

Martial Arts 271

Chapter 271: Force Floating Airship Attack

The distance between Yang City and Yong City wasn't short. The Force floating airship could help save a lot of time.

Fei Qingxin was afraid that Meng Qiao would cause more trouble after what she had done, so she stopped chatting with Wang Teng. After she sat down, she smiled apologetically at Wang Teng and closed her eyes to rest.

Meng Qiao glared at Wang Teng. She seemed a little delighted, as if she felt proud that she was able to convince Fei Qingxin to stay away from Wang Teng.

Wang Teng shook his head and smiled. He didn't mind.

They were just strangers he met on his journey. Travelling could be boring. If they were able to talk, they could chat with each other. If they couldn't, they could just rest. No harm was caused.

When Wang Teng boarded the Force floating airship, it was past 2 pm. Time flew. Soon, it was evening. There were still two more hours until they reached Yang City. It was dinner time, so many people were heading to the restaurant on the Force floating airship.

Wang Teng was hungry too. He got up and walked to the restaurant.

Fei Qingxin and Meng Qiao got up at the same time. Meng Qiao pouted unhappily when she noticed that Wang Teng was preparing to go there too.

"What a coincidence." She looked at Wang Teng's back view curiously. "Could he have heard our conversation just now? He knows that we are going to the restaurant, so he's going there first. That way, he can greet us later and prevent us from suspecting that he followed us."

"Qiaoqiao, why are you always discriminating against him?" Fei Qingxin said unhappily. She felt that Meng Qiao was being unreasonable.

"Alright, alright. I won't talk about him anymore." Meng Qiao shook her head helplessly. But, in her heart, she sighed. Her bestie was still being stubborn.

Wang Teng had already entered the restaurant. He didn't know what Meng Qiao said behind his back. If he did, he would probably snigger. This lady was a drama queen.

The restaurant was decorated lavishly. The entire area was segregated into two sections, normal food section and the Force dishes section.

Wang Teng walked directly to the Force dishes section.

It was worth mentioning that the Xingwu Continent used gold coins, silver coins, and bronze coins as their currency. You could exchange the coins at a fixed ratio.

Force stones could be used too.

In fact, Force stones could be used as a currency anywhere!

Of course, it was mainly used between martial warriors.

Wang Teng changed some gold coins when he came. Besides, he had gathered many Force stones on his previous visits.

The Force dishes section only accepted Force stones. Force dishes were made for martial warriors, so it was more appropriate to use the martial warriors' currency.

Wang Teng ordered a few dishes and sat down to enjoy them alone.

The normal dishes felt tasteless now that he got used to eating Force dishes.

It was easier to get rich but harder to go back to poverty.

Wang Teng shook his head as he lamented in his heart. Fortunately, he wasn't poor.

Fei Qingxin and Meng Qiao saw Wang Teng ordering many Force dishes when they arrived at the restaurant. It was extremely extravagant. He was eating his dishes happily.

"This pretty boy is quite rich. We don't even dare to eat so much. Is he a rich young master who sneaked out of his family? In that case, you need to be more careful. This kind of person is skilled at fooling young ladies," Meng Qiao said.

Fei Qingxin was a little astounded. After she heard Meng Qiao's words, she rolled her eyes uncontrollably. What was wrong with her bestie today? She didn't like Wang Teng at all. No matter what he did, it was wrong in her eyes.

She didn't say anything, though. There was no need to make her bestie unhappy because of someone she just met.

The two of them ordered a few Force dishes that weren't expensive and started eating and chatting happily.

Suddenly, the Force floating airship vibrated violently.

"What is happening?"

The people in the restaurant were shaken. Everyone jumped to their feet.

The Force floating airship was a stable airship, unlike airplanes. Why did it vibrate suddenly? Such accidents rarely happened.

"Look, there are so many birds outside!" Someone shouted in fright.

"What?"

"Aren't there martial warriors clearing this air route regularly? Why are there bird star beasts?"

There was an uproar, and some started to feel scared. Getting attacked by bird star beasts wasn't a small matter. The airship might get destroyed, and they might get killed. Some low-class martial warriors would definitely fall to their deaths after dropping from such a high distance, much less normal people. Also, below them was a primary forest. Even if they survived the fall, they might become dinner for other star beasts.

“Everyone, everyone, a flock of bird star beasts are attacking us furiously. The defense rune array of the Force floating airship can only survive for a few minutes. The situation is critical. We hope that the martial warriors on board can help. Once we pass this ordeal, we will reward everyone accordingly...”

An agitated voice was heard on the broadcast system.

The gazes of the martial warriors in the restaurant flickered. After looking at one another, they ran out.

All of them were on this Force floating airship. If the Force floating airship was destroyed, they wouldn't be able to escape. The reward didn't matter. They just wanted to protect themselves.

“Why do we have to meet this?” Meng Qiao's face was pale. She grabbed Fei Qingxin's hand while feeling at a loss.

“Don't worry. There are many martial warriors on the Force floating airship. We will be fine.” Fei Qingxin forced herself to calm down. She patted the back of Meng Qiao's hand as she consoled her.

“Yes, yes, there are many martial warriors. We will be fine.” Meng Qiao nodded continuously as if she was encouraging herself.

The two of them observed the situation outside through the windows in the restaurant.

Meng Qiao suddenly saw the figure who was still calmly eating food in the restaurant. She frowned and barked, “Hey, why aren't you helping them? The situation is so dangerous, but you still have the heart to eat?”

“They are able to handle the issue. It's useless for me to go out.” Wang Teng had used his Spiritual Sight to scan the surroundings just now. Based on the intensity and number of lights, he predicted that the human martial warriors had an overwhelming advantage. These bird star beasts wouldn't be able to cause any harm. They would only be slaughtered.

As for him, he would just eat his food and pick up the attribute bubbles dropped by the bird star beasts using his spiritual power. How delightful was that!

Also, other than him, many other martial warriors had similarly remained silent. They had arrived at the same conclusion.

The other martial warriors looked at Wang Teng in surprise when they heard this. This young man was strong!

Meng Qiao had no idea about this, so she thought that he was only making an excuse. He just didn't have the guts to go out. “You coward, why did you come up with so many excuses when you don't dare to go out and kill the star beasts? This is disgusting.”

Wang Teng frowned uncontrollably. Anyone would get angry when they got targeted again and again.

Before he could reply to her, Meng Qiao turned her head and said to Fei Qingxin, “Qingxin, look. This fellow looks impressive but lacks real worth. Traveling the continent? I think that he's just using it as a lie to fool young ladies. Don't get too close to him.”

Fei Qingxin was frowning slightly too. However, she just pulled Meng Qiao and said in a low voice, "Forget it. He has his own plans. We can't force him to do anything."

She sounded a little distant.

What's this! Wang Teng felt frustrated. He didn't want to argue with the two young ladies, so he got up and left the restaurant.

"He's just putting on a show. He doesn't have the face to stay here anymore after we exposed him," Meng Qiao said with disdain.

Chapter 272: Ghost Fire Talent

Wang Teng came to the platform outside the Force floating airship. He saw a layer of yellow glow covering the entire Force floating airship like a giant bubble.

The fight between the martial warriors and the bird star beasts had come to an end.

The red fire sparrows had flames all over their bodies. Balls of fire kept spurting out of their mouths as they attacked the Force floating airship and the martial warriors on it.

However, most of them were 1-star level. Only a few of them had reached 2-star. Thus, they posed no threat to the martial warriors.

The corpses of the fire sparrows fell from the sky above. Some landed on the platform, while others dropped directly to the primary forest below.

The Force floating airship continued on its fixed route. It wouldn't stop to pick up the corpses of these fire sparrows.

Furthermore, it was a primary forest, which was extremely dangerous.

The corpses of the fire sparrows might have been eaten by other star beasts by the time they went down.

Fortunately, many fire sparrows' corpses dropped on the platform, so the martial warriors managed to earn a fair amount of money. They would decide how the items would be split among themselves. It had nothing to do with Wang Teng.

He had already gotten what he wanted.

Fire Force*90

Blank Attribute*200

As their names implied, these fire sparrows were undoubtedly fire element star beasts. They gave him 90 points of fire Force!

Fire Force: 715/2000 (4-star)

Wang Teng smiled when he saw the rise in his fire Force on his attributes panel. This was a good sign!

Including the past blank attributes he had collected, he had a total of 750 blank attributes now for his emergency needs.

After the battle ended, everyone in the Force floating airship heaved a sigh of relief.

No other accidents happened during the rest of the journey. Two hours later, the Force floating airship slowly landed in a prosperous and massive city.

