

SOVEREIGN 891

Chapter 891: A Head-On Fight

"W-When did Daniu comprehend the Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept?" When Duan Ling Tian saw the 185 silhouettes of the ancient horned dragons above Huang Daniu's head, he could not help but be taken aback.

He was not surprised that Huang Daniu's cultivation base had made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. After all, just like him, Huang Daniu had also consumed the Origin Enhancing Fruit. Its medicinal efficacy was enough to help him make a breakthrough.

However, what took Duan Ling Tian by surprise was the fact that Huang Daniu had actually comprehended the Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept.

He still remembered that when he first saw Huang Daniu a month ago, he was still at the Fifth Level Intermediate Earth Concept. In other words, his Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept was only recently acquired.

Swish!

Suddenly, a series of turbulent air flow resonated in the air and attracted Duan Ling Tian's attention.

Right above the head of Nangong Yi who locked in a stalemate with Huang Daniu, the Heaven and Earth Energy became chaotic as it converged into the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon at a stunning speed.

100 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared first. It seemed like it was trying to tell all the people in the surroundings the cultivation base that Nangong Yi possessed.

Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

Without delay, another 90 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons emerged and wriggled as they descended, accumulating their strength for their next strike.

"Eighth Level Intermediate Water Concept!" When Duan Ling Tian saw this, his eyes narrowed instantly.

It had never crossed his mind that Nangong Yi's strength was actually this powerful. In addition to his remarkable cultivation base, he had even comprehended the Eighth Level Intermediate Water Concept!

Without the use of any spirit weapon, his strength had already amounted to the strength of 190 ancient horned dragons.

Compared to Huang Daniu who borrowed the Earth Energy with his Earth Concept, Nangong Yi was still better than him by one tally. He still had a strength that was five ancient horned dragons more than him.

"S-Seventh Level Void Interpretation... Eighth Level Intermediate Water Concept..." When Huang Daniu saw the strength that Nangong Yi displayed, he also turned pale in astonishment.

After taking a deep breath, color began to appear again on his face. His eyes were staring fixedly at Nangong Yi.

Although the difference of five ancient horned dragons was quite huge, he was still a match for Nangong Yi with the power that he borrowed from the Earth Energy.

After all, the Earth Energy had given him an extra strength of 35 ancient horned dragons.

If he had not borrowed the Earth Energy with the help of his Earth Concept, the gap between Nangong Yi and him would not be as simple as only five ancient horned dragons. Instead, it would be a gap of 40 ancient horned dragons.

The gap of 40 ancient horned dragons was more than enough for Nangong Yi to defeat him in just one blow.

"Senior Brother Yi is so powerful!"

"No wonder Senior Brother Yi dare to agree to Huang Daniu's absurd request earlier! It turns out that there's no need for him to fear Huang Daniu who relies on the Earth Energy at all."

"So what can this Huang Daniu do after borrowing the Earth Energy? He's still no match for Senior Brother Yi anyway!"

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Many Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching the scene were staring fixedly at Nangong Yi with their intense gaze.

In their eyes, Nangong Yi was a presence that they could not surpass but could only look up to. At the same time, he was also the main pillar of their Five Element Sect's future.

"Bring it on." Nangong Yi smiled at Huang Daniu. His entire body was enveloped in a halo that was formed by a turquoise blue wave.

The moment Huang Daniu heard this, he inhaled deeply. Every muscle in his body swelled up, and the khaki-colored energy around his body started to fluctuate again.

In the next moment, a part of his khaki-colored energy split up and formed a stone platform beneath his feet in a rapid speed.

The instant the stone platform appeared, Huang Daniu immediately made his move.

WHAM!

Both of his legs crashed on the stone platform, resulting in a loud ear-piercing bang.

The stone platform instantly cracked. A series of cracks that spread to all directions appeared on top of it and interlocked with each other, making it look just like a spider web.

In a flash, the cracks were all over the platform. With a "Boom", the platform exploded and turned into dust.

Swoosh!

At the same time, Huang Daniu who had borrowed the energy from the stone platform shot out abruptly. He charged towards Nangong Yi like a cannonball. He lifted up his hand, and he smashed a fist towards him.

Wham!

The blow was like an avalanche. A vast amount of khaki-colored energy surged out like a khaki-colored divine dragon that was barring its claws while charging towards Nangong Yi.

At the same time, in the space above Huang Daniu's head, 185 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons charged out as well and rushed towards the 190 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons above Nangong Yi's head.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

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Huang Daniu spared no effort in his blow. The punch that contained 185 ancient horned dragons shook the air and caused it to become turbulent. It set off a series of ear-jarring sound of explosion.

"If I have to face Huang Daniu who had borrowed the Earth Energy, even I would not be able to withstand that blow if I don't use my Soul Skill!" The scene in front elicited a complicated look in Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

He suddenly felt that, from the past until now, he seemed to have been a little too dependent on his Soul Skill. Of course, in his heart, he knew clearly that the reason he relied on his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions so much was because it was the strongest technique that he had mastered so far.

