

## **Martial 4031**

### Chapter 4031 – Sacrifice the Rook to Save the King

“Elder Sister, you’re right,” Zhao Xing Chen nodded repeatedly. He quickly sobered up and asked as his eyes lit up, “Then what’s Brother-in-law’s plan?”

The woman shook her head, “I have no idea what’s on your Brother-in-law’s mind. He didn’t say anything before he left. What’s more, I’m just a woman, why would I care about all these things? All I know is that Scarlet Star wouldn’t abandon its foundation for one man.”

Zhao Xingchen clapped his hands, “I understand!”

He looked in the direction of Yang Kai’s mansion as a big grin appeared on his face, “Yang Kai, let’s see how you’ll escape this time!” His face lit up with joy at the thought of watching Yang Kai being cut to pieces by Thunder Light and Sword Pavilion.

At this moment, the Star City was once again thrown into chaos after an uncomfortable pause. Although Scarlet Star disciples were maintaining order, how could they control so many people? Everyone was clamouring for Scarlet Star to deactivate the defensive Grand Array and let them leave the city.

Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light’s 3,000-strong force had surrounded the Star City. If they really launched an attack, the entire Star City would be affected. At that time, all of them would most likely become collateral damage.

However, how could Scarlet Star’s side deactivate the Grand Array so easily? Before they could get a complete read on Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light’s intentions, rashly opening the Grand Array was no different from courting death.

This Grand Array was Scarlet Star’s final line of defence!

Inside the meeting hall, Chen Tian Fei and the other Managers were all in a terrible fix. The normally calm Lady Qin was no longer interested in playing her zither as her black brows happened to be knit tightly as she sat there like a bitter older woman abandoned by her husband of many years.

The entire hall was filled with a gloomy atmosphere.

“What should we do now? Everyone, let’s hear what you have to say.” Chen Tian Fei turned to the others.

Bei Yu Shan’s face was brimming with anger, “Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light aren’t taking my Scarlet Star seriously at all. They actually led so many people to attack us. I suggest that we gather all our disciples and fight them to the death! We should let them know that our Scarlet Star isn’t that easy to bully!”

“Are you being serious?” Chen Tian Fei couldn’t help cursing. Sometimes he really wanted to smash this guy’s head open and see what he was thinking.

Ou Yang Lie frowned, “What did Head Manager say?”

Chen Tian Fei slowly shook his head, “I’ve already sent a message to Head Manager, but I don’t know if it is because he is in a critical state of retreat but he still hasn’t replied.”

Ou Yang Lie couldn’t help but furrow his brow. At this time, if the Head Manager didn’t step in, it would be difficult for them to handle the situation.

Ou Yang Bing added, “It’s also possible Head Manager feels that this matter has not reached the point where Scarlet Star’s survival is at stake. After all, the one who provoked Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light was not my Scarlet Star, but that guy!”

Chen Tian Fei corrected, “Although that’s the case, he is still Scarlet Star’s Sixth Manager. His every word and action represents Scarlet Star. Whatever he does outside has been imprinted with Scarlet Star’s mark.”

Ou Yang Bing suggested, “No matter what, we must first figure out what Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light wants.”

As soon as these words were spoken, a vigorous voice rang out from outside, “Sword Pavilion’s Zhong Fan has come to pay his respects. I ask the Managers of Scarlet Star to show themselves!”

The sound was like the roar of a dragon. Although it was not loud, everyone in the Star City heard it clearly.

It seemed he was trying to use peaceful means before resorting to force.

Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light had joined forces and had amassed around 3,000 people. Even if Scarlet Star had a defensive Grand Array, it would still be useless if so many were to attack this Star City. However, the fact that the other party had asked Scarlet Star Managers to meet undoubtedly confirmed many people’s previous speculations.

Scarlet Star wasn’t some weakling, so if Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light did rashly start a war, both sides would suffer heavy losses.

Inside the main hall, Chen Tian Fei and the others looked at each other, not knowing how to respond. Suddenly, Chen Tian Fei’s expression changed as he took out a communication artifact and a look of joy on his face, “It’s Head Manager!”

Lady Qin, the Ou Yang Brothers, and Bei Yu Shan instantly looked over.

Chen Tian Fei used his Divine Sense and quickly sent a message back.

Lady Qin’s red lips parted slightly as she softly asked, “What did Head Manager say?”

Chen Tian Fei put away his communication bead and said, “Head Manager has given us the full authority to handle this matter, he won’t interfere.”

[What’s the meaning of this?] The Managers were confused.

At this moment, Zhong Fan repeated his previous invitation, but this time he sounded a little impatient.

Lady Qin sighed and suggested, "No matter what, let's go meet him first."

"That damn Brat, he caused trouble outside and actually wants my Scarlet Star to clean up his mess," Ou Yang Lie cursed. Compared to Ou Yang Bing, his temper was more volatile.

When Zhong Fan shouted for the third time, five figures rose from the Star City's center and rushed over.

"It's the Managers of Scarlet Star!" Someone shouted.

"They finally came out. If they didn't come out now, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light would surely have attacked us." Another person secretly wiped away his cold sweat. If the situation really developed to such a point, they would not have been able to escape from this predicament either.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Chen Tian Fei and the others flew a thousand meters away from Zhong Fan and stood just behind the eight layers of the defensive Grand Array.

Chen Tian Fei smiled and cupped his fist, "So it is the Managers of Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light, please forgive this Chen for not coming out to greet you sooner."

Zhong Fan remained calm while Luo Qing Yun's cold eyes swept over the group, seemingly searching for something, but in the end, he couldn't help snorting coldly after being unable to find it.

Chen Tian Fei didn't feel embarrassed when the other party gave him the cold shoulder even when he had shown respect. He knew that the other party had come here in anger, so why should he show respect when they couldn't even see their enemy?

Still smiling, Chen Tian Fei asked, "May I ask why everyone has come?"

Luo Qing Yun sneered, "Don't you know why we've come? Why ask even though you already know?"

Chen Tian Fei forced a laugh and looked below. He saw a crowd of tens of thousands of people staring in their direction with all kinds of emotions flashing across their eyes. He heaved a sigh secretly before sending a Divine Sense transmission to Zhong Fan.

No one knew what he was talking about, but Zhong Fan simply nodded lightly and just spoke a single word in response, "Good!"

Afterwards, he turned to Luo Qing Yun and the others, ordering, "Wait here for now."

Chen Tian Fei cupped his fists and thanked, "Many thanks, Brother Zhong!" Saying so, he turned around and shouted towards a certain place, "Open the Array!"

A moment later, a crack appeared in the defensive Grand Array as Zhong Fan stepped into the Star City. After he entered, the crack closed again, isolating Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light from the city once again.

The crowd below immediately became restless.

"Manager Zhong actually went to the meeting alone? As expected, skilful Masters are always bold!"

“A Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master isn’t something to joke about. If the Head Manager of Scarlet Star doesn’t make an appearance, who can suppress him?”

“That’s true.”

After Zhong Fan entered, Chen Tian Fei asked Luo Qing Yun and the others to be excused before extending his hand and leading Zhong Fan towards the meeting hall; obviously, he was going to discuss the matter with Zhong Fan.

Inside Yang Kai’s mansion, when Yue He saw this, her eyes darted around before she turned to the two Great Moon Province disciples and Chen Yue, exhorting them, “Pack up your things and prepare to run.”

With Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light’s army bearing down on them, Scarlet Star would not be able to bear such pressure no matter what. Abandoning Yang Kai would be the wisest course of action. Yue He’s quick mind instantly saw through this, so naturally she ordered Chen Yue and the others to make preparations.

“I’ll go call Eldest Senior Brother!” One of Great Moon Province’s disciples hurriedly rushed over to where Meng Hong was cultivating.

“I have nothing to pack,” Chen Yue shook her head.

The Managers of Scarlet Star and Zhong Fan entered the meeting hall. Although many people were curious about what they would be discussing, they had no way of finding it out. Perhaps apart from the Managers, no one would ever know.

After the time it took to drink a cup of tea, Zhong Fan soared into the sky and stood in the air, coldly glancing towards Yang Kai’s mansion. His gaze just happened to meet with Yue He’s eyes.

Yue He smiled sweetly at him with a charming expression.

“Bitch!” Zhong Fan coldly snorted before transforming into a streak of sword light and rushing out. If not for his fear of Yue He, a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, he would have already rushed into the mansion and captured Yang Kai.

Although he was also a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm cultivator, he didn’t have any confidence in defeating Yue He. Not to mention, this was the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, where he couldn’t display his full strength. Once someone else helped her, he would definitely be defeated and would be forced to flee.

Therefore, after weighing the pros and cons, he could only temporarily retreat.

The Grand Array opened a crack and allowed Zhong Fan to leave.

“So, what did they choose?” Zhu Li asked.

Zhong Fan indifferently replied, “What else can they do? As I expected, they sacrificed the rook to save the king. Scarlet Star has abandoned that Yang fellow.”

Luo Qing Yun asked, “If that’s the case, why haven’t they deactivated this damned Spirit Array and let us kill that bastard?”

Zhong Fan said, "Naturally, they're afraid we'll take advantage of this opportunity to destroy them." He waved his hand and added, "It's only natural for them to have such concerns. Since our groups have joined forces, how could Scarlet Star not take precautions?"

Luo Qing Yun frowned deeply, "But if that bastard keeps hiding inside and doesn't come out, are we just going to wait?"

"Of course not, Chen Tian Fei said he would find a way to force that brat out. All he asked is for us to leave immediately after achieving our goal."

"Retreat?" Luo Qing Yun sneered, "He's dreaming! So many people have been mobilized this time, so how can killing just one man appease the hatred in my heart? Since that bastard is a member of Scarlet Star, they should pay the price as well. Also, there is Emperor Heaven and Ding Yi too, since they dare to offend Sword Pavilion's prestige, they must all die!"

Lu Xue whispered, "How will Scarlet Star force him out? What if he refuses to come out?"

Zhong Fan glanced at her, "He'll come out, it's not like we don't have any bargaining chips."

Lu Xue suddenly understood and nodded silently.

Sometimes, silence is another kind of pressure. Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light's 3,000 forces had surrounded the Star City, and although they didn't make any moves or say a word, it still caused everyone inside to feel uneasy.

In the midst of this turbulence, a piece of news quickly spread throughout the Star City.

Yang Kai's position as Scarlet Star's Sixth Manager was not official. He had not received the approval of the Head Manager and instead had used underhanded means to usurp the position. He had killed Du Niang Zi and Gan Hong using a sneak attack, then used despicable means to coerce Chen Tian Fei and the others, and finally took the position of Sixth Manager for himself. The Head Manager, who had been in secluded cultivation, did not know about this matter, nor did he ever acknowledge Yang Kai's identity as the Sixth Manager. His words and actions simply did not represent Scarlet Star.

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In other words, this so-called Scarlet Star Sixth Manager was nothing more than Yang Kai blowing his own trumpet. He had never received Scarlet Star's official approval.

At first, this news was spread among a few people but soon it spread like wildfire and everyone in the Star City had heard of it in just half an hour. Such proliferation was simply impossible unless someone was fanning the flames behind the scene.

In a flash, many people looked towards Yang Kai's mansion with pity, knowing that Scarlet Star had abandoned its Sixth Manager.

Not many people believed this rumour of course. Why hadn't Scarlet Star denied it before if it was true? Obviously, they didn't want to be implicated with Yang Kai when Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light Army came knocking at their door.

There was nothing wrong with this though. It was a wise decision to sacrifice the rook to save the king. What's more, not many days had passed since Yang Kai became the Sixth Manager. He had no foundation in Scarlet Star, so who would want to protect his interests and safety at this time?

Although they understood this, no one was willing to stand up for an irrelevant person at this moment and instead voiced their complaints about Yang Kai. If it weren't for him causing trouble outside, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light wouldn't have made such a big move. Even the outsiders in the Star City were feeling anxious. They had no idea if Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light would take over the city by force, and if they did, what kind of fate awaited them.

The complaints in their hearts were only normal, and there were even some people who had gathered in front of Yang Kai's mansion and were shouting for him to get out of the Star City.

At first, there weren't many people, but as time passed, more and more people started to gather in front of Yang Kai's mansion. In less than an incense stick worth of time, hundreds of people had gathered with more arriving all the time.

All of them were glaring at Yang Kai's mansion angrily, maliciously even. All of them were demanding he leave this place as soon as possible. Whatever grievances he had with Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light should be resolved by him alone, they didn't want him to drag them along with him.

The waves of voices became louder!

Inside the mansion, the two Great Moon Province disciples and Chen Yue's faces turned pale, as they started trembling. In the current situation, they still had a chance of survival if they hid here, but how could they survive if they left?

Yue He's tender body also trembled slightly, but from anger instead of fear. She hadn't expected Scarlet Star to be so despicable and shameless. In order to force Yang Kai to leave the Star City, they had actually used such an underhanded method.

With her Divine Sense, she could naturally sense that many Scarlet Star disciples in the crowd were adding fuel to the fire. These people must have received instructions from Chen Tian Fei and the other Managers; otherwise, how could they dare to act like this?

Outside the Star City, the gazes of Zhong Fan and the other Open Heaven Realm Master were focused on Yang Kai's mansion.

Long Tai sneered and scoffed, "So this is Scarlet Star's plan? Fatty Chen wants to use these people to force that Yang bastard out? Scarlet Star truly has fallen."

