

## **Martial Arts 421**

### **Chapter 421:Cough, Were They Considered The Same Type Of Person?**

Thick water Force enveloped a huge lake in the depth of the forest. Wang Teng's eyes lit up as he gasped in astonishment.

There were many attribute bubbles of different sizes floating over the surface of the lake. Some were disappearing while some had just appeared.

He had never seen a place that could produce so many attributes bubbles by itself. This proved how dense the water Force in this lake was.

Even the poisonous pool in the Yongye Mountain Ridge didn't produce so many bubbles.

This wasn't a simple lake!

Wang Teng didn't want to alert the mysterious man, so he didn't collect the attribute bubbles immediately.

His heart ached when he saw the attribute bubbles disappearing, but fortunately, more would be born to take their place.

He tried his best to shift his gaze away from the attribute bubbles and focus on the mysterious man. This was obviously his destination, but what did he plan to do here?

Under Wang Teng's Spiritual Sight, he saw clearly that the other party's element was wood. His Force attribute was different, so he wouldn't benefit if he cultivated here.

As expected, the mysterious man ignored the dense water Force swimming around the lake. Instead, he started sizing up the lake from the side. He seemed to be thinking and searching for something.

"This is it. It's definitely here. Rare wood element plants like the Snow Jade Tree can only grow in an environment like this!"

Ecstasy emerged on the mysterious man's face.

He had been collecting all kinds of wood element treasures over the years to improve his ability. So far, he had spent a fortune on them.

This was why he led a poor life.

Other people thought that he was noble, a person who never wasted money or pursued extravagance. They thought that he was different from his compatriots and a role model for their generation.

Only he understood his own hardships.

If he had a choice, he didn't want to be thrifty either!

He wanted to wear pretty clothes and eat good food. He wanted to have many beauties beside him. He didn't want to chew on hard bread and sleep alone every night.

In summary, for many years, he lived a miserable life in order to raise his ability. This was the reason why he worked with the dark apparitions.

Not long ago, he suddenly received news of the Snow Jade Tree and went wild with joy.

The Snow Jade Tree was an extremely rare wood element plant. Legends had it that it could assist wood element martial warriors in stepping through the gates to the general stage.

The dark apparitions promised to help him break through to the general stage, but he had his scruples towards his partners. If he didn't need to use them to achieve his motive, he would never act against his interest.

With the Snow Jade Tree, he would be able to advance to the general stage quickly and gain the upper hand.

Many people didn't know that the Snow Jade Tree had a heaven-defying function.

When martial warriors used the Snow Jade Tree to break through to the general stage, there was a chance that they could develop... water talent!

The Snow Jade Tree wasn't solely a rare wood element plant. It was a rare water element plant too!

Rare plants were already hard to find. Hence, there were even lesser multi-element rare plants. They were the treasures among the treasures.

If he succeeded, he would become a double element martial warrior!

He wasn't the most talented person or a genius of any sort. He was at most average. However, if he became a double element martial warrior, he could be considered a talented martial warrior.

After all, the combat prowess of double element martial warriors was higher than normal martial warriors. Once he broke through to the general stage, his strength would definitely be many times greater than a normal 10-star general-stage martial warrior.

This was the only way for him to have a firm foothold in society and pursue his ambition. Hence, he couldn't wait a moment longer to get the Snow Jade Tree. He took the chance while he was working with the dark apparition to sneak into this place.

When he saw the scenery here, he felt that the Snow Jade Tree was not far off, even though he hadn't seen it.

The Snow Jade Tree! Wang Teng was thunderstruck by the mysterious man's muttering.

He was an alchemist, so he knew all the rare and treasured ingredients in the world. Naturally, he knew what the Snow Jade Tree was.

A sly look flashed across his eyes, and the corners of his lips curled up uncontrollably.

This Snow Jade Tree was his!

*Employee, do your job!*

Wang Teng's gaze landed on the mysterious man. He stared at him in encouragement, hoping that he would find the Snow Jade Tree quickly.

However, the mysterious man was cautious. He kept walking back and forth along the banks of the lake.

Without thinking, he knew that there must be many powerful star beasts lingering around the Snow Jade Tree. After all, it was a rare plant.

If he entered the lake recklessly, he would be putting himself in danger. The lake was huge. No one knew what terrifying star beasts were hiding inside.

"Wait, since he knows that the Snow Jade Tree is here, he will also know which star beast is guarding it. Based on his cautious way of doing things, he won't come unprepared." Wang Teng immediately thought of this.

He squinted. Fortunately, he wasn't in a hurry, so he hid in the dark and waited for the mysterious man to act.

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The mysterious man covered up his aura and took out the corpses of the star beasts he had killed. He stuffed something into their bodies before storing them back in his ring. Then, he sat beside the lake and waited silently.

Wang Teng's expression turned strange. He was sure that the mysterious man had stuffed poison into the star beasts' bodies just now. This man had the same thought as him.

He wanted to poison this mysterious man a while ago, and the mysterious man was using the same method to tackle the star beast in the lake.

Wang Teng shook his head hurriedly. He wasn't the same type of person as this traitor.

He was a human, yet he cooperated with the dark apparitions. It was a humiliation to be associated with him!

It was still early, and the mysterious man didn't seem to have any plans to act soon. Hence, Wang Teng sat down cross-legged on the ground and had a short rest as he closed his eyes and leaned against a tree.

Night fell. The mysterious man finally started moving.

Wang Teng opened his eyes and looked over.

The mysterious man took out the star beasts he had drugged and tossed them into the lake.

*This man is seriously willing to spend a fortune. He's just tossing all these advanced-rank star beasts into the lake. The powerful star beast in the lake might be intelligent, but it probably can't resist this temptation.* Wang Teng wondered to himself.

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Gulp!

After a few minutes, bubbles appeared on the surface of the lake. Under the moonlight, a gigantic black shadow could be seen diving in the water.

It was swimming towards the spot where the corpses of the star beasts were.

“It’s hooked!” The mysterious man was elated when he saw this scene.

He waited for another ten minutes. The corpses of some fish star beasts gradually floated onto the surface of the lake. The mysterious man disregarded these innocent fishes that were implicated and stared intently at the lake.

Half an hour later, he took out a blade and swung it towards the lake.

The blade cut the surface of the lake into two, causing a huge commotion. The lake took some time to resume its calmness.

During this time, the enormous being in the lake never showed itself.

The mysterious man couldn’t control himself anymore. He laughed proudly and happily. Then, he jumped into the lake.

Chapter 422: I Don’t Know Him. I’m Just Passing By~

Wang Teng felt a little guilty when he saw how happy the mysterious man was. He even snorted like a pig.

Was he too atrocious?

This man worked hard to gather information and killed all the star beasts to lure the guardian of the tree out. He even poisoned the bodies and waited patiently for the star beasts to get enticed. It must be hard for him.

Yet, he was going to snatch his fruits of labor. It was a little uncool of him.

Wang Teng shook his head. He would be gentler on him later. After all, he was a soft-hearted person!

Wang Teng was standing on a tree branch, and Mo Que had already appeared in his hand. The sharp weapon gave off a chilly and icy glint.

At the same time, a ray of light flew past him at the speed of lightning. It circled him a few times before merging into the darkness and disappearing.

He was already prepared for the appearance of his fruit of waiting.

Wang Teng’s eyes were beaming with excitement. Sneaky plans were most suitable for him. It made him excited just thinking about it.

Suddenly, a large ripple appeared on the calm surface of the lake. Along with the sound of an explosion, the water in the lake spurted towards the sky.

A single movement stirred up a tsunami!

Roar!

At the same time, an angry bellow resounded from the bottom of the lake.

Wang Teng was stunned. Then, his expression turned weird. He muttered to himself, "Did he lose?"

He could imagine how exasperated and hopeless the mysterious man would feel when he went down only to realize that the star beast didn't get poisoned.

This person's luck wasn't good!

Wang Teng's pupils shrunk as he thought of another possibility.

The star beast might be more intelligent than they had expected. It pretended to eat the poisoned corpses and didn't retaliate when the mysterious man struck the surface of the lake. It wanted to lure the mysterious man into the water, planning to catch the turtle in a pot.

This is so scary!

Is that star beast a sly old fox?

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A frightening battle was happening at the bottom of the lake, evident from the continuous explosions. Wang Teng kept a close watch.

After a few moments, a figure shot out from the lake in a disorderly manner.

Another gigantic figure was pursuing it relentlessly. It opened its giant maw and attempted to bite the mysterious man from below.

Under the moonlight, two rows of saw-like teeth shone eerily. The puddles of water beside it formed two small-sized waterfalls, splashing down on the lake below.

"Damn it!"

The mysterious man was agitated. He chopped his blade downwards while evading to the side.

The star beast closed its huge mouth, and the blade glow smashed into its shining black scale armor, letting out small sparks. It didn't get hurt.

That was when Wang Teng saw the full appearance of the star beast.

It was an enormous black-armor giant crocodile!

When he saw the mysterious man's attack landing on its body without any damage, his expression turned grim.

The black-armor giant crocodile floated horizontally on the surface of the lake. It gave off a frightening aura as it glared at the mysterious man with its malicious yellow eyes.

