Dao Source Realm Masters, but with these Spirit Energy Hearts, they could create a Dao Source Realm powerhouse.

Faced with such a prospect, how could a competition not begin? Even if their own Sect couldn’t refine a proper puppet body, just selling these Spirit Energy Hearts would net a lot of Source Crystals.

So, after experiencing the initial panic, all the cultivators who rushed in became filled with enthusiasm, summoning their artifacts one after another while attacking the puppets viciously.

Even though the number of puppets was massive, and their strength was not too high, with no one to drive and coordinate them, they were unable to use their full strength or take advantage of their numbers, so the tide of battle quickly turned against them.

The cultivators who rushed in didn’t hold back, the weaker ones forming groups of three to five to besiege their targets while those who were confident in their strength fought single-handedly. It was not long before the number of puppets was halved, and the price the attacking cultivators paid was extremely small, only a few people being seriously injured with not a single person dying.

Yang Kai also took the opportunity to kill a few puppets and harvest some Spirit Energy Hearts which he tossed into his Space Ring.

As time passed, the number of puppets in the hall became less and less; inspiring the cultivators even further, causing the puppets to be cut down even faster than before.

Suddenly...

A dazzling light burst out from somewhere in the crowd, catching everyone's attention.

Floating mid-air, a star-shaped ray of light flickered slightly before suddenly transforming into a stream of light and sinking into a male cultivator's arm.

The cultivator didn't understand what was going on and only felt a burning pain in his arm, causing him to call out in alarm.

"A five-pointed Star Seal!" Lan Xun's beautiful eyes lit up and she shouted softly.

"These puppets... actually have Star Seals on them?" Xiao Chen swept his eyes across the remaining puppets around him, searching for other Star Seals.

He had already cut down seven puppets, but such a good deed had not fallen to him yet, making Xiao Chen feel a little uncomfortable.

"Ah? This is a Star Seal?" The male cultivator was dumbfounded for a moment after hearing Lan Xun's tender call, but he soon grinned happily and shouted, "I actually obtained a Star Seal? Hahahaha, it looks like Heaven is truly taking good care of me!"

He was overjoyed and laughed.

Even if some people around him didn't like his public bragging, they could only envy him.

However, after this scene, everyone's interest in killing these puppets increased dramatically, and their attacks intensified once more.

In a certain part of the hall, a man and a woman, seemingly fellow Sect disciples, were nervously attacking a leopard-shaped puppet.

This puppet looked almost indistinguishable from a real leopard and was extremely flexible in its movements, but fortunately, this puppet seemed to only be able to perform melee attacks.

So, even if the strength of these two people wasn't very high, they had a good chance of defeating this puppet.

It was not the strength of this leopard puppet that made them nervous, however, but rather the triangle mark on its forehead!

This mark wasn't eye-catching, but if before now this pair hadn't paid much attention to it, after experiencing the scene just now, how could they not guess it was a Star Seal?

Earlier, several dozen Star Seals had fallen into the Flowing Time Temple and were likely hidden throughout it now, so it wasn't a surprise that among these hundreds of puppets, a few Star Seals would appear.

This Senior Brother and Junior Sister pair weren't from a big Sect, nor was their strength too great, so they were worried that if they killed this leopard, the Star Seal would reveal itself and draw unwanted attention towards them...

Although the man who just obtained that five-pointed Star Seal was currently ecstatic, there was no doubt he had also become a target who would be attacked as soon as other people had some attention to spare.

Thinking so, this Senior Brother and Junior Sister pair exchanged a glance and nodded to each other. Instead of immediately defeating their target, they began leading the leopard away into the depths of the temple, trying to escape from everyone's line of sight so they could secretly obtain this Star Seal.

With the chaotic melee occurring in the hall, even if the actions of these two were a bit suspicious, no one would care about them and would likely just assume they weren't strong enough and were being forced back.

The strategy these two employed was quite successful, but just as they were about to move far enough from the crowd to not draw attention, a figure suddenly fell from the sky and smashed his fist down fiercely.

The hearts of the pair suddenly sank, but it was too late for them to react.

A loud thud followed.

The leopard-shaped puppet was directly smashed to pieces, and at the same time, the triangle mark on its forehead flew out in a burst of light before falling towards the figure which had just appeared.

"Just a triangle Star Seal?" The figure glanced at the back of his hand and muttered in seeming dissatisfaction before turning around and attacking another puppet.

Seeing this, the woman from the Senior Brother Junior Sister pair bit her red lip and opened her mouth to say something.

However, her Senior Brother's expression changed dramatically as he hurriedly pulled her back and slowly shook his head, explaining in a low voice, "That's Luo Yuan... we can't afford to offend him."