Zhu Li pondered for a moment before commenting, "It may not be completely ineffective; after all, it's unwise to arouse public anger."

Luo Qing Yun gritted his teeth and stated, "It's not like that bastard hasn't done something that incites public anger before!"

Thinking back to what Yang Kai had done on Yuan Magnetic Mountain, he felt that this method was useless. Even though he was one of the leaders of Sword Pavilion, he didn't dare to commit such heinous crimes against everyone's interests, but Yang Kai had done just that! Not only did he do it, he even managed to survive.

As such, he didn't think that this kind of method would be effective as he had personally experienced how crazy that guy was.

"Let's wait a moment. Since Chen Tian Fei has already given this King his word, let's see what other tricks he has up his sleeve. If it really doesn't work, it won't be too late for us to act. In any case, he won't be able to escape from us today," Zhong Fan suggested indifferently.

Luo Qing Yun's eyes flashed for a moment before a malicious grin spread across his lips, "En, it's not a bad idea to watch him slowly fall into despair."

Somewhere in the Star City, Chen Tian Fei and the other Managers concealed themselves, paying attention to Yang Kai's movements. Orders were passed down silently, and the crowd gathered in front of Yang Kai's mansion became more excited.

"Yang Kai, get out of the Star City, you're not welcome here!"

"Yang Kai, are you deaf or dead? Since you caused this trouble, you should be the one to solve it! What kind of a man cowers inside his house?"

"That's right, that's right! Since you're so strong, why are you afraid of Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light? Just go out and fight them to the death yourself!"

"Don't implicate us innocent and pitiful people!"

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Demeaning shouts rang out to no end while inside the mansion, Yue He's expression was extremely ugly. Although she knew that many of these people had been used by Scarlet Star, the coldness of human nature was obvious, and it was truly infuriating.

"Yang Kai, you coward, you have the guts to stir up trouble, but you don't have the guts to bear it!?"

"What should we do if he doesn't come out? From the looks of it, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light won't wait long. If we really anger them, they'll immediately attack the Star City. At that time, if the city gates catch fire, it's we who will be caught in the crossfire."

"If he doesn't come out, we'll attack and drag him out!"

"That's right, let's attack together!"

As soon as they finished speaking, a sword light slashed towards Yang Kai's mansion, followed by countless attacks.

Although there was a defensive Array around the mansion, it was not a very powerful one, so how could it withstand the attacks of so many people? In just three breaths of time, the Array was broken.

"The Array is broken, everyone follow me! Capture Yang Kai!"

Someone shouted and rushed forward.

Hundreds of people followed closely behind and rushed into the mansion.

Yue He was stunned. Just now, she had been hesitating about whether she should call Yang Kai to inform him about the situation outside, but before she could make up her mind, the defensive Array of this mansion had been broken.

Looking up, she saw a group of fierce-looking people rushing in with artifacts in their hands, all of them wearing hostile expressions.

“She is with Yang Kai! Let’s capture her first, then we won’t have to worry about Yang Kai not showing himself!” The leader pointed at Yue He and shouted.

Yue He’s mood sank. No matter what, she was still a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, a famous figure in the outside world, yet a mere Emperor Realm cultivator dared to act so presumptuously in front of her today, pointing at her nose and screaming about capturing her.

In front of Yang Kai, she was very obedient, always acting as a subservient maid, listening to everything he said, but that was just a disguise. Yang Kai had never seen her true face.

Suddenly, killing intent rose in her heart as she stared at the person who had just shouted at her. Her soft and slender finger slowly rose as she pointed towards the man.

At this moment, a majestic roar resounded throughout the sky, “So noisy!”

As soon as these words reverberated in everyone’s ears, a figure suddenly appeared in front of Yue He. The figure was emanating a cold aura that could penetrate one’s heart and freeze it solid.

“Young Master!” Yue He quickly put down her finger as the murderous intent on her face instantly disappeared into thin air. Her beautiful eyes flickered with fear as if she was a child who had been bullied at home.

Although Yang Kai was in seclusion, studying the mysteries of his Wood and Fire Elements, he hadn’t completely activated the room’s isolation Arrays because of the presence of Xu Zhen. He had left a wisp of his consciousness to pay attention to the outside; after all, this was his first-time meeting Xu Zhen, so it was naturally impossible for him to trust him completely.

Yang Kai was aware of the arrival of Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light and the unrest in the Star City. He was also aware of the clamour outside the mansion, but he just couldn’t be bothered with it.

But now that even the mansion’s Spirit Array had been broken, he could no longer continue his retreat.

Having no other choice but to show up, Yang Kai was quite annoyed. He had just entered a critical period in his closed-door cultivation and since he was interrupted at this critical juncture, he wasn’t in a good mood.

Yang Kai coldly looked around and when he saw hundreds of people crowded around his mansion to the point that more couldn’t even come inside, he couldn’t help but let out a cold snort.



“Is he Yang Kai?” Someone asked in a low voice. Many of the people who had rushed in were people who had never even met Yang Kai before. They were just being used by others.

“I think so.”

“I’ve finally met the real Master. I thought he would keep hiding.”

Many people whispered to each other while some secretly observed Yang Kai. They realized that there was nothing special about him. They really didn’t know how such a person had prompted Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light to team up to oppose him.

On the other hand, the people who had been clamouring to drag Yang Kai out of the Star City were now silent, their expressions tense as they quietly retreated to the back of the crowd. These were all Scarlet Star disciples who had followed Chen Tian Fei’s orders and were acting in secret. Now that they had forced Yang Kai out and achieved their goal, they naturally wanted to retreat.

“You want to run?” Yang Kai coldly snorted as he raised his hand and grabbed the person in front of him, lifting him up into the air while simultaneously manipulating Space Principles. In the blink of an eye, the space within a thousand metres radius became incredibly viscous.

Countless muffled groans rang out as the weaker cultivators froze in place. They felt as if tremendous pressure was pressing down on them, threatening to crush them into dust. Even the slightly stronger ones were still struggling to move.

“Are you the one causing trouble?” Yang Kai stared coldly at the man he was holding in the air and asked lightly.

“No, it’s not me,” the man replied in panic, the fear in his heart indescribable.

He was also in the Emperor Realm and had condensed several Open Heaven Elements. If he were outside, he would have been a Half-Step Open Heaven Realm cultivator, only needing two more Elements to reach the Open Heaven Realm, but now that Yang Kai had imprisoned him, he couldn’t even struggle free!

A violent and pure energy poured into his body, causing him to become extremely weak and unable to resist.

He couldn’t help thinking about the rumours he had heard in the Star City, about Yang Kai killing Du Niang Zi and Gan Hong with only his Emperor Realm strength. At that time, he had scoffed at such rumours; after all, Open Heaven Realm Masters were still Open Heaven Realm Masters, even if the environment here sealed their Small Universes, how could Yang Kai kill them so easily?

In private, everyone said that Yang Kai had launched a sneak attack, and that’s how he killed Du Niang Zi and Gan Hong. The same thing had spread from Scarlet Star just now, which had undoubtedly confirmed this point.

But now, it seemed that the rumours were wrong!

With such strength, it was likely he really had the ability to kill Open Heaven Realm Masters!

At this moment of life and death, this man wept bitterly, "Sixth Manager, please spare my life, this humble subordinate is just following orders, please spare my life, Sixth Manager."

"Sixth Manager?" Yang Kai chuckled as he looked towards a certain direction, his eyes seemingly able to pierce through space as a mocking look appeared on his face.

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Chen Tian Fei and the others, who were hiding, all wore tense expressions. Bei Yu Shan even nervously gulped. Although he wasn't very sharp, his instincts towards danger were like that of a wild beast. When Yang Kai looked at them just now, Bei Yu Shan felt as if he had encountered an overwhelming opponent and was about to die.

The fat on Chen Tian Fei's face twitched as he muttered, "Is it a coincidence, or has he already discovered us?"

The Ou Yang Brothers' faces sank, not daring to make a sound for fear of leaking their presence.

Fortunately, Yang Kai only glanced over briefly before turning his attention back to the unfamiliar faces and the one he was holding as he quipped, "Isn't it a bit too late to call me Sixth Manager now?"

With a shake of his hand, the man let out a blood-curdling scream before exploding into a cloud of blood mist. The cultivators who were rushing into the mansion just now all instantly wore looks of horror.

No one had expected Yang Kai to be so ruthless and kill without hesitation. It had to be known that there were many of them, so Yang Kai's actions would undoubtedly lead to great unrest.

But looking at Yang Kai's contemptuous expression, it seemed he didn't care at all.

For a time, many people's hearts were in turmoil. Under the imprisonment of Space Principles, they could feel Yang Kai's terrifying strength. One of Scarlet Star's disciples shouted in horror, "This humble subordinate deserves death! Sixth Manager, please spare my life!"

"Since you deserve to die, then just die!" Yang Kai shouted in a low voice before he waved his arm in a wide arc. As he did, a giant Moon Blade appeared and flew out.

The Moon Blade silently cut through everything in its path as blood and severed limbs flew everywhere. In an instant, the mansion was transformed into a bloody purgatory.

The cultivators rushing into the mansion fell like wheat in a field. None of them were able to resist the Moon Blade's terrifying power and were cut down without exception.

Those with tenacious vitality didn't die instantly. Dragging their mutilated bodies and crawling out of the place while struggling for their last breath and howling in pain, they left behind a long trail of blood wherever they went. It was a shocking sight.

With just one strike, more than a hundred people had been killed!

In the void, the eyes of Chen Tian Fei and the others who had concealed themselves twitched violently as their scalps went numb.

Even Yue He, who was standing behind Yang Kai, couldn't help but cover her red lips as she stared at the figure she thought she was familiar with but now understood was still a stranger.

This person was indeed very different from that person. That man was always as warm as jade, gentle as the wind, but this person in front of her could kill without batting an eye.

"How dare this brat act like this!" An old cultivator pointed at Yang Kai angrily.

They had only rushed into Yang Kai's mansion in order to force him out of Star City so that the outsiders wouldn't get dragged into his grievances with Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light. They hadn't harmed a single blade of grass or tree here, but Yang Kai had directly killed over a hundred people. Such methods were simply too brutal!

Yang Kai looked over coldly, "What right do you have to judge this King? Scram!"

With a wave of his sleeve, he sent the older man flying, causing him to explode into a bloody mist.

Since these people dared to break through his mansion's protective Array and trespass into his home, they had to pay the price for their actions.

"Madman, this guy is a madman! Run!"

Someone shouted loudly and turned around to flee, while the rest of the group also gathered their strength and fled in all directions.

Yang Kai came out of seclusion in a fit of anger and killed more than a hundred people in one blow. His anger had mostly subsided now, so when he saw these people fleeing in all directions, he didn't make any more trouble and simply let them escape.

Turning his head, he looked towards Zhong Fan and the others with a disdainful smile.

Zhong Fan shouted, "Yang Kai, dozens of my Sword Pavilion's disciples have died because of you. Today, this King will definitely kill you and avenge my Sword Pavilion's disciples. Quickly come out and accept your death!"

Zhu Li also took a step forward and added, grinding his teeth, "If you come out and accept your death right this instant, we can make it quick and painless; refuse, and we'll make you taste the cruelest torture the world has to offer until you beg us to kill you!"

Facing their provocations, Yang Kai just turned a deaf ear and indifferently smiled, "If you have the ability, then fight your way in!"

With these words, the entire Star City went into an uproar!

This was something that all the cultivators present were worried about. If it weren't for the fear of being implicated, why would those people from before have attacked Yang Kai's mansion and tried to capture him?

But now, what they were afraid of had come to pass. Yang Kai was acting openly belligerent, so how could his enemies endure? Many people were worried that Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light would really attack the Star City in anger. At that time, they would definitely suffer and complain to Scarlet Star 'why didn't they deactivate the Grand Array so Zhong Fan and the others could rush in and kill Yang Kai?'

"That Yang guy must be scared, he's really despicable and shameless."

"I'm afraid that's only natural. With so many people from Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light here, no matter how strong he is, he won't be able to defeat them."

"What's the point of being afraid now? Why didn't he think about the consequences when he provoked Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light on Yuan Magnetic Mountain?"

"That bastard is dead for sure. Even if the Star City has a Grand Array, it won't be able to protect him."

"Can't Manager Chen and the others just throw him out?"

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In the Star City, it quickly became quite noisy.

Listening to these whispers, Chen Tian Fei and the others all wore bitter looks on their faces. If they could throw Yang Kai out, why would they have waited until now? They would have attacked long ago, but on that day, Yang Kai killed Du Niang Zi and Gan Hong in the main hall crisply and cleanly. They knew they weren't Yang Kai's match in a one-on-one fight, and even if they attacked together, Yang Kai still had Yue He by his side. So why would they go and pull the tiger's whiskers unless they had to?

Luo Qing Yun sneered and mocked, "Yang Kai, I've misjudged you. I thought you were a responsible man, but now it seems you're nothing more than this!"

Yang Kai sneered and countered, "What right do you have to comment on whether this King is responsible or not?"

Saying so, he couldn't be bothered with these people and turned around to walk towards his cultivation room.

Since Chen Tian Fei and the others had chosen to give up on him, there was no need for Yang Kai to be considerate of Scarlet Star. With his mastery over the Dao of Space, he could leave if he wanted to. No one could stop him.

"Junior, there's no need to hurry. Take a look at this before you go," Zhong Fan suddenly shouted.