Roar!

It opened its mouth and gave a terrifying roar. A blue Force ball formed instantly, and it darted towards the mysterious man.

The ball of light traveled at high speed. In a blink of an eye, it was in front of the mysterious man.

The mysterious man's expression changed entirely. He couldn't evade it in time, so he shouted and cut the ball of Force glow with his blade. The glaring blade glow collided with the ball of light.

Boom!

Explosions echoed throughout the entire lake.

The mysterious man was determined to get the Snow Jade Tree. The black-armor giant crocodile stared at it coldly, killing intent flowing out of its eyes. At this moment, it just wanted to tear this human who dared to lay his hands on its treasure into pieces.

The human and the beast started fighting again.

Boom!

The water in the lake gushed out, toppling the trees around it. There was chaos everywhere.

They fought for more than ten minutes before the mysterious man got hit by the black-armor giant crocodile's tail. He slammed into the ground and formed a deep hole.

His body was riddled with wounds, and blood spurted out of his mouth. He had suffered a serious internal injury.

"Why is this beast so powerful?" The mysterious man found it unbelievable. He knew that he couldn't win, so he turned and ran away.

The Snow Jade Tree wasn't important to him anymore; his life was. He would come and settle this beast another day!

Unfortunately, the black-armor giant crocodile didn't plan to let him go so easily. Its body was huge, but that didn't hinder its speed. It arrived in front of the man in an instant.

"Move!" The mysterious man raged. The Force in his body erupted. He seemed to have used some secret skill that increased his power by 30%. He swung his blade at the black-armor giant crocodile.

Boom!

A figure was thrown into the air from the center of the impact.

It was the mysterious man!

Bang!

A deep hole appeared on the ground again. The mysterious man lay in the hole with blood gushing out of his mouth. He was appalled. "Half-step lord level!"

This black-armor giant crocodile had reached the half-step lord level!

The lord level of the star beasts was equal to the general stage of the humans. Even though it was only half-step lord-level, the mysterious man was not its match.

His heart was filled with complaints and curses. They had fought for so long before the giant crocodile revealed its true strength.

Who was the human here!

What a sly crocodile!

The mysterious man looked at the giant crocodile in the sky. He seemed to sense contempt in its eyes. He was being looked down on by an animal!

Splurt!

He vomited a mouthful of blood uncontrollably.

However, he had no intention of waiting for his death here. He struggled to get up. Suddenly, he saw a young man standing on a tree beside him. He was acting sneakily and seemed to be trying to hide.

When their gazes met, the atmosphere turned silent for a second.

Both of them: ...

Who's this person?

Why is he here?

The mysterious man was puzzled. He was in a complete daze.

Wang Teng felt a little awkward. He never expected the mysterious man to coincidentally land beside the tree he was hiding at.

He was so close that he didn't have time to hide again.

At this moment, the mysterious man's desire to live was extremely strong. He couldn't care about who Wang Teng was or why he was here. The reason wasn't important. He just wanted to survive.

Hence, he looked at Wang Teng hopefully and said, "Help me!"

"Roar!" The black-armor giant crocodile also noticed Wang Teng's presence and let out a furious growl.

"Erm, I don't know him. I'm just passing by. I'll leave immediately." Wang Teng froze on the spot and smiled awkwardly.

The mysterious man received a huge blow. His gaze turned bitter like a resentful wife who got abandoned by her husband.

The black-armor giant crocodile felt that this young man who suddenly appeared must be an idiot. Did he think that it would let him go?

Roar!

It roared angrily at Wang Teng. Its breath was pungent, and the wind caused by the roar brushed against Wang Teng's face, hurting his skin. His hair became messy.

"Alright, alright!" Wang Teng waved his hand impatiently. "I understand that you won't allow me to go. Why do you have to be so fierce? Don't you know that your breath stinks? You don't have any self-awareness?"

The mysterious man: ...

The black-armor giant crocodile: ...

The mysterious man almost turned berserk.. This was a life-or-death moment. Was it the right time to care whether its breath stunk or not? Where did this weirdo come from?

### **Chapter 423: Evil Beast, Don't Run! Take My Last Burst Of Fire God Cannon!**

While the mysterious man and the black-armor giant crocodile were spacing out, Wang Teng turned around and ran.

Damn it!

*This black-armor giant crocodile is so fierce. I should stay away from it temporarily.*

The mysterious man: ...

He looked at Wang Teng in bewilderment, and his eyes almost popped out of their sockets.

Would this work?

The problem was, the black-armor giant crocodile got startled by the young man and forgot to attack him.

*Wait!*

*Wait, if you're running away, take me with you!*

The mysterious man stared at Wang Teng, who had covered a few hundred meters in an instant. Then, he turned his neck stiffly and looked at the eyes of the black-armor giant crocodile. They had turned red.

Roar!

A furious roar vibrated through the air!

The black-armor giant crocodile swung its tail and slammed it on the ground.

Splurt!

The mysterious man vomited a mouth of blood and stared at the beast in confusion. "Why?"

The black-armor giant crocodile didn't even glance at him.

Actually, that tail sweep was just a random move. It was worried that the prey in its hands would escape, so it beat him up until he was half-dead first. After it took care of the other prey and brought him back, it would enjoy the two of them together.



The star beast turned its huge body and chased after Wang Teng.

Wang Teng wasn't really running away. He took the chance to take out his Fire God Cannon and started charging it.

"Take a shot of my cannon!"

As he was running, he suddenly turned around and fired a shot at the black-armor giant crocodile.

Scorching red light spurted out from the muzzle and crashed into the enormous body of the black-armor giant crocodile that wasn't able to dodge in time.

Boom!

The fiery glow exploded and burnt everything with its scorching heat.

Roar!

The black-armor giant crocodile howled in anger as it stormed out from the flames. There were burnt marks on its body, but that attack didn't hurt it. There was no damage on its black armor at all.

However, the black-armor giant crocodile was infuriated by Wang Teng. It roared crazily and chased after him like a mad man.

A blue light ball congregated in front of its mouth. The ball violently shot towards Wang Teng.

Wang Teng had watched the battle between the mysterious man and the black-armor giant crocodile just now, so he was guarding against this move. When it started to form the light ball, he activated his space talent and disappeared on the spot.

Boom!

The blue ball of light missed him and collided on the ground. Soil splattered everywhere, leaving a deep trench.

Wang Teng appeared a few meters away from the hole. He kept running away as he charged the Fire God Cannon.

The mysterious man in the distance couldn't move because of his serious injury, but he hadn't fainted yet. He stared at Wang Teng in disbelief when he saw this scene. He couldn't tell how Wang Teng had managed to dodge the attack.

He had experienced the attacks of the black-armor giant crocodile personally. If they were so easy to evade, he wouldn't have landed in his current state.

Yet, Wang Teng did it.

Furthermore, it didn't look forced. He seemed quite relaxed.

A tinge of hope suddenly appeared in his heart. There was a chance that he could be saved...

"Take another blow!"

Wang Teng's voice rang in the air once again, followed by a loud boom.

The black-armor giant crocodile got hit by the Fire God Cannon again. It was shot in the same area as before.

No matter how hard its armor was, it couldn't endure two rounds of forceful attacks in a short time. Cracks appeared on its armor, and it started roaring angrily in pain.

Wang Teng smiled. This was the effect he wanted. It looked like the armor of this black-armor giant crocodile wasn't impenetrable.

He decided to let the black-armor giant crocodile enjoy another few rounds of his Fire God Cannon. He had ample Force, so he was able to handle what others couldn't with skill and ease.

The Fire God Cannon continued charging up.

The black-armor giant crocodile squinted, feeling a sense of threat from the Fire God Cannon. Its gaze turned icy, and it roared in anger. Then, it charged towards Wang Teng once again.

It swept its huge tail horizontally. The air around it was compressed to the maximum before exploding. The tail swung towards Wang Teng, bringing along a terrifying force with it.

Wang Teng turned into lingering shadows and disappeared. He didn't fight the black-armor giant crocodile face on.

Hence, the two parties started a game of catch.

Wang Teng charged the Fire God Cannon as he ran, occasionally shooting the black-armor giant crocodile. After some time, the armor on its body cracked open, and wounds started to form. It was bloody.

The black-armor giant crocodile felt indignant. It realized that the person in front of it was like that slippery fish in the lake. It couldn't catch the fish even if it wanted to. In the past, it could swallow the fish since it was stronger, but this human was harder to handle. It was going mad.

On the other side, the mysterious man was flabbergasted. He didn't know that they could fight in this manner. Although it was a little shameless, he had to admit that the effects were good.

However, he could tell that it wasn't easy to accomplish this. You needed to have a formidable weapon like the Fire God Cannon and ghost-like footwork like the young man.

He took Wang Teng's space talent as a kind of footwork. He didn't think in that direction at all.

Also, the endless amount of Force was an important factor too.

This young man wasn't an ordinary person!

He was a monster!

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Boom!

The Fire God Cannon inflicted some damage on the black-armor giant crocodile's body once again. The excruciating pain allowed the black-armor giant crocodile to calm down. Fear appeared in its gaze.