Wang Teng walked down from the Force floating airship. There were many similar airships parked on the plaza in front of them. Lights were shining down from the sky as more Force floating airships came towards the city from afar. They landed on the plaza.

The plaza was filled with people. It was bustling.

Yang City was a huge and prosperous city. Numerous people traveled here or left this place on Force floating airships every day.

Fei Qingxin and Meng Qiao walked down from the Force floating airship too. When they walked past Wang Teng, Fei Qingxin bade farewell to him politely, "Wang Teng, we're leaving first. Hope to see you again."

Meng Qiao didn't even look at him. She pulled Fei Qingxin and left in a hurry as though he was some sort of a virus.

Looking at them, he knew that her words were just polite. They probably hoped that they would never see him again.

Wang Teng shook his head. It was irritating enough to meet a lady like Meng Qiao. He hoped that he would never meet them again, or else he might hit her uncontrollably.

He followed the crowd and walked out of the plaza. He asked for directions before heading into the city.

Even at night, Yang City remained noisy and lively. All the buildings along the street were lit up brightly, and the entire city was ablaze with lights. Small shops and stalls were everywhere. The cries of street vendors echoed in the air.

The buildings in the city were magnificent, and the shops along the streets sold all kinds of high-class items. They were all exquisite and extravagant. It was overwhelming for the passers-by, who could indulge in pleasures without stopping.

However, Wang Teng came from Earth, so he had seen this kind of scene before. He wasn't surprised.

Still, the city streets of the Xingwu Continent gave him another perspective of this world.

Peng Yuanshan was right. He might be able to see extraordinary things if he came out to travel!

Haiyue Hotel.

Wang Teng stopped outside a building.

Let's stay here. I heard good reviews along the way.

When he walked in, someone came to welcome him immediately. The person bowed and asked, "Mister, are you staying or eating?"

"Please give me one of your best rooms," Wang Teng said.

"Alright, follow me." The attendant brought Wang Teng to the lobby and booked a room for him. Then, he passed him the keys.

"This is your room. It's on the third floor, the fifth room after you turn left. Do you need me to bring you up?" the attendant asked.

"No. I will go by myself."

Wang Teng rejected him and came to the third floor alone. He opened his room and scanned it once. The facilities inside were complete and beautiful. This was how a five-star presidential suite in the Xingwu Continent should look like.

As expected, as long as you had the money, you could get anything.

He opened the window. After some time, a black dot landed from the sky and stopped outside the window. It was the Spirit Flame Ghost Crow.

The little crow was a good helper. Besides, it needed to raise its ability too. Naturally, Wang Teng brought it along so that they could progress together.

"Are you full?" Wang Teng smiled and asked.

When the Force floating airship was attacked by the fire sparrows, he had ordered his little crow to dine on the dead fire sparrows secretly. That was why he asked the question.

"Caw, caw!" The little crow cried two times. It seemed to be in a good mood.

It suddenly lowered its head and spat out a fiery-red ball-like object with an uneven surface. It raised its head and looked at Wang Teng.

"Star core!" Wang Teng was shocked.

This was a 1-star star core.

The little crow got a 1-star star core?

Wang Teng was dumbfounded. He thought of something and asked, "Is this the star core of a fire sparrow?"

They were able to understand each other through the pet contract, so the little crow nodded.

"Really?" Wang Teng exclaimed. "You are quite lucky."

On the Force floating airship, he had heard that none of the martial warriors managed to get the most worthy items, a star core or a star bone. After all, the intelligence and level of the fire sparrows weren't that high.

Yet, his little crow managed to pick up one!

“Are you sharing your master’s good luck?” Wang Teng touched his chin and muttered to himself.

“Caw, caw!”

“You want to eat this?” Wang Teng asked in astonishment.

Through the pet contract, Wang Teng could feel the little crow’s desire. He said immediately, “Eat it then. You are the one who found it.”

It hurt a little, but it was good for the little crow. He wouldn’t be stingy.

This bit of money was nothing to him.

When the little crow got stronger, he could get it back from it with interest.

After the little crow got Wang Teng’s consent, he picked up the fire element star core. It swallowed the star core in one mouth, not knowing what its unscrupulous master was planning.

Once the fire element star core went down his throat, its body was covered with a red glow. A wisp of flame spurted out of the little crow’s body.

Wang Teng suddenly remembered that the little crow had another talent called Ghost Fire. However, it hadn’t awakened this talent yet.

From the name, one could tell that this was a fire element offensive talent.

Was the fire element star core about to activate the little crow’s Ghost Fire talent while raising its ability?

Wang Teng looked at his attributes panel. Unfortunately, the talent was still dormant.

But, he felt that he had found a method. He could find more fire element star cores to feed the little crow. Its talent might awaken one day.

The little crow was only an assistant now. But, once it awakened its Ghost Fire talent, it would be able to actively participate in battles. Just thinking about it made him excited.

“Hurry and grow up. Your master is so impressive. You mustn’t be weak either!” Wang Teng expressed his expectations shamelessly.

Chapter 273: Intermediate Stage Rune Master

Yang City, Haiyue Hotel.

The next morning, Wang Teng got up early and prepared to go out. He asked the hotel’s attendant for the location of the rune society.

As he walked along the streets in the morning, Wang Teng recalled the attendant’s expression when he asked about the rune society. His reaction was interesting. He was shocked before he turned respectful.

This kind of respect was different from the respect towards customers. It originated due to a difference in societal status.

Wang Teng sighed. It looked like the position of runemasters on the Xingwu Continent wasn't low. No wonder all the top universities on Earth had set up a faculty to teach rune studies especially.

He wondered about the social statuses of blacksmiths and alchemists.

Yang City was a huge city. Even in the early morning, the streets were busy and packed with people.

Wang Teng even met a team of guards in armor. They looked domineering. Their armors clanged loudly as they walked, and the passers-by would make way for them immediately.

Wang Teng stood at the side of the road and watched them walk away. Then, he followed the attendant's guidance and walked past a few streets. Finally, he reached the rune society.

In front of him was an enormous and magnificent building. The name of the building was written in light gold on the plaque, giving off a faint glow.

Large crowds were moving back and forth in the plaza outside the rune society. There were all kinds of races mixed together, including dwarves, orcs, and humans. Many people wore long gowns with a prominent rune logo at the chest area.

Wang Teng guessed that these were the staff of the rune society.

When he walked through the main doors of the rune society, a large lobby welcomed his vision. There weren't many people inside the lobby, so it looked empty. The staff was all busy doing their own things. The people who entered the lobby didn't stop either. They walked in a straight line and disappeared at the end of the corridor.

The corridor in the lobby had all kinds of rune patterns carved on its walls. It looked very strange.

Wang Teng only glanced at them since his gaze was attracted by the massive number of bubbles floating on the floor.

He made the right choice to come to the rune society.

He was right. There were many attribute bubbles he could pick up.

Spirit*10

Rune Knowledge*8

Rune Knowledge*6

Spiritual Realm*4

Spirit*12

Rune Knowledge*10

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He picked them up.

All the attribute bubbles were pulled over by Wang Teng and entered his body like fish in the sea.

There are spirit attributes! Wang Teng was shocked.

This was the first time he had picked up spiritual realm attributes. It looked like this rune society was filled with hidden dragons.

He calculated and realized that he had gained 18 points of spiritual realm and 46 points of spirit in total.

Wang Teng's spirit attribute rose tremendously. A huge amount of spirit attributes surged into his mind like a storm, twirling like a bottomless tornado. It took a while to calm down.

Spirit: Spiritual realm (71.7/100)

As his spiritual attributes increased, Wang Teng's spiritual power also followed suit. His ability rose subsequently too.

He also gained 156 points of rune knowledge.

This rune knowledge wasn't the basic rune knowledge he had learned in school. Rather, it was much more profound and professional.

Wang Teng looked at his attributes panel. He thought that another segment would appear in his knowledge row, but there wasn't one.

However, there were still some changes to his attributes panel. There was a new section—secondary job!

There were three jobs in this secondary job section: runemaster, blacksmith, and Force chef.

Blacksmith: 125/1000 (advanced stage)

Force Chef: 5/2000 (master)

Runemaster: 83/500 (intermediate stage)

At the same time, some introduction appeared in Wang Teng's mind. These secondary jobs were split into a few levels: beginner stage, intermediate stage, advanced stage, master, and grandmaster...

Could it be that the secondary jobs are segregated into different levels in the Xingwu Continent? Do the people on Earth follow the same example? Wang Teng wondered to himself.

He noticed that 'alchemist' still hadn't appeared and remained in the knowledge row. Obviously, knowing spiritual herb differentiation didn't make him an alchemist.