Yang Kai stopped and looked over.

Zhong Fan waved his hand, "Bring it!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the formation of several thousand people split to the sides, revealing a passage in the middle. Immediately after, several dozen people flew over from behind, carrying some kind of giant creature with them.

After seeing what they were carrying, Yue He couldn't help but cover her red lips with her hand, her beautiful eyes filled with surprise as she quickly turned her head towards Yang Kai.

When he saw what they brought, Yang Kai's eyes narrowed slightly as his face sank and a faint murderous intent swirled around him.

The creature being carried was none other than the Scarlet Flood Dragon Yang Kai had left on the Yuan Magnetic Mountain!

The Scarlet Flood Dragon must have experienced a difficult battle. Its entire body was covered in wounds, and blood was constantly dripping from its wounds. Countless scales had fallen off its body, revealing large chunks of flesh and blood. It looked extremely miserable, and its aura was extremely weak, as if it could die at any moment.

The most serious injury was the one just below its head, where a massive wound that had Sword Qi lingering around it sat. Obviously, it had been injured by the Sword Qi and had almost been beheaded.

Although the Scarlet Flood Dragon's strength wasn't ordinary, it was still just an Ominous Beast, and its intelligence wasn't too high. If many people were to coordinate and attack it together, it might not be able to defeat them.

The Scarlet Flood Dragon had been captured and its entire body was covered in restrictions, completely trapping it in place. It was unable to even struggle.

This was an Ominous Beast that Yang Kai had left behind in the Yuan Magnetic Mountain. When he left the Yuan Magnetic Mountain, he hadn't found what he was looking for, so he didn't want to just give up and tasked Guo Zi Yan and the others to stay there and message him right away if a High-Order Yuan Magnetic Divine Stone appeared. He even left behind the Scarlet Flood Dragon and Earth Dragon to assist them.

During this time, as Yang Kai hadn't received any messages from Guo Zi Yan and he had been in seclusion, comprehending his Elements, he had simply let matters drift. Yang Kai had never thought the situation would develop into this mess now.

With the Scarlet Flood Dragon there, the Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light members must have gone to the Yuan Magnetic Mountain first, thinking that Yang Kai was still there.

[What about the Earth Dragon? What about Guo Zi Yan?]

Yang Kai's Divine Sense spread out like a tide, and in the next moment, the killing intent on his body became even stronger.

He didn't sense the aura of the Earth Dragon, making it unclear if it had died or fled, but he did sense Guo Zi Yan's aura.

Immediately after the Scarlet Flood Dragon was brought forth, another group of people was escorted up, led by Guo Zi Yan and several dozen Scarlet Star disciples.

However, only half of the Scarlet Star disciples that had remained on Yuan Magnetic Mountain were here. Presumably, the rest of them had been killed.

Guo Zi Yan and the others weren't restricted by chains created from a Secret Technique, but it was obvious that they were all under some kind of seal. All of their auras were weak, as if they had never cultivated before, and couldn't use any of their strength.

“Boy, are these your subordinates and beast?” Zhong Fan looked at Yang Kai indifferently, “Don’t you care about their lives?”

Yang Kai’s eyes swept over Guo Zi Yan and the others one by one, making sure they weren’t in mortal danger. Fortunately, only the Scarlet Flood Dragon’s injuries were slightly worse. After checking everyone, he asked in a cold voice, “What are you going to do? I’m no longer a member of Scarlet Star, they’re Scarlet Star disciples. Do you want to use them to threaten me? You’re too naive.”

Zhong Fan replied, “If it comes down to a choice, you can abandon your subordinates and beast, so this Old Master naturally won’t use their lives to threaten you. This Old Master simply wants you to watch a good show!”

“What show?”

“A killing show!” As Zhong Fan spoke, he waved his hand, and a captured disciple was caught in his palm. Sword Qi burst out from his palm, instantly reducing that person to a bloody mist, and causing blood to rain down. Zhong Fan shouted angrily, “Sword Pavilion must not be humiliated, those who insult my Sword Pavilion must be killed without mercy!”

These words seemed to be a declaration, causing the entire Star City to tremble. Even Chen Tian Fei and the others who had concealed themselves wore solemn expressions.

Once Zhong Fan spoke, he reached out and grabbed another Scarlet Star disciple.

Just as he was about to use the same trick again, his eyes suddenly narrowed because, in that instant, he had lost sight of Yang Kai!

Even with Zhong Fan’s ability, he was unable to discover how he had disappeared.

Little did they know, a small gap in the Grand Array had been split open at that moment.

Chapter 4034 – Turning the Tables

Zhong Fan’s original plan was to kill Yang Kai’s subordinates one by one in front of him and the Star City. Afterwards, he would kill the Scarlet Flood Dragon. All his actions were planned. First, to pay for the death of Sword Pavilion’s disciples on the Yuan Magnetic Mountain, and second, to put pressure on Yang Kai.

Otherwise, why would he bring these people and the Scarlet Flood Dragon here? He would’ve just killed them on the Yuan Magnetic Mountain.

Although Yang Kai kept saying that he was no longer a member of Scarlet Star, many of the captured people had fought a life-or-death battle for him. If Yang Kai really ignored their plight, who would dare trust him in the future?

If this could provoke Yang Kai, it would be for the best, and even if it failed, Sword Pavilion would not lose anything. Rather, it would let the world know the fate of those who provoked Sword Pavilion. It was killing two birds with one stone.

He thought Yang Kai would care more about his life and ignore these irrelevant characters, or he would lose his mind in anger for his subordinates, but he had never expected things to go so far beyond his expectations!

When Yang Kai's figure disappeared from his field of vision, a sense of crisis gripped Zhong Fan's heart and he instinctively had a bad premonition, shouting out loud, "Be careful!"

Just as his words fell, he caught sight of Yang Kai again, but at this moment, Yang Kai had appeared beside Guo Zi Yan like a ghost. The space around him, distorting.

As soon as he appeared, he stretched his hand towards the side and grabbed the air.

Lu Xue, who was hovering a hundred metres away from Guo Zi Yan, was still paying attention to the spot Yang Kai had been standing in the Star City, but in the blink of an eye, Yang Kai had disappeared from her sight.

By the time she realized something had gone wrong, Yang Kai had already reached out his hand towards her, seemingly covering the sky with it. Lu Xue couldn't help but feel like she couldn't escape.

She was a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master though, so the moment she noticed something wrong, she let out a shout as a purple sword light shot out from the centre of her brow, flying straight ahead. At the same time, she hastily retreated.

The might of this attack was extraordinary, it was a sure-fire blow that she trained for centuries. She would never use it unless she were facing a life or death crisis or to kill an Open Heaven Realm Master.

The same time Lu Xue's sword shot out, the nearby Luo Qing Yun also made a move. A long sword appeared in his hand out of thin air. The next moment, a dazzling sword light surrounded him and the long sword as he became one with it. Immediately after, he slashed towards Yang Kai with a ferocious look on his face.

Zhu Li, on the other hand, retreated a thousand metres with a terrified look on his face. He had been traumatized by Yang Kai back on the Yuan Magnetic Mountain, as had he watched Bie Jian tragically die in just one move. Even after so many days, that memory was still vivid in his mind. When he saw Yang Kai appear near him, the first thought that crossed his mind was to run away quickly and then decide what to do next.

In the time it takes for a spark to fly off a flint, the purple sword light that flew out from the centre of Lu Xue's brow was pinched by Yang Kai's hand as a deafening sword cry reverberated across the sky.

Lu Xue's pretty eyes bulged, looking completely shocked because Yang Kai was unscathed even after taking her certain death blow. Not only that, Yang Kai had actually sandwiched a tiny purple sword light between his fingers. That little sword light seemed to be sentient as it kept struggling in Yang Kai's hand, but it couldn't break free of his grip no matter what.

"Die!" At that moment, an angry Luo Qing Yun slashed straight towards Yang Kai's waist.

A smile couldn't help but appear on Luo Qing Yun's face as if he saw Yang Kai being cut into two by his attack. He believed that Yang Kai, with his cultivation only being in the Emperor Realm, would be unable to withstand the all-out strike of a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master.

However, the force of the counter-shock from his hand made Luo Qing Yun's smile instantly turn stiff. The next moment, he saw a layer of light brown aura around Yang Kai. A prismatic Earth Element Power protected Yang Kai, blocking the blow.

That sword had struck the Earth Element Shield.

As expected of the full power attack of a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, even the firm Earth Element Shield was unable to block it and shattered into pieces. The sharp sword slashed into Yang Kai's waist, cutting through his clothes.

As the two passed by each other, Yang Kai indifferently glanced at Luo Qing Yun. The sword light dissipated as Luo Qing Yun appeared, his face distorted in shock and fear.

It was because of Yang Kai's glance. There was nothing but contempt in his eyes, as if he was looking at an ant.

Suddenly, a cry came from behind as Luo Qing Yun promptly turned around. The next moment, he couldn't help but have his eyes crack wide open as he roared, "Let her go!"

In the middle of thousands of enemies, Yang Kai was holding Lu Xue by her slender neck, hiding behind her and looking out with a mocking expression.

Right then, a cold gleam came to a stop just before Lu Xue's throat. Who knows when Zhong Fan had arrived with his long sword? He was a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, stronger than any other Open Heaven Realm Master present, so as soon as he saw Yang Kai attack Lu Xue, he realized what his plan was and immediately flew to rescue her. Be that as it may, even if Luo Qing Yun made his move to stop Yang Kai, Zhong Fan was still a little too slow. When he arrived, Yang Kai had already grasped Lu Xue by her neck and was using her as his shield.

With Lu Xue as Yang Kai's hostage, Zhong Fan couldn't do anything.

As their gazes met, Zhong Fan flew into a rage and scowled in anger. The long sword in his hand was pointed at Yang Kai, but he couldn't thrust it forward.

Lu Qing Yun looked worried, whereas Zhu Li was horrified and Long Tai, who had somehow recovered from his dazed state, was shocked.

At this moment, the world had gone completely silent as countless eyes were glued in their direction.

Everything happened too fast, so except for a few people, no one knew what happened. By the time everyone reacted, everything was already over.

Countless people asked in their hearts, [How is this possible? What gave Yang Kai the courage to rush out? How come he is fine after taking Luo Qing Yun's attack? How did Lu Xue get caught in his hands, and why didn't she resist?]

So many questions came up in their hearts, but no one could give them any answers.



Not only were the onlookers puzzled, but even Luo Qing Yun and Zhong Fan looked at Lu Xue in confusion. Although she was a woman, she was still a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master! How could she get captured by Yang Kai so easily? What's more, why wasn't she trying to escape? As long as Lu Xue could free herself from Yang Kai's grip, they would be able to immediately attack him.

Only Lu Xue knew in her heart that when Yang Kai captured her, a scorching and terrifying Power immediately invaded her body. That Power wantonly burned her meridians, blood, and her flesh. She was trembling and in a Hell of pain. Her clothes became drenched in cold sweat in an instant.

That was definitely the Fire Element Power refined by Yang Kai, but Lu Xue had never seen such a pure and High-Order Fire Element Power before. Her own strength was unable to compete with this Fire Element Power, simply turning into fuel to be burned upon contact.

All she could do was urge her strength with all her might to resist the scorching heat, unable to divert her attention from the process at all. So, how could she fight off Yang Kai? If she did that, she would be reduced to ashes immediately!

[Just what Order Fire Element is this?] Lu Xue had a faint guess in her heart, but she couldn't believe it.

Back in the mansion, Yue He looked at Yang Kai with a complicated expression on her face. [This guy and that man are indeed very different, but in some respects, they are similarly crazy. They will ignore life and death. A kind of madness that makes them captivating!]

Her mind seemed to have travelled thousands of years into the past, returning to a time when she was young, and a sense of desolation immediately surged from the depths of her heart.

Chen Tian Fei, who was hiding in the void, trembled violently, his face full of horror. Although he had experienced Yang Kai's fearsome strength first-hand, he couldn't help but feel shocked when he witnessed it once again.

[That guy is a monster. In this Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, where Open Heaven Realm Masters can't display their true strength, who can go against him?]

Bei Yu Shan, who was beside him, couldn't help but gulp nervously. His loud gulp was clearly showcasing the fear he was feeling.

Under everyone's eyes, Yang Kai grinned and gently pushed Lu Xue forward. Seeing the tip of the sword getting closer and closer to her throat, Lu Xue couldn't help but look at Zhong Fan with a pleading look in her beautiful eyes.

Zhong Fan's facial muscles twitched as he pulled the long sword back.

"Shameless!" Zhong Fan gritted his teeth and cursed.

Yang Kai sneered, "I learned from you."

Zhong Fan was rendered speechless.

He used the lives of Guo Zi Yan and others to threaten Yang Kai before, and in the blink of an eye, Yang Kai was now using Lu Xue to threaten him. The tables had turned so quickly

Yang Kai ignored him and looked at Guo Zi Yan with a solemn expression, stating, "This King has implicated you."

Guo Zi Yan was moved and apologised, "Sixth Manager, please don't say that. It is we humble subordinates who have brought you disgrace."

He hated his lack of strength. Yang Kai even left the Scarlet Flood Dragon and Earth Dragon to protect them, but he couldn't even send a message at the critical moment; otherwise, Yang Kai would not have been forced into such a passive situation.