Due to the fact that the level of his Spiritual Energy was higher than his cultivation base, the effect of the Soul Skill was much more powerful than his own ability.

'Perhaps, it's not quite good that my Spiritual Energy did not make a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation after my cultivation base had entered the Sixth Level Void Interpretation last time,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

After all, to a certain extent, the presence of this Soul Skill Thousand Illusions had affected Duan Ling Tian's desire to improve. At the very least, he had slacked a little when it came to the cultivation of his martial skill.

Nine Dragon's Radiant Flash — ever since Duan Ling Tian had entered the Initial stage in Driftcloud Town, he had never once cultivated it. Instead, he had focused all of his attention on elevating his cultivation base and comprehending Concept. He had attended to one thing and lost sight of another.

Boom!

A loud noise reverberated, it prompted Duan Ling Tian who was lost in his thoughts to return to his senses. He lifted up his head to look at the source of the sound.

It turned out that in the face of Huang Daniu's overwhelming blow that contained the strength of 185 ancient horned dragons, Nangong Yi did not choose to shrink from it. Instead, he decided to go against it directly.

All the same, a punch was smashed out and directly clashed with Huang Daniu's punch.

Instantly, khaki-colored energy and blue-colored energy collided together. After making a deafening loud noise, it set off a series of horrifying sound of explosion.

At the same time, the air flow in the air was constantly suppressed and exploded, resulting in waves of hurricanes that surged all over the place in continuous succession.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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The hurricanes continued to wreak havoc as it blew the robes of the people on the scene and whistled continuously.

Some of the Five Element Sect's disciples who had lower cultivation base turned pale and could not help but stepped backwards to a certain distance as they narrowed their eyes and tried to withstand the hurricane that was charging from the front.

On the other hand, people who had no fear towards this hurricane, including Duan Ling Tian, were looking at the changes in the scene with a glum look on their faces.

Nangong Yi had actually chosen to directly confront Huang Daniu. It was apparent that he also had the same intention as Huang Daniu to finish everything off in one blow...

Finishing the battle in one blow might seem simple. However, in actual fact, the skills that were needed were not little.

First of all, the person who had a head start would gain the upper hand.

— and the upper hand had been taken away by Huang Daniu.

Under such circumstances, even if Nangong Yi's strength was five ancient horned dragons more than Huang Daniu, nobody dared to say that he would be able to suppress Huang Daniu with such a direct hit.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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In the distance, a series of explosions kept resonating. The air flow in the air swept across and ceaselessly set off waves of hurricanes that spread in all directions.

During the match, Nangong Yi and Huang Daniu suddenly halted in mid air. Their fists were smashed against each other.

A gush of aqua blue energy that was like waves and waves of tsunami kept rolling forward. It was as if it was going to send the obstacle in front flying backwards.

In the face of that khaki-colored energy, it had no time to show any mercy. The energy that was still bubbling up continued to rush out ceaselessly, and it even formed a sort of strange resonance with the Gold Peak nearby.

The two of them were locked in a stalemate without any changes.

"After borrowing the Earth Energy, Huang Daniu's actually THIS strong? He's basically fought to a standoff with Senior Brother Yi!" One of the Five Element Sect's disciple exclaimed in surprise.

"No matter what the result is today... This Huang Daniu will definitely be well-known in our Five Element Sect and become a new strong young powerhouse in our sect."

"With Huang Daniu's strength and the help of the Earth Energy, I guess only Senior Brother Chen and Yi are able to fight against him in our Five Element Sect. Even Senior Brother Hu Fei is no match against him."

"Exactly! Although Senior Brother Hu Fei has already broken through to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation, he's only comprehended the Seventh Level Void Interpretation Concept. Without the help of any weapon, his strength is ten ancient horned dragons weaker than Senior Brother Yi."

"Not to mention that he's also five ancient horned dragons weaker than Huang Daniu currently. If the both of them clash directly, Senior Brother Hu Fei is most likely not a match for Huang Daniu."

"However, this Huang Daniu needs to be in a specific environment before he can borrow the massive energy that the Earth Energy possesses... Senior Brother Hu Fei can always avoid this kind of specific environment that's beneficial to Huang Daniu."

"Hmm, you do have a point as well."

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The group of Five Element Sect disciples buried their heads together in discussions. With their words, they started to compare Huang Daniu and Hu Fei unconsciously.

"T-This Huang Daniu actually possesses such strength?" Hu Fei's face darkened to the highest degree the moment he heard those words.

Previously, when he had found out from a few Fire Peak's disciples that the person who had slapped him twice was actually Huang Daniu, he could not wait to tear his body into countless pieces and smashed his bone into dust!

At first, he had thought that no matter under what circumstances, trash like Huang Daniu was doomed to be crushed by him.