*This person is cheating.*

*I can't continue this battle anymore.*

*If I continue, I'll die from the continuous attacks!*

The black-armor giant crocodile stopped pursuing Wang Teng. It turned around and ran away, dashing towards the lake. It wanted to go home.

"It's running away?" Wang Teng was stunned. He hurriedly chased after it.

They were halfway through the battle. How could he let it run away? He still wanted to see what the Snow Jade Tree looked like.

He didn't want the Snow Jade Tree for himself. No way. He was just curious.

Of course, if the black-armor giant crocodile unfortunately died, it was reasonable for him to take over its possession.

"Don't run!"

Wang Teng's speed increased as the thought entered his mind. The black-armor giant crocodile ran even faster. Oh no, it seemed to have chased him too far. The journey home was a little long.

The mysterious man felt speechless when he saw this scene from afar.

That was a formidable star beast that beat him, a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior, up like he was nothing. Yet, it was scurrying away in fear because of someone.

The young man only seemed to be at the 7-star soldier level!

What was wrong with the world? He realized that he couldn't understand it anymore.

Was the black-armor giant crocodile a fake half-step lord-level monster?

Did he have an illusion just now?

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The black-armor giant crocodile escaped frantically. As the lake got closer and closer, ecstasy shone in its eyes. It could finally go home.

Once it reached home and hid there, the fierce human behind it wouldn't be able to hurt it.

However, at this moment, it heard a loud roar behind it.

"Evil beast, don't run! Take my last burst of Fire God Cannon!"

The black-armor giant crocodile trembled in fear. It dashed towards the lake with all its energy and dived in without any hesitation.

Boom!

The Fire God Cannon fired just after it dived, but it still hit the black-armor giant crocodile's body. The star beast was swallowed by fire.

A ray of light shot into the flames at this moment.

Howl...

A hiss of agony came from within the flames. Then, it stopped abruptly.

Boom! The gigantic body crashed into the lake bank. It wriggled a few times before it stopped moving completely.

The mysterious man: ?!

#### **Chapter 424: What Did You Do?**

Stunned!

The mysterious man was really stunned!

The half-step lord-level black-armor giant crocodile got killed by the young man using such a simple method? He was speechless.

Why was he tormented so miserably by it?

Was he too weak?

Was he not smart enough?

No, he wasn't... It must be because the young man was despicable!

Yes, that must be the answer.

The mysterious man did some psychological construction before looking at the tragic state of the black-armor giant crocodile. The astonishment in his eyes remained there for a long time.

He didn't know that the real credit went to Wang Teng's Shooting Star Spiral.

The Fire God Cannon might be able to kill the black-armor giant crocodile, but it required much time. Also, it might exhaust all of Wang Teng's Force in his body.

However, the Shooting Star Spiral, which was controlled by his spiritual power, was different. That was some lethal shit.

The fire god cannon was just to numb the black-armor giant crocodile so that he could kill it at the last moment. Of course, it was also to ensure that the mysterious man wouldn't discover his trump card.

He would hide his trump card for as long as he could. Having more tricks up his sleeves wasn't a bad thing.

Wang Teng scanned his surroundings. Many attributes were dropped from the battle just now.

Water Force\*450

Advanced Stage Water Talent\*60

Blank Attribute\*360

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Astonishment flashed past his eyes when he saw the attributes dropped by the black-armor giant crocodile. As expected of a half-step lord-level star beast. It had gifted him so many attributes!

There were 450 points of water Force alone. If there were more crocodiles, he would be able to advance to the 8-star soldier level soon.

Unfortunately, such chances were rare.

Half-step lord-level star beasts weren't found everywhere.

As for lord-level star beasts, Wang Teng decided that he wanted to live a few more years, so he wouldn't dig his own grave.

Besides water Force, there were advanced stage water talent and blank attributes.

Any increase in his talent was good for Wang Teng. As his talent increased, his speed of cultivation would follow suit and his grasp of Force would become more and more skilled.

Next, Wang Teng looked in the direction of the mysterious man. Many attribute bubbles were floating around him.

Wood Force\*250

Spirit\*75

Enlightenment\*60

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When the mysterious man noticed Wang Teng's gaze, he tried his best to pull the corners of his lips to make a gratifying smile.

Wang Teng: ...

To him, that smile was worse than crying.

"Thank you for saving my life!" the man said in a hoarse voice. He was using the Xingwu Continent's common language.

Wang Teng's expression turned strange. This person was thanking him?

But it was understandable. He did save his life, after all.

He just hoped that the mysterious man would still thank him after he knew the truth later.

"Young man, can you spare me some healing medicines? Don't worry, my name is Qiu Bo, an officer from the Star Maple Troop. I'll definitely repay you after I recover." The mysterious man was worried that Wang Teng didn't trust him, so he emphasized his identity.

Wang Teng finally opened his mouth. "Star Maple Troop? I've heard of it before. Looking at your emblem, you must be a colonel! Your rank is quite high!"

Qiu Bo felt proud. However, he remembered that he needed to rely on the young man's help, so he turned humble instantly and started flattering him, "This is nothing. You're better than me. You possessed such a powerful ability at this young age."

"Haha." Wang Teng laughed ambiguously. Then, he asked. "Do you know why I'm here?"

Qiu Bo finally remembered this matter. His expression froze, and a bad feeling crept up his heart. He asked carefully, "Why are you here?"

Wang Teng looked at him mockingly. "Why don't you make a guess?"

The mysterious man: ...

*Guess your head!*

Qiu Bo was exasperated. At this moment, he realized that this young man wasn't here to help him. However, he didn't flare up in anger.

He didn't have the right to throw his temper.

His injury was severe. If he flared up at Wang Teng, who was unscathed, there was only one result waiting for him: he would be dead.

Qiu Bo laughed awkwardly and said, "Young man, don't make fun of me. My injury is serious. Why don't you give me a healing pill first? We can discuss the details later."

"I have many healing medicines here." Wang Teng took out a dan bottle from his space ring and opened the cover, allowing the medicinal fragrance to waft through the air. Moreover, he used his hand to fan the smell in Qiu Bo's direction. He said, "However, if you want it, you have to answer some of my questions."

Qiu Bo looked at Wang Teng's actions and felt that he was being played by this young man. His heart was burning in anger. A man who lost his status and power was vulnerable to humiliation. This brat was atrocious.

Nonetheless, he still maintained the smile on his face and said, "Ask, ask away. I'll tell you everything I know."

"Have you gotten the Snow Jade Tree?" Wang Teng asked.

"No." Qiu Bo's heart skipped a beat.

"Really?" Wang Teng asked curiously.

"The black-armor giant crocodile discovered me the moment I entered the lake. I couldn't even touch the Snow Jade Tree," Qiu Bo replied.

Wang Teng hesitated for a moment. He sized up Qiu Bo before shifting his gaze to his hands.

Qiu Bo's expression changed. He wanted to hide his hand behind his back, but the black-armor giant crocodile's last attack had broken all the bones in his body. He couldn't move at all.

Wang Teng sniggered. He took the space ring off his finger.

Qiu Bo was infuriated, but he didn't dare to reveal any emotions on his face. He felt exasperated and said hurriedly, "Young man, the space ring has its master. It's useless even if you take it."

"I'll just have to kill you, right?" Wang Teng replied calmly.

Qiu Bo's expression changed tremendously. Wasn't he telling the other party to kill him?

He lost his composure in front of death and became so stupid. He wanted to slap himself.

"Hahaha, I'm joking. Look at how frightened you are." Wang Teng laughed.

"Hahaha..." The veins on Qiu Bo's forehead popped out. During ordinary times, he would have killed this young man, but he couldn't do it now. He could only bear with it.

"Don't worry, don't worry. I'm a good man. I won't kill you." Wang Teng patted his shoulder.

Qiu Bo's bones were already broken, so when Wang Teng patted him, his bones almost crumbled. He gasped in pain.

"Oh my, I forgot that you're injured. I'm sorry, I'm sorry," Wang Teng apologized in embarrassment.

Qiu Bo wanted to cry. He said weakly, "Can you give me my space ring back?"

"Is there something important inside? Why are you so concerned about your space ring?" Wang Teng asked with interest.

"No, you're thinking too much. There are only some miscellaneous items inside." Qiu Bo laughed awkwardly, his heart beating like a drum.

"Really?" Wang Teng smiled in contempt.

"Of course. I'm a poor man. I have nothing valuable. If not, I wouldn't have asked you for medicine... urgh!"

Before Qiu Bo could finish speaking, he felt an excruciating pain throughout his body. He gave a painful expression and vomited a mouthful of blood. He was appalled.

"What did you

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Qiu Bo widened his eyes in disbelief. His space ring was opened, and he had suffered the backlash instantly.

He looked at Wang Teng in fear. "What on earth did you do?"

"Don't worry, I'm just opening it up to take a look. Don't be stingy." Wang Teng glanced at him and chuckled. "Let me see what treasures you have inside."

"No!" Qiu Bo shouted hurriedly, "There are confidential missions of the Star Maple Troop inside. If you see it, you will be arrested by the Star Maple Troop. You will be brought to trial no matter where you are."