Wang Teng understood instantly.

My runemaster level has reached the intermediate stage. I picked up 156 points of rune knowledge just now and jumped from beginner stage to intermediate stage immediately. Including the basic rune knowledge I had, I am at 83 points now. A smile appeared at the corner of Wang Teng's lips. He didn't have to worry anymore.

He came here to get the runemaster qualification certificate. He planned to use it as his way of merging into the Xingwu Continent's society.

Wang Teng stood in the lobby with his weapon carrier casket on his back. Keeping in mind his young age, he was extremely eye-catching.

A young lady in the rune society uniform, a long dress, walked over. She smiled at Wang Teng and asked, "Mister, is this your first time here? Do you need any help?"

"Yes, it's indeed my first time. I want to get the runemaster qualification certificate. I wonder what's the process like?" Wang Teng nodded and replied.

"You're a runemaster?" The lady was slightly stunned when she looked at Wang Teng's young face.

"Yes." Wang Teng nodded.

"Follow me."

The lady was honestly startled. Her attitude became respectful as she raised her hand to lead Wang Teng to the counter. She took out a form and a pen and passed them to Wang Teng.

"Please fill in this form. We will arrange the test for you later."

Wang Teng filled up the form casually. The lady took the form and glanced at the age row. He was 18 years old. She sighed and exclaimed, "It's rare to see someone so young taking the runemaster qualification test."

Then, she held the form and led Wang Teng down the corridor in the lobby. They stopped in front of a huge door.

There were two martial warriors standing guard outside the huge door.

Wang Teng scanned these two people. He sensed that they were at least 2-star soldier level. Yet, they were guarding the door here.

"I brought this person to take the exam. Please let him in," the lady said to the two martial warriors.

"The first round of exams will take place half an hour later. Don't walk around after you enter the room. Just wait in your seat." One of the martial warriors was amazed when he saw Wang Teng. This fellow looked very young, but he wasn't able to see through him at all. Thus, he decided to speak politely.

Wang Teng nodded to show that he understood. The martial warrior opened the door to let him in.

The young lady was surprised to see the martial warriors' attitudes. However, she didn't say much. She stamped the form and handed it to Wang Teng. "You just have to pass the form to the examiner during the exam."

"Okay. Thank you!" Wang Teng nodded and entered the room. It was brightly lit.

There were many people in the room. Low discussions and laughter were heard occasionally. Most of them were youths around 20 years old. However, Wang Teng saw two people around his age. They had elders accompanying them.

Chapter 274: Young Man, Be My Disciple

They turned to look at Wang Teng uncontrollably when they noticed someone walking into the room.

“Another person! He’s so young!”

“He can be compared to the young ladies and masters from the elite families.”

“Hmph, you don’t know if he can pass the exam. It’s too early to compare him with them.”

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The moment Wang Teng stepped in, discussions about him rose immediately. All of them were shocked by his age, but a majority of them remained suspicious. Most young examinees had come here to gain experience. They rarely passed the test.

People who were able to pass the runemaster exam at this age were all extraordinarily talented and outstanding geniuses. At the same time, a massive amount of resources was needed to groom them. The bar was too high for ordinary people.

Wang Teng ignored their gossip and walked to a corner, quietly waiting for the exam to start.

After some time, no one cared about Wang Teng anymore. They started talking about the young masters and ladies from elite families.

From their discussions, Wang Teng knew that the two peers with elders accompanying them came from the rune elite families of Yang City.

The young man with an elder beside him came from the Liu family in Yang City. His name was Liu Xinghui. The young lady with a middle-aged man beside her was the genius from the Su family, Su Lingyun.

I rely on the system. If these two people are able to pass the exam, besides the advantage of their families, they must be extremely talented. Wang Teng sized up the two youths.

Time passed quickly. When the exam was about to start, the examiners from the rune society entered the room one by one.

There were three examiners, two humans and one goblin. The goblin was small, and his skin was crumpled. His mouth stuck out, and he had the chin of an ape.

“Three advanced stage runemasters are our examiners!” the youngsters in the room exclaimed.

The three examiners walked directly to their seats and sat down. They didn’t announce the start of the exam. Instead, they seemed to be waiting for something. Everyone was confused.

A few more minutes passed when the door of the room was opened once again. An elder with silver-white hair walked in. He was very old, but you could still see that he must have been a handsome man when he was young. A pair of sharp ears protruded out from his silver hair.

Fairy!

This elder was a fairy!

Wang Teng was dumbstruck. Suddenly, he heard the crowd shouting again.

“President!”

“President?” Wang Teng was shocked. For the people here to call him president, he must be the president of the Yang City rune society.

“Why is the president here?”

“Look at who’s behind the president? I think it’s his disciple, Su Lingxuan!”

“Is the president asking Su Lingxuan to take the exam today?”

“No way! Su Lingxuan is only 16 years old!”

“Since Su Lingxuan is able to become the president’s disciple, this is proof that she’s much more talented than Su Lingyun. If it’s her, it might be possible.”

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Wang Teng’s expression turned weird. This piece of news was a little mind-blowing. He couldn’t help but look at the two ladies.

Su Lingyun, Su Lingxuan. Are they both from the Su family? Wang Teng felt puzzled. Their names were similar, along with their looks.

This was fun!

One was an extremely talented lady who became the disciple of the president of the rune society. The other was talented too, but she wasn’t accepted.

Their background was the same, but their fate was different.

Fate could be very irritating sometimes!

At this moment, Wang Teng could see jealousy on Su Lingyun’s face.

After the president of the rune society came, he nodded at the three examiners. Then, they announced the start of the exam.

A human examiner stood up and said, “The exam is straightforward. We’ve chosen ten 1-star rune arrays. You have to create at least three arrays to pass the exam. The more arrays you create, the higher your points.”

After the runemaster job appeared, Wang Teng knew that there were 1- to 9-star rune arrays. A beginner stage runemaster was able to create at least three 1-star rune arrays.

Everyone stood in their position and looked at the ten 1-star rune arrays shown on the screen on the wall. Some people frowned while others smiled brightly. Then, they picked up the rune pen on the table and started creating their rune arrays.

Wang Teng glanced at the names without any changes in his expression. He started creating the arrays immediately.

He was an intermediate stage runemaster now. 1-star rune arrays posed no challenge to him. Within half an hour, he created all ten 1-star rune arrays on the metal board on his exam table.

Then, he raised his hand.

Everyone's gazes were attracted to him.

"You're done?" The three examiners frowned.

"Yes," Wang Teng replied calmly.

Even the president of the rune society glanced at Wang Teng.

"He's so fast. Is he here to create trouble?" Everyone was confused and in disbelief.

The three talented youths, Liu Xinghui, Su Lingyun, and Su Lingxuan, looked at Wang Teng simultaneously. This young man around their age had actually completed his arrays already.

The three examiners' faces turned black. But, they didn't say anything. They exchanged glances with one another and walked to Wang Teng's seat. A set of ten perfect rune arrays appeared in front of their eyes.

"Erm..."

The three of them were shocked. They pounced on Wang Teng's exam table in unplanned unison and observed the rune arrays on it carefully.

Especially the goblin examiner. He was too short, so he could only climb onto the table. He took out a magnifying glass and laid on the table to observe the arrays. His posture looked a little funny.

"Perfect!"

"Flawless!"

The three examiners were bewildered. They raised their heads and looked at Wang Teng. The astonishment in their eyes remained there for a long time.

"No way!" Everyone was flabbergasted when they heard this.

The president of the rune society walked over at this moment.

"President, take a look at this. The ten 1-star rune arrays created by this young man are perfect!" the three examiners said hurriedly.

The president, Gorlin, got even more curious. This young man had managed to get such high praises from these runemasters. He strode over and scrutinized the arrays for a long time. In the end, he was also amazed. He sized up Wang Teng and smiled. He asked abruptly, "Young man, why don't you be my disciple?"

Everyone collapsed in shock.

President, you're not going by the books!

Su Lingxuan looked at her master and Wang Teng in confusion. Was she going to have a senior brother?

Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun didn't seem to be in a good mood.

The other people were envious too. This was the president of the rune society. All these times, did you know how many people wanted to be his disciple but failed? The president had only accepted Su Lingxuan as his disciple, but today, he laid his eyes on this young man he just knew and even asked him to be his disciple.

Wang Teng was dumbstruck. He didn't know if he should laugh or cry.

"I was too rash. Don't reject me now. We can talk again after the exam," Gorlin said. Then, he said to the three examiners, "You can give him his score first."

The three examiners nodded. There was no need to discuss. They gave full marks to Wang Teng.