However, right now, Hu Fei finally noticed that as long as Huang Daniu borrowed the Earth Energy, he was basically no match for Huang Daniu if he did not use any spirit weapon.

This made him felt enraged with shame!

If it was his turn later to fight against Huang Daniu, and he decided to be a rogue and insisted on staying near that side of Gold Peak, he would not be able to defeat Huang Daniu.

It seemed like the Battle of the Five Peaks had never stated before that one could not rely on the Earth Energy. At that time, they could only call it a tie.

He did not have confidence in defeating Huang Daniu who had the Earth Energy.

Under the watchful eyes of the others, Nangong Yi and Huang Daniu continued to be locked in a stalemate. The energy on their hands continued to emanate out as they smashed into each other. They were evenly matched and neither side got the better of the other.

"T-That is..." Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he stared fixedly at Nangong Yi's fist. It seemed like he had noticed something.

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Just as Duan Ling Tian was staring fixedly at Nangong Yi's fist, the turquoise blue energy that was on the surface of Nangong Yi's fist suddenly converged like they were being squeezed together.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, the turquoise blue energy around Nangong Yi's fist suddenly compressed and wrapped around his fist.

Along with the convergence of his energy, Huang Daniu unreservedly continued releasing his energy. That sweeping energy that seemingly transformed into a khaki-colored divine dragon charged towards Nangong Yi as it swept away all the obstacles that were in the way.

"Senior Brother Yi!" At this instance, many of the Five Element Sect's disciples had their hearts hoisted as they stared at Nangong Yi worriedly.

In their opinion, Nangong Yi looked like he was currently in a disadvantageous position.

"I-It's okay... It's okay.. E-Even if Senior Brother's defeated, that Huang Daniu only won one-sidedly! After all, Senior Brother Yi did not use any of that Earth Energy at all!" Many of the Gold Peak disciples comforted themselves.

However, the Peak Masters of the Five Peaks in the Five Element Sect and the elders around them, including Duan Ling Tian, had a different thought from the disciples of the Five Element Sect.

As the saying went, the experts knew the rope while the amateurs just came along for the ride.

Although it might look like Nangong Yi had converged the power on his punch and let Huang Daniu take the upper hand, the fact was he was already preparing to launch the next attack.

Just as the group of Five Element Sect's disciples broke into a cold sweat for Nangong Yi, and while Duan Ling Tian's eyes were completely narrowed in focus, Nangong Yi began to make his move under the watchful eyes of the others.

Whoosh!

He strode out, and his entire being charged towards Huang Daniu's fist that contained a vast amount of energy. In the eyes of the others, this was no different from committing suicide.

"Senior Brother Yi!" When the Five Element Sect's disciples saw that, many of them could not help but shout in shock.

At this moment, the turquoise blue energy on Nangong Yi's fist that looked like it had transformed into a sort of viscous liquid once again followed his punch and charged towards Huang Daniu before exploding suddenly.

Boom!

A terrifying energy boomed and burst out from Nangong Yi's fist.

This scene, in the eyes of Duan Ling Tian, was no different from the bomb blast that he had experienced before on Earth during his past life.

After the energy on Nangong Yi's fist exploded, all that was left in front of the spectators was a blue-colored sky canopy. It was as if half of the sky had been completely dyed blue.

At this moment, one could vaguely see that behind this turquoise blue sky canopy, two figures were clashing with each other.

Suddenly!

After one of the figures that were medium-built in size leaned forward, he maintained a punching posture and remained motionless.

On the contrary, another figure that was big-sized was sent back flying like an arrow that was being shot out. At the same time, a few mouthfuls of blood spurted out as he continued to groan a few times.

Wham!

Almost at the same time, an alarmingly loud noise resonated in the air. A vast hurricane swept over everywhere. Even the turquoise blue sky was blown away as well.

Nangong Yi was standing in the air in the distance, gracefully dapper in appearance.

As for Huang Daniu, he was standing farther in the distance and appeared to be in a wreck. After consuming a wound-curing medicinal pill, his terribly pale face finally eased up a little.

Huang Daniu took a deep breath as he looked towards Nangong Yi and exclaimed frankly, "You're very strong! I, Huang Daniu, admit defeat."

After he finished, instead of waiting for Nangong Yi's response, he flew off and returned to stand beside Duan Ling Tian and the other Wood Peak members.

"Peak Master, Elder Yang, Elder Ke, I'm sorry for letting you down," Huang Daniu apologized.

"Daniu, you've done very well!" Ke Zheng smiled.

Previously, when Huang Daniu had displayed his full power without any reservation, it had taken him by surprise as well.

It had never crossed his mind that Huang Daniu would have such a huge transformation in just one month.

"Daniu, w-when... did you enter the Sixth Level Void Interpretation? Not only that, you even comprehended the Six Level Intermediate Earth Concept as well!" Chen Wei stared at Huang Daniu, he was completely stunned.