However, he couldn't be blamed for this either. The main reason was that Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light had too many people, and they attacked in a rapid manner. When they reached the Yuan Magnetic Mountain, they captured them right away and then split up to encircle and suppress the Earth Dragon and Scarlet Flood Dragon. Guo Zi Yan simply didn't have the time to send a message.

Yang Kai shook his head and stated, "I'm no longer the Sixth Manager of Scarlet Star, don't call me Sixth Manager again."

Guo Zi Yan was startled, but he was also a wise worldly man. He just glanced at the Star City, and then after thinking about what he had heard and seen before, he immediately understood Yang Kai's predicament. A look of shame appeared on his face. One that he could not hide even when he tried to. He was a Scarlet Star Great Commander but he definitely could not come to terms with what the Managers of Scarlet Star had done; however, he was unable to change anything now.

Meanwhile, Yang Kai stared at Zhong Fan and asked, "Old dog, now you have my people in your hands, and I also have your people in my hands, what are you going to do?"

Zhong Fan looked at Yang Kai coldly and snorted coldly, "If you let her go, I won't kill you!"

Yang Kai grinned at him before shouting, "Guo Zi Yan!"

Guo Zi Yan was dishevelled, but although he was captured and his cultivation was sealed, he replied in a deep voice, "The humble subordinate is here!"

"How many people did they kill on the Yuan Magnetic Mountain!"

A trace of grief flashed in Guo Zi Yan's eyes, and he cupped his fist and replied, "My lord, this humble subordinate had seventy-two men under his command, but now only thirty-nine are left. We lost thirty-three brothers in that battle!"

Yang Kai gave a nod before his momentum surged, giving the impression as if a god of war had descended. The next moment, he declared aloud, "This King will now take revenge for our thirty-three men, open your eyes and watch."

The moment he declared this, Zhong Fan's face changed drastically and he roared "You dare!?"

Nonetheless, Yang Kai smacked his palm as the wind and cloud surged. An enormous palm descended from the sky, pressing down towards a group of Thunder Light and Sword Pavilion members.

Chapter 4035 – Do You have a Choice?

A giant palm seal slammed down from the sky, shattering space, and causing a series of explosions.

No one had expected Yang Kai to act so crazily. He was all alone in the middle of countless enemies, but not only did he not restrain himself, he even took the initiative to attack!

Sword Pavilion's Sword Formation hadn't been formed yet, and Thunder Light's disciples were still shaken from what happened, so the best these people could do was hurriedly gather their strength and launch hasty Secret Techniques and Artifact attacks.

The giant palm seal was riddled with holes from the countless attacks, but it still continued to press down.

A series of miserable cries rang out as bloody mists exploded in the air one by one, like the most beautiful red roses in the world. Under the eyes of everyone present, blood-red flowers blossomed mid-air.

When this attack was done, thirty-three blood flowers bloomed, no more, no less.

A series of gasps rang out from all over the Star City as everyone stared incredulously at the figure hovering in the sky. Zhong Fan and the others' eyes were practically spitting fire as they stared at this figure.

Thirty-three of Guo Zi Yan's subordinates had died in battle, so Yang Kai had killed thirty-three Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light disciples in front of everyone just to avenge those who had died.

This arrogant act was undoubtedly a slap in the face of Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light, causing Zhong Fan and the others to feel their faces burn. Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light would not be able to survive in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary if they couldn't kill Yang Kai today.

The long sword in Zhong Fan's hand trembled slightly as his Sword Qi fluctuated wildly. He wanted nothing more than to rush up to Yang Kai and tear him to pieces right now, but with Lu Xue in Yang Kai's hands, he didn't dare act rashly.

Yang Kai suddenly turned his head and glared at Zhong Fan, shouting, "This King forgot, it's not thirty-three! You've killed one more!"

As soon as these words were spoken, all of Thunder Light and Sword Pavilion disciples' expressions changed drastically as they quickly retreated, putting some distance between them and Yang Kai. Although they had a lot of people, none of them wanted to haunt this world due to an unjust death!

In an instant, there was no one else within a kilometre of Yang Kai, apart from Zhong Fan and a few other Open Heaven Realm Masters.

The might of this one person was terrifying!

"What are you going to do?" Zhong Fan looked over coldly.

“Since you’ve invited me to watch a show, this King will also invite you to watch a show!” Saying so, the purple sword light that belonged to Lu Xue between his fingers turned and directly stabbed into Lu Xue’s chest, then with a palm strike, he plunged the purple sword straight into Lu Xue’s body!

Lu Xue let out a muffled groan as she used all her strength to resist the burning might of the Golden Crow True Fire. At this moment, she was injured by Yang Kai, causing her to sweat profusely. Her white clothes immediately became stained with blood. Her skin became redder as steam rose from her and she let out a painful cry.

“You court death!” Luo Qing Yun’s eyes instantly turned bloodshot as he shouted, grinding his teeth.

Zhong Fan’s expression instantly became dark and gloomy.

Although Yang Kai’s killing of thirty-three people with a single palm strike had made him angry, they were just a few disciples under him while most belonged to Thunder Light. He could replace them if they died, but Lu Xue was different. She was one of the Sword Pavilion’s leaders, and now that she had been tortured by Yang Kai like this, he had no choice but to re-examine Yang Kai’s madness.

Guo Zi Yan and the thirty or so Scarlet Star disciples who had been captured all were looking dispirited at first, but after witnessing Yang Kai’s series of unexpected actions with their own eyes, their morale was greatly lifted!

Their Sixth Manager was truly cold and cruel. He could even be so merciless towards a beauty like Lu Xue. If it was them, they might not be able to bear it, but they had to admit that seeing this scene really made them feel happy and their blood boil, making them feel warmth deep in their hearts. They couldn’t help feeling an impulse to follow this Sixth Manager into the gates of Hell! Even if they died here, they would have no regrets!

“If you dare say another word, I’ll rip off her head!” Yang Kai turned to Luo Qing Yun and shouted.

Luo Qing Yun’s Sword Intent surged as he watched Lu Xue suffer. How could he not want to save her? In fact, he had been looking for an opportunity to save her the entire time, but unfortunately, Yang Kai had spread his Divine Sense to the surroundings and was monitoring everyone’s actions. Luo Qing Yun was unable to find any gap to strike, so he could not do anything. At this moment, when he looked into Yang Kai’s cold eyes, he was shocked and realized that Yang Kai wasn’t joking and would really do what he said.

The anger in his heart was like a volcano that could erupt at any moment, but he didn’t dare to say anything, lest Yang Kai really rip Lu Xue’s head off.

“Hmph!” Yang Kai smiled disdainfully and shouted, “Guo Zi Yan!”

Guo Zi Yan’s expression became solemn, “Your humble subordinate is here!”

“Are you afraid of death?” Yang Kai turned to look at him.

Guo Zi Yan’s mouth twitched. He really wanted to say that he wasn’t afraid of death looking at Yang Kai’s display of prestige, but who wouldn’t be afraid of death? Saying such words would seem hypocritical, so he immediately smiled and said, “I’m afraid!” But he immediately added, “But your humble subordinate believes that if we die here today, Sir will definitely take revenge for us!”

He had no doubt about this. Yang Kai just confirmed this by avenging the lives of the thirty-three people.

Yang Kai nodded lightly, "Very good!"

Guo Zi Yan added in a heavy voice, "Sir, you don't need to worry about us, you can act as you please. Even if we die here, we won't hold you back. Fellow Brothers, don't you all agree?"

"We will obey Sir's orders!" The more than thirty people shouted in unison as their voice reverberated through the sky, their faces filled with determination.

The onlookers were moved and a look of admiration blanketed their faces. Whether these words were sincere or forced by the circumstances, Yang Kai being able to obtain such support from Guo Zi Yan and the others at this time showed his charisma.

Chen Tian Fei and the others, on the other hand, had complicated looks on their faces. They had commanded Scarlet Star for many years, and although they had many capable subordinates, they had never seen such a display of loyalty!

It hadn't been that long since Guo Zi Yan was assigned to Yang Kai, just a month or two, but he had already been subdued to such an extent? They couldn't believe that a Scarlet Star disciple could act like this.

Yang Kai's face turned solemn as he swept his gaze over them, seemingly trying to memorize their faces. He noticed Guo Zi Yan's calmness, fear of death and desire for life in some people's eyes, and also many expectations from him.

He nodded his acknowledgement before claiming, "Don't worry, if you die, I'll bury these three thousand people with you!"

As soon as he said this, the entire crowd went into an uproar!

Yang Kai might have shown extraordinary combat strength. After all, a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master like Lu Xue was not able to resist him. Likewise, the other Open Heaven Realm Masters might not be a match for Yang Kai in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary; however, what he said was still too arrogant.

There were three thousand people here, not three thousand rocks on the side of the road! Even if they stood there and let him kill them, it would still take him a long time to accomplish. Not to mention there were a number of Open Heaven Realm Masters still overseeing them. Furthermore, the Sword Pavilion disciples could even form their Starfall Sword Formation to boost their strength.

Even if Scarlet Star went all out, it would not be their opponent, let alone a lone person called Yang Kai!

Someone secretly shook his head., "Isn't this Yang fellow too arrogant? Does he really think he's invincible?"

Someone even sneered, "Who doesn't know how to boast? If it was me, I would boast a lot better than him."

"Ah, this Brat, I thought he was intelligent and talented, but who would have thought that he would be so stupid as to say such things?"

Even Yue He, who had been paying close attention to Yang Kai in the mansion, frowned. It wasn't that she didn't believe in Yang Kai's strength as she had also witnessed Yang Kai defeat hundreds of Thunder Light disciples with the Scarlet Flood Dragon, but the three thousand people before her eyes were different. Thunder Light had brought its full strength out, and Sword Pavilion also had three hundred disciples here. Once they used their Sword Formation, they would be invincible.

If Yang Kai relied on his Space Secret Techniques to deal with them, he might be able to defeat them, but killing three thousand people was a bit unrealistic.

"Junior, your arrogance is quite big for your age!" Zhong Fan coldly snorted.

"Whether my arrogance is big or small, you'll know soon enough." Yang Kai looked at him disdainfully, "Old dog, I'll give you two choices. The first is to release my men and I'll trade this woman with you, and the second is to kill my men and I'll have this woman accompany them to the underworld. Which one do you choose?"

Zhong Fan's face turned dark and gloomy. Yang Kai's intention was obviously to exchange hostages, but when he proposed the exchange, he spoke in a threatening manner, making everyone feel angry.

What made Zhong Fan even more helpless was that he couldn't ignore Lu Xue's life and death! To any force, a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master was a critical pillar that could not be lost!

"How do you expect this Old Master to believe you?" After pondering for a moment, Zhong Fan rolled his eyes at Yang Kai, "If this Old Master lets them go, what if you go back on your word?"

"Do you have a choice?" Yang Kai sneered.

Zhong Fan suggested, "This Old Master will release half of them first. Once you let her go, this Old Master will definitely release the other half!"

However, Yang Kai acted as if he didn't hear her and raised Lu Xue high up in the air. A murderous look flashed on his face as he stated indifferently, "I'll count to three. If I don't see what I want, you can just wait to collect this woman's corpse. One!"

"Junior, don't push things too far!" Zhong Fan was furious. Yang Kai's unyielding attitude was extremely infuriating. He had already taken a step back and agreed to let half of them go, but who would have thought that Yang Kai wouldn't accept it at all. There were so many eyes here, so how could he take being so openly disdained?

"Two!" Yang Kai remained unmoved, his expression indifferent.

Luo Qing Yun nervously looked at Zhong Fan. The long sword in his hand was already tightly clenched. As long as Yang Kai shouted 'three', he would promptly attack him.

Zhong Fan's aura also quickly rose to its peak as he stared fixedly at Yang Kai. He could tell that although Yang Kai had mentally prepared Guo Zi Yan and the others in advance and told them he would avenge them, he didn't want to see Guo Zi Yan and the others die here; otherwise, he wouldn't have wanted to exchange hostages.

At this critical moment, whoever buckled to the pressure first would suffer a crushing defeat!

As such, Zhong Fan's face was filled with determination.

Yang Kai's mouth opened slightly as a grin appeared on his face. The word 'three' had already formed in his mouth as a powerful energy fluctuation pulsed from his hand.

Zhong Fan immediately shouted, "Release them!"

His imposing aura instantly fell to the bottom!

In the end, he didn't dare to take the risk. Yang Kai could ignore the life and death of Guo Zi Yan and the others, and at worst, he would just avenge them, but the Sword Pavilion couldn't afford to lose Lu Xue.

Luo Qing Yun also let out a sigh of relief, his hand gripping his sword, sweating profusely.

After Zhong Fan's command, Guo Zi Yan and the others who had been captured also broke free from their shackles and flew towards Yang Kai. When they got close, Guo Zi Yan cupped his fists with a face filled with gratitude and shame, "Sir!"

Chapter 4036 – Heroic Spirit Villainous Act

Yang Kai nodded and whispered, "Where's the Earth Dragon?"

He still had no idea if the Earth Dragon was alive or dead.

Guo Zi Yan said, "The Earth Dragon is unharmed and has escaped under the Yuan Magnetic Mountain."

It was quite sly, so when it saw that the situation wasn't looking good, it immediately fled. It was proficient in the Earth Escape Technique, so even if Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light had a lot of people, they couldn't do anything to it. It was also impossible for them to continue searching for its traces in the Yuan Magnetic Mountain, so they simply left it alone. After all, their main target was, at the end of the day, Yang Kai.