“Oh my God!” Wang Teng said with disdain, “I’m sorry to inform you, but I’m a martial warrior from Earth.”

“What?” Qiu Bo squinted.

“I wonder if your troop can put me to trial in the first place?” Wang Teng asked.

“Even so, if there’s a leakage, my troop will still ask Earth to hand you over to us. You still have a chance to stop now,” Qiu Bo found an excuse.

“I love to do what others tell me not to,” Wang Teng replied nonchalantly.

“You can’t do this. You...”

Wang Teng ignored Qiu Bo. He scanned the space inside the ring with his spiritual power and realized that this fellow was indeed poor. There was nothing worthy in the space ring. The Snow Jade Tree wasn’t with him either. It looked like he did fail his mission.

However, this space ring was bigger than the one he had by approximately three times.

Wang Teng felt that he should change his space ring.

There were many corpses of the star beasts that he had killed in the ring. Qiu Bo didn’t feed everything to the black-armor giant crocodile.

Wang Teng disregarded the corpses and took two other items.

“You can’t look at them. You’ll be dead if you do!” Qiu Bo’s expression changed as he shouted sternly. He tried to use this to threaten him.

Wang Teng snorted. He didn’t even look at Qiu Bo.

He was a weakling struggling in front of death. What a joke.

He examined the items in his hand. One of them was a black token with weird patterns on it. There was a strange eye printed on the back.

After staring at the eye for some time, one might get bewitched by it and fall into an illusion.

The entire token gave off an evil vibe.

However, Wang Teng’s spirit had reached the emperor realm, so he managed to regain his senses after a moment of absentmindedness.

When the dark apparitions befell Yang City, an evil eye had peeked through the dimensional rift to peep at this world.

He might have been scared if this eye was the same as that one. But this eye was a dead object. It was nothing to him.

Qiu Bo exclaimed in disbelief, “You are not affected?”

“Why are you making a fuss?” Wang Teng replied helplessly. He looked at Qiu Bo as if he were a frog in a well.



Qiu Bo's expression turned ugly when he was given the cold shoulder. He didn't know what to say for a long while. However, the astonishment in his heart didn't disappear.

There was something weird about this young man!

"If I'm right, this token is proof that you've been contacting the dark apparitions, right?" Wang Teng asked.

Qiu Bo's pupils constricted abruptly. He denied it without hesitation. "I don't know what you're saying."

"It doesn't matter if you don't admit it. I already know what I wanted to know," Wang Teng said indifferently.

Then, he looked at the second item. It was a black rune stone.

"This is... a legacy stone! It must be filled with the knowledge of the dark apparitions," Wang Teng said.

"Who are you?" Qiu Bo's face turned black. This person knew too many things, making him feel uneasy.

"Let me introduce myself. I'm a recruit from the Black Sparrow Troop," Wang Teng looked at him and suddenly introduced himself seriously.

"A recruit!"

Qiu Bo was dumbfounded. He stared at Wang Teng in a daze.

*Why are you being so serious when you're a recruit? I thought you had some important identity!*

*Wait!*

*You're so powerful, but you say you're only a recruit? Do I look like a fool?*

Qiu Bo didn't believe him. He scoffed. "What's the point of lying to me?"

"Who cares if you believe me? Let me invite you to take a nap. I'm going to take the Snow Jade Tree." Wang Teng walked towards Qiu Bo.

"What do you want?"

"Bang!"

A brick appeared in Wang Teng's hand, and he smashed it down violently. A shrill cry later, Qiu Bo's eyes rolled back, and he fainted.

Before he turned unconscious, his heart was filled with bitterness.

Who did he provoke? Why did he have to suffer such cruel treatment?

Wang Teng shook his head. He felt a little guilty when he saw the other person's terrible state. Was he too brutal?

This fellow was already injured badly, but he still knocked his head with a brick. That was a little inhumane.

Qiu Bo's head was swelling up at a visible speed. Wang Teng coughed awkwardly and muttered to himself, "Nevermind, I've already hit him. I'll be gentler next time."

He walked to the side of the lake and kept the body of the black-armor giant crocodile. Then, he looked at the lake's surface.

Many attribute bubbles were floating above the water.

Wang Teng swept them over with his spiritual power. The bubbles floated towards him and merged into this body.

Water Force\*10

Water Force\*8

Water Force\*12

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Most of the bubbles contained water Force attributes. They were of different sizes, and the number of attributes inside differed accordingly.

Wang Teng had a great time picking up bubbles.

After a round of collection, he received 688 points of Force attributes.

Water Force: 2998/5000 (7-star)

After he picked up most of the attribute bubbles on the surface of the lake, more attribute bubbles started to form gradually. However, they were taking a long time, and there were only a few of them.

Wang Teng was too lazy to pick them up. He jumped into the lake.

The water Force enveloped his body, allowing him to travel in water as if he was walking on the ground.

Wang Teng dived into the bottom of the lake like a fish. He scanned the bottom with his Spiritual Sight and found the location of the Snow Jade Tree.

There was a thick wood element glow around it. It was like a glaring and conspicuous small-sized green sun.

The lake was extremely deep, but Wang Teng quickly arrived at the location with his speed. A weak greenish-blue light shone in the lake water. Many different types of fish were swimming around it, making the underwater scenery look dreamy and magical.

There was a small tree growing on the lake bed, seemingly carved from jade. It was sparkling and crystal-clear. Be it the leaves or the branches, they looked like a work of art. They were exquisite and beautiful.

*This is the Snow Jade Tree!*

Wang Teng was staggered. He had read about the Snow Jade Tree before and even saw its picture, but this was the first time he saw the real thing. He gasped in amazement.

The Snow Jade Tree was beautiful!

It was like a piece of art created by a grandmaster. It was spectacular!

Wang Teng sized up the Snow Jade Tree. He was worried that changes might happen if he dragged any longer, so he decided to take it away immediately.

The benefits of being an alchemist surfaced at this point. They were very familiar with spiritual plants and animals, so they knew how to collect them without harming their effects.

#### **Chapter 426: The Wang Teng You're Talking About Is My Disciple!**

When digging spiritual plants like the Snow Jade Tree, the best equipment to use was a shovel made from jade. After digging the plant out, one should seal it immediately in a box.

Wang Teng didn't prepare any of this. However, it didn't mean that Qiu Bo didn't!

He came prepared. Wang Teng found these items in his space ring just now.

At that time, he didn't find it strange. After all, he wasn't an ignorant person.

However, Qiu Bo was a layman. He didn't know having the jade box wasn't enough. The natural jade would only keep 70 to 80% of the tree's vital energy.

To ensure that none of its vital energy would get lost, you needed to carve some sealing runes on the box.

Wang Teng didn't waste any time. After taking out the jade box, he used his spiritual power to quickly carve some runes on the surface.

Everything was done smoothly. Within a few minutes, numerous runes appeared on the box.

"Perfect!"

Wang Teng smiled. He gave himself a thumbs up.

Then, he took out the jade shovel and loosened the soil around the Snow Jade Tree. He dug around the edges before inching his way around.

With a quick scan of his surroundings and ensuring no treasures were left, he departed instantly.

After he leaped out from the lake, he saw that Qiu Bo was still unconscious. He sat down cross-legged beside Qiu Bo and decided to wait and see if another round of attribute bubbles would appear on the surface of the lake.

After all, the water Force in this area was dense. Wang Teng didn't want to give them up.

Since he had nothing to do, he took out the corpse of the black-armor giant crocodile and investigated it with his Spiritual Sight. Suddenly, he saw three bright green balls in its body.

Three light balls?!

Wang Teng was dumbstruck. Then, he almost jumped in excitement.

He hurriedly used his spiritual power to cut the corpse of the black-armor giant crocodile and take out the three items.

Besides the star core, there was also... a star bone!

The star core of a half-step lord-level star beast was priceless. Most importantly, it was rare. As for the star bone, compared to the star core, it was even harder to find.

Wang Teng was thrilled. He examined the two star bones in his hand...

Yes, he took out two, not one, star bones from the body of the black-armor giant crocodile.

Both were forepaw bones.

It was uncommon to find two star bones on a single star beast.

He studied the patterns on the star bones and was inspired. He instilled water Force into the star bones. Instantly, the star bones started shining with blue light.

His hand started to feel heavy.

*It's a strength-type star bone!* Wang Teng was stunned. It was a good item for him.

Based on his skill as an advanced-stage blacksmith, he felt that this pair of star bones could be forged into a pair of strength-type boxing gloves.

The previous boxing gloves he had weren't suitable for him anymore. He was a 7-star soldier-level martial warrior now, so if he used his full power, the boxing gloves would disintegrate.

*I'll go back, find some good ingredients, and make it myself.* Wang Teng thought to himself.

He took out the other star beasts from the space ring and scanned them with his Spiritual Sight. He instantly found a few more star cores.

No more star bones appeared, though. It looked like star bones were scarce even among advanced-rank star beasts.

Wang Teng sized up the six star cores in front of him. Two of them were fire element star cores. He already had a plan on how to utilize them. He used his spiritual pet contract to call Little White over.