At this moment, all he could think of was that this massive figure in front of him had suddenly become so unfamiliar, to the extent that he had to familiarized himself with him again.

"Hehe," Huang Daniu chuckled without offering any explanation.

He could also see that, whether it was Ke Zheng or Chen Wei, they did not seem to know anything about the Origin Enhancing Fruit. Since it was like that, naturally he would not be the first one to spill the secret.

After all, the Origin Enhancing Fruit that he had consumed was originally intended for Chen Wei by the Peak Master of Wood Peak.

Who would know what Ke Zheng and Chen Wei's reactions would be like after they found out about it.

"Not bad, not bad," Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, smiled and nodded his head towards Huang Daniu. It was apparent that he was satisfied with Huang Daniu's performance.

The moment Huang Daniu heard this, he was instantly flattered.

"Daniu, you really concealed it well. When exactly did you comprehend the Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept?" Duan Ling Tian took a deep look at Huang Daniu.

"Hehe... just a few days ago," he chuckled as he replied.

"I admit defeat." Suddenly, a soft voice entered Duan Ling Tian's ears and returned him to his senses. He turned his head and looked towards the source of the voice.

In just a glance, he immediately saw the owner of the voice.

Tan Huan.

The strongest younger generation in Water Peak, she was also the strongest female disciple among the younger generation in the Five Element Sect.

After Huang Daniu's battle with Nangong Yi, it was hers and Hu Fei's turn next.

However, she had witnessed Hu Fei's cultivation base of Seventh Level Void Interpretation before and knew very well that she was no match for him. Cleverly, she admitted her defeat.

Hu Fei advanced to the next round. The second match ended.

The other male disciple from the Earth Peak entered the next round without a fight.

The third round began.

Because Hu Fei, Tan Huan and the other male disciple from Earth Peak knew that they were no match for Nangong Yi, coupled with the fact that he had defeated Huang Daniu earlier on, he was immediately crowned as the temporary victor of the Battle of the Five Peaks.

For this reason, Huang Daniu decided to challenge the ranking position by challenging the male disciple of Earth Peak.

Since the other side had seen Huang Daniu's strength earlier, he did not have any intention to battle it out with Huang Daniu. He immediately admitted defeat.

Now, only Huang Daniu and Hu Fei were left.

Swish!

Before Hu Fei went up to battle, Huang Daniu turned into a flash of lightning under the stunned gazes of the crowd. In just a blink of an eye, he had already reached the other side of Gold Peak, close to the sheer cliffs.

When they saw Huang Daniu's actions, apart from Duan Ling Tian and a few others, the rest were rendered speechless.

"D-Don't you think this Huang Daniu is a little brazen?"

"I was still wondering if Huang Daniu will go close to the Gold Peak and borrow the Earth Energy when he's going against Senior Brother Hu Fei... But, I can't believe that he has already gone there before the match against Senior Brother Hu Fei even begins!"

"When he gets there, Huang Daniu's strength would be 35 ancient horned dragons more than his usual strength... Even stronger than Senior Brother Hu when he exerts his full strength!"

"I wonder if Senior Brother Hu will take the initiative to go there and battle him or not."

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The Five Element Sect's disciples who were present began to discuss this in a lively manner. Many people found Huang Daniu to be quite brazen, but equally as many people thought that he was smart too.

Hu Fei flew out and stood in the sky far away from Gold Peak. From a distance, he glared at Huang Daniu who was close to Gold Peak's side. He mocked in a deep voice, "Huang Daniu, if you're still a man, come here and fight with me!"

"Hu Fei!" The moment Huang Daniu heard his words, he let out a chuckle, "If you still acknowledge yourself as a human, then you come over here and battle it out with me... After all, you're a martial artist who's already at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. Don't tell me that you're afraid of me who's only at the Sixth Level Void Interpretation?"

Provocation!

A true and undisguised provocation!

However, Hu Fei was enraged. He was fully infuriated!

In just a blink, Hu Fei's pair of eyes were immediately dyed as he glared at Huang Daniu from afar. If looks could kill, Huang Daniu would have died many times by now.

However, Hu Fei did not make any move at all. This was because he had no confidence in defeating Huang Daniu who had the help from Earth Energy.

He would not make his move if he had no confidence.

Otherwise, if he was defeated by Huang Daniu, he would definitely become the laughing stock of all Five Element Sect's disciples. He would no longer be able to lift his head up in this Five Element Sect in the future.

For this reason, he did not dare to risk it this time!

The atmosphere of the scene instantly became kind of weird.

Huang Daniu hovered in the air near the Gold Peak while Hu Fei stood afar in the air from the Gold Peak in the sky. Both of them were standing and facing each other, but nobody made any move at all.

"Sect Leader!" At this moment, Cha Bai, the Peak Master of the Fire Peak, stepped out and looked at Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, before asking in a deep tone, "Since that Huang Daniu dare move forward to battle it out with my disciple, then he ought to be announced as defeated in this match! Sect Leader, please make a decision!"