"Good." Yang Kai felt relieved. He finally heard some good news.

The Scarlet Flood Dragon was also quickly released. Comparatively speaking, the Scarlet Flood Dragon's injuries were the most severe; many of its scales had fallen off, it was bleeding from everywhere, and there was a huge gaping wound on its neck. It looked extremely pitiful.

It flew over to Yang Kai and lowered its head. It expressed its anger and helplessness via Divine Sense as it stared at Lu Xue in Yang Kai's hand. It bared its teeth as if it wanted to swallow her whole. The enormous wound on its neck was the handiwork of Lu Xue.

Lu Xue got really nervous at the sight of this. Zhong Fan and Luo Qing Yun also couldn't help but have their hearts jump to their throats. They were afraid that Yang Kai would go back on his word.

Fortunately, Yang Kai didn't let the Scarlet Flood Dragon bite and simply patted its head, "Go back." He then ordered Guo Zi Yan and the others too, "All of you go back first."

Guo Zi Yan was momentarily taken aback, "Sir, what about you?"

"Don't worry, these scum can't do anything to me."

Guo Zi Yan was deeply worried and wanted to persuade him otherwise; still, when he noticed Yang Kai's determined expression, he knew he wouldn't be able to persuade him otherwise and couldn't help but admire him. [He is still able to remain so calm and collected even in the face of so many enemies, Sir is really something else.]

"Then Sir, you must be careful!" Guo Zi Yan exhorted before leading more than thirty people and Scarlet Flood Dragon towards the Star City.

The Star City's defensive Grand Array appeared to still be closed, so Yang Kai turned his head in the direction of Chen Tian Fei and the others, where they were hiding, and stared at them silently, giving off an invisible pressure.

After a dozen breaths of time, Chen Tian Fei's brow twitched as he secretly issued an order.

A crack appeared in the Grand Array as Guo Zi Yan and the Scarlet Flood Dragon rushed into the Star City. Although Chen Tian Fei and the others didn't want to offend Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light, in the eyes of outsiders, Guo Zi Yan and the others were still members of Scarlet Star, so locking their own people outside wasn't very appropriate; they had no choice but to let them pass. As for the Scarlet Flood Dragon, it was just tagging along.

After Guo Zi Yan and the others had entered the Star City, this hostage exchange had undoubtedly been won by Yang Kai. Now, Yang Kai had gained complete control of the situation. With Lu Xue in his hands, whether he wanted to fight or flee was up to him. Although Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light had many people, it was highly unlikely that they could do anything to him.

Many people had looks of admiration on their faces. If they were in Yang Kai's shoes, they wouldn't have been able to do such a thing, but after thinking about it carefully, Sword Pavilion was also helpless. As long as they couldn't bear to give up on Lu Xue, they would definitely choose to compromise.

A gust of wind blew over, causing Yang Kai's clothes to flap.

The next moment, Divine Senses spread out and locked onto Yang Kai one after another as a thick murderous intent filled the air. The three hundred Sword Pavilion disciples quietly changed their formation and sealed off the surrounding area. In an instant, Yang Kai was completely surrounded and had no way out!

"That brat is in trouble now." Chen Tian Fei stated softly. In this situation, unless he could suppress Lu Xue and find a way to survive, it would be impossible for him to escape this inescapable net.

"He asked for it." Ou Yang Lie coldly snorted, "Does he really think he can do whatever he wants just because he is slightly capable?"

"If you were him, what would you do now?" Lady Qin asked.

Chen Tian Fei shook his head, "Lu Xue is his only chance of survival. If he wants to live, he must not let her go."



At this moment, Zhong Fan shouted, "Release her."

Yang Kai pursed his lips into a smile, "Don't worry, this King always keeps his word!"

Saying so, under everyone's stunned gazes, he directly pushed Lu Xue away.

Chen Tian Fei's eyes, which had been narrowed into slits, suddenly bulged, as if they were about to pop out at any moment, and he couldn't help but cry out, "That brat is crazy!"

He had just said that if Yang Kai wanted to live, he couldn't let Lu Xue go, but Yang Kai did just that as soon as he said this.

With Lu Xue in his hands, Yang Kai still held the initiative, but how could he survive now that he had released her? Was he tired of living and courting death?

Not only did Chen Tian Fei not expect this, but even the person in question did not expect it. When Lu Xue was pushed out, her face was filled with perplexity, as if she had not expected to escape from Yang Kai's control.

However, Zhong Fan's eyes lit up as he roared, "Damn brat, because of this, I respect you as a hero and will definitely give you a quick and painless death!"

Once he spoke, he pulled Lu Xue to his side as the long sword in his hand shook as he prepared to attack.

But right then, Lu Xue spat a mouthful of blood. The blood mist she spat out was extremely hot, as if it was boiling. Not only that, but Lu Xue turned red all over as steam rose from her head.

"Huh?" Zhong Fan's pupils constricted as he instinctively felt that something was wrong.

Previously, Lu Xue had also acted strangely, but at that time, she had been suppressed by Yang Kai. Zhong Fan had thought that Yang Kai had used some underhanded trick against her, but now that she had been released, she shouldn't have acted like this. Even if Yang Kai had planted some kind of trick in her body, with her Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm foundation, she should have been able to deal with it easily.

"Uncle Zhong, save me!" Lu Xue cried out hoarsely, her beautiful eyes filled with fear and panic.

Zhong Fan couldn't be bothered to find trouble with Yang Kai anymore and directly reached out and grabbed Lu Xue's wrist, sending his pure energy into her body. But the next moment, he withdrew his hand as if it had been stung by a snake or scorpion and exclaimed in shock, "How is this possible?"

In that instant, he discovered that Lu Xue's body was filled with a violent and oppressive scorching energy that was wantonly burning her meridians and flesh. This scorching energy was extremely pure, so pure that he found it unbelievable. Lu Xue was a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, yet she was actually unable to suppress it.

In this situation, even if Lu Xue went all out, she would still be burned to death in less than an hour!

Zhong Fan turned his head, and saw Yang Kai staring at him with a playful look on his face. It was no wonder Yang Kai had let Lu Xue go so easily. It was not out of chivalry, but because he had other plans in mind.

If he wanted Lu Xue to live, Zhong Fan would need to help her suppress the scorching energy; otherwise, she would die without a doubt. Furthermore, apart from him, no one else could help her. This way, the only Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master would be completely pinned down and would not be able to make a move.

Zhong Fan ground his teeth. He thought that this little brat was a straightforward and heroic character, but who would have thought he was this despicable and shameless? He secretly hated himself for misjudging Yang Kai and now wanted nothing more than to dig out his eyes.

“Kill him!” After a moment’s thought, Zhong Fan shouted and at the same time swung his sleeve, covering Lu Xue with his energy as the two flew down, landing on a nearby hill. As he put down Lu Xue, Zhong Fan shouted, “Concentrate and suppress it with all your strength, I’ll help you!”

Saying so, he turned around and walked to Lu Xue’s back and put his palm behind her, sending a burst of pure energy into her body to help her suppress the scorching energy.

Lu Xue didn’t dare to be negligent. She promptly sat down cross-legged and formed a set of hand seals while silently circulating her Secret Art.

Seeing this, how could the countless cultivators inside and outside the Star City not know that Yang Kai had used some underhanded trick on Lu Xue? Otherwise, why would Zhong Fan bring Lu Xue to a relatively safe place and help her heal her injuries?

“That boy surnamed Yang’s schemes run deep. With one move, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light lost two Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm cultivators.”

“Even if that’s the case, so what? They still have three Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters, not to mention they also have at least twenty or thirty Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters.”

“He’s too smart for his own good. He managed to tie down Zhong Fan by himself, but that doesn’t affect the overall situation. Does he really think he can take on three thousand people by himself?”

“Haa... in the face of absolute power, any kind of scheme is useless.”

The crowd broke into a discussion. None of them was optimistic about Yang Kai’s chances and all of them thought that he had made the wrong decision. If he really wanted to live, he shouldn’t have let Lu Xue go so easily.

At this moment, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light no longer had any worries, so why would they show him any mercy?

Just as everyone was raring to go, a powerful voice suddenly rang out from the Star City, “Brat, as long as you submit to this Young Master and become this Young Master’s slave, this Young Master will guarantee your safety!”

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone turned their heads and saw a young man in luxurious robes standing mid-air, smiling as he stared at Yang Kai. There were seven or eight servants standing behind him.

Judging from this young man's aura, he was just an Emperor Realm cultivator, but his clothes looked quite expensive. By the looks of it, he seemed to have an extraordinary background.

But this was the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, so what if he had an extraordinary background?

Many people were discussing this matter for a time, trying to guess which force this young man belonged to as he was acting way too arrogant. His declaration took everyone by surprise; after all, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light's three thousand disciples were all ready to go, and yet, he arrogantly claimed that he could protect Yang Kai.

Although everyone didn't discuss loudly, they were clearly heard by the young man. It immediately caused him to feel annoyed so he couldn't help but coldly snort as an arrogant look appeared on his face.

A guard behind him stepped out and condescendingly gazed over the crowd before coldly introducing, "My Young Master is the descendant of the Third Elder of Azure Nether Paradise. Who dares insult him?"

As soon as his voice fell, everyone was stunned silent.

Azure Nether Paradise was one of the seventy-two Paradises and was considered a top force in the 3,000 Worlds. Being able to become an Elder in a Paradise and even be ranked third meant that he was at least a High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master.

This boy was from the Azure Nether Paradise, and had a High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Ancestor. His backing really wasn't small.

If he insisted on protecting Yang Kai, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light would have to consider the consequences of offending him. He might not be able to do anything to Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, but what about outside the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary? With just a word, Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light would be removed from the face of this world.

His request was indeed a bit excessive; he wanted Yang Kai to submit to him and become his slave. Be that as it may, it was pretty good that he had a choice in the face of death, so who would care so much about it?

What's more, the other party had an extraordinary background. Being a slave to such a person wasn't necessarily a bad deal.

Even Luo Qing Yun and the others, who were preparing to act, froze in place, not knowing whether they should act or not. All of them stared nervously at Yang Kai, afraid that he would agree.

Observing Yang Kai's expression, the young man's expression became even more arrogant as he pointed his chin towards Yang Kai and stated, "Brat, if you miss this opportunity, you won't be able to find another chance. Think carefully before answering this Young Master."

Chapter 4037 – What is this Fire?

“You want me to submit to you and become your slave?” Yang Kai tilted his head and looked at the young man. When he was cultivating in seclusion, he had noticed the arrival of these people from Azure Nether Paradise, but he hardly cared about them. [By the looks of it, it should be this guy.]

The young man smiled, “That will be your greatest honour!”

“Is that so?” Yang Kai muttered noncommittally.

Luo Qing Yun hurriedly interjected, “Yang Kai, when a man walks the world, he must have an unyielding character. He should prefer death while standing than kneeling in order to live. Think carefully, don’t let a single misstep lead to eternal regret!”

He was really afraid that Yang Kai would agree. If that was the case, then what was the point of Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light joining forces today? How would he avenge Lu Xue?

“This Young Master is speaking, how dare you interrupt!?” The young man from Azure Nether Paradise suddenly glared at Luo Qing Yun with an angry look on his face, “What’s your name? If you have the guts, announce it here!”

Luo Qing Yun’s expression immediately became extremely ugly. Under everyone’s watchful eyes, if he didn’t reply, he would appear weak, but if he did, he would be afraid of being punished later. Although he was a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, he was still nothing in front of a colossus like a Paradise. Even if this young man couldn’t really represent Azure Nether Paradise, just the strength behind him was not something Luo Qing Yun could contend with. For the moment, he found himself riding a tiger, unable to get off mid-way.

At the same time, his heart was filled with incomparable fury. If it weren’t for this young man’s backing, how could a mere Emperor Realm brat dare act so presumptuously in front of him?

Fortunately, the young man didn’t make things too difficult for him. At this moment, it was the perfect opportunity to subdue Yang Kai, so he was completely focused on just that and couldn’t care about anything else. As long as he could subdue Yang Kai, all of Yang Kai’s harvests on the Yuan Magnetic Mountain would be his. That was a lot of Sixth-Order Yuan Magnetic Divine Stones. Even in the Cave Heavens and Paradises, it would still be a considerable amount of resources. The Old Ancestor would look at him in a new light when he returned to Azure Nether Paradise with this kind of harvest.

What’s more, Yang Kai had a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm maidservant with him, so perhaps he could use this opportunity to obtain her.

Ever since he met Yue He that day, he had been unable to forget her.

Seeing Luo Qing Yun not respond, he snorted lightly and turned to Yang Kai, asking, “This Young Master’s patience is limited, have you thought it through?”

Yang Kai replied indifferently, “You don’t have the qualifications to make me your slave!”

As soon as he finished speaking, his body shook, and a powerful flame burst out from his figure, enveloping him like a raging inferno, causing the space around him to visibly distort and the world to tremble.

Amidst the raging flames, Yang Kai opened his eyes like two small suns, burning with scorching fire. A cold murderous intent filled the air as he shouted in a dignified voice, “You dare interrupt my seclusion and disturb my mind? All of you deserve death! Today, I will use your dog lives to cultivate my Divine Ability!”

With a loud bang, the Fire Element Power in his Dao Seal began to surge. With Yang Kai at the centre, halos of flame spread out in all directions, one after another, emerging to no end.