The Spirit Flame Ghost Crow had always been following him. When he didn't need it, it would hunt freely.

After some time, a black figure plummeted down from the sky. Little White was a 3-star star beast now, so it was getting larger.

Wang Teng allowed it to roam freely. As a result, Little White was able to unleash its natural instincts. Its combat ability was not bad.

However, Wang Teng noticed that it would be injured after it flew back. It looked like it kept fighting with other star beasts outside.

This showed that its combat ability was improved through hard work and experience.

Wang Teng had ample healing medicine, and he was never stingy towards his spiritual pet. His healing medicine was better than the ones used by Han Zhu and Wan Baiqiu.

Han Zhu and Wan Baiqiu were elated when they received his dans, but they didn't know that a crow had better treatment than them.

Little White regained its health quickly after eating his dans. In this aspect, it had an advantage over the other star beasts in the wild, so it improved tremendously.

This made Wang Teng extremely satisfied.

He was improving quickly and coming close to the general stage. As his spiritual pet, it would be embarrassing if it was too weak.

At this moment, Little White landed in front of Wang Teng and cawed at him in confusion.

"I have something good for you." Wang Teng smiled. He lifted his hand that was holding the two star cores and threw one of them directly to Little White.

He wasn't being petty. These two star cores came from a 4-star star beast and a 5-star star beast, respectively. The Force contained in them was powerful, so Little White might not be able to digest it with its current ability.

Little White felt the thick fire Force within the star core. Its eyes lit up, and it cawed happily. It bit the star core with its beak and swallowed it whole.

Instantly, a fiery red glow appeared in its eyes. Even its body was engulfed in flames. It looked handsome and magnificent.

Wang Teng nodded silently. After Little White digested this star core, it would advance to the 4-star level.

He would feed it the 5-star star core sometime in the future. By then, its ability would be on par with its parents.

However, on his attributes panel, Little White's second talent, Ghost Fire, was still not activated. Wang Teng was puzzled.

Was he using the wrong method?

Could it be that Ghost Fire wasn't an ordinary flame, so it needed a special method to awaken it?

Although Wang Teng was excited by the prospects, he knew that there was no point thinking about this now. When there was a chance, he would help his pet awaken its talent.

"You can leave now. Grow quickly, and don't fall behind me too much." Wang Teng smiled and waved at Little White.

Little White rubbed against his palm intimately before cawing in high spirits. It spread its wings and flew away with its flaming body.

Wang Teng looked up at the sky until he couldn't see Little White anymore. He retracted his gaze and said, "There's no need to act anymore since you're awake."

"Haha." Qiu Bo laughed awkwardly behind him. "Young man, you're lucky to be able to get that magnificent star beast to recognize you as its master."

"I knocked you unconscious, but you're complimenting me." Wang Teng gave him an ambiguous smile.

The corners of Qiu Bo's lips trembled slightly. This fellow was touching his tender spot. However, he kept his smile and replied, "You must have a reason for knocking me unconscious. I'm not an insensible person."

"Your skin sure is thick. You're a talent too, but why do you have to work with the dark apparitions?" Wang Teng shook his head in disappointment.

Qiu Bo's expression froze. He said quickly, "I didn't. Don't make up stories. I'm arch enemies with the dark apparitions."

Wang Teng ignored him and closed his eyes. He started cultivating.

Time passed quickly. Three hours flew by in a blink of an eye.

Qiu Bo didn't know what Wang Teng was doing. He didn't understand why he hadn't left and was sitting around, idling his time away. He got impatient, but he didn't dare to disturb Wang Teng.

This young man was handsome, but he had an evil heart. He was ruthless too. If he provoked him, he would be tormented again.

He knew how to protect himself.

At this moment, Wang Teng opened his eyes and looked at the lake. He shook his head.

Despite waiting for a few hours, there was only a limited number of attribute bubbles floating above the lake. It looked like the sea of bubbles he saw had accumulated over the years.

Disappointing!

He swept them over with his spiritual power and picked them up.

Water Force\*3

Water Force\*2

Water Force\*4

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After the round of harvest, he received 56 points of water Force. Wang Teng shook his head. "It's time to leave."

It wasn't worth wasting his time here. However, before he left, he had something to do. He walked to Qiu Bo and looked him in the eye.

A crimson glow flashed past his pupils.

Bewitch!

Qiu Bo was bewildered. He quickly lost his consciousness due to the vast difference in their spiritual powers.

Wang Teng started questioning him. His answers were more or less the same as what he had heard. He felt less worried.

After some time, Qiu Bo woke up. His expression was ugly as he exclaimed, "What did you do to me?"

Wang Teng didn't reply to him with his mouth. Instead, a brick appeared in his hand.

Qiu Bo widened his eyes in shock. He cowered instantly. "What do you want? Let's speak properly. Don't hit my face."

"I'm sorry, I don't trust you. We are leaving soon, so to prevent you from playing tricks on me, I should knock you unconscious."

Wang Teng smiled apologetically and raised his brick. "Actually, I need you alive. If not, I'd have killed you directly. A dead man is the safest."

Qiu Bo was horrified.

The next second...

Bang!

A dull thud later, Qiu Bo's eyes rolled back, and his vision turned black. He fainted.

"I used less strength than before. It's just perfect for fainting him. What a benevolent person I am."

Wang Teng praised himself. He picked up the half-dead Qiu Bo and walked away casually as if he was holding a dead dog.

He didn't go back to the Black Sparrow City immediately. Rather, he hid Qiu Bo and went back to no. 56 garrison.

The female dark apparition, Phyllis, started questioning Wang Teng when she saw him. He treated her coldly and found an excuse to chase her away.

His main purpose in coming back was to find out where the three dark apparitions went.

Soon, he found out that the three dark apparitions left not long after they met Qiu Bo. They didn't care about the other dark apparitions in this garrison, so they didn't notice anything amiss.

Wang Teng felt that he was too cautious. The dark apparitions were more careless than he thought. Nothing would happen.

He shook his head and left with Qiu Bo.

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Black Sparrow City!

Niu Li and the two majors had come back. They quickly reported the situation to their superiors.

The news they brought back alerted all the higher authorities of the Black Sparrow Troop.

At this moment, Dan Taixuan and a few deputy commanders were sitting in a meeting room. Niu Li and the two majors were here too. They were sitting on the other end.

Dan Taixuan placed her hands on her chin and asked gravely, "Is this true?"

"This piece of news was discovered by recruit Wang Teng. It shouldn't be wrong," Niu Li replied.

"Do you have evidence?" one of the deputy commanders asked.

"Erm." Niu Li choked. "Wang Teng heard it personally..."

"Wang Teng is just a recruit. How can you trust the words of a recruit so easily? This is outrageous!" The deputy commander scolded angrily.

"Cough, Old Zhu, the Wang Teng you're talking about is my disciple." A calm voice was heard at this moment.

#### **Chapter 427: Wang Teng Is Back!**

Everyone: ...

The room turned silent. Everyone's attention was placed on Dan Taixuan, who was sitting on the host's seat.

Her beautiful face was always calm, and she always gave a relaxed vibe. Even if Mount Tai collapsed in front of her, she could still maintain her composure.

But could you consider the feelings of your subordinates!

Dan Taixuan's words were like a bomb. They felt as if they were struck by lightning when they heard what she said.

Zhu Chengwang was having a mental breakdown. A drop of cold sweat appeared on his head as he looked at Dan Taixuan and smiled awkwardly. "Chief Commander, are you serious?"

"Do you think I have nothing better to do than playing tricks with you?" Dan Taixuan replied furiously.

Zhu Chengwang froze. He looked as though he was choking.

Another deputy commander, Song Wanjiang, laughed secretly at his miserable plight. However, he was astounded too.

When they were arranging the missions, he had received an order from Dan Taixuan. That was why he allowed Wang Teng to take the same mission as Niu Li and the two majors.

If it wasn't for this reason, Wang Teng wouldn't have had the right to take this mission. He might be powerful, but as a recruit, he lacked experience.

It was made possible because of Dan Taixuan's order!



Thus, he knew that Dan Taixuan was Wang Teng's support. However, he didn't expect him to be Dan Taixuan's disciple.

This relationship was stronger than most backgrounds.

Niu Li and the two majors looked at one another in disbelief. Wang Teng was their Chief Commander's disciple!

Kong Li covered her mouth, almost screaming in shock. Her junior brother was amazing. If this news was made known to others, Wang Teng would become the prince of the Black Sparrow Troop. He could do anything he wanted here.

Yuwen Xuan was appalled too. The muscles on his face trembled violently. He couldn't express his emotions with any words.

It felt as if your classmate from high school had become the CEO of a company while you had just graduated from university and were only a white-collar worker. Naturally, the CEO would feel superior.

Suddenly, the CEO realized that the white collar's house got demolished and the government compensated him with many houses. The rents he collected were much higher than his salary.

The CEO would feel that the world had forsaken him...

All the other higher authorities from the Black Sparrow Troop stared at the floor and pretended that this had nothing to do with them.

At first, they were questioning the reliability of this information too. After all, it was a serious matter. However, once Dan Taixuan opened her mouth, the situation changed.