"Hurmph!" Before Guo Chong had the chance to speak, Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak who was standing beside Duan Ling Tian, stepped out in the air and said in his cold voice, "Cha Bai, you're as shameless as usual! You said that Huang Daniu does not dare to go fight with Hu Fei. Let me ask you, does Hu Fei dare to go near Huang Daniu for a fight?"

The moment the group of Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching by the side heard Qi Yu's question, all of them, other than Fire Peak's disciples, nodded their heads one after another.

"That's right! It's true that Huang Daniu dare not leave Gold Peak's side to battle it out with Senior Brother Hu Fei, but similarly, Senior Brother Hu Fei also dare move forward to meet Huang Daniu."

"Although Huang Daniu's kind of shameless in this match, I've to admit that he's smart as well. He knows how to make use of his advantage."

"If these two people really do not dare to make any move in this match, then calling it as a tie is the best outcome I suppose."

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The group of Five Element Sect's disciples was discussing animatedly about it. Although it was extremely noisy, the comments still managed to make their way into the Peak Masters and the elders' ear.

Cha Bai's face turned glum instantly.

It had never crossed his mind that other than his own Fire Peak's disciples, the other disciples from Gold, Water and Earth Peak would choose to stand by Qi Yu and support him.

However, he really did not want to see this battle ended up in a tie.

After all, once Hu Fei and Huang Daniu ended up in a tie, both of their rankings would be the same in the end. At that time, when the other representative from Wood Peak managed to defeat the other representative from Fire Peak, his Fire Peak would then be ranked below Wood Peak.

That was something he really did not want to see.

The other representative from Wood Peak was Duan Ling Tian, a young man who exuded a sense of mystery from every part of his body. Just the fact that Wood Peak kept him as their trump card and let him rest in the meantime was enough to prove that his strength was far above Huang Daniu's.

It would most likely be very easy for Duan Ling Tian to defeat his other representative from Fire Peak. That disciple had just made a breakthrough to the Fifth Level Void Interpretation.

"Qi Yu, you can't say it like that... Everyone here knows that any martial artist whose cultivation base has entered the Void would almost never fight against a person who has comprehended the Earth Concept on the ground," Cha Bai stared at Qi Yu as he asked in his deep voice, "Am I wrong?"

"You're right," Qi Yu nodded.

Just as all the onlookers at the side, including Duan Ling Tian, were stunned, and a proud smile could be seen on Cha Bai's face, Qi Yu opened his mouth once again.

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"However, what can you do if a martial artist who has comprehended the Earth Concept refuses to leave the ground? Those martial artists that are far away from the ground will just let him do whatever he wants then?" Qi Yu answered as he looked at Cha Bai nonchalantly.

"YOU! That's unreasonable!" Cha Bai was so angry that his face had turned completely dark as his anger continued to rise.

"Unreasonable?" Qi Yu laughed out joyfully, "Cha Bai, since you said that I'm unreasonable, then why don't the two of us just... you know... battle it out. If you win, I'll tell Daniu to give up. However, if you lose, Hu Fei will have to give up. What do you think?" Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, challenged Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, directly.

Swoosh!

Just as Qi Yu finished his sentence, like a tossed stone that raised a thousand ripples, the group of Five Element Sect's disciples was shocked to the core.

"Peak Master Qi Yu wants to challenge Peak Master Cha Bai?"

"It's said that Peak Master Qi Yu is the second strongest person after the Sect Leader in our Five Element Sect. Would Peak Master Cha Bai dare to accept his challenge?"

"Can't you see that Peak Master Cha Bai has turned all green now? If he really dares to accept the challenge, I'll give you ten pieces of middle-grade Origin Stones... If he doesn't dare accept the challenge, you'll give me ten pieces of middle-grade Origin Stones! What do you think?"

"Yeah, right! Only a fool would bet with you!"

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Other than Fire Peak's disciples who looked slightly glum, the rest of the disciples from the four Peaks were clamoring in a heated discussion. Particularly the disciples from Wood Peak who started to bet against each other openly.

Without a doubt, all of these words — not even a single word was missed out— managed to make their ways to Cha Bai's ears. He was so furious that the blood in his body was boiling with wrath. He was itching to accept Qi Yu's challenge directly and have 300 matches with him.

However, could he really do that?

He knew that he was no match for Qi Yu, and once he was beaten in front of so many watchful eyes, where should he put his dignity as the Peak Master of Fire Peak then?

Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element, could no longer stand it so he finally opened his mouth to advise them, "Enough! Are you worried that there's no chance for the two of you to fight against each other? Don't forget that today's the Battle of the Five Peak, and it's not your stage today!"

"Hurmph! For the sake of Sect Leader, I'll not get into a dispute with you now!" Cha Bai snorted. Without a doubt, Guo Chong's words had given him an opportunity to extricate himself from this awkward position.