Chapter 275: Treatment Of A Runemaster

After Wang Teng finished his exam, another half an hour passed. Su Lingxuan completed the ten 1-star rune arrays.

However, her completion rate wasn't as high as Wang Teng's. There were flaws in her array, but it was already awe-inspiring for a 16-year-old young lady to reach this stage.

President Gorlin was delighted with his disciple's performance.

The three examiners gave her a final score of 83 points.

It should be a happy matter, but Su Lingxuan couldn't smile at all. She came beside Gorlin and asked, "Master, how much did he score?"

Gorlin knew who his disciple was referring to. He could also tell that she was depressed. He smiled and said, "In this world, there will always be extremely talented people. You can compare yourself to him, but you can't lose your composure. Make these outstanding people your goals, and you will definitely have great achievements in the future."

Su Lingxuan was stunned for a moment. She seemed enlightened as she nodded seriously and said, "I understand, Master."

"Alright, why do you have to be so serious?" Gorlin laughed.

"Haha, Master, you spoke so sternly, so I have to be serious too." Su Lingxuan resumed her cheeky manner. She smiled and continued, "Oh right, you haven't told me how much he scored."

"The three examiners gave him full marks." Gorlin noticed that she wasn't dejected anymore, so he told her Wang Teng's result.

"Full marks!" Although Su Lingxuan had prepared herself mentally, she was still shocked by the number.

Some people had indeed scored full marks in the past, but that was only a handful. It was too difficult to create a flawless array.

Not only did you need hard work, but you also needed extremely high talent. No wonder her master asked her to maintain her composure.

She might die from frustration if she compared herself to him.

Su Lingxuan shook her head. She suddenly thought of something and asked, "Master, are you really going to take him as your disciple? Will I be a senior sister? It will feel great to have such a powerful junior brother."

"Seriously? Even if I take him in, you will be his junior sister. He's older than you." Gorlin burst out laughing. He shook his head and said, "I do want to take him in. He's gifted, so it's a pity if I miss him. But he seems to have some concerns. I will need to have a chat with him after the exam."

"Hahaha, Master, so you have people you can't handle too." Su Lingxuan laughed at her master's plight.

"You little fellow." Gorlin also laughed out loud.

"All the best. Master, you can do it." Su Lingxuan waved her fist playfully as she cheered for her master.

Gorlin couldn't help but roll his eyes.

Time flew. The two-hour exam ended quickly. Some people panted and sighed, while others furrowed their brows deeply. Some were relieved.

The three examiners came down from their seats to mark the examinees' efforts.

It wasn't hard for advanced-stage runemasters to evaluate 1-star rune arrays. They could tell at one glance where the mistakes and flaws were before giving the final score.

Very soon, everyone's score was out. There were more than 20 participants, but only 6 people passed.

Some people couldn't even create three 1-star rune arrays. Naturally, they failed. Some managed to carve all ten 1-star rune arrays, but there were fatal flaws in their work. They failed their exam too.

Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun were among the six who passed the exam. Their results weren't low. One scored 45 while the other scored 50.

In this exam, the passing mark wasn't 60.

There were ten 1-star rune arrays in total. If you carved one correct 1-star rune array, you would get ten points.

Hence, you would only need 30 points to pass the exam.

Based on Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun's score, they had completed at least four to five 1-star rune arrays. It was already outstanding. After all, they were very young.

However, in front of Su Lingxuan, their results paled in comparison, much less Wang Teng.

"Su Lingyun scored 83 while the fellow from god-knows-where scored full marks!" Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun were flabbergasted when they heard Wang Teng and Su Lingyun's score. Their expressions turned a little ugly.

They would have been satisfied with their scores if Su Lingxuan and Wang Teng weren't present. But, now, it was incomparable.

They were famous talents in Yang City, yet they were thrown to the sidelines. They didn't have the face to call themselves geniuses anymore.

The other examinees were talking among themselves softly. They were thunderstruck.

“That young man scored full marks?”

“I really want to see how well he drew his rune arrays.”

“The three examiners and the president all said that this rune arrays were perfect. They gave such a high score, so it must be flawless!”

“Su Lingxuan scored very well too. She’s only 16 years old. It’s very impressive.”

“Compared to the two of them, Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun are nothing...”

Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun heard these discussions. Their faces were black, and their gazes were filled with envy.

As the exam came to an end, a few staff from the rune society walked in with trays on their palms. There were black gowns placed on the trays.

One of the examiners stood up and smiled.

“Everyone, congratulations on becoming beginner-stage runemasters. In the future, you will be a member of the rune society, and you can enjoy the special privileges given by the society. You can take missions and exchange items on our mission and exchange platforms.

“We will be giving you our special internal long gown. There are runes carved by our advanced-stage runemasters on these gowns. It has defensive ability, repels dust, is waterproof, and protects you from poison. The cost price of each gown is a thousand Force stones at least. It isn’t just a symbol of your status; it’s a symbol of honor. I hope that you will treasure it.”

Everyone stared at the long gowns held by the staff with an intense gaze.

The people who didn’t pass the exam were jealous.

The staff went forward and passed the long gowns to the examinees who had passed the beginner-stage runemaster exam.

Everyone held onto the gowns with delight. Some even took off their coats and changed into this exquisite runemaster black gown right away. Before becoming runemasters, they lived in impoverished circumstances. Now, after changing into the black gown, they seemed to have transformed into a different person. They started exuding the noble aura of a runemaster. The tailor makes the man; this was exactly what it meant.

At this moment, Gorlin walked over with Su Lingxuan and smiled as he said, “Young man, shall we find a place to talk?”

“Erm... I want to take the intermediate stage runemaster exam first,” Wang Teng replied.

...Gorlin was shocked. The others were dumbfounded too.

Chapter 276: Pass The Intermediate Stage Runemaster Exam

“You want to take part in the intermediate-stage runemaster exam?”

Gorlin and the three examiners stared at Wang Teng in bewilderment.

Su Lingxuan, who was standing behind Gorlin, also stared at Wang Teng with wide eyes. Her jaws dropped slightly. She thought that she had heard wrong.

In the room, everyone's gaze was focused on Wang Teng. They were already amazed when he aced the beginner-stage runemaster exam with full marks. They were stunned by his talent. Yet, he still wanted to take the intermediate-stage runemaster exam. How should they explain his talent now?

Everyone turned speechless in unplanned unison. There was pin-drop silence in the exam room for a moment.

This brat! Liu Xinghui looked at Wang Teng, who had become the spotlight in the room. His eyes were burning with the flames of jealousy.

In the past, this treatment belonged to him. That guy had snatched it away from him.

On the other side, Su Lingyun wasn't envious of Wang Teng. Her point of conflict was Su Lingxuan. She looked at Wang Teng's angular face, and a glint flashed past her eyes.

If he passed the intermediate-stage runemaster exam...

Where did this fellow come from, though? If he really passed the intermediate-stage runemaster exam, he would be a devil in human skin! Everyone regained their senses and looked at Wang Teng as though he was a monster. They smiled bitterly.

"Don't underestimate the intermediate-stage runemaster exam. Not only do you need to create 2-star rune arrays, but you must also possess 2-star Force and mortal realm spiritual power," Su Lingxuan couldn't help but reminded him.

"2-star Force and mortal realm spiritual power..." Wang Teng glanced at the young lady.

2-star Force was what the people on the Xingwu Continent called it. It meant 2-star soldier level.

As for the mortal realm, that was the stage before the spiritual realm. Typically, a person's spiritual power stopped at the mortal realm. However, Wang Teng had already reached the spiritual realm, one step higher. He had ticked all the boxes for his advancement.

If Su Lingxuan knew his real power, what would she think?

"If I can, I still want to try," Wang Teng said.

Gorlin regained his composure and gave Wang Teng a meaningful look. He said, "Are you sure you want to take the intermediate-stage runemaster exam?"

"Yes." Wang Teng nodded.

The three examiners walked over. Their expressions turned serious when they heard that Wang Teng still wanted to take the exam.

"Young man, this isn't a joke," the goblin examiner said.

If Wang Teng passed the intermediate-stage runemaster exam at this age, they could only describe his talent as monstrous. In the entire rune industry of the empire, no one as impressive as him had appeared in the last few hundred years.

“You don’t have to be so serious. It’s just an exam. There are intermediate-stage runemaster exams in the rune society every day, right? There must be many people taking part in it. Adding me inside won’t make a difference. If it’s not possible, forget it.” Wang Teng felt speechless by their nagging.

“Of course you can, why can’t you? Hurry up and prepare for the exam,” Gorlin said immediately. If they stopped Wang Teng only to realize that he was indeed an intermediate-stage runemaster, it would be a massive loss for the Yang City rune society.