"But that Star Seal..." The woman looked unwilling.

The man gave a helpless smile, "Just treat it as if we never saw it."

"It was obviously ours though!" The woman pouted in annoyance. If they had known that Luo Yuan would suddenly rush over to steal their prey, they would have just destroyed the leopard instead of allowing it to fall into another's hands.

After the man soothed his Junior Sister for a while, he somehow managed to persuade her to not find trouble with Luo Yuan.

This man understood that there was no point in trying to discuss this matter with Luo Yuan. If one wanted to say something to him, they had to speak with their fists.

The battle in the hall lasted for roughly an hour, with several dozen Dao Source Realm cultivators from major Sects families in the Southern Territory paying a small price to wipe out these puppets.

Without even mentioning the Spirit Energy Hearts, just the three Star Seals which appeared were a massive gain. In addition to the five-pointed Star Seal and the triangular Star Seal Luo Yuan obtained, another diamond-shaped Star Seal appeared.

This last Star Seal was fortunately obtained by Murong Xiao Xiao, causing her to smile happily because now she was qualified to enter the Shattered Star Sea and seek her own path to the Emperor Realm.

Only now did everyone have an opportunity to examine the hall itself.

This entry hall was massive, and at the moment was covered in puppet fragments; however, there was just one obvious passage leading away from it, which seemed to be the only exit.

There were no puppets guarding this exit, and no trace of any barriers or Spirit Arrays protecting it, so it seemed quite safe.

Despite that, no one approached this exit carelessly. Everyone first found a place to sit down cross-legged to restore themselves while waiting for someone else to take the lead to explore the way forward.

Kong Qi of Seven Glories Chamber of Commerce quietly made his way over to Gong Wen Shan and asked with a pleasant expression, "Brother Gong, what do you think of the situation over there?"

Gong Wen Shan squinted his eyes before turning to him and saying, "Brother Kong, you're... even more thick-skinned and shameless than the last time we met, asking me about everything here. How should I know? It's not like I've been to this Flowing Time Temple before."

Kong Qi grinned meaningfully and replied, "Those with great capabilities have greater responsibilities. With Brother Gong's knowledge of Spirit Arrays, if there was any danger there, you would be the first to notice it."

"Now you're even shamelessly flattering me..." Gong Wen Shan snorted before he stood up reluctantly, walked over, and muttered. "Fine then, I'll take a look."

Chapter 2158 , Illusion Array

Gong Wen Shan muttered as he walked over to the entrance.

Kong Qi couldn't help being stunned on the spot.

His intention really was to get Gong Wen Shan to go up and see if there was some kind of Spirit Array arranged at the entrance, but he never imagined the other party would agree so readily and without any obvious objections.

This was inconsistent with Gong Wen Shan's usual personality...

Thinking this way, Kong Qi's expression changed slightly and he hurriedly stepped forward, catching up with Gong Wen Shan and saying, "How could I let Brother Gong take risks alone? This Kong is willing to accompany you as your brother, experiencing joy and sorrow together as one!"

"Are you sure?" Gong Wen Shan tilted his head and looked at him teasingly.

"Uh..." Kong Qi's heart was filled with anxiety, mainly because the other party's expression was too unnerving, making him feel anxious in his heart. He didn't know which answer to give in order to satisfy Gong Wen Shen, but in the end, he trusted his gut, grit his teeth, and nodded, "Yes."

"Good," Gong Wen Shan shrugged and continued to move forward, saying, "Follow me closely."

Hearing this, Kong Qi was overjoyed, knowing that his answer just now was the right one, while on the surface maintaining a calm façade as he said, "Of course, Brother Gong must also be careful."

As the two people spoke, they arrived in front of the only entrance as everyone else watched.

By now, the cultivators who were meditating and resting in the main hall had turned their attention to Gong Wen Shan's movements and were closely observing, lest they miss some important clue now. Gong Wen Shan's ability to crack barriers had been witnessed by everyone earlier, so if there was really a hidden Spirit Array at this entrance, everyone had faith that Gong Wen Shan would find it.

For a moment, everyone held their breath, waiting for the results to appear.

Gong Wen Shan stood at the entrance and carefully observed it for a time, his expression constantly changing, putting everyone else on edge. Only after a long time did he mutter, "As I thought, this entrance is just an ordinary entrance, there's no danger here!"

Saying so, he stepped forward directly towards the entrance.

Kong Qi hurried to keep up.

The two disappeared from sight the next moment.

"Playing cheap tricks!" Xiao Chen snorted, dissatisfied. Before seeing Gong Wen Shan's expression change a few times, he too had thought the former had discovered something, but it turned out to be nothing, making Xiao Chen feel like he had been tricked.