"Hehe, Cha Bai, the Sect Leader has also said that you and I have no need to worry about having no opportunity to battle it out if we want to. Now, I want to issue a challenge to you. Let's have a match after this Battle of the Five Peaks ends! Do you dare to accept it?!" Qi Yu smiled nonchalantly, crushing Cha Bai's opportunity to extricate himself completely without any mercy.

Do you dare?

"You... YOU..." When Cha Bao saw that Qi Yu left no mercy for him, he was so enraged that his face turned completely green. However, he still did not have the courage to accept the challenge.

Qi Yu was known as the second strongest person in the Five Element Sect, and this reputation was definitely not underserved.

Cha Bai, who was the Peak Master of Fire Peak in the Five Element Sect, clearly knew this.

This was also the reason why he did not dare to accept the challenge. After all, once he had accepted it, his outcome was already decided. He would undoubtedly be defeated.

"Qi Yu, please show due respect for my reputation," Guo Chong frowned as he interfered again.

After looking deeply at Guo Chong, Qi Yu subsequently nodded and retreated.

At the same time, Qi Yu looked towards Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak again as he said indifferently, "Cha Bai, all these years, the fact that I've never asked you about Wood Peak's matter doesn't mean that I've no knowledge about the things that you've done before...From today onwards, if you dare to do anything to Wood Peak and make me unhappy again, I, Qi Yu, will go to your Fire Peak and cripple both your legs!"

After Cha Bai heard Qi Yu's words, he turned even paler. However, he did not dare to open his mouth to retort.

At this moment, he knew that the Qi Yu from more than two decades ago had once again, returned.

That proud and unruly Qi Yu, who dared to challenge martial artists who were at the peak of the Void with his cultivation base that had just barely entered the Ninth Level Void Interpretation, was finally back.

With just a few words, Qi Yu made Cha Bai lost his words.

All the other disciples from the Five Element Sect, including those that were from Fire Peak as well, burst into an uproar.

Although they had heard that Qi Yu was the second most powerful person in the Five Element Sect, they had never thought that Qi Yu's deterrent force would be so powerful to this extent! Just a few words were more than enough to render the Peak Master of Fire Peak speechless.

"Sect Leader!"

The moment each and every disciple from Wood Peak saw this scene, their faces were filled with excitement and pride.

This was their Peak Master of Wood Peak!

"Hey, brother! Which Peak are you from?" A Wood Peak disciple looked at a disciple from another Peak standing not far away as he smiled and asked.

"I'm from the Earth Peak. And you?" The latter replied.

"I'm from Wood Peak! See? That's our Peak Master from Wood Peak! He's amazing, huh?" The Wood Peak disciple puffed up his chest and asked with a smile.

"Very!" The latter nodded his head hard. Then, with an ingratiating smile, he asked, "Urm... Brother? Can I ask you something?"

"Yeah?"

"What do I need to do to join Wood Peak from Earth Peak?"

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Similar cases like above continued to happen to many Wood Peak disciples.

In the past, they could not lift their heads up before the other four Peaks. However, today, they could finally stick their chests out and proudly shout, "I'm a disciple of Wood Peak!"

At this moment, they took pride in being a Wood Peak disciple.

Yu Fang, the Peak Master of Water Peak, and Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, exchanged glances. Both could see the dread in each other's eyes.

Their faces instantly turned glum and sullen.

"In a world where a strong man is respected, it's indeed true that whoever has a bigger fist will be the boss," Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled as he watched Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, flinching and choking with silent fury in front of Qi Yu, their Peak Master of Wood Peak.

At the same time, he was also amazed by Qi Yu's strength.

"Looks like our Peak Master is in a good mood today. He actually taught Cha Bai such a lesson mercilessly," Ke Zheng laughed.

"I think Peak Master had wanted to do that for a long time now. It's just that he never really had the confidence to do it all this while. After all, all of our younger disciples in Wood Peak in the past were just too disappointing and let him down a lot. Now that our Wood Peak has Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu in it, the Peak Master finally has the confidence to do this now!" Yang Ling hit the point right on the head.

Each Peak from the Five Element Sect existed side by side. However, they were all in a competitive situation at the same time.

No matter how strong the strongest Peak Master was, there would come one day when he would pass away.

The grooming of the disciples from the younger generation was the foundation of every Peak. They were the pillars that held up the future of each Peak.

Under Guo Chong's, the Sect Leader of the Five Elemental Sect, intervention, Qi Yu and Cha Bai eventually retreated back to their own positions.

Immediately afterward, Guo Chong looked towards Huang Daniu and Hu Fei before announcing loudly to them, "I'll give you a span of 20 breaths. After this time, if the two of you still refuse to make any move, this match between the both of you will end in a tie."

Just as Guo Chong finished his sentence, Huang Daniu smiled.