Their Chief Commander was obviously standing up for her disciple.

Actually, even if she didn't speak up for Wang Teng, their relationship alone was enough for them to place high importance on Wang Teng's words.

The difference in the power of his words was solely caused by his identity.

"Hahaha, the weather is good today. What did I say just now?" Zhu Chengwang finally regained his composure and laughed awkwardly. He changed the topic as if what he said a moment ago was bullshit.

As someone in a high position, their skins were all extremely thick.

The other didn't take it to heart either. They chuckled and let this matter pass.

"Going back to business, I believe what Wang Teng said even if there's no evidence." Dan Taixuan glanced around her and continued, "That brat might be cheeky, but he won't joke around on serious matters."

"Tell us the details then." Zhu Chengwang nodded and signaled Niu Li to explain further.

Niu Li shared with them everything he knew. However, when he told them that Wang Teng had gone to chase the mysterious man alone, they were shocked.

"This is atrocious!" Zhu Chengwang shouted. A second later, he realized what he had said. He turned his head stiffly and coughed. "Erm, Chief Commander, I'm not saying that he's atrocious. I'm talking about myself. I'm atrocious!"

Dan Taixuan nodded in satisfaction. Then, she frowned and yelled, "What the hell is he doing? I think he needs a beating."

Everyone: ...

*Can you please be less obvious with your bias?*

"He said that he's confident. I didn't agree, but he sneaked away while we were on our way back." Niu Li smiled bitterly. He wasn't going to take the blame.

"That suits his personality." Dan Taixuan shook her head. She didn't reprimand Niu Li.

"It's going to be hard to settle this matter if we don't have evidence. It affects an entire troop. A slight move may cause a domino effect. We can't just rely on his words," Zhu Chengwang said after some hesitation.

"We should still inform the Star Maple Troop. Whether they believe it or not is up to them," Song Wanjiang suggested.

"I'll talk to them personally!" Dan Taixuan said.

Everyone nodded. Dan Taixuan had to do it personally to show the importance of this news.

"Niu Li, tell me the exact position. I'll go and see if that brat is still alive. Even if he's dead, I have to find his corpse." Dan Taixuan stood up. She said to all the officers present, "The rest of you are dismissed. Contact the Star Maple Troop after you leave. I'll head over in three hours."

The moment she finished speaking, there was a knock on the door.

"Come in!" Dan Taixuan frowned and said.

A soldier opened the door and saluted. He said hurriedly, "Reporting, Wang Teng is back!"

"He's back!"

Everyone was stunned.

Dan Taixuan sat back down and smiled. "Perfect, I don't have to waste a trip. Send him in."

"Yes!" The soldier received the order.

A few moments later, he brought Wang Teng into the meeting room.

Some of the officers present had seen Wang Teng before, but some were completely unfamiliar with him. Now that they knew he was Dan Taixuan's disciple, they sized him up carefully when he walked into the room.

His back was straight, and he was handsome. The most crucial point was, he was very young.

A little too young.

The next instant, they were startled.

Wang Teng was holding a human-shaped living thing that was in a sorry state.

What was going on?

Wang Teng was confused. Why did he have to face all these higher authorities the moment he came back. What was the situation?

However, when he saw Dan Taixuan, he felt at ease. As someone with a powerful background, he wasn't afraid.

"Come and take a seat. Why are you standing there absentmindedly?" Dan Taixuan pointed to the seat beside her and opened her mouth.

"Okay!" Wang Teng sniggered. He strutted over and sat down without any qualms. As for the person in his hand, he casually threw him on the floor beside him.

The officers stared at the ceiling. No one said anything.

Dan Taixuan was the biggest boss here. What she said was always right.

"You're not dead yet!" Dan Taixuan glanced at him and said.

Wang Teng: ...

*What the hell? What's with the strong verbal attack?*

*Wasn't she amiable and kind a moment ago?*

*Why did her attitude change suddenly?*

"Where did you get your guts to chase after a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior?" Dan Taixuan continued angrily when she noticed that he wasn't speaking.

#### **Chapter 428: On The Verge Of Breaking Out!**

Wang Teng understood at once. His master was worried about him!

Hmph, ladies were always fierce in speech but soft at heart.

Wang Teng chuckled in his heart. However, his expression remained unchanged. He coughed softly and said, "Master, don't you believe me? Your disciple is incredibly talented and extremely powerful. Catching a traitor is a piece of cake for me. Look, I brought the fellow back."

He kicked the 'body' at the side as he spoke.

Everyone felt the corners of their lips trembling.

This brat was shameless!

But why did this scene seem familiar for some reason?

They couldn't help but glance at Dan Taixuan. They were enlightened. It was passed down from his master.

Dan Taixuan ignored everyone's gazes and glared at Wang Teng. She didn't probe further when she noticed that he wasn't injured. Instead, she turned to look at the 'body' and said, "Is this the mysterious man?"

"That's right. His name is Qiu Bo, and he's an officer from the Star Maple Troop." Wang Teng flipped the 'body' over and continued, "He's still alive. You can question him anytime. I'm sure you'll be able to get some information out of him."

Everyone couldn't help but praise Wang Teng.

Amazing!

Since he was able to bring the traitor back, all their problems were solved. Wang Teng seemed to have some skills.

Niu Li and the two majors were astounded. Wang Teng really managed to catch the mysterious man. How did he do it?

That was a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior!

They couldn't wrap their heads around it and were filled with curiosity.

However, they knew one thing: Wang Teng wasn't joking when he said that he was confident in catching the other party. He did have the skills to back his words. Yet, they didn't believe him and thought that he was fooling around.

The three of them remembered what happened at that time and felt awkward. They gave a bitter smile.

At this moment, Qiu Bo's finger moved. Wang Teng might have used too much force just now and woke him up.

He opened his eyes in confusion and sized up his surroundings.

The first person he saw was Wang Teng sitting in front of him. His expression changed entirely, and he wailed in fear, "You devil, you can kill or skin me alive, but if you slap my face one more time, I won't let you go even if I turn into a ghost!"

He sounded so tragic that it made everyone's imagination run wild.

What did this fellow go through? Why was he terrified?

When they saw Qiu Bo's face, their expression turned strange.

His face... had turned into a pig's head!

Everyone glanced at the poker-faced Wang Teng. Their Chief Commander's disciple was a ruthless person. He beat this person so inhumanly.

"Cough, cough." Wang Teng coughed awkwardly. He was afraid that others would misunderstand him and think that he was a pervert who liked to torture people. This would affect his valiant and outstanding image. Hence, he remained patient and explained in a soft tone, "Qiu Bo, I did it for your

sake. The journey back was filled with bumps, and you were injured so badly. I slapped you unconscious so that you wouldn't be able to feel the pain. That way, you wouldn't have to suffer on the way back."

Qiu Bo wanted to cry. Was this what a person should say?

He beat him up brutally and told him it was for his sake?! Could you be a little more shameless?

The atmosphere turned weird. All the officers present had a clearer understanding of Wang Teng.

His shamelessness was no lesser than his master's!

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan stared at him speechlessly. They didn't know what to say.

Wang Teng didn't know what everyone was thinking. He felt that his explanation was useful, so he continued, "However, I won't slap you anymore. You can feel at ease now."

Qiu Bo was puzzled. He didn't trust Wang Teng.

Suddenly, he realized something was amiss.

Feel at ease?

He felt that he wanted him to die in peace.

"We're already here." Wang Teng noticed that he didn't believe him, so he enlightened him.

They were here?

Where?

Qiu Bo could still move his neck, so he glanced around him. Many high-ranked officers were sitting on the chairs, looking at him amiably with a smile on their faces.

This environment, this atmosphere, he seemed to be home... my foot!

Qiu Bo turned as white as a sheet.

Damn it!

He was dead!

He was in the hands of the military. All his secrets would be exposed.

"Carry him down. Don't let him die an easy death," Dan Taixuan said.

A few soldiers charged in after she finished speaking and carried Qiu Bo away.

Qiu Bo didn't shout. He had probably resigned himself to fate.

Dan Taixuan waved at Wang Teng. "Alright, your part has ended. You can do whatever you want now."

Wang Teng: ...

*Are you kicking me to the curb after using me?!*

*You're so cold-blooded!*

Wang Teng felt bitter. He had committed a huge merit. Shouldn't they be discussing his rewards now?

Did she forget about it?

He remembered Dan Taixuan's style and felt that this was possible. He started winking at his master frantically.

"Do you have sand in your eyes?" Dan Taixuan asked curiously.

Wang Teng: ...

"You just need to blow your eyes to get rid of the sand. Do you need your dear master to help you?" Dan Taixuan asked calmly.

Wang Teng's eyes felt better instantly. Dan Taixuan was scary. He couldn't offend her.

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Wang Teng didn't care about the military exploits anymore. If they belonged to him, they wouldn't run anywhere. Dan Taixuan wouldn't let her disciple suffer.

He wondered what rank he would be able to rise to.

A corporal was too low.

He should be at least a company officer...

After that, someone came to ask him about the details of the mission. Wang Teng filtered what he could tell. As for unimportant information like the Snow Jade Tree and the celestites he stole, they didn't have to know...