The next moment, miserable screams echoed through the sky. The cultivators closest to Yang Kai didn’t even have time to react before the wall of flames passed over them, igniting them into balls of fire that flew around like headless flies, crashing into their neighbours. However, in just two or three breaths of time, the screams came to an abrupt halt, and the burning fireballs were reduced to ash as they fell from the sky like dumplings.

In an instant, dozens of people had fallen!

Everyone’s eyes were filled with shock as they watched this scene. Much to their surprise, Yang Kai, who was alone, was the first to make a move even when he was surrounded by three thousand people including dozens of Open Heaven Realm Masters.

Furthermore, dozens of cultivators had fallen with just one strike!

“What kind of fire is that?” Chen Tian Fei’s eyes narrowed as he stared fixedly at the pitch-black flames burning around Yang Kai. He had never felt a shock greater than this.

Just the raging halo of flame alone was already so fierce, undoubtedly indicating that this Fire Element was of a very high Order. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for these cultivators to be unable to resist it.

[A Fifth-Order Fire Element power would never be able to accomplish such a feat. Could it be Sixth-Order?!]

Chen Tian Fei’s heart shook as he realized he had been underestimating Yang Kai all this time. Condensing a Sixth-Order Fire Element meant that Yang Kai’s aptitude was extraordinary, and his ambitions were immense. If this kind of person weren’t born in a Cave Heaven or Paradise, it would be impossible to cultivate to such an extent. Once he grows up, he would have a place in the 3,000 Worlds.

[This boy’s origins were always vague, could it be that he is from a Cave Heaven or Paradise? If that’s not the case, why would he speak to the young man from Azure Nether Paradise like that?]

Thinking so, a thin layer of cold sweat appeared on Chen Tian Fei’s forehead as he secretly prayed that this was not the case; otherwise, Scarlet Star’s good days had come to an end.

The raging burst of flames continued to spread outwards as bright flashes of light erupted. Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light disciples all activated their Secret Techniques and artifacts to protect

themselves. The Sword Pavilion disciples even formed their own Sword Formations to block the raging flames.

The Starfall Sword Formation's power was extraordinary, able to link together the strength of several dozen people once it was formed, boosting the power of all those who formed it, especially the one who held the core position.

Even though the raging flames were quite powerful, they were still blocked by the sword curtain of this Formation. On the other hand, although the number of Thunder Light cultivators was much larger, they were more akin to scattered sand than a cohesive unit. When they saw dozens of their companions die right before their eyes, all of them were terrified and hurriedly retreated.

After Yang Kai's initial attack, he instantly disappeared from his original position. There was a calm and indifferent look on his face as he rushed straight into the crowd and threw a punch. The punch was surrounded by raging Golden Crow True Fire. The pitch-black flames caused even space to burn.

Tens of Thunder Light disciples in the punch's path were reduced to ashes instantly.

Long Tai's eyes bulged as he roared in fury, "Kill him!"

As he spoke, he took the lead and charged straight at Yang Kai. On the other side, Luo Qing Yun and Zhu Li, the other two Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Masters, used various methods to lock onto Yang Kai's figure with their Divine Senses. The former became one with his sword and slashed towards Yang Kai, while the latter slapped his waist and sent out a nail-shaped artifact. Under Zhu Li's control, the artifact flew towards Yang Kai in a silent but deadly manner.

Seeing this, Yue He shouted from below, "Young Master, be careful!"

Although she knew that Yang Kai was strong, such a situation was still quite worrying; after all, two palms could not block four fists. A single careless mistake would result in death.

Moreover, she had been paying close attention to Yang Kai's expression and was shocked to discover that there was something wrong with him at the moment, as if he wasn't actually focused on the battle he was engaged in.

As expected, facing the attacks of the three Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters and countless others, Yang Kai didn't even try to dodge. All he did was summon a series of Dragon Shields around his body and unleash a flurry of punches and kicks. The ordinary disciples of Thunder Light who were struck by Yang Kai's attacks couldn't resist at all, and even Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters had no choice but to dodge.

\*Hong hong hong...\*

Attacks landed on Yang Kai's body one after another, and no matter how strong his defensive Secret Technique was, it was unable to withstand such a flurry of fierce attacks. The Dragon Shields shattered, and before he re-formed them, the remaining attacks were already upon him.

Yang Kai's figure staggered, his clothes instantly becoming ragged as he instinctively manipulated Space Principles in an attempt to dodge. Unfortunately, Zhu Li's nail-like artifact actually had the effect of locking him in place and pinning him to the spot, making him unable to move.

The next moment, a sword light swished over as Luo Qing Yun roared, "Die!"

The moment he brushed past Yang Kai, a splash of golden blood spurted out from Yang Kai's chest. Nonetheless, Luo Qing Yun's eyes suddenly shrank because this sword strike had failed to kill Yang Kai. It was simply inconceivable!

One had to know that he was using a Secret Technique to control his sword, so even if this attack struck a cultivator in the same Realm, he or she would end up dying for sure; however, Yang Kai had only suffered some minor injuries, that's all.

[How tough is this guy's physical body? Is he even human?]

Luo Qing Yun didn't know that although Yang Kai was human, he could take the form of an over 2,000 metres tall Half-Dragon using his Dragon Transformation Secret Technique. Yang Kai had been consuming Dragon Blood Pills all the while as well, so his physique had risen to a new level. Therefore, how could he be so easily killed? Rather, the fact that Luo Qing Yun could injure his physical body was already quite a feat.

Golden Blood was flowing out of his chest, but Yang Kai didn't seem to notice it at all. From the moment the battle began, the light in his eyes had become calm and cold, like a pool of still water. His entire body had turned into a mindless battle machine, only knowing how to fight.

Long Tai flew over at that moment. He clenched his fists and raised them high before smashing them towards Yang Kai's head.

Yang Kai suddenly raised his head and stared at him indifferently, causing Long Tai's heart to clench. He subconsciously felt that something was wrong, but it was too late for him to withdraw now, so all he could do was let out a furious roar and attack with all his strength, hoping for the best.

Yang Kai sent out a punch of his own, and in front of everyone's astonished eyes, Long Tai was sent flying backwards at a speed faster than he had arrived, spurting a bloody mist as he tumbled through the air.

The whole Star City went into an uproar!

Long Tai was a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master while Yang Kai was just a mere Emperor Realm cultivator, yet in this frontal clash of punches, it was actually Long Tai who was sent flying and injured! Even if they were in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, this was still inconceivable.

Chen Tian Fei smiled bitterly. If Long Tai had seen Yang Kai kill Du Niang Zi and Gan Hong like slaughtering chickens in Scarlet Star's Main Hall, he wouldn't have acted so rashly.

[In front of this monster, a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master is nothing.] He still vividly remembered the terrifying scene of Yang Kai killing Du Niang Zi and would shudder every time he thought about it.

The moment he repelled Long Tai, Yang Kai suddenly turned around and grabbed toward a certain spot in the sky.

A few hundred metres away, Zhu Li's expression changed as he quickly changed his hand seals, but it was still too late. When Yang Kai withdrew his hand, a nail-shaped artifact appeared in his palm. It was Zhu Li's.

The pitch-black flames in Yang Kai's palm burned fiercely.

"Stop!" Zhu Li cried out in horror. This Spirit Fixing Nail was something he had obtained by chance while out for life experience, and its power was extraordinary. Once it was used, it would be like a maggot clinging to rotting bones. As long as he was given enough time, he would be able to use his Secret Technique to launch a fatal blow towards Yang Kai's Soul through the nail, but before he could prepare himself, Yang Kai had seized the initiative.

[How is this possible?] Looking at the rolling flames, Yang Kai obviously wanted to use his Fire Element Power to destroy this artifact so as to avoid disturbing his Space Technique.

Zhu Li had used his Soul to refine the Spirit Fixing Nail, so if it was really destroyed, his Soul would definitely be damaged, which was why he was panicking.

Chapter 4038 – Defying Heavens Star Net Formation

As soon as he finished speaking, Zhu Li spurted a mouthful of blood and his aura instantly weakened as he stared at Yang Kai in shock, "What the Hell is this? What the hell kind of fire is this!?"

The Spirit Fixing Nail's grade wasn't low, but in just a breath's worth of time, it had been reduced to ashes by the raging flames. Zhu Li couldn't imagine how high the Order of this Fire Element was to be able to achieve this!

In the blink of an eye, two of Sword Pavilion and Thunder Light's remaining three Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters had been injured. In comparison, Long Tai's injuries were relatively light. He was just punched by Yang Kai, that's all. On the other hand, Zhu Li's Soul had taken damage

Without the Spirit Fixing Nail's restraint, Yang Kai immediately rushed out like a Flood Dragon going out to sea, leaving behind a series of afterimages as he charged into the crowd.

The pitch-black Golden Crow's True Fire devoured everything in its path, recklessly burning everything it touched. The Emperor Realm cultivators who were struck by it were all killed, none of them able to resist. Even some of the Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters who were mixed in with the crowd quickly retreated in fear.

Clouds of blood mist exploded in the air as charred corpses fell from the sky. In the Star City, countless pairs of eyes stared blankly at this scene, almost forgetting to breathe as everyone felt a great shock.

Before today, no one had ever thought that a single man of supposedly equal or lesser strength could kill thousands of enemies by himself while making them cry for their mothers and fathers. Even if Yang Kai



lost in the end, the achievements he had made today would be enough to make everyone remember him.

In the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, outside Scarlet Star's Star City, an impulsive and reckless young man with black hair fluttering in the wind was acting in a way that ordinary people couldn't. His courage was truly eye-opening.

Fluctuations of Space Principles lingered around Yang Kai's body. He would instantly move to wherever there were more people, his killing intent shrouding the entire sky. He was fighting like a madman, his figure intangible as he never stopped moving, leaving afterimages as he flew through the air. It almost looked like there were several of him fighting.

"Junior, don't you dare act so presumptuous!" Luo Qing Yun gritted his teeth and shouted. His sword transformed into nine sword lights that slashed towards Yang Kai with a wave of his arm.

He had been searching for an opening in Yang Kai's defence while chasing after his footsteps, but Yang Kai's movements were simply too fast, and his Instantaneous Movement technique made him too unpredictable. Luo Qing Yun had tried several times but had failed to find an opportunity to strike, so now when he had finally found an opening, he didn't hesitate to use his strongest Divine Ability.

Nine flashes of sword light swished through the sky, instantly arriving in front of Yang Kai and striking his body.

\*Duo duo duo...\*

It didn't sound like it had hit flesh and blood, but rather an artifact of some kind. Yang Kai's figure shook and his clothes tore, drawing Golden Blood that radiated a shocking vitality from his wounds.

Luo Qing Yun's heart trembled as he stared at this scene in a daze.

Previously, when he had failed to kill Yang Kai with his sword strike, he had already noticed that this guy's physical body was extraordinary, but now, even his strongest Ability had failed to kill him?

He was a sword cultivator who specialized in killing. If even he couldn't kill Yang Kai, then even with so many people present, who could kill him? Ordinary cultivators wouldn't even be able to injure him.

As expected, after the nine sword lights, countless attacks flew towards Yang Kai, but Yang Kai only used his Dragon Shield Secret Technique to ward off those attacks.

When the dazzling flashes of various colours finally disappeared, the Dragon Shield that surrounded Yang Kai's body shattered, but he did not suffer much damage.

Luo Qing Yun's heart sank as he turned to look towards Zhong Fan.

Right now, only a Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master like Zhong Fan had a chance to cut Yang Kai down, but as far as he could tell, Zhong Fan was currently healing Lu Xue's injuries. He couldn't fathom what kind of method Yang Kai had used to force Zhong Fan into a corner.

[Is this also part of his plan?] Luo Qing Yun couldn't believe it. [No wonder he released Lu Xue so easily. I thought that he was a fool, but now, it seems that he is actually quite shrewd!]

Unable to count on Zhong Fan, Luo Qing Yun's expression suddenly became solemn as he shouted, "Disciples of Sword Pavilion, obey my command! Form the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation!"

"Yes Sir!" The hundreds of Sword Pavilion disciples' voices shook the sky. Each of them was greatly excited as if they had been waiting for this moment.

There weren't many Sword Pavilion disciples present here, only about three hundred. Among the crowd of three thousand people, Sword Pavilion disciples only made up 10% of the forces. Furthermore, not many of their people had lost their lives at Yang Kai's hands since the start of the battle.

Comparatively speaking, Sword Pavilion's losses were relatively small since they had formed the Starfall Sword Formation from the beginning to resist Yang Kai's initial flames attack.

With both sides attacking and defending, it was undoubtedly much better than the scattered sand-like Thunder Light disciples.

It could be said that ninety-nine percent of the cultivators who died at Yang Kai's hands were Thunder Light Disciples.

Sword Pavilion disciples had already assumed the Starfall Sword Formation in groups of forty to fifty, filling the world with Sword Qi. Now that Luo Qing Yun had given the order, the Sword Formations rapidly moved towards Luo Qing Yun.

In less than three breaths of time, the auras of the Starfall Sword Formations had been tightly linked together, with Luo Qing Yun at the centre. Sword Intentions soared into the sky and gathered on Luo Qing Yun's body, piercing a hole in space.

Defying Heavens Star Net Formation, complete!