There were rune societies in all the cities in the empire. Although they came from the same background, competition still existed between them. If an unprecedented talent appeared in Yang City, it would only spell more benefits for them.

The three examiners reacted quickly.

Just like what Wang Teng said, it was merely an exam. Many people took the exam every day, so what difference would Wang Teng make?

His results would explain everything.

The three examiners personally brought Wang Teng to another room with Gorlin. The words ‘intermediate-stage runemaster exam’ were written on the door of the room.

There were even fewer people in the intermediate-stage runemaster’s exam hall. You could count them with your fingers. When the examiner inside saw Gorlin walking in with Wang Teng, he was surprised. He got up and said, “President, why are you here?”

“I brought someone to take part in the intermediate-stage runemaster exam,” Gorlin replied.

“Oh, who is it? Why do you have to send him over personally?” There were three examiners for the intermediate-stage runemaster exam too. They were startled when they heard Gorlin’s reply.

They knew that Gorlin’s disciple, Su Lingxuan, was at most a beginner-stage runemaster. They were also familiar with her, so they noticed that she wasn’t present. Instead, they saw Wang Teng, who was standing behind Gorlin. They were confused.

“It’s him.” Gorlin tilted his body to reveal Wang Teng. He glanced around him and said, “Has your exam started?”

“He’s joining the intermediate-stage runemaster exam at such a young age?” Astonishment filled up their eyes as they exchanged glances with one another. They nodded and said, “Yes, it hadn’t started yet.”

“Let him participate then,” Gorlin said without explaining Wang Teng’s identity.

“Okay!” The three examiners didn’t probe further. They asked the staff to prepare another exam table.

The intermediate-stage runemaster exam was about to start!

"I hope you don't disappoint me." Gorlin looked at Wang Teng as he walked up to his exam table. His eyes shimmered as he muttered to himself.

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Outside the exam room of the intermediate-stage runemaster exam.

Liu Xinghui and Su Lingyun hadn't left yet. They gathered in the corridor and waited for Wang Teng's result.

Su Lingxuan was present too. She stared intently at the closed door and wondered to herself. *Seriously, why didn't Master bring me along?*

Liu Xinghui looked at Su Lingxuan, who was alone at the side. His eyes lit up, and he inched towards her. He pretended to be intimate and called out to her, "Lingxuan, do you think that fellow will pass the exam?"

Su Lingxuan frowned secretly. She moved half a step away and said, "I don't know. Let's just see the result."

"I think that he won't. That fellow probably wants to attract the president's attention." Liu Xinghui didn't notice Su Lingxuan's actions. He continued talking to himself.

"Even Master isn't sure. I don't know anything." Su Lingxuan scoffed.

Liu Xinghui's expression froze.

"Hmph, how does it feel to get the cold shoulder?" Su Lingyun sneered from the side.

"Hmph!" Liu Xinghui's face turned red. He snorted and kept quiet.

Su Lingxuan frowned. Su Lingyun had a sharp tongue.

However, she couldn't do anything to her cousin. Ever since Gorlin took her in as his disciple, Su Lingyun started hating her.

Time passed slowly. Suddenly, the door opened, and Gorlin and the three examiners walked out.

"Master, what's the result?" Su Lingxuan ran forward hurriedly and pulled Gorlin's hand as she asked.

Gorlin sighed.

"He didn't pass?" Wang Teng's face appeared in Su Lingxuan's mind. She looked a little disappointed.

Liu Xinghui couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief. On the other hand, Su Lingyun was dismayed. Her gaze turned indifferent again.

"No, he passed. I'm just sighing over his astonishing talent," Gorlin lamented.

Su Lingxuan was shocked. She rolled her eyes at him uncontrollably.

Liu Xinghui staggered.

Su Lingyun raised her head abruptly. A sly glint flashed in her eyes.

Chapter 277: Divine Spirit Master

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They all had different expressions when they heard that Wang Teng had passed his exam. However, their astonishment was the same.

Wang Teng came out a bit slower than Gorlin. He was picking up the attribute bubbles dropped by the intermediate-stage runemasters in the room before he came out.

Runemaster: 106/500 (intermediate stage)

He remained indifferent when he saw everyone's expression.

He had seen too many similar expressions before and was used to it. Thus, he remained calm.

But, to Gorlin, his attitude was commendable. At this age, with such impressive talent, he was still able to remain undisturbed by favor and flattery. How many young people could do this?

Some beginner-stage runemasters who hadn't left nodded at Wang Teng and came to greet him. They wanted to leave an impression on his memory.

After all, this amazing talent might become a renowned master in the future. There was no harm in knowing him beforehand.

Su Lingyun came forward and said with a smile, "Hi, I'm Su Lingyun, the eldest daughter of the Su family."

Never slap a person who smiles. Wang Teng couldn't reject her, so he nodded and replied, "I'm Wang Teng."

"You are not a local, right? Let me bring you around when you're free," Su Lingyun said.

Liu Xinghui snorted when he saw everyone fawning over Wang Teng. He turned around and left.

"The exam has ended. If there's nothing, you can leave."

Gorlin waved his hands at everyone in the corridor. Then, he turned and smiled at Wang Teng. "Now, we can talk."

"President, why must you keep a nobody like me here?" Wang Teng said with a bitter smile.

"You must be secretly delighted. Many people will give anything to get invited by my master," Su Lingxuan said angrily.

Gorlin noticed Wang Teng's consideration, so he waved his hands casually and said, "Don't worry. I honestly just want to talk to you. I won't force you to do anything."

"Alright." Since he had already expressed his stance, Wang Teng couldn't reject him anymore. He nodded.

Everyone was envious when they watched Wang Teng leaving with Gorlin. Then, they started chatting about the things they had experienced today as they dispersed.

They felt honored to be able to witness the rise of a legend.

Wang Teng followed Gorlin deep inside the rune society. There were corridors everywhere. After taking many turns, they finally walked out of a door.

A small garden laid in front of them. The air smelled pleasant and fresh, and there were all kinds of strange creatures popping out from the bushes. They weren't scared of Gorlin and Su Lingxuan, but when they saw Wang Teng, they sized him up with wide eyes.

Wang Teng looked at this bunch of translucent creatures jumping around the bushes. They were like jelly. He exclaimed in surprise, "This is... slime?"

"Slime? What's that?" Su Lingxuan glanced at Wang Teng curiously. She said, "They are called soft muddy babies."

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"Soft, soft muddy babies!" The corners of Wang Teng's lips twitched. He kept repeating this name. It was pretty descriptive.

"This name is not bad, right?" Su Lingxuan chuckled. "My master has been studying these little fellows recently, so he caught a bunch of them and raised them at home."

"Not bad." Wang Teng had a strange expression. Then, he joked and said, "Master Gorlin, aren't you a runemaster? Why are you studying slime? Do you want to be a biologist instead?"

"Hahaha, Wang Teng, I can call you Wang Teng, right?" Gorlin laughed. After receiving Wang Teng's agreement, he continued, "The runes we have come from the research of star beasts. Life is the most magical presence in this world. Every single life contains huge secrets. This soft muddy baby might be the lowest form of life, but it comes in many different forms. It's able to embrace any Force elements like a human. It's a mysterious creature.

"I'm researching their shape-shifting ability. I really want to know what kind of life pattern allows it to shift its shape so casually. I might even create a new rune."

"Shape-shifting!" Wang Teng's gaze lit up. He instantly thought of many links and implications. When he looked at the slime again... oh, wait, it was called soft muddy baby, his gaze turned dangerous.

"Master, you are just bored. Many elders tried to study this creature, but they failed. It has been deemed impossible. Why are you so stubborn?" Su Lingxuan rolled her eyes.

"Haha, this is my dream as a child. I'm getting old, so if I don't do it now, it will be too late," Gorlin smiled and replied. He didn't mind her comment.

There was a small wooden house in the garden. Gorlin brought Wang Teng to a quiet study room in the wooden house.

Su Lingxuan poured a cup of dark green drink for Wang Teng. Gorlin smiled and explained, "This is a special fruit wine made by the fairies. Have a taste."

Wang Teng held the wooden cup and smelled the wine. A refreshing fragrance wafted into his nose. It was so pleasant. He couldn't help but take a small sip.

"This is delicious."

"You're not from the Xingwu Continent." Gorlin suddenly opened his mouth at this moment.

"Pfft!" Wang Teng was caught off guard. He spat out the mouth of fruit wine he had just swallowed. It landed squarely on Gorlin's face.

Su Lingxuan was startled. It was partly because of what Gorlin said and partly because Wang Teng had spat wine on Gorlin's face.