Hu Fei's face, on the other hand, turned deathly pale.

A tie?

Huang Daniu and him?

He was a martial artist who was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. He had even comprehended the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept, and Huang Daniu was only at the Sixth Level Void Interpretation and had only comprehended the Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept.

However, the match between Huang Daniu and him had to end with a tie?

At this moment, Hu Fei could sense the mocking looks that were piercing him from all directions.

Without a doubt, all these looks were mocking him. A martial artist who was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation dared not make a move to fight against a Sixth Level Void Interpretation martial artist.

He instantly became so furious that he almost lost it.

However, his reasoning kept dissuading him constantly. It told him that he should not be impulsive, and he could not afford to be impulsive.

Once he had made his move, it was still acceptable if he managed to win.

However, if he was defeated, he would no longer be able to lift his head up in Five Element Sect and Fire Peak as well.

He did not dare to risk it.

"Ten more breaths," Guo Chong reminded nonchalantly. In just a blink of an eye, a span of ten breaths had gone past.

Ten more breaths left?

As if Duan Ling Tian was reminded by something, a light flashed across his eyes. He looked towards Huang Daniu as he chuckled and shouted, "Daniu, you're amazing! Turns out that this Hu Fei does not dare to take the initiative to fight with you. Looks like you're going to become a famous person in the Five Element Sect from now on."

"Hehe..." After hearing Duan Ling Tian's remark, Huang Danu chuckled proudly.

"Oh yeah, Daniu. Is your hand okay from slapping Hu Fei twice till he became pig-faced earlier? Somehow, I feel like the skin on Hu Fei's face seems to be quite thick you know," Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile playing on his mouth.

The moment these words were out of Duan Ling Tian's mouth, the group of Five Element Sect's disciples was stunned and bewildered.

They immediately looked at Hu Fei instinctively and found that his face was suddenly flushed with crimson red. His eyes were shining with a murderous gleam as he glared fixedly at Huang Daniu.

"Duan Ling Tian is really ruthless! Touching his sore spot like that, isn't he trying to force Senior Brother Hu Fei to make a move?"

"I think Senior Brother Hu Fei has already been enraged to his limit... Just a little bit more and he might not be able to stop himself from slashing Huang Daniu."

"As long as Huang Daniu answers Duan Ling Tian, with Senior Brother Hu Fei's temper, I'm pretty sure he'll charge forward soon!"

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At this moment, the group of Five Element Sect's disciples had managed to figure out Duan Ling Tian's intention. It was obvious that he wanted to force Hu Fei to make a move on Huang Danu.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't think that having Qi Yu as your support allows you to do anything you like... Qi Yu won't be able to stay by your side always! If you dare to say one more word, I'll make sure you die with neither body nor skeleton left behind!" A ruthless and vicious voice suddenly entered Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow as he looked towards the source of the voice. Its owner turned out to be Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak.

Duan Ling Tian immediately smiled nonchalantly and said out loud, "Peak Master Cha Bai, did you just tell me that Peak Master Qi Yu won't be able to stay by my side always and you can kill me anytime outside, with not even a single bone left?"

The moment these words left Duan Ling Tian's mouth, Cha Bai instantly paled.

He had never thought that Duan Ling Tian would explicitly repeat the words that he used to threaten him using the Voice Transmission earlier.

At this moment, he could feel the looks that were being directed at him from the surroundings.

Even Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, cast a glance at him. Hints of anger could be seen in his eyes.

No matter what, Duan Ling Tian was still a disciple from Wood Peak.

A disciple from Wood Peak was still a disciple of the Five Element Sect.

At this moment, Cha Bai, who was the Peak Master of Fire Peak, had dared to threaten his junior disciple from the same sect. Naturally, even him, the sect leader, could not suppress the rising furor from his heart.

"Duan Ling Tian! Don't make such a slanderous accusation!" Cha Bai was furious.

Right now, how could he possibly admit to having uttered such words before?

If he had admitted to it, let alone the other four Peaks, even the disciples from Fire Peak would most likely despise him from their bottom of their hearts.

"Slanderous accusation?" Duan Ling Tian smiled, "Well, then, Peak Master Cha Bai, do you dare to swear by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation that you did not say such words earlier?"

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The moment Duan Ling Tian's words left his mouth, all the eyes around him instantly locked onto Cha Bai. It was as if they all wanted to see whether he dared to swear by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation.

If he dared to, then it meant that Duan Ling Tian was the one making slanderous accusations.

However, if he dared not, it meant that he did indeed threaten Duan Ling Tian earlier.

"Hurmph!" When faced with the eyes around his surroundings, Cha Bai turned a blind eye to all of them. Nonchalantly, he swept a glance across Duan Ling Tian as he snorted, "Why should a dignified Peak Master like me swear on account of a small Wood Peak disciple like you? You're not qualified at all!"

"Since Peak Master Cha Bai already said so, then I..." As he said that, Duan Ling Tian paused and suddenly pinched his finger till it bled. A drop of fresh blood rose up into the sky.

The moment Cha Bai saw this, his face instantly turned pale. He could guess what Duan Ling Tian was about to do.

Although he wanted to stop Duan Ling Tian, he noticed that Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, had his eyes trained on him.

He had no doubts that if he dared to do anything to Duan Ling Tian, Qi Yu would definitely lash at him!

"I, Duan Ling Tian, take an oath on my own blood... If what I said earlier contained even a word of lie, I'm willing to let the Nine-Nine Tribulation smite me!" The instance Duan Ling Tian's words left his mouth, it was as if the thunder in the sky became agitated, and a total of nine claps of thunder reverberated in the sky. However, no signs of thunder punishment descended from the sky.

Bustle!

All hell instantly broke loose within the Five Element Sect's disciples.

Other than Fire Peak disciples, the moment the eyes of the other disciples from the other four Peaks landed on Cha Bai, hints of disdain could be seen in their eyes.

"A dignified Peak Master of Fire Peak dares to threaten an ordinary disciple huh? That's so low and below his dignity!"

"I wonder how this person became the Peak Master of Fire Peak in the first place! Don't tell me that last time they did not consider one's character when each of these Peaks picked their Peak Masters!"

"I guess having this kind of Peak Master in Fire Peak most probably means that the disciples' characters are not that good either."

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The disciples from the Four Peaks continued to discuss in a lively manner. They were absolutely blunt with their words.

When the disciples from the Fire Peak heard those words, none of them could say anything in defense at all. All that they could do was secretly glare at Cha Bai, the Peak Master of their Fire Peak, with full resentment.

In their opinions, had it not been for Cha Bai in the first place, they would not have been ridiculed like this.

For a time, many Fire Peak disciples started to consider switching to another Peak.

Before Duan Ling Tian made his oath earlier, Cha Bai's face had already turned ghastly pale. Now that he heard the discussion of the four Peaks disciples, he was so furious that his blood was boiling in anger.

Whoosh!

At this moment, a ghost-like figure suddenly appeared in front of Cha Bai.

"Qi Yu!"

Cha Bai who could only see the quick flash across his eyes immediately recognized the person before him. His face instantly changed dramatically. He hastily activated the Origin Energy in his body as he tried to stretch his hands out to block the attack.

Unfortunately, he was still too slow.

WHAM!

A loud bang resonated in the air, deafening the ears with its thunderous sound.

In the next moment, everybody could see what was happening.

The instance Qi Yu appeared in front of Cha Bai, Cha Bai was sent flying like an arrow that was shot out from a bow. The blood that was spurting out of his mouth gushed out in a frenzy.

After he was sent flying to about 100 meters away, Cha Bai barely managed to stabilize himself. However, although he had immediately taken the wound-curing medicinal pill, blood was still spurting out of his mouth non-stop. It was only after a few moments later that it finally showed signs of stopping.

This time, Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect only frowned and did not intervene.

Perhaps, he also thought that Cha Bai had gone too far this time.

"How powerful!"

"In just a flash, Peak Master Qi Yu appeared in front of Peak Master Cha Bai, and Peak Master Cha Bai's entire person immediately got sent flying and is severely wounded."

"I didn't even get to see clearly how Peak Master Qi Yu arrived in front of Peak Master Cha Bai or how he sent Peak Master Cha Bai flying."

"Nonsense! Without a cultivation base at the Void Transformation or above, do you really expect to see Peak Master Qi Yu's movement clearly?"

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Other than the Fire Peak disciples who had a gloomy expression on their faces, the disciples from the other Four Peaks' eyes lit up instantly. They were shocked by Qi Yu's tyrannical strength.

"Did you see that? That's the Peak Master of our Wood Peak!"

"I'm a disciple of Wood Peak you know! Jealous eh?"

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The group of Wood Peak disciples was beaming with joy. They could feel the grievances that had accumulated all these years no longer existed anymore, and they were all standing up in high spirits.

At this moment, they were proud to be disciples from Wood Peak.

"Cha Bai, I'm warning you. If something happens to Duan Ling Tian in the future, I'll kill that direct disciple of yours with my own hands!" Qi Yu warned coldly as he looked at Cha Bai.

"Q-Qi Yu, you..." Cha Bai turned pale at once. Before he could catch his breath, blood gushed out again from his mouth. It prompted him to spit out two mouthfuls of blood. Immediately, he glared fiercely at Qi Yu.

Qi Yu did not pay any more attention to him and proceeded to return to the side of Wood Peak's members.

"Thank you, Peak Master," Duan Ling Tian thanked Qi Yu for avenging him.

"As long as I'm here, Cha Bai will never dare to touch you," Qi Yu smiled.

In the distance, when Huang Daniu, who was standing in the air beside Gold Peak, heard Duan Ling Tian exposed how Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