Even if Qiu Bo told them about it, they couldn't do anything to him. As Dan Taixuan's disciple, no one would dare to snatch it from him.

After handing over the mission, they walked out of the meeting room.

The three of them found it unreal when they saw Wang Teng's relaxed manner. He looked as though he had just come back from a holiday.

"How did you catch Qiu Bo?" Kong Li leaned over and whispered to him. She knew that there must be secrets, but she couldn't contain her curiosity.

Niu Li and Yuwen Xuan looked over. They were also eager to know.

That was a 9-star soldier-level martial warrior!

However, he got caught by Wang Teng, and judging from his state, he must have been tormented violently. The process was probably full of twists and excitement!

"I'm very powerful, so I used my skill to suppress him," Wang Teng said in a righteous tone.

"Who are you trying to fool? How can a 7-star soldier level suppress a 9-star soldier level?" Kong Li was speechless.

“How do you think I caught him?” Wang Teng asked her back.

“Tsk, you don’t have to tell me if you don’t want to.” Kong Li rolled her eyes at him.

They chatted casually along the way as they prepared to go back for some rest.

After some time, Kong Li grabbed Wang Teng’s shoulder and asked, “The mission has ended. Do you want to have some fun?”

“Cough, a little fun is enough,” Wang Teng glanced at Niu Li and Yuwen Xuan and replied calmly.

“You two...” Niu Li didn’t know what to say. He shook his head. “The mission has ended, but the issue hasn’t been solved yet. There might be a huge task tomorrow. Know your boundaries, and don’t go overboard with the fun.”

“Don’t worry, don’t worry. I’m a sensible person.” Kong Li waved and walked over with her hands over Wang Teng’s shoulder.

When Yuwen Xuan saw them leaving, a glint flashed past his eyes. He bade farewell to Niu Li and turned to leave.

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Wang Teng and Kong Li had a fun time eating and playing outside. They only came to the dormitory late at night.

When he was preparing to enter his room, Wang Teng noticed that the two rooms beside him were very quiet. Han Zhu and Wan Baiqiu were still on their missions.

It made sense.

His mission didn’t take up too much time, ending in a few days. Compared to the rest, it was much shorter.

Han Zhu and Wan Baiqiu’s mission shouldn’t be difficult. However, since they were undergoing training, it wouldn’t be short.

Wang Teng shook his head and stopped thinking about them. He sat cross-legged on his bed and started cultivating.

The next day, just like what Niu Li said, they received a mission notification at around 10 am from the higher authorities.

Wang Teng, Niu Li, and the two majors gathered in a meeting room again.

The four of them looked at one another. No one spoke.

Despite waiting for some time, no one came. Kong Li got impatient and asked, “Niu Li, did you receive any information from the higher-ups? Can you reveal some things to us?”

“I didn’t receive any notification.” Niu Li shook his head.

“We’re probably heading to Star Maple Troop to reinforce them,” Yuwen Xuan guessed.

“Hey, that’s not bad. Wang Teng will definitely get first-class merit. However, since we worked with him, we should be able to get some soup too.” Kong Li’s eyes lit up. She sniggered. “Wang Teng, we’ll bask in your reflected glory.”

“Senior Sister, stop kidding. The missions are all arranged by the higher authorities. It’s got nothing to do with me,” Wang Teng said.

The door of the meeting room finally opened, and Song Wanjiang walked in.

“It looks like you all have guessed it.”

The four of them hurriedly stood up and saluted.

“Alright, let’s talk business. Yesterday, we dug some information out of Qiu Bo. Chief Commander personally brought him back to the Star Maple Troop overnight and had an entire night of meeting there. They’re already preparing for war. It’s on the verge of breaking out.”

Song Wanjiang’s words caused the four of them to turn serious.

War was a heavy word. Its appearance meant blood and death.

Even if they were at an advantage, many people would still die in the end.

Song Wanjiang said grimly, “The dark apparitions have invaded the Xingwu Continent for many years. All along, we have been at a disadvantage. This time, we finally got to control the situation. We must gather all our strength and give them a violent knock on the head.”

Wang Teng exchanged glances with the others. They could detect the determination of the humans from Song Wanjiang’s words.

They felt invigorated.

Even a selfish person like Wang Teng felt a little impulsive. He wanted to get on the battlefield and kill some enemies. He wanted to take revenge for all the sacrifices humankind had suffered over the years.

“Your mission is time is very important!

“After our discussion, we’ve decided to let each of you lead an advance force and head to the Star Maple Troop.

“You will listen to the Chief Commander when you’re there!”

“Do you have any questions?” Song Wanjiang asked seriously.

“No!”

“Alright, prepare to leave.” Song Wanjiang nodded in satisfaction.

“Yes!” Niu Li, Kong Li, and Yuwen Xuan shouted in high spirits.

“Yes~” Wang Teng replied in a lazy tone.

Everyone: ...



## Chapter 429: A Masked Martial Warrior In The Underground Training Area

Song Wanjiang felt anger surging into his heart when he saw Wang Teng's lazy manner.

This is an important matter! Can you be more serious!

But the moment he remembered Wang Teng's background, he would glance behind Wang Teng uncontrollably.

He felt as if Dan Taixuan was standing there.

Never mind, he would be benevolent and forgive the wrongdoings of this young man. As a deputy chief commander, he had no reason to harbor a grudge against a small corporal.

He turned to look at Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan. As expected, they were more soothing to his eyes.

"We don't want to alert the dark apparitions, so this mission is confidential. Your identity will be normal martial warriors, and you will each lead a small team, heading to Star Maple City from different directions. All the necessary equipment has been prepared for you in no. 3 underground training area. You can go and get them," Song Wanjiang said.

Wang Teng and the others nodded. They saluted at Song Wanjiang and prepared to leave.

"After taking your equipment, don't create any commotion. You will hide in the Force floating airships transporting our daily goods and get out of the city using it.

"Remember, time is tight. You need to hurry to Star Maple City before midnight tomorrow!"

Song Wanjiang gave his last reminder.

"Understood!"

The four of them turned around and left. Song Wanjiang stood alone in the room for a long time before he walked out.

The four of them hurriedly made some preparations and met up again.

Wang Teng followed Niu Li and the others to a heavily guarded building. After confirming their identities, the guards let them in.

They strode inside and passed through a corridor made of steel. A row of elevators appeared in their vision.

Niu Li and the others seemed familiar with this place. They brought him to an elevator with the number 3 written in front.

The lift door opened. There was only one button beside the door. When Wang Teng and the others entered the lift and pressed it, they immediately felt a sense of weightlessness.

The elevator traveled at a fast speed. The underground training area seemed exceptionally deep.

It felt as if they had jumped down from a building.

Fortunately, they were all martial warriors and had a strong mentality. If not, they might not be able to handle this excitement.

After some time, the elevator trembled abruptly and opened with a swoosh.

Wang Teng and the others walked out calmly.

The first thing they saw was an enormous underground space filled with all kinds of weapons.

There were already many people in the underground training area. They were split into four teams and were waiting quietly.

These people were dressed in black battle uniforms and were wearing all kinds of strange masks on their faces.

Wang Teng's expression turned strange.

This scene was beyond his expectations. They didn't look like they were going to war. Instead, this seemed like a large-scale cosplay game.

He turned to look at Niu Li and the others. They didn't seem surprised by the scene. He immediately rearranged his expression to prevent them from thinking he was a frog in the well.

Slash!

After the martial warriors in the underground training area saw them, they suddenly raised their hands and saluted. They were extremely organized and neat.

"Sir!" The fierce and low voices of these martial warriors reverberated in the underground area.

Niu Li and the others saluted back.

Wang Teng was helpless, feeling that he needed to salute everywhere in the military.

"We will each pick a team from the four teams. You guys can choose first," Niu Li said at this moment.

"I'm alright with any of them," Wang Teng replied calmly.

Niu Li opened his mouth and wanted to persuade him otherwise. However, he remembered what had happened before and decided to shut up. His face was still hurting from the slap in the face.

"I won't be polite then, hehe." Kong Li didn't push away the offer. She carefully examined the four teams and felt their auras to analyze their power.

This mission wasn't easy, and they wouldn't be able to complete it on their own. On the battlefield, unless they were general-stage martial warriors, they weren't capable of fighting their enemies alone.

Hence, the abilities of their subordinates were crucial.

This would affect their performance in this mission. If they could perform outstandingly and get merits, they might be able to rise to another rank.

At their age, the major rank was their limit. Ordinary military exploits weren't enough for them to climb the ladder. They had to make outstanding contributions during a large-scale battle and gather enough reputation if they wanted to advance another step.

Obviously, this mission was a great chance.

While Kong Li was choosing her team, Yuwen Xuan didn't slack off either.

He glanced at Wang Teng. He was still unwilling to accept this young man, but he wouldn't let his emotions get the better of him. He immediately started choosing his team.

At this moment, a flash of light appeared in Wang Teng's eyes. He had activated his Spiritual Sight. He glanced through the martial warriors and was astounded.

These martial warriors were all 3-star soldier level and above. The most powerful ones were at the 5-star soldier level.