Luo Qing Yun's aura rose steadily, and even though he was being suppressed by the World Principles of the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, he still showed signs of breaking through the Emperor Realm and striding into the Open Heaven Realm. He stared at Yang Kai, who was still slaughtering his enemies, eyes filled with indifference!

The Defying Heavens Star Net Formation was the Sword Pavilion's most powerful Formation. With this Sword Formation, Luo Qing Yun was confident he could kill Yang Kai even without Zhong Fan.

"That brat is in trouble now." Chen Tian Fei sighed and slowly shook his head, "In the end, he's still too young, showing off too much of his strength and not knowing how to restrain himself!"

Lady Qin also carried a solemn expression, "I heard that the leader of Sword Pavilion came from a very large force, but for some unknown reason, he had wandered outside and established Sword Pavilion. This Starfall Sword Formation and Defying Heavens Star Net Formation are both the formations of that force."

Ou Yang Lie added with a nod, "I've also heard of this before and seen the power of the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation once. It was... truly extraordinary. With this Formation, Scarlet Star and Thunder Light will never be a match for Sword Pavilion."

At the same time, Yang Kai, who was rushing through the crowd, also instinctively felt a sense of crisis. He felt as if needles were stabbing all over him. He promptly surged his Earth Element Power from his Dao Seal, forming Dragon Shields again, one after another.

“Junior, it is your honour to die under my Sword Pavilion’s Formation!” Luo Qing Yun’s indifferent voice rang as he pointed his sword towards Yang Kai before slashing it towards Yang Kai as swiftly as wind.

Under the influence of his aura, the hundreds of Sword Pavilion disciples in the grand Formation also began moving.

From a distance, Yang Kai could no longer see anyone inside the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation. There was only the Sword Intent lingering in the air. The next moment, a massive sword wave tore through the sky and struck Yang Kai.

The sounds of something breaking rang immediately after.

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, the layered Dragon Shields around Yang Kai shattered one after another. Even though he was frantically using his Dao Seal to repair them, Yang Kai was still unable to keep up with the speed at which they were breaking.

In just seven or eight breaths of time, the Dragon Shields had completely disappeared.

“Die!” Luo Qing Yun’s happy voice rang from within the sword wave.

A pitch-black flame engulfed Yang Kai’s body with a loud bang as the raging Golden Crow’s True Fire swept towards the sword wave like it had a mind of its own. Wherever the black flame passed, the sword light would instantly dim, as if it had been burnt to ashes.

In the eyes of the cultivators in the Star City, it was as if the black fire had devoured the sword wave, causing the enormous sword wave to shrink rapidly.

Yang Kai’s figure also continued to retreat. Although the Golden Crow’s True Fire’s power was extraordinary, the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation was still formed by hundreds of people, and with Luo Qing Yun, a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master, controlling it, its power was truly immense.

“Cease your futile resistance!” Luo Qing Yun shouted, “You will be buried here today for insulting my Sword Pavilion!”

With Luo Qing Yun’s angry roar, the sword wave which had been partially destroyed suddenly expanded and pierced through the void, showing faint signs of tearing through the pitch-black flames as it shot towards Yang Kai.

Once the Golden Crow’s True Fire was pierced through, it would not end well for him, even if Yang Kai used his Dragon Transformation to bolster his physique.

In this life-and-death struggle, even those from Thunder Light were unable to intervene. They could only watch from afar, not even daring to approach to within a thousand meters, lest they be affected by the sword wave or the black flames.

In the sky, the Golden Crow’s True Fire that had been pushed to its limit was now evenly matched with the terrifying Sword Light.

In the Star City, however, Chen Tian Fei suddenly frowned and muttered, "Something's wrong!"

"What's wrong?" Bei Yu Shan asked curiously.

"In such a situation, why hasn't that brat used his full strength yet?" Chen Tian Fei asked in confusion.

"He hasn't used his full strength?" Bei Yu Shan's eyes widened in disbelief.

Chen Tian Fei said solemnly, "Did you forget that this boy has a long spear in his hand? Although I don't know where that spear came from, there's no doubt it's an extremely powerful artifact. Why hasn't he used it yet?"

As soon as these words were spoken, the Managers of Scarlet Star fell into deep thought. How could they not know about the existence of the Azure Dragon Spear? That day, Gan Hong had died under that stunning spear.

The might of this spear was something that even a Fourth-Order Open Heaven Realm Master couldn't resist, so if he were to use it now, even if it couldn't resolve the current crisis, it wouldn't be so bad!

In a life-or-death crisis, who would hide their strength?

Bei Yu Shan scratched his head and said, "Manager Chen, after hearing what you said, it seems like his condition has always been a bit off." In this life-and-death struggle, Yang Kai's reactions seemed more instinctual than calculated, as if his mind wasn't on this battlefield, but that was simply inconceivable. Facing so many enemies by himself and not paying attention to the battlefield, how could he not care about his own life?

Lady Qin's eyes suddenly narrowed as she seemed to recall something and covered her red lips, "Do you remember what he said before the battle commenced?"

Ou Yang Bing lowered his head in contemplation before slowly reciting, "You dare interrupt my seclusion and disturb my mind? All of you deserve death! Today, I will use your dog lives to cultivate my Divine Ability!"

Chen Tian Fei's face was filled with shock as he cried out, "Is that brat trying to stimulate his hidden potential using this life-and-death battle to cultivate some kind of Divine Ability?"

Chapter 4039 – Divine Manifestation

The moment Chen Tian Fei said this, the Managers of Scarlet Star were all shocked!

[Is he for real? How could anyone be so crazy? Does he want to die?]

However, from Yang Kai's previous performance and his current response, it was clear that he was cultivating some kind of Divine Ability!

In the danger between life and death, there was great terror and great fear, but also great opportunities!

Lingering near the gates of death would often give one a flash of inspiration or insight, allowing them to comprehend some grand mystery or truth. Chen Tian Fei and the others were all Open Heaven Realm Masters, and after living for so many years, every one of them had experienced something similar at least once. However, all of their experiences were forced upon them, they never wanted to put themselves in a position where they would be trapped between life and death like Yang Kai.

“Crazy, this little brat is really crazy,” Chen Tian Fei muttered, shocked by his own thoughts.

“Look behind him!” Lady Qin suddenly exclaimed.

The Scarlet Star Managers quickly turned to look behind Yang Kai, and what they saw immediately caused their eyes to narrow. The pitch-black flames around Yang Kai suddenly started surging. Although the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation was suppressing him, his aura was still rising at a terrifying rate. Soon, he had reached his limit, and the raging black flames were beating like a heart, like it was giving birth to a new life.

This scene was witnessed by the Managers of Scarlet Star City and by everyone in the Star City. Even though they were far away from Yang Kai, everyone couldn't help but feel a sense of horrific pressure, as if some unparalleled monster was trying to break out of his body.

Yue He had been paying close attention to Yang Kai all the while, ready to step in when she saw that he was at a disadvantage. With her Fifth-Order Open Heaven Realm cultivation, the strength she could display in this Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary was truly limited. If she really went up, it would be like throwing an egg against a rock in the face of the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation, but she couldn't just stand by and watch Yang Kai die. As long as she could wake Yang Kai up from his trance-like state, with his attainments in the Dao of Space, he would definitely be able to escape with his life.

However, after seeing the surging black flames, she forced herself to endure. Her heart jumped to her throat and her beautiful eyes were glued on Yang Kai. Her fists were clenched tightly, to the point that her knuckles had turned white.

“If it wasn't for the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, would a mere Emperor Realm ant dare act so presumptuously in front of my Sword Pavilion? Break!” Luo Qing Yun's shout came from the sword wave.

The Defying Heavens Star Net Formation, which had already gained the upper hand, suddenly bloomed with a dazzling flash, tearing apart the black flames around Yang Kai and striking him.

Luo Qing Yun couldn't help but have a look of joy on his face, as if he just saw Yang Kai being killed. Although this battle had been difficult, he had still won and restored the lost face of Sword Pavilion, letting the world know that Sword Pavilion could not be humiliated!

However, right at that moment, Luo Qing Yun's heart suddenly clenched, and for some reason, an extreme sense of crisis flooded him.

When he looked up, Yang Kai, who had been completely calm and unresponsive until now, suddenly grinned as his indifferent eyes shone brilliantly as if he had finally come back to his senses, “Open!”

His voice wasn't loud, but it was like a thunderclap rolling across the skies, causing the world to tremble.

In the blink of an eye, a huge orb of fire appeared behind Yang Kai. It looked as if a sun was hanging behind him, shining with a golden light that illuminated the world, making it difficult for anyone to open their eyes.

"What is that?" Countless cultivators who saw this scene were shocked. No one had ever seen such a strange phenomenon. Could it be that this Yang Kai really has a small sun hidden inside his body?

Not only were the Emperor Realm cultivators puzzled, but many Open Heaven Realm Masters were also lost.

Only a few people were stunned for a moment. Immediately after, they seemed to have realized something and their bodies trembled as a look of shock and disbelief took over their faces. After all, although they knew something ordinary people didn't know, none of them had ever seen it with their own eyes.

Lady Qin covered her red lips and muttered, "Could this be..."

"Manifestation!" Chen Tian Fei spat out the word with great difficulty, his fat body trembling from the shock.

The Ou Yang Brothers couldn't help but gulp nervously, whereas Bei Yu Shan stared at Yang Kai in admiration and couldn't help exclaiming, "Astonishing!"

Back then, Bei Yu Shan had been sent flying by Yang Kai's punch in the Main Hall and, in truth, he had been having a hard time accepting it. He believed that he had underestimated his opponent too much; otherwise, he wouldn't have been beaten so badly. But now that he saw the Manifestation of a huge sun appear before him, the dissatisfaction in his heart instantly disappeared.

For Yang Kai to be able to cause a Manifestation when he was only an Emperor Realm cultivator, Bei Yu Shan could finally accept that his loss that day was not undeserved, nor were the deaths of Du Niang Zi and Gan Hong!

In the courtyard of Yang Kai's mansion, Yue He closed her eyes in pain.

[After managing to keep the secret for so long, has he finally exposed all his cards today?] She secretly hated herself for not being strong enough to assist him, causing him to be unable to conceal himself well. However, she had never expected Yang Kai to be able to create a Manifestation at such a moment.

From today onwards, Yang Kai's secret would no longer be a secret. Under the eyes of so many people, how could he conceal it? It was not a big deal in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary, and with such a technique no one would be his opponent, but once he left the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary? Once this shocking news spread, Yang Kai would be doomed.

[Is the tragedy from a thousand years ago going to repeat itself?]

Thinking of the man who had died so young, Yue He's heart was filled with sorrow! That man and this man in front of her were both astonishing geniuses, but this man in front of her now seemed to be even more dazzling than the man from her past. At the very least, that man had not formed a Manifestation in the Emperor Realm!

“Manifestation, it’s actually a Divine Manifestation, how dare this brat act like this? Does he want to die?”

In the Star City, an elderly man called out in shock. His cultivation wasn’t very high, just Second-Order Open Heaven Realm, but he had lived for a long time and had seen more than others. Ordinary Open Heaven Realm Masters might not know of the existence of Manifestations, but he had seen one before and thus knew about it.

“Master, what is a Manifestation?” Beside him, a cute little girl asked curiously.

Suppressing the shock in his heart, the old man explained in a gentle voice, “When one of the Yin, Yang, or Five Elements one has refined is pushed to the extreme, it will concentrate and transform into a world-shaking Divine Ability, which is known as a Divine Manifestation, just like what you are seeing right now.”

The young girl nodded thoughtfully, “Is that little sun his Manifestation?”

“Yes!”

“Does Master have a Manifestation?”

“Me?” The old man smiled wryly and shook his head, “Master will never have a Manifestation in his life.”

“Why?” The young girl was puzzled.

The old man said sadly, “Not to mention a mere Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm cultivator like me, even those Mid-Rank Open Heaven Realm Masters will never be able to possess a Manifestation in their life. Manifestations can only be created by those who have condensed Seventh-Order or above Elements, but that is only a hope. If one’s comprehension is lacking, even if they have the qualifications to form a Manifestation, they wouldn’t be able to do so. Your Master has only refined Second-Order Elements, so how could I have the qualifications to form a Manifestation?”

The young girl couldn’t help but curl her pink lips and ask in surprise, “Master, are you saying that Brother Yang refined a Seventh-Order Element?”

The old man nodded, “It can’t be wrong, otherwise it would have been impossible for him to form a Manifestation. Since ancient times, those who could form Manifestations were all disciples from top forces like the Cave Heavens or Paradises, and all of them were already in the Open Heaven Realm. To form a Manifestation while still in the Emperor Realm like him... it is simply unheard of!”

“Does that mean he’s very powerful?”

The old man replied solemnly, “Not only is he powerful, but he’s a complete monster!”

The young girl waved her fist and shouted towards the sky, “Big Brother, you can do it, beat them all up!”

Seeing Yang Kai being bullied by so many people, she had long ago felt indignant. She was a young girl and didn’t know the dangers or complexities of the world, so when she heard her Master say that Yang Kai was powerful and a monster, she felt happy for him from the bottom of her heart and also looked

forward to seeing Yang Kai rise up and turn the tables on the shameless people using numbers to bully him!

The older man's expression couldn't help but change drastically as he quickly covered the young girl's mouth and nervously looked around. When he discovered that everyone's attention was focused on the movement in the sky as if they hadn't heard the young girl's shout, only then did he breathe a sigh of relief, but he didn't dare to remain where he was. He quickly grabbed his foolish Disciple and changed locations.