The three of them were stunned, and there was a moment of dead silence. The atmosphere was extremely awkward!

"Cough." Gorlin regained his senses first and coughed awkwardly. He took out his handkerchief and wiped his face calmly.

Su Lingxuan held back her laughter and glared at Wang Teng.

Wang Teng pretended as if nothing had happened and he didn't see anything. He replied calmly, "President Gorlin, I don't understand what you're saying."

"Didn't you elder tell you that you won't be able to hide your spiritual mark in front of a warrior with strong spiritual power? Don't worry. Since I said it, I won't harm you. Do you think that someone as strong as me will bother talking to you?" Gorlin said.

Wang Teng sighed in his heart. He replied, "President, how do you know? Even if you have strong spiritual power, you can only notice the difference in my spiritual mark when I activate my spiritual power. I don't think I used my spiritual power in front of you."

"When you entered the rune society, you used your spiritual power to scan the lobby once. I noticed you at that time. At the start, I didn't place much attention on you. Many people from your world come here since there's trade between the two worlds. It isn't strange for a person from Earth to appear in my rune society. However, when I coincidentally met you taking the runemaster exams, I understood what you wanted to do," Gorlin replied slowly.

"Spiritual power!" Su Lingxuan turned her head violently to look at Wang Teng as she listened to their conversation. This fellow actually possessed spiritual power!

What? Right at the start? Wang Teng was shocked at something else. When he observed the lobby at that time, he didn't detect any person with strong spiritual power. That was why he dared to pick up the attribute bubbles with his spiritual power. He was certain that President Gorlin wasn't there, but he still managed to detect his presence. How frightening was his spiritual power?

The next moment, he smiled bitterly. He was too careless!

"President, why are you telling me this?" he asked.

"So that you can become my disciple." Gorlin smiled. He looked like a sly old fox.

...Wang Teng looked at him in a daze.

Su Lingxuan was bewildered too. However, she remembered her master's method of doing things and felt that it was understandable.

He might appear to be of noble character and high prestige and act kind and amiable in front of everyone, but in reality, his heart was black.

After all, he was an old monster that had lived for a few hundred years!

"What do you think? Young man, if you acknowledge me as your master, I will keep your secret for you. I will even teach you how to hide your spiritual mark," Gorlin sniggered.

"Why?" Wang Teng asked sternly.

Gorlin seemed to know what he was referring to. He suddenly retracted his smile and looked at him intently. "The world is different!"

"Can you be more specific?" Wang Teng asked.

"You will have to figure it out yourself." Gorlin couldn't keep his mysterious aura for more than three seconds. He immediately started smiling slyly again.

...Wang Teng felt like vomiting blood. Why does everyone like to leave him hanging. It feels so uncomfortable to know half of what's happening.

"But I already have a master," he said.

"A runemaster?" Gorlin asked.

"No. She teaches me martial arts," Wang Teng replied.

"That won't be a problem then. It isn't conflicting. Even if your martial arts master knows, she won't mind," Gorlin said.

"Alright, Master!" Wang Teng forsook his dignity and greeted Gorlin.

"Very good!" Gorlin stroke his white beard and nodded in satisfaction. He pointed at Su Lingxuan and said, "She will be your junior sister in the future. Remember to take care of her."

"<(`)>" Su Lingxuan was agitated as if someone had rubbed her the wrong way. "Why? I'm the senior sister here!"

"You're younger and weaker than him," Gorlin smiled as he replied to her.

"Shouldn't seniority be based on the time you enter the clan?" Su Lingxuan expressed her unhappiness.

"Hmm, how about this? If you can make Wang Teng call you senior sister, you will be his senior sister." Gorlin immediately threw this problem to Wang Teng.

"Junior sister, nice to meet you. Please take care of me in the future." Wang Teng sniggered in his heart. There was no way he was going to call this lady, who was younger than him, his senior.

"Call me senior sister!" Su Lingxuan was furious.

“Junior sister!”

“Call senior sister!”

“Junior sister!”

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“Alright, alright. You can quarrel over your seniority in the future. Let’s talk business now.” Gorlin hurriedly stopped the two of them. He said to Wang Teng, “Let’s talk about your spiritual power now. How much do you understand your spiritual power?”

Wang Teng’s interest was instantly hooked. His expression was grave as he shook his head. “I don’t understand much!”

...Gorlin choked on his words. He took a few breaths before continuing, “What a waste. You’re fortunate that you met me. Simply put, spiritual kinesis is the objectification of your spiritual power. Very few people are able to breed spiritual kinesis. You need to be extremely gifted and lucky. You are undoubtedly very lucky.

“Spiritual kinesis is related to a mysterious and ancient job, divine spirit master.”

“Divine spirit master?” Wang Teng felt that this was his lucky moment, his time to shine. He asked hurriedly, “What is a divine spirit master?”

The moment he finished speaking, a wave of spiritual kinesis emerged from Gorlin’s body. The fire Force around them surged towards him and congregated into a giant fire serpent in front of him. It lowered its head to look at Wang Teng.

“This is a divine spirit master.”

Chapter 278: Two Foodies

“What the f**k!”

These three words hovered in his mouth for a while before he spurted them out.

The giant fire serpent looked alive. Every single one of its scales seemed exceptionally real. Its huge body slid around Gorlin and protected him in the middle. The serpent’s head rose into the air and looked down at Wang Teng. It stuck out its tongue softly.

Anyone who saw this scene for the first time would be blown away.

This was the first time Su Lingxuan saw Gorlin displaying his ability too. Her jaws dropped as she stared at the serpent dumbfounded.

“What is f**k?” Gorlin frowned and asked.

“Cough...” Wang Teng started coughing awkwardly. He smiled in embarrassment and said, “Master, is this the ability of a divine spirit master?”

Gorlin didn't probe further. He nodded and replied, "That's right. A divine spirit master uses his spiritual kinesis as his hands to control the Force around him to work for him. He can also wield all sorts of weapons and launch powerful attacks."

While explaining, he raised his hand. A thick book floated down from the bookcase behind him and landed on his palm.

"I know how to wield weapons. I have been doing that for a long time. However, controlling the Force around me... I attempted it a few times but failed. I can only control the Force in my body," Wang Teng said.

"If everyone knows how to control the Force around them, then the divine spirit masters won't be so secretive anymore." Gorlin smiled. He didn't beat around the bush and went straight to the point. "You must have a medium if you want to control the Force around you. This medium is the legacy of the divine spirit masters."

Wang Teng's eyes lit up. He was starting to get excited. Gorlin was undoubtedly a divine spirit master. It would be a massive gain if he could get the legacy of the divine spirit masters from him.

"Haha, do you want to learn?" Gorlin couldn't help but laugh when he saw Wang Teng's expression.

"Of course!" Wang Teng nodded without hesitation.

"Don't worry. Since you accepted me as your master, I will pass my legacy to you," Gorlin said.

Wang Teng took a deep breath. "Thank you!"

He could imagine how precious the legacy of divine spirit masters was. Yet, Gorlin decided to pass it to him, a disciple who had just joined him. Also, he was from Earth, not a part of the Xingwu Continent. Those who were not one's kin were sure to be of a different heart. Yet, Gorlin ignored this dilemma altogether. This was a display of his magnanimity.

"Master, what about me? What about me?" Su Lingxuan didn't think that much. When she saw the magic of a divine spirit master, she couldn't control her excitement anymore. She pulled Gorlin's arm and started shaking him.

"Stop shaking, stop shaking. If you continue shaking, my bones will get dislodged." Gorlin said helplessly, "I want to teach you, but you haven't awakened your spiritual power yet. You won't be able to learn it even if I teach you."

"Ahh... I'm a talented young beauty. Why can't I learn?" Su Lingxuan was dejected. Then, she thought of something and turned hopeful. "Master, do you have a way to let me awaken my spiritual power?"

"Stop thinking of bad ideas. If it were so easy to awaken one's spiritual power, we would have lots of divine spirit masters." Gorlin shook his head.

Su Lingxuan became depressed again. Gorlin felt his head hurting as he looked at her. He quickly looked at Wang Teng to ask him to comfort her.

However, this was the first day he knew Su Lingxuan. He didn't understand her at all, so he didn't know how to comfort her. He could only look at the floor to express his helplessness.

Gorlin could only do it himself. He said softly, "Lingxuan, this is probably Wang Teng's first time in Yang City. He's not familiar with the city, so why don't you bring him around? I heard that a new bakery has opened along Anqin Street. Their pastries are very special, and they are delicious. Don't you want to try?"