Every team's arrangement was the same. There were two 5-star soldier level, ten 4-star soldier level, and 30 3-star soldier-level martial warriors.

With this ability, if they were outside, they would dominate wherever they went.

Of course, there was a difference in the ability of the individuals. This was why Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan chose their teams so carefully.

After some time, the two of them made their decision.

"Which one will you choose?" Niu Li asked.

This time, Wang Teng didn't reject his offer. He pointed to the team on the left and said, "I'll choose them."

Actually, among the four teams, the one he chose was the strongest.

With his Spiritual Sight, he saw that more than half of the martial warriors in this team had thicker Force in their bodies as compared to the other teams.

Especially the 5-star and 4-star soldier-level martial warriors. Their battle ability must be high.

This couldn't be seen from their appearance.

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan would never have imagined that after choosing for such a long time, the strongest team still landed in Wang Teng's hand.

Just like that, the allocation of the team was completed.

There was a table with nothing except for a mask in front of all the teams.

The four of them walked in front of their teams.

Wang Teng felt speechless. He took the mask on the table and flipped it over to take a look.

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This was a cat mask. Actually, it still looked alright since most of the others were wearing animal masks, but this mask seemed a little... cute.

Wang Teng felt even more speechless than before.

What on earth is this?!

Why did you give such a cute mask for this serious mission? Who came up with this idea?

This is outrageous!

No wonder they placed the mask facing down. They didn't want him to see the mask.

Had he seen the front of the mask, he would never have chosen this team, even if they were the strongest. He wouldn't let his dignity as a man get trampled.

Wang Teng couldn't help but glance at the mask in the other officers' hands.

Wang Teng: ...

The bitterness in his heart became stronger.

Why were their masks normal?

He could feel a malicious intent from their mask. This was how martial warriors should look on the battlefield!

Under Wang Teng's unhappy gaze, Niu Li and the others suddenly felt a strong resentment floating towards them.

They were stunned.

What is this?

Why is this fellow looking at us so bitterly?

When they saw Wang Teng's mask, they understood immediately. Their expressions turned weird as they tried their best to control their laughter.

However, Kong Li didn't give him any face. She burst out laughing without any restraint.

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"Hahaha..."

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"Hahaha..."

"Why are you laughing?" Wang Teng glared at Kong Li, feeling that he had suffered a huge humiliation.

This girl was outrageous!

“Cough, I’m not going to laugh anymore... Pfft, hahaha, I’m sorry. I can’t control myself.” Kong Li walked over and burst out laughing again when she saw Wang Teng’s exasperated expression.

She held onto his shoulder and laughed until she bent backward and forward. She was beside herself.

Niu Li and Yuwen Xuan couldn’t control themselves either, revealing happy smiles.

They would have laughed if the situation wasn’t so dire.

“Come, Junior Brother, wear it and let your senior take a look. I think this cat mask is not bad. It suits your vibe,” Kong Li teased him after laughing for some time.

“Go away!” Wang Teng slapped her hand away in anger.

“Come on, wear it. It’s really not bad.” Kong Li didn’t give up. She continued urging him.

Wang Teng ignored her. He shifted his gaze and said to Yuwen Xuan, “Major Yuwen, why don’t we change our masks. I think that this mask is more suitable for you.”

“Hmph!” Yuwen Xuan snorted coldly. His expression changed.

Wang Teng didn’t give up. He turned to Niu Li and said earnestly, “Old Niu, how about we exchange our masks? Trust me, if you wear this, you will definitely return to your youth and get a new lease of life like the sprouts on a withered tree in spring. You will mesmerize thousands of ladies, more than Major Yuwen. You will become the new idol of the military.”

Niu Li felt the muscles on his face twitch. Veins bulged out on his forehead.

Young brat, don’t you know how to speak properly?

What do you mean by return to my youth? What do you mean by getting a new lease of life?

Am I very old?

To a martial warrior, 30 years still meant youth, yet this brat was calling him old. He was so insensible.

Don’t you want to switch masks with me? You can continue daydreaming!

“Hahaha, no one will exchange with you.” Kong Li guffawed at his plight.

Wang Teng was boiling with rage. Suddenly, his eyes lit up. “Why don’t—”

“Don’t even think about it. I’m not changing with you.” Kong Li rolled her eyes. She rejected him before he could finish his sentence. She fiddled with the bear mask in her hand and said, “I think my mask is awesome.”

“Tsk, what kind of taste is that?” Wang Teng said with disdain.

“Alright, stop fooling around. Time is tight. We should leave now!” Niu Li said at this moment.

“Alright, since no one likes you, let me dote on you.” Wang Teng shook his head and sighed. He knocked the cat mask in his hand.

“The mask is to conceal your identity to prevent others from recognizing you through your pictures. It’s not an ornament,” Niu Li replied helplessly.

Wang Teng remained quiet. Niu Li continued, “Since we are hiding our identities, we can’t use our real names. We need a codename.”

“Codename?” Wang Teng asked curiously, “This feels like a spy movie.”

Niu Li glared at him. “My codename is Raging Bull. Kong Li is Peacock, and Yuwen Xuan is Wolf Wen. You’re a recruit, so you don’t have a codename yet. You can pick one yourself. We’ll call each other by our codenames from now on.”

“This is so troublesome.” Wang Teng felt helpless, but he still pondered over it.

It was his first time thinking of a codename for himself. It felt strange to him, so he couldn’t come up with one for a long time.

“Why don’t you call yourself Cute Cat?” Kong Li teased him.

“Not bad!” Yuwen Xuan nodded in approval.

“Enough!” Wang Teng glared at them. Suddenly, he had an idea. A smile appeared at the corner of his lips as he said, “I’ve thought of mine. My codename will be... Ghost Crow!”

“Ghost Crow!”

Kong Li and Yuwen Xuan repeated the name.

Niu Li was afraid that they would continue wasting time here. He waved his hands hurriedly and said, “This codename is not bad. Alright, it’s decided. Wear your mask, and let’s leave.”

Their jokes ended there. They turned serious and headed towards another exit in the underground training area.

Along the way, everyone wore their masks.

Wang Teng also stopped hesitating. It was just a mask. Besides Kong Li, Yuwen Xuan, and Niu Li, no one knew who he was.

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It wasn’t too embarrassing.

The four teams followed behind their leaders.

A few moments later, they arrived at the Force floating airship docking station. There were already people waiting for them.

“Take care of yourself!”

The four of them exchanged glances and said some parting words. Then, they brought their teams onto the Force floating airship and flew off into the horizon.

Wang Teng and his 42 subordinates sat in the transportation cabin, staring at each other awkwardly.

Wang Teng didn't know what to do. These soldiers were extremely uptight. They only knew how to follow commands. If he didn't open his mouth, they wouldn't say a single word.

After some time, Wang Teng coughed and said, "Why don't you introduce yourselves? We'll start with... the two of you."

He waved his finger around and finally pointed at the two 5-star soldier-level martial warriors.

The two martial warriors were shocked and exchanged glances with each other secretly. These martial warriors belonged to a special department, so all of them had learned concealing skills to hide their cultivation. Usually, outsiders wouldn't be able to see their true abilities.

Yet, Wang Teng was able to point them out accurately among all the soldiers.

They didn't believe that this was based on pure luck. This exceptionally young leader must have noticed something.

A moment ago, when the team saw Wang Teng's light-hearted attitude, they felt a little regretful. They wondered if it was luck or misfortune to have such a leader.

Now, the two martial warriors finally realized that this young man wasn't an ordinary guy. Anyone that could be sent by the higher authorities to be their leader wouldn't be a normal person.

Wang Teng's intention of doing this was to show his ability to the soldiers.

Any powerful person was proud. Hence, these martial warriors would more or less have some unhappiness and doubts towards him, their leader who dropped from the sky.

Especially when compared to Kong Li and the others. He had no reputation and was extremely young.

A youngster was normally thought to be weaker in ability.

He was too lazy to explain to them, so he directly used this method to shock them.

These martial warriors weren't stupid. He believed that they would notice something.

Under Wang Teng's calm gaze, one of the soldiers took off his mask, revealing the face of a man around 30 years old. He opened his mouth and said, "Codename: Ice Wind!"

Then, he put on his mask and kept quiet again.

He didn't mention his ability. He stared intently and directly into Wang Teng's eyes.

Wang Teng remained indifferent, having no intention to probe further. He turned and signaled the other person to speak.

Surprisingly, the other martial warrior was a lady around 27 years old. There was a scar that looked like a centipede covering half of her face. She said in a cold voice, "Codename: Black Widow!"

After she finished speaking, she glanced at Wang Teng and wore her mask again. She didn't mention her ability either.

Wang Teng felt his teeth hurting.

Black Widow?

What kind of name is this?!

Why don't you act in the Avengers!

Moreover, the Black Widow in the Avengers was prettier than this lady. This lady was... erm... without the scar, she should be pretty too.

Next, the other people started to introduce themselves. They only said their codenames and took off their mask to allow Wang Teng to recognize their faces.

Wang Teng touched his chin and scanned his subordinates.

All his subordinates seemed unruly...

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