Although it was just a child's words, Sword Pavilion was not to be trifled with. If anyone from Sword Pavilion heard this, the two of them would not be able to leave the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary alive.

On the other side, a figure flashed over as a middle-aged man wearing a golden crown and a long robe suddenly appeared in front of Chen Tian Fei and the others. He was staring towards the distant sky, carrying his hands behind his back.

"Head Manager!" Chen Tian Fei and the others quickly greeted.

This middle-aged man was none other than Scarlet Star's mysterious Head Manager.

The Head Manager didn't say anything, as if he hadn't heard their voices, but now that he had come out of seclusion, it was obvious that he had been disturbed by the commotion outside. The Divine Manifestation was truly too shocking; even he couldn't sit still.

"A Fire Element Manifestation!" After observing for a while, the Head Manager suddenly spoke.

"It should be," Chen Tian Fei replied respectfully.

This was also quite obvious. Yang Kai's body had previously been shrouded in black flames, and he had used a life-and-death battle to stimulate his potential to form his Divine Manifestation. Now that he had succeeded, it was definitely his Fire Element Manifestation.

Lady Qin added, "Looking at the sun, this Yang Kai seems to have condensed a Sun's True Gold."

The Divine Manifestation was closely related to the materials used to condense a cultivator's strength. Since a miniature sun had appeared, it was only natural that Lady Qin would associate it with Sun's True Gold.

Chen Tian Fei stated thoughtfully, "I heard that there was a region where the Sun Star went out and a number of Sun's True Gold and Sun's True Fire was found. Could it be that this little brat was also there? If that's the case, then his luck must be quite good."

They secretly guessed that Yang Kai must have found a Seventh-Order Sun's True Gold there; otherwise, how could he have such achievements?

"It's not Sun's True Gold!" The Head Manager slowly shook his head as a profound light flashed across his eyes, "There is something more inside that Great Sun."

"Something else?" The Managers of Scarlet Star were all stunned. When the great sun appeared, it was shining so brightly that it dazzled their eyes and they couldn't see through it clearly. The Head



Manager's strength was greater than theirs though, so he had seen more than they could with just a single glance.

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With their Head Manager's input, Chen Tian Fei and the others quickly focused their eyes towards the sun, and as expected, there really was something inside.

A blurry figure was jumping about in the sun like a living creature. It would occasionally stop to adjust its wings and was exuding a faint ominous aura, giving off an indescribable sense of pressure.

"It looks like a bird of some sort..." Lady Qin furrowed her dark, curvy brows. The sun's light was too dazzling, so even if she carefully observed it, she couldn't see what it was.

"There's something wrong with it though, why does it have three legs?" Chen Tian Fei also had a puzzled look on his face, but as soon as he spoke, his expression suddenly changed.

The Head Manager's solemn voice rang out from the front, "A three-legged exotic bird, one that is related to the sun. Junior, you are really something, I've got to hand it to you. Indeed, each generation gives rise to greater geniuses, hahaha!"

Lady Qin covered her red lips with her hand, causing Bei Yu Shan to be dumbfounded. Even someone as stupid as him had realised what that exotic bird was, let alone the others.

"Three-Legged Golden Crow!" The Ou Yang Brothers shouted in unison.

The Fire Element Yang Kai had refined was not Sun's True Gold or Sun's True Fire, but a Golden Crow's True Fire. When everyone recalled the pitch-black flames surrounding his body and the characteristics of his Manifestation, it undoubtedly proved their speculations.

[It's the Golden Crow's True Fire!] This thought caused everyone to jump in fright.

Chen Tian Fei's body was covered in sweat as he asked in a trembling voice, "Head Manager, what Order is this Golden Crow's True Fire?"

When they saw Yang Kai condense his Divine Manifestation, they all thought he possessed a Seventh-Order Fire Element Power, but now it seemed it wasn't just Seventh-Order. The fact that he could refine the Golden Crow's True Fire meant that Yang Kai had once encountered a Golden Crow, a terrifying existence on par with a True Dragon. Only a High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master stood a chance to resist such a terrifying creature. Since this boy had encountered a Golden Crow, why was he not dead? What kind of Heaven-defying opportunity was this?

The Head Manager answered, "That depends on whether the Golden Crow carcass he encountered was a child or fully mature. If it's the former, it should be a Seventh-Order Golden Crow, if it's the latter... it should be an Eighth-Order!"

Chen Tian Fei's body trembled, "I heard that when the Sun Star went out, there was an adult Golden Crow that was on the verge of death that was eventually obtained by First Inn's Owner. Could it be that this brat refined that adult Golden Crow's True Fire?"

"Is this news accurate?" The Head Manager turned his head and asked. In recent years, he had constantly been in retreat, cultivating, attempting to break through to the Sixth-Order Open Heaven Realm, so he didn't know much about current events.

"The news is absolutely accurate," Chen Tian Fei replied in a serious voice.

The Head Manager gently nodded, "The Golden Crow's True Fire is hard to come by in ten thousand years. This boy only has an Emperor Realm cultivation, so it shouldn't be long since he refined his Fire Element. If that's the case, his Golden Crow's True Fire might really have come from that Great Golden Crow."

"Eighth-Order!" Chen Tian Fei's face was pale as he asked, "Then what does he have to do with First Inn's Owner?"

The news he received was that First Inn's Owner had obtained the Golden Crow's carcass. At that time, many people from the Cave Heavens and Paradises had come to compete for it, and more than one High-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master had appeared. First Inn's branch had been completely destroyed, and in the end, First Inn's Owner came out on top and had been the one to take away the Golden Crow's carcass safely.

If Yang Kai had nothing to do with that person, how could he have obtained this Golden Crow's True Fire?

On this point, the Head Manager was also extremely puzzled. He had never heard of that person having any descendants.

"I don't think so!" The Head Manager slowly shook his head, "The Eighth-Order Golden Crow's True Fire is not something that an Emperor Realm Master can withstand. Even if that person obtained the Golden Crow's carcass, if he were to give it to a junior disciple, the Order of the Golden Crow's True Fire would definitely be lower, otherwise, it would cause more harm than good."

"Head Manager is right!" Chen Tian Fei nodded repeatedly. Even so, it was still too frightening.

However, Lady Qin thought of another possibility and muttered, "Since he can refine a Fire Element material of at least Seventh-Order, doesn't that mean he at least has a Wood Element of Sixth or Seventh-Order?"

If it were just an ordinary Fire Element, it would have been fine. For someone like Meng Hong, who had broken and reconstructed his foundation, he could directly refine a Fifth-Order Sun's True Fire. There would be no problem as long as his aptitude was good enough and his Dao Seal was firm enough.

However, how terrifying was the Golden Crow's True Fire? If one didn't have a strong enough Dao Seal and Wood Element Power to suppress it, their Dao Seal would be instantly incinerated and destroyed. Such a Wood Element Power would have to at least be Sixth-Order, but it was far more likely it was Seventh-Order; otherwise, it would be impossible for Yang Kai to condense the True Fire successfully.

Seventh-Order Wood Element Power and Seventh-Order Fire Element Power, Yang Kai's intentions were clear. He wanted to become a High-Rank Open Heaven Master in one fell swoop!

"His ambitions are too high, we are truly inferior!" The Head Manager slowly shook his head as his straight figure suddenly became a bit hunched, as if he became dispirited.

As they spoke, the newly formed sun behind Yang Kai completely stabilized, radiating a dazzling light. As the Great Sun Manifestation appeared, the figure that was being forced back by the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation also slowly came to a stop.

A hundred metres away, Luo Qing Yun stared at him in shock.

Yang Kai grinned at him and formed a hand seal, "On this day, the Golden Crow casts the sun. Below the Heavens, above the Earth, only I am supreme!"

The Golden Crow's cry resounded through the sky, piercing through the world as it flapped its wings in the sun joyfully. Yang Kai's figure next seemed to merge with the sun before smashing towards the huge sword beam oppressing him in the next moment.

With the might of his newly found Great Sun Manifestation, Yang Kai attacked the Defying Heavens Star Net Formation without fear!

Luo Qing Yun's face twitched violently as he forcefully recovered from his shock and roared, "So what if you have a Manifestation? Even if the real Golden Crow was before me, I would still kill it for you to see, let alone a mere Manifestation!"

These words were undoubtedly merely meant to bolster his courage. The Defying Heavens Star Net Formation was formed by three hundred people, but even if it was three thousand or thirty thousand people, if they really encountered a Golden Crow, it wouldn't be enough for them to resist a single breath.

However, when two powerful opponents clash, the braver one held the advantage. Now that things had reached this point, only by advancing courageously would they have a chance of survival.

Sword Qi surged, and the Grand Formation started running at full force as the auras of the three hundred disciples became closely linked. Their strength overlapped as their sword wave surged and collided with the Great Sun.

Two flashes of dazzling light tore through the world, shaking the world.

The strange thing was that when they clashed, it didn't cause any sound, not even a single clang.

However, in the next moment, the clouds within a radius of ten thousand kilometres vanished and the world trembled violently as an unimaginable shockwave spread out from the point of impact.

The Thunder Light disciples were all sent tumbling while the weaker ones spat out mouthfuls of blood as they fell to the ground, instantly suffering heavy casualties. Zhu Li and Long Tai's hearts bled as they watched this scene. This was truly a disaster. After this battle, Thunder Light's foundation would be severely damaged, who knows how many years it would take for them to recover?

Outside the Star City, the defensive Grand Array suddenly flickered, undoubtedly a result of the fallout of Yang Kai and the Sword Pavilion's battle.

"An Emperor Realm Junior forming a Manifestation!" The Head Manager's eyes flickered with fear, and his tone carried a sense of disbelief, "With this Manifestation, this child can directly confront a First-Order or Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master. Even a Third-Order Open Heaven Realm Master won't be able to kill him easily!"

No one had ever been able to form a Manifestation in the Emperor Realm before. Since ancient times, even the elite Core Disciples raised in the Cave Heavens and Paradises had to slowly explore and comprehend silently in retreat for years after reaching the Open Heaven Realm before they could produce a Manifestation.

If that weren't the case, it wouldn't have been so difficult to produce a Manifestation, but one's strength would increase dramatically once it was formed. There was a huge difference between a Seventh-Order Open Heaven Realm Master with a Manifestation and one without one. It could be said that in a life-or-death battle, a Master with a Manifestation could easily crush one without.

Chen Tian Fei and the others all wore solemn expressions. The Head Manager had always been known for his sharp eye, so since he had said so, it couldn't be wrong. In other words, the current Yang Kai was equivalent to a First or Second-Order Open Heaven Realm Master!

Such an existence could only be described as invincible in the Grand Ancient Ruins Boundary.

If Sword Pavilion didn't have their Sword Formation, these three hundred people wouldn't even be enough to fill the gaps between Yang Kai's teeth.

Even so, the Sword Formation was still being pushed back by the sun's pressure, and the huge sword beam was shrinking at a speed visible to the naked eye. Its light was gradually dimming.

The Star City was in an uproar.

Whenever Sword Pavilion's Sword Formation appeared, it had always been invincible, but at this moment, it was not Yang Kai's opponent!

A single person's strength was actually this powerful?

"Impossible, how can you be this strong!?" Luo Qing Yun roared as his facial features distorted.

Inside the great sun, Yang Kai's mocking voice rang out, "It's just that you're too weak!"

To be honest, Yang Kai didn't expect to be able to achieve such a feat. He had been in retreat all the while, trying to comprehend at least one Divine Ability from his refined Elements. Although he had gained some insights, he had felt that he lacked something. Having encountered such a situation today, he had an idea. He wanted to use this life-and-death struggle to stimulate his potential and see if he could break through this shackle and comprehend a Divine Ability.

If that wasn't the case, how could he be so foolish as to charge into the camp of thousands of people by himself? With Lu Xue in his hands, he could easily have chosen another method to resolve this crisis.

Who would have known that he would stumble upon such a fortune? Not only did Yang Kai comprehend a Divine Ability, but he had also created a Manifestation. Yang Kai still had no idea that he had formed a Manifestation of course, he only thought that this Golden Crow Casts the Sun was a pure Divine Ability.

After all, no one had told him about this before. He hadn't been in the Outer Universe for long, and although the Proprietress had treated him well, she probably hadn't expected him to grow so quickly.

At this moment, Yang Kai could clearly feel his strength rising sharply, carrying the power of a true Great Sun. Even if there was a Low-Rank Open Heaven Realm Master in front of him, Yang Kai could still dare to fight.

"I refuse to accept this!" Luo Qing Yun was enraged and a bloody mist burst out from his body as his aura once again surged. He was the core of the Sword Formation, so his increase in strength bolstered the entire Sword Formation.

Judging from his state, it was obvious that he had used some kind of powerful Secret Technique to temporarily stimulate his potential. Although this Secret Technique was extremely powerful, it was not something that should be casually used. Nonetheless, once it was used, it would bring about endless trouble to the caster.

However, in order to deal with Yang Kai and protect the face of Sword Pavilion, Luo Qing Yun could care less about what came after.

As he did so, the hundreds of disciples in the Sword Formation all let out a muffled groan and suddenly felt an immense pressure weighing down on them. However, the might of the Sword Formation increased dramatically, and in the blink of an eye, it rose to match the Great Sun's momentum.