Su Lingxuan's eyes lit up. However, she still appeared a little unwilling. She hesitated for a moment before agreeing reluctantly. "Since Master asked, I will bring Junior Wang Teng around the city. Sigh, I don't have a choice since I'm his senior sister."

...Wang Teng saw the young lady's throat moving up and down. It was quite obvious. She seemed to be swallowing her saliva.

She was a foodie!

He wanted to correct the way she addressed him, but since she had just suffered a huge blow, he decided not to argue about seniority with her for now.

Gorlin stood in the garden and watched them walk away. He smiled and shook his head. Then, he laid on the rocking chair at the side and read a book as he rocked slowly. Sunlight shone on his white beard, and the special creatures shuttled back and forth through the bushes. The leaves were rustling, as if playing a soothing tune. Some unknown flower fairies danced around the flowers. They would land on Gorlin's head occasionally.

The scene was quiet and peaceful.

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Su Lingxuan brought Wang Teng to the streets. Although this young lady kept staring at the street food, she was still faithful in her duties. Whenever she met a symbolic building, she would explain its significance to Wang Teng. Of course, there were remunerations in order...

"Senior brother, I'm hungry. Can you buy a fried crispy pastry for me?" Su Lingxuan touched her stomach and looked at him righteously. Her intention was: I'm hungry because I brought you out for a walk. Where's your conscience if you don't buy food for me?

It didn't matter if this was really her intention. The most important thing was, her saliva was about to drip down from the corner of her lips.

"Wipe your saliva quickly. Don't you find it embarrassing?" Wang Teng rolled his eyes. He went to buy two fried crispy pastries.

Mind you, it did look quite delicious.

Su Lingxuan blushed as she sucked her saliva back. Her actions were extremely smooth.

Wang Teng bought the pastries and passed one to Su Lingxuan. At the same time, he didn't forget to tease her, "Do you admit that I'm your senior brother now?"

"Did I say that? You must have heard wrong." Su Lingxuan ignored Wang Teng the moment she got her food. She denied what she said and started eating her fried pastry happily. She chewed furiously with her little mouth, and her cheeks were puffed up. She made the food look appetizing.

“Hey, you little brat.” Wang Teng felt speechless.

After that, whenever they saw something delicious, Su Lingxuan would stop in her tracks and look at Wang Teng...

One hour later.

Wang Teng glanced at Su Lingxuan’s flat stomach. He sighed. “You are small, but you eat well.”

Su Lingxuan glanced sideways at Wang Teng and sniggered. “You’re not bad either.”

“Cough, I practice martial arts. It’s normal for me to eat more,” Wang Teng coughed and replied to her calmly.

“Hmph, men!” Su Lingxuan sneered.

At the same time, in the restaurant to their left, Liu Xinghui and a few young men were laughing and chatting happily around a table beside the window. They were toasting each other, and the atmosphere was lively.

“Hey, isn’t that Su Lingxuan from the Su family?” one of the young men exclaimed in surprise.

Everyone turned and looked in the direction he was staring at.

“It looks like Su Lingxuan. Who is the person beside her?”

Chapter 279: I Have A Bad Temper!

Su Lingxuan came from a rune elite family and was the disciple of the rune society. Along with her extraordinary talents, her appearance and aura were also top-class. She was a beauty desired by many. Hence, she was very popular among the youngsters in Yang City.

However, she rarely appeared in public, so there was no chance to invite her.

This caused the youngsters in Yang City, who wanted to chase Su Lingxuan, to feel helpless.

Fortunately, there was no news that Su Lingxuan was close to any young man. Hence, they weren’t in a rush.

You had to savor good wine, just like how you needed to chase a beauty slowly.

But, at this moment, there was another young man beside Su Lingxuan around her age. If that wasn’t bad enough, they looked intimate.

“Who is this person?” a handsome young man around 17 years old asked coldly.

The others looked at one another and shook their heads. They had no idea.

“It’s him!” Liu Xinghui opened his mouth, his gaze flickering.

“Xinghui, you know him?” the handsome young man asked.

Liu Xinghui looked at the young man opposite him and came up with a plan. He said, "This fellow is not from Yang City. I met him when I was taking my beginner-stage runemaster exam today. Su Lingxuan was there too. I didn't expect them to get together."

"An outsider is snatching our lady?" The handsome young man, Wan Feiyu, furrowed his brows as he asked, "How was his exam?"

"Not bad. He passed the beginner-stage runemaster exam. I heard that his performance was not bad," Liu Xinghui replied.

"He must be talented to pass the exam at this age. Hmph, however, he's just a beginner-stage runemaster." A tinge of disdain appeared in Wan Feiyu's eyes. He got up and walked down the restaurant. "Come, let's go and meet him."

The others exchanged glances with one another and followed hurriedly.

Liu Xinghui finished the wine in his cup, an evil smile appearing at the edge of his lips.

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Wang Teng and Su Lingxuan were walking along the streets when they suddenly saw a bunch of young men dressed elegantly closing in on them like raging bulls. It was easy to tell that these young men came from good backgrounds.

The passers-by moved aside as though they were some frightening monsters.

"Why is it them? Let's leave, quick. They are extremely irritating. If we get tangled in their matters, we won't be able to do anything today." Su Lingxuan frowned. She pulled Wang Teng to the side hurriedly in an attempt to hide among the crowd.

"They are here for us," Wang Teng looked at Su Lingxuan and said helplessly.

As expected, Wan Feiyu and his gang walked straight to Wang Teng and Su Lingxuan. They blocked their path.

"Lingxuan, long time no see. You rarely come out. Why didn't you come and look for me? Uncle Su tells us to get together more often," Wan Feiyu smiled and said.

Ignoring other factors, his looks were indeed outstanding. As he grew up in an elite family, his aura as a noble and elegant young master possessed lethal attraction to those ordinary young ladies.

But Su Lingxuan wasn't mesmerized by him at all. She glanced at him and said, "I'm busy. I came out to buy things for my master. I don't have time to waste. Please give way."

"What do you want to buy? I can accompany you. My family's business covers all the city. You can just tell me if you want to buy anything. I will solve it for you as soon as possible," Wan Feiyu replied.

"No need. I will buy it myself. There's no need to trouble you," Su Lingxuan said.

Wan Feiyu didn't want Su Lingxuan to leave, though. He continued, "It's not troublesome. I just need to give an order."

Then, he pretended that he had just noticed Wang Teng and exclaimed, "This young man looks unfamiliar. Lingxuan, don't get too close to a stranger. It will be bad if you get fooled. After all, we come from elite families, so many people are eyeing us. We won't know what's the motive of some unknown people."

He glanced at Wang Teng. *This fellow is more handsome than me?*

Pretty boy!

Wang Teng chuckled. By saying these words directly in his face, this fellow was looking down on him.

Wang Teng knew his intention at one glance. His methods were a bit tender, though.

"Wan Feiyu, you're stepping over your line!" This time, Su Lingxuan didn't give in. Her face turned cold as she spoke to him.

"Little Lingxuan, I know that you can't understand it now, but I will prove to you that I'm doing it for your sake." Wan Feiyu was hypocritical. He turned around immediately and sneered at Wang Teng. "I know that you passed the beginner-stage runemaster exam, but in front of the Su and Wan family, you are nothing. Go away if you want to fool Lingxuan. Don't make me hit you."

"Beginner-stage runemaster?" Wang Teng's expression was strange. He had already noticed Liu Xinghui, who was standing behind this young man. Hence, when he heard the young man's words, he understood the entire story. He gave Liu Xinghui a meaningful glance before talking to the young man in front of him excitedly. "Oh, if you hit me, what will happen?"

"It seems like you want to do this the hard way." A hint of anger flashed past Wan Feiyu's eyes. His face turned black, and his tone was cold.

"You should understand the situation before you stand up, young man!" Wang Teng shook his head. He didn't even know that he was being used. What an idiot.

Liu Xinghui's expression changed slightly.

However, Wan Feiyu didn't notice it. Instead, he was stimulated by Wang Teng's gaze.

"Wan Feiyu, don't kick up a fuss..."

Su Lingxuan wanted to explain, but Wan Feiyu didn't want to listen. Anger was already burning in his heart. He lost control of his emotions and said, "Bastard, why are you looking at me like this?"

"You can do your own interpretation, idiot!" Wang Teng also got impatient. He shouted furiously, "Get lost!"

"You're looking for death!" Wan Feiyu was trembling in anger and couldn't hold himself back anymore. He took a step forward, throwing a punch at Wang Teng.

"Be careful!" Su Lingxuan's expression changed as she cried hurriedly.