Lan Xun smiled slightly and said, "Brother Gong... is a man who takes great pride in his talents!"

"Speaking of which, did anyone notice that..." Xiao Bai Yi suddenly came over to the two of them, looked around for a while, and said with a solemn expression, "Wu Chang is not here!"

Xiao Chen frowned, "What do you mean? What does it matter to us if he is here or not?"

Xiao Bai Yi glanced at him briefly before turning his eyes to Lan Xun.

"What's the meaning of your look just now, are you disdain me?" Xiao Chen was immediately unhappy.

Lan Xun frowned, but thinking of something, she muttered, "Brother Xiao Bai means... Wu Chang failed to enter here because of Gong Wen Shan's machinations?"

Xiao Bai Yi nodded seriously, "I think so. Gong Wen Shan may not have just cracked the barrier around the temple, he might have also taken control of it. Basically, everyone else has come in, but Wu Chang for some reason was excluded. There's only one explanation for this situation, Gong Wen Shan didn't let him in!" At this point, Xiao Bai Yi let out a depressed sigh as he looked sincerely at Lan Xun and said, "Princess, this one is Azure Sun Temple's Xiao Bai Yi, not... Brother Xiao Bai!"

"I know who you are..." Lan Xun smiled, "But you and Xiao Chen have the same surname, so I can't call you Brother Xiao. I heard Yang Kai call you Xiao Bai before, so I just... figured calling you Brother Xiao Bai was a good idea. Do you not like that name?"

"I don't!" Xiao Bai Yi denied vehemently, a cold light flashing across his eyes as he muttered, "After we leave this place, I'll rip that bastard's mouth off!"

"If we delay any longer, everyone else will leave. We need to move." Xiao Chen found it hard to intervene in this conversation, so he could only change the subject forcefully.

Lan Xun turned her head and found that most of the cultivators in the hall had already disappeared, with only a few still standing around. Nodding, she agreed, "We should go too."

Xiao Bai Yi signalled to Murong Xiao Xiao, who nodded in return before the two used their Movement Skills to rush towards the entrance.

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"Ah, I fell into a trap!" Yang Kai couldn't help muttering as soon as he rushed into the entrance.

Because the world in front of him suddenly distorted and transformed into an empty grassland.

This grassland was rich and fertile, with no trace of danger anywhere. In Yang Kai's field of vision, there were blue skies, white clouds, and the green grass as far as the eye could see, which was obviously not a scene from inside the Flowing Time Temple.

"An Illusion Array?" Yang Kai frowned, stopping in place and not moving.

He was not surprised by the scene in front of him because he had a faint premonition something like this would happen before he entered.

The reason was naturally due to the first person entering this hall being Gong Wen Shan.

Judging from his previous methods and style of dealing with Wu Chang, Gong Wen Shan was definitely not as approachable and carefree as he seemed on the surface. On the contrary, this guy seemed to be untrustworthy and sinister.

After just a few threatening words from Wu Chang, Gong Wen Shan had locked him out of the Wu Chang and made him watch as others entered, tormenting him both physically and mentally. Obviously, Gong Wen Shan was a man who sought revenge for even the slightest grievance.

Kong Qi had asked him to investigate the entrance, and Gong Wen Shan readily agreed, causing Yang Kai to have some suspicions.

Gong Wen Shan was clearly not a noble and selfless character who would do something to solely benefit others.

Of course, this was also human nature.

And sure enough, this entrance was different from what Gong Wen Shan had announced out loud. It had a pleasant surprise waiting for everyone.

The only question was whether Gong Wen Shan had arranged this Illusion Array or it was something native to the Flowing Time Temple.

If it was the former, it would be easy to handle. In such a short time, even if Gong Wen Shan was a Spirit Array Grandmaster, it would be impossible to arrange too profound of an Illusion Array in such a short time. Perhaps Gong Wen Shan had simply set up an Array Plate to slow down those who followed after him.

If that was the case, this Illusion Array could be destroyed quickly; after all, Gong Wen Shan couldn't have exerted too much strength to arrange it.

However, if this was a feature of the Flowing Time Temple itself, it would be scary.

This was because even Gong Wen Shan hadn't noticed any clues before and had walked in confidently. If this Illusion Array was so subtle that it was even able to deceive someone like Gong Wen Shan, how could it possibly be simple? Worst case scenario, this Illusion Array was so powerful that all who fell into it would be trapped here for a lifetime.

Thinking so, Yang Kai took a deep breath, calmed his nerves, and tried to comfort himself, "I hope this is just another one of that guy's tricks..."

Saying so, he slowly closed his eyes before snapping them back open.

His left eye had now turned golden and released a solemn, majestic aura that seemed capable of piercing through the void and seeing through all illusions!

Yang Kai slowly turned his head and looked around, after a short while breathing a sigh of relief while a look of joy filled his face.

Now, he was able to determine that this Illusion Array was not part of the Flowing Time Temple itself, but just a temporary arrangement made by Gong Wen Shan, because under his Demon Eye of Annihilation, Yang Kai was quickly able to see through the weaknesses and distortions in this Illusion Array.

After pondering for a moment, Yang Kai decided against breaking this Spirit Array forcefully and simply walked out along one of its weak points.

At the same time, in almost the same illusion, Lan Xun held a light pearl in her hand. This pearl exuded a soft light and was dispelling the illusory scenes around her, allowing her to see her true surroundings as she walked forward.

Xiao Chen followed her step by step, coldly snorting as he said, "Why does Princess insist on going through all this trouble. It's just a trivial Illusion Array, allow me to break it directly."

Lan Xun smiled and said, "One should show proper respect for others' hard work. Gong Wen Shan did not hesitate to use an Array Plate to place an Illusion Array here just to delay others a little bit. If we were to destroy this Spirit Array, wouldn't everyone else benefit from our hard work while we gain nothing? I don't plan on doing charity work here."

"Your Highness, you..." Xiao Chen stared at Lan Xun's back in amazement, not having expected that after just a few days in the outside world, this innocent and kind-hearted Princess had been contaminated by such wickedness. In his heart, he felt a great deal of pain!

On the other side, Xiao Bai Yi and Murong Xiao Xiao had both closed their eyes, as if they were blind, and were slowly groping their way through the Illusion Array. The directions they walked seemed random, but in actual fact, they were slowly moving forward. As for how they achieved this, it was unknown.

"An Illusion Array? Ridiculous, in the face of absolute power, nothing else matters!" Luo Yuan had always adhered to the truth that strength was supreme, so even after falling into this Illusion Array, he did not flinch and instead pushed his Source Qi violently to blast his surroundings.

However, those attacks, which should have been strong enough to kill an ordinary Dao Source Realm cultivator, did not even cause a ripple when they landed, like stones sinking into a violent sea.

Although this Illusion Array was hurriedly arranged by Gong Wen Shan using an Array Plate, how could it be violently broken so easily? The Gong Family was famed for its proficiency in Spirit Arrays, and Gong Wen Shan had already taken into account the combat power of Luo Yuan and the others when he set up this Illusion Array to ensure that even if they used brute force to crack it, it would still take them some time.

The reactions of the other Dao Source Realm cultivators were identical to the top Masters after falling into the Illusion Array.

Those who know a little about Spirit Arrays tried to find Array Nodes to quickly crack the array.

Those who didn't understand Spirit Arrays used violence.

As for those like Yang Kai and Lan Xun, they were able to find weaknesses in this Illusion Array and easily escape with the help of special abilities.

After consuming less than a cup of tea worth of time, Yang Kai had already emerged from the Illusion Array and the scene before his eyes once again distorted and changed, the blue sky, white clouds, and grass fields suddenly disappearing and being replaced by a dark and deep passage.

Yang Kai immediately withdrew his Demon Eye of Annihilation and kicked the ground to rush to the end of this hallway.

Arriving at a certain point, Yang Kai's brows couldn't help furrowing as he was forced to stop, "There are so many paths?"

In front of his eyes, there were at least a dozen forks in the hall, each of them too dark to see down and giving off an unsettling aura, as if they were all paths of no return.

Chapter 2159, Flowing Time Fruit

With so many forks in the road, some would obviously be safe while others would be dangerous, but Yang Kai didn't know how to determine which was which, so he simply chose one at random and dove in.

At the same time he disappeared, Lan Xun and Xiao Chen also escaped from the Illusion Array just in time to see Yang Kai's back disappear.

"Huh..." Lan Xun showed a surprised expression, "Someone was faster than me?"

"What?" Xiao Chen was a step behind Lan Xun and did not manage to see anything about the situation ahead.

"It's nothing," Lan Xun shook her head before turning back to see that they were only about ten paces from the previous entrance. The surrounding area was empty and there was no trace of anyone else. She knew how powerful the Illusion Array was, but she also didn't need to worry about the others who were trapped inside and simply said to Xiao Chen, "Let's go."

Shortly after, the two arrived at the same forked path where Lan Xun deliberately chose a different path from the one Yang Kai entered.

Although these passages were somewhat gloomy, they weren't completely dark as luminous stones were fitted into the walls at certain intervals, emitting a soft light.

Yang Kai constantly scanned a twenty-metre radius around himself with his Divine Sense, staying on alert for any possible dangers as he explored.

Yang Kai hadn't walked far before he suddenly showed a strange look. Perking up his ears, he was able to vaguely hear the sounds of fighting and could even smell a faint bloody aura in the air.

Shocked, he quickly retracted his Divine Sense, concealed his aura, and walked forward slowly.

Soon, Yang Kai arrived outside an empty hall that, while incomparable to the main entrance hall he had come from, was still not small.

The situation inside this hall was clear at a glance. There wasn't anything strange in it not except for a pool in the middle of the room which looked a few meters in diameter and depth. Right now though, this pool was empty.

On the left side of the hall, there was a long table with two spirit fruits placed atop it.

It was impossible to tell how long these spirit fruits had been placed here, but despite it obviously having been a long time, they still looked fresh and even exuded a strong fragrance. These spirit fruits weren't very big, about the size of a fist, and their appearance resembled ripe peaches, causing one to salivate at their mere sight.

"Those are... Flowing Time Fruits?" Yang Kai's eyes lit up as he immediately recognized what these spirit fruits were.

He had previously obtained a jade slip leftover from the Wondrous Pill Great Emperor's Third Disciple, Gong Sun Mu, from below Yuan Furnace Mountain. That jade slip had detailed innumerable types of rare spirit grasses and medicines of the Star Boundary, as well as the methods to store and refine them.

Yang Kai had already memorized the contents of the jade slip, so there was no reason for him to not recognize these fruits!

"So, Flowing Time Fruits are a product of the Flowing Time Temple!" At that moment, Yang Kai suddenly understood.

Although he knew about Flowing Time Fruits before, Yang Kai hadn't connected them with the Flowing Time Temple; but now, after seeing the Flowing Time Fruits here, he understood.

Flowing Time Fruits had a very peculiar effect that did not do much for a cultivator's cultivation.

But even so, that did not decrease their rarity or preciousness.

It was recorded in the jade slip left by Gong Sun Mu that Flowing Time Fruits grew in pairs and each one had a diametrically opposite effect. One was able to rejuvenate people, turning an elderly person youthful in a short period of time, while the other was like a time poison that could turn a young man into an old man in the blink of an eye.

If one didn't know how to distinguish between the different Flowing Time Fruits, no one would dare to swallow them rashly.

Without mentioning whether the second fruit's effect was useful or not, just the first effect was definitely enough to make countless cultivators go crazy over, especially female cultivators. What woman didn't want to remain youthful forever? But no matter how high one's cultivation was, and no matter how astonishing their beauty was, the ruthless carving knife known as time would still leave some marks on them.

As time passed, these marks would only grow more and more obvious.

But if one had a Flowing Time Fruit that could rejuvenate one's vitality, it was a different story. Even an old woman could regain her lost beauty in the blink of an eye.

Of course, that was not to say that the Flowing Time Fruit was only useful for women. For those cultivators who were approaching the limits of their lifespans and had no hope of breaking through, a Flowing Time Fruit was undoubtedly among the best medicines to increase one's lifespan. It could return a cultivator's body to a state dozens, or even hundreds of years prior to when they swallowed it, which was equivalent to adding dozens or hundreds of years to their lifespan.

To a certain extent, this was even more precious than an Emperor Artifact.

After Yang Kai recognized the Flowing Time Fruit, he immediately became energetic.

If this kind of spirit fruit landed in someone else's hands, they wouldn't be able to do much with it, but in Yang Kai's hands, it could produce amazing effects, because he was an Alchemist and could use the Flowing Time Fruit as the main ingredient to refine a furnace of Flowing Time Pills.

This was an all but extinct Spirit Pill which could be sold for an immense amount of wealth!

Yang Kai gulped hard, trying to hold back his drool, as his eyes began focusing on the ruckus at the centre of the hall.

There, one person and one creature were fighting.

They were also the source of the sounds of battle Yang Kai had heard before.

Impressively, the one who was fighting was Kong Qi of Seven Glories Chamber of Commerce! As for his opponent, it was a blood-red monster that seemed like a giant mass of putrid blood.

This blood monster had a humanoid upper body, a round head, two arms and a flowing amorphous lower body. As it rushed around the hall, whipping its strange appendages about, it released a thick bloody stench into the air.

The light of Source Qi bloomed from Kong Qi's body as he wore a solemn expression. Kong Qi was mostly dodging while using sharp attacks to hit the blood monster from time to time, seemingly probing it for weaknesses.

Kong Qi seemed to be a cautious person that, after encountering a strong enemy, would not make any aggressive moves unless he was certain they would be effective.

Before Yang Kai arrived, Kong Qi had been dealing with this blood monster in a similar way for quite some time. At this moment, he had basically figured out the opponent's routines and methods and was now looking for an opportunity to deliver a fatal blow.

"How could I have picked the exact same path as this guy?" Yang Kai hid in the dark and frowned as he mumbled to himself. Just now, there were a dozen or so paths he could have chosen from, but unexpectedly he had picked one someone else had already gone through.

But it was also fortunate that Kong Qi had advanced ahead of him, otherwise, Yang Kai would be the one dealing with the blood monster at this moment.

After scanning the battlefield. Yang Kai turned his gaze to the two Flowing Time Fruits on the long table again and a wicked thought came to his mind, one he could not dismiss after having it, [While that guy has attracted the attention of the blood monster, secretly taking the Flowing Time Fruit away... wouldn't be too much, right?]

Before now, Yang Kai had no dealings with Kong Qi, so there was no gratitude or grudge between them. As such, when this idea came up, Yang Kai had no qualms about implementing it.

Thinking so, he immediately used his Nihilism Secret Technique to conceal his aura completely and began to sneak forward cautiously.

After Nihilism was used, Yang Kai merged with the Void and completely isolated his own aura, to the point where others could not spy on his existence with their Divine Sense unless it was powerful enough to probe the Void.

The only weakness of this Secret Technique was that it only blurred his figure, so others could still see him with their eyes!

The hall wasn't too big, and if Yang Kai moved too hastily, he would reveal his whereabouts; however, Yang Kai had always been a cautious individual, so he only moved swiftly through Kong Qi and the blood monster's blind spots.

Because there was no need to worry about being detected by their Divine Senses, Yang Kai's was able to act unscrupulously as long as he wasn't spotted.

In the blink of an eye, Yang Kai rushed up to the long table and grabbed towards the two Flowing Time Fruits, wanting to stuff them into his Space Ring.

Unexpectedly though, at that moment, a barrier of light appeared around the table when Yang Kai's hand approached it, blocking him from seizing the fruits.

"Damn it!" Yang Kai cursed as he knew that this movement would expose him.

And sure enough, when the light curtain flickered, Kong Qi and the blood monster, who were busy fighting one another, both noticed and turned their gazes towards him.

Kong Qi stared at Yang Kai with a stunned expression, his eyes bulging as he never expected someone would try to snatch his prize while he was busy dealing with this blood monster!

He couldn't help but tease, "Friend, your cultivation may not be high, but your courage definitely is!"

"You're too kind!" Yang Kai answered flippantly as he pushed his Source Qi and punched the light curtain protecting the table.

Now that he had been found out, he could just steal the fruits openly.

This barrier was quite extraordinary, seeing how it was still functional after countless years, but after taking a punch from Yang Kai, it finally broke.

Yang Kai's hands moved quickly as he snatched up the Flowing Time Fruits and threw them directly into his Space Ring.

"You..." Kong Qi became angered, as anyone would in such a situation.

After he arrived at this hall, he had found the two Flowing Time Fruits, but before he could obtain them, the strange pool of blood in the hall surged up and condensed into a giant blood monster, forcing him into a battle. Faced with such an enemy, Kong Qi could only focus on defeating it as quickly as possible and then gather his spoils after.

Never had he expected that Yang Kai would suddenly appear and snatch what was rightfully his right before his eyes.

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After the Flowing Time Fruit was taken away by Yang Kai, the blood monster, which already seemed like a mass of hostility, roared furiously and rushed over to him, throwing out a huge, bloody fist.

"This blow..." Kong Qi narrowed his eyes as he showed a little amazement.

He had been dealing with this blood monster for quite some time now and had thought he had figured out its strength, but now it was apparent it had not been using its full strength. From the attack the blood monster threw at Yang Kai, Kong Qi realized that it was definitely not as easy to deal with as he had originally thought.

Turning his eyes back to Yang Kai, Kong Qi sneered and muttered to himself, "A First-Order Dao Source Realm... will he be killed instantly?"

According to Kong Qi's estimates, even if he wanted to defend against this blow, it would not be easy, so wouldn't a trivial First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator like Yang Kai be pounded into blood mist in the blink of an eye?

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Hong...

A violent bang erupted along with a shockwave of energy from the spot where Yang Kai once stood.

"Courting death..." Kong Qi looked ahead and coldly snorted while at the same time he carefully searched the chaotic area for the Space Ring Yang Kai should have left behind after his death.

But he was unable to find anything.

"Could even his Space Ring have been destroyed?" Kong Qi's face went slightly pale, not because of the amazing strength the blood monster displayed, but because Yang Kai's Space Ring and all its contents had been lost. Regardless of whether Yang Kai originally had anything good in his Space Ring, just the two unusual spirit fruits from this room were absolutely extraordinary.

If Yang Kai's Space Ring had really exploded due to the blood monster's attack, its contents would have been exiled to the Void and lost forever.

As Kong Qi became somewhat absent-minded from this shock, the blood monster roared wildly again as a bright red light burst from its body, illuminating the surrounding room.

"What now?" Kong Qi frowned as he hurriedly leapt up in the air to avoid the red light.

At the same time, a blood-red light spread across the entire hall, forming a barrier around it that sealed all entrances and exits!

The next moment, at one of the exits, the red light curtain caved in slightly as a figure mysteriously appeared, looking like it had bounced off the barrier.

"It can even do something like this?" Yang Kai was shocked as he raised his fist and punched towards the light curtain.

Unexpectedly though, despite this light curtain looking quite thin, it was extremely tough, so Yang Kai's fist was only able to leave a dent in it that was rapidly restored.

“You...” Kong Qi who was floating in the air suddenly gasped, as if he was seeing a ghost, pointing at Yang Kai in surprise and muttering, “Didn’t you die?”

A First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator had actually emerged unscathed after taking a blow like that from this strange blood monster, and had even taken advantage of the chaos to flee towards the exit. If it weren’t for the blood monster’s alertness and its strange method of sealing up the exit, this odd boy might have escaped...

At that time, the furious blood monster would naturally vent its anger on Kong Qi. In other words, Yang Kai would have gotten away with all the benefits, leaving Kong Qi to clean up the mess...

“Insidious little brat, you’re too vicious! Are you even human!?” After Kong Qi understood what had happened, he cursed angrily, wishing he could rush down and join forces with the blood monster to beat Yang Kai to a pulp.

“Haha, nice to meet you, Brother Kong. How are you today?” Yang Kai greeted Kong Qi slightly awkwardly. He was indeed planning to escape after faking his death, leaving Kong Qi alone to deal with the blood monster, but unfortunately, his plan had been foiled when the exit was blocked.

“Nice to meet you my ass!” Kong Qi snorted, “However, after you die, I think I’ll be better!”

He and Yang Kai had never met before, but Kong Qi’s first impression of Yang Kai could not possibly have been worse. Kong Qi felt that Yang Kai was a treacherous and vile snake that should be avoided at all costs, so naturally, he did not give him any face.

Yang Kai didn’t mind though and simply smiled, “Brother Kong need not be so upset; after all, as the saying goes, we rely on our parents at home, and our friends when we go out...”

“Who is your friend?” Kong Qi interrupted him without waiting for him to finish.

“Good...” Yang Kai’s expression turned solemn as his figure flickered to avoid the blood monster’s killer blow. Since he secretly took the two Flowing Time Fruits, the blood monster seemed to only care about him now, treating him as if he had killed his father while completely ignoring Kong Qi.

The blood monster was powerful, but Yang Kai was proficient in the Dao of Space, so it wasn’t difficult for Yang Kai to avoid this opponent, but what kept Yang Kai alert was the strange Blood Qi which was emanating from this monster’s body. This Blood Qi seemed to be highly corrosive and was constantly wearing down his Source Qi, trying to invade his body and cause trouble.

While avoiding the attacks of the blood monster, Yang Kai shouted, “Brother Kong, are you not going to come up and help me kill this blood monster?”

Kong Qi crossed his arms and stared down at him leisurely, sneering as he said, “Why should I help you? What does your life or death have to do with me?”

“Brother Kong is slightly mistaken there!” Yang Kai shook his head, his words coming out slightly intermittently as he continued to rapidly dodge the blood monster’s assault, “You understand that this hall has now been sealed up by this creature. Only if this thing dies will we be able to escape. Is Brother Kong willing to be trapped here permanently?”

Kong Qi smiled and said, “I can just wait to kill it after it kills you!”

Yang Kai snickered in response, "I'll be frank then. Brother Kong, although your strength isn't bad, if you want to kill this guy single-handedly, won't it be a bit difficult?"

Kong Qi's face twitched slightly as, although he didn't want to admit it, what Yang Kai said was correct.

Before Yang Kai came here, Kong Qi was still confident he could easily take down this blood monster, but judging from the combat power it was showing at the moment, it was obvious this creature had been hiding its strength before.

Even if Kong Qi used his trump cards, he would have to pay a steep price if he wanted to kill this blood monster on his own.

What's more, there was no way to tell what other dangers lurked inside this place, so Kong Qi was unwilling to use too much power unless he was forced to.

Realizing this, Kong Qi's brow furrowed as he stared at Yang Kai and said deeply, "Your Excellency seems to be quite extraordinary!"

It was only now that he suddenly discovered that Yang Kai was still freely chatting with him while dealing with this blood monster! This was definitely not something a First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator could do. Combined with his previous strange methods, Kong Qi can't help wondering which Sect this guy had come from to have such unusual strength.

"Brother Kong is too polite! This Yang is just a little confident in his Movement Skill," when Yang Kai spoke, he stopped in mid-air and waited for the attack of the blood monster to arrive in front of his eyes before disappearing suddenly, as if he was showing off deliberately.

"Just your Movement Skill..." Kong Qi murmured to himself as he kept his thoughts on the matter hidden, instead shouting, "It's not impossible for me to make a move now, but since you took away..."

"You can have one!" Yang Kai seemed to know what he was going to say and immediately replied.

Just after he finished speaking, something flew out from Yang Kai's hand, causing Kong Qi to frown, reach out, and catch this object, soon discovering that it was one of the spirit fruits which had been placed on the long table before!

[Just like that?]

Yang Kai's move made Kong Qi quite confused.

"Since Brother Kong and I will be joining forces to kill this enemy, dividing the spoils in half is only fair. You don't have any problems now, right? You wouldn't want to monopolize..." Yang Kai's voice came out again.

Kong Qi carefully checked the spirit fruit in his hand to make sure it was not some kind of fake before solemnly storing it into his Space Ring and saying indifferently, "Although you are a little unpleasant, since you've shown enough sincerity, this Kong will cooperate with you!"

Yang Kai grinned, "Brother Kong understands well!"

“Hmph, keep it occupied. It will take a while for this Kong to perform this move.” Saying so, Kong Qi’s Source Qi flared while at the same time he flipped his wrist and a golden coin appeared on the palm of his hand. With a loud shout, Kong Qi then began to madly pour his Source Qi into this coin.

Seeing this, Yang Kai didn’t know what kind of Secret Technique Kong Qi was going to use, only that it apparently needed to be channeled through this strange golden coin artifact. However, judging from Kong Qi’s movements, this move was sure to be extraordinary, so Yang Kai dedicated himself to keeping the blood monster occupied.

Kong Qi acting this way was also because of a strong sense of self-confidence. Although he thought Yang Kai was unusual for a First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator, he didn’t believe Yang Kai was stronger than him. Yang Kai being able to deal with the blood monster for so long was probably because of his outstanding Movement Skill and speed, but if Kong Qi wanted to cause fatal damage to the blood monster, he needed to rely on himself.

As such, he assumed the role of attacker.

Yang Kai did not disappoint him as expected, leading the blood monster around the hall with ease. On the contrary, as the power fluctuations from Kong Qi grew more intense, it was the blood monster that seemed to feel faintly uneasy and become more irritable.

At a certain moment, the blood monster finally gave up chasing Yang Kai and instead turned its odd head towards Kong Qi while revealing a pair of scarlet eyes. Roaring madly, its huge body turned into a blood-red mass of light that shot towards Kong Qi.

Kong Qi narrowed his eyes and almost gave up preparing his Secret Technique to dodge.

At the critical moment though, Yang Kai’s figure flashed in front of him and waving his hands, summoned dozens of Golden Blood Threads. The room filled with golden light as the countless Golden Blood Threads wove together to form a giant golden shield.

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The blood-red light smashed onto the golden blood shield and its massive body was immediately revealed as it was forced backwards several metres. At the same time, the golden shield unravelled and transformed back into Golden Blood Threads.

Yang Kai stretched out his hand to take back his Golden Blood Threads while shouting in a deep voice, “Brother Kong, if you’re ready, do it quickly, I can’t block a second hit!”

“You’re in luck because I’m prepared!” Kong Qi smiled before his face grew solemn and he turned his hand, tossing out the golden coin in front of him while uttering, “Falling Golden Coins!”

Xiu xiu xiu...

The single golden coin floating in front of Kong Qi suddenly split into two, then four, then eight...

In the blink of an eye, golden coins filled the air.

Every coin danced lightly through the air as they spun rapidly as some grew larger while others shrank down.

Under the guidance of Kong Qi's Divine Sense, these countless coins then flew out towards the blood monster.

The blood monster seemed to sense a threat from this attack and hurriedly retreated, but no matter how fast it was, how could it escape from this strange artifact?

In the blink of an eye, the blood monster was overtaken by the first golden coin which on impact began exuding a strange suppressive force, restraining its movements.

Immediately afterwards, the second and third coins fell, inserted themselves into the body of the blood monster, and slowed its movement even further.

As more and more coins fell, the blood monster was quickly suppressed and it was not long before its entire body was covered by innumerable golden coins.