She didn't expect Wan Feiyu to act suddenly. They were so close. At this distance, it was difficult for Wang Teng to evade. Her face turned pale.

If something happened to Wang Teng, how would she answer Gorlin?

Delight flashed past his eyes when Liu Xinghui saw this scene. The smile at the edge of his lips became brighter. *So what if he is more gifted than me in terms of rune talent? He'll still get beaten by others.*

However, the next second, the expression on his face froze.

“Slap!”

A crisp sound resounded on the street. Wan Feiyu's wrist was grabbed by a strong and powerful hand.

“How is this possible?” Wan Feiyu's expression changed entirely. He was in disbelief. He struggled frantically to escape Wang Teng's clutches, but he realized he was unable to move.

“I have a bad temper,” Wang Teng looked at Wan Feiyu expressionlessly and said.

“Let me go!”

Wan Feiyu's face turned hideous. He clenched his other fist and smashed it on Wang Teng's temple. At the same time, he raised his leg and kicked the lower half of Wang Teng's body ruthlessly. He showed no mercy. He wanted Wang Teng's life.

Wang Teng's face remained indifferent. He raised his leg calmly and kicked Wan Feiyu's knee.

“Crack!”

The sound of bone breaking was exceptionally spooky.

At the same time, he waved his fist and slammed it on Wan Feiyu's arm. Another crisp sound sent a chill down the onlooker's spines.

Wan Feiyu's left arm dropped 90 degrees down!

“Ah!”

A cry of agony escaped Wan Feiyu's mouth.

The youngsters that came with Wan Feiyu were frightened. Liu Xinghui wasn't any different. He looked at Wang Teng in disbelief. How dare he? Where did he get his courage?

Chapter 280: You Want To Ruin My Reputation!

“How dare you!”

“Let go of Feiyu!”

“Let him go quickly. You evil culprit, how dare you be so vicious!”

Wan Feiyu's companions shouted furiously. However, no one dared to go forward and help him.

Wan Feiyu was at the 2-star soldier level, but he couldn't even last one round with Wang Teng. He was defeated instantly. They weren't going to look for a beating.

Wang Teng grabbed Wan Feiyu's right hand and twisted it slightly.

“Ah!” Wan Feiyu immediately screamed in pain. His voice was sad and shrill, and his face was distorted. It was all because of the pain assaulting his senses.

Wang Teng turned and looked at the people who were shouting and clamoring. He asked in confusion, “What did you say?”

Everyone was stunned.

On purpose!

He must have done it on purpose!

Su Lingxuan felt speechless too. This fellow seemed a little evil!

A moment ago, she was worried about Wang Teng, but now, she realized that her worry was for nothing.

One of Wan Feiyu’s kneecaps had been shattered from Wang Teng’s kick. His left hand was broken too, so he couldn’t move at all. He kept gasping for air due to the pain. At the same time, the pain allowed him to calm down. He knew that he had hit a rock today. He said in a hoarse voice, “What do you want?”

“Shouldn’t I ask you that? Why are you asking me?” Wang Teng looked at him and replied with an innocent face.

“I admit defeat. Let me go, and I promise that the Wan family will not look into this matter,” Wan Feiyu said. When he lowered his head, a hint of hatred flashed past his eyes.

“Hmph~ do you think I will believe you?” Wang Teng looked at him mockingly.

“If you kill me, you will never be able to walk out of Yang City!” Wan Feiyu’s expression changed. This guy was ruthless. He had broken his arm and leg without any hesitation. What if he really wanted to kill him?

“Why don’t we make a bet? Let’s see if I can walk out of Yang City after I kill you. How about betting a thousand Force stones?” Wang Teng touched his chin and suggested.

Wan Feiyu: ...

How am I supposed to take the bet when you’re going to kill me!

Threat! This is a direct threat!

This guy must be evil. How else is he able to say these crazy words?

Everyone: ...

Su Lingxuan: ...

“Silence means consent.” Wang Teng smiled and continued, “Do you think I can or can’t walk out of Yang City? I will send you off after you make your decision.”

He grabbed Wan Feiyu’s throat with his other hand and pretended to exert force.

“Wait! Wait!!!” Wan Feiyu was scared out of his wits. He shouted continuously.

“What do you want to say?” Wang Teng tilted his head and looked at him.

Wan Feiyu stammered. His Adam’s apple kept moving up and down as an idea appeared in his mind. “I, I will give you a thousand Force stones, and you can let me go.”

“Who do you think I am?” Wang Teng’s face turned black. “Do I look like someone who extorts money from others? You are trying to ruin my reputation. You are so malicious. I can’t let you remain alive.”

He tightened his grip, as though he wanted to choke Wan Feiyu to death.

“No, no!” Wan Feiyu was terrified.

“No what?” Wang Teng asked.

“You’re not extorting. This is, this is my compensation for you. I was rude to you just now, but I’ve realized my mistake. I can’t express my apology using words only, so I want to show my sincerity with the Force stones.” Wan Feiyu never knew that he was so eloquent. In the state of emergency, he finished the entire speech in a single breath. He didn’t even pause midway.

“Hmph, do you think I’ll want your one thousand Force stones?” Wang Teng scoffed.

“3000!” Wan Feiyu increased the number at once. Problems that could be solved with money were not problems at all. His desire to live was extremely strong now.

Yet, Wang Teng remained indifferent.

“5000!”

No expression.

“6000!”

“7000!”

“Ten thousand!” Wan Feiyu swallowed his saliva as he cried. His eyes were bloodshot.

The psychological pressure Wang Teng gave him was overbearing. He felt that he was on the brink of death. He might really die here if he wasn’t careful.

At this moment, Wang Teng’s expression changed suddenly. He became exceptionally amiable. He smiled and said, “You’re too polite. But, since you’re so sincere, I will accept your gift with reluctance.”

Wan Feiyu heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. He felt that his back was drenched with cold sweat.

Su Lingxuan was flabbergasted.

This whole episode had taken her breath away. She started to have a tinge of respect towards Wang Teng. He was so... impressive!

The young masters looked as though they had seen a ghost. Wan Feiyu had always been domineering and bossy. Yet, he was so timid in front of Wang Teng. If they didn’t see it personally, they would think that this was a fake Wan Feiyu.

Thus, when they looked at Wang Teng again, their gazes changed completely. This fellow was a devil!

“Come, take out your sincerity and show me,” Wang Teng said gently.

“I...” Wan Feiyu felt a little scared. “I don’t have so many Force stones with me!”

“What?” Wang Teng glared at him. “Are you playing tricks on me now?”

“No, no. I only have 4500 Force stones with me at the moment. I will go and collect the rest. It will only take a minute!” The cold sweat on Wan Feiyu’s forehead poured down again. His mind worked furiously. He turned and shouted at Liu Xinghui and his friends, “How many Force stones do you have? Take it out. Take everything out.”

The young masters took out their Force stones anxiously. They stuck their heads together for a long time before they finally gathered ten thousand Force stones.

“Here, ten thousand Force stones. We will give you the remaining too as a present. Can you let me go now?” Wan Feiyu looked at Wang Teng pitifully.

Wang Teng wore a weird expression. Was he so scary? Why was this young man so frightened?

However, these young masters are really wealthy. They managed to gather more than ten thousand Force stones just like that.

Should he blackmail them again if he had the chance?

“Don’t be so ruthless in the future. It’s expensive!” Wang Teng persuaded them kindly.

After that, he disregarded the young man’s expression and released his grip. Wan Feiyu lost his balance and fell to the ground.

Wang Teng smiled ambiguously at Liu Xinghui, who was trying to hide in the crowd. He walked towards him.

Liu Xinghui’s expression changed at once. He smiled in embarrassment. “Brother Wang, we met again really soon. This is unexpected.”

“Yes, it is unexpected. Indeed.” Wang Teng smiled gently.

The two of them started greeting each other like friends who had just met.

Just when Liu Xinghui was about to heave a sigh of relief, Wang Teng sent him flying with an abrupt slap.

Bang!

Liu Xinghui was thrown back five meters and slammed heavily on the ground. His face was swollen like a pig’s, and blood and saliva kept seeping out of his mouth. Two of his molars were mixed in the saliva and blood.

He looked at Wang Teng absentmindedly. Gradually, fear appeared in his gaze, and his face turned pale.

The others were stupefied. This fellow was so moody. A moment ago, he was still smiling, but the next second, he slapped Liu Xinghui. However, the crowd couldn't understand his action. Was there a grudge between them?

"Is it fun to play such small tricks behind my back?" Wang Teng walked in front of Liu Xinghui and looked down at him as he asked.

"I don't know what you're saying," Liu Xinghui's gaze flickered as he replied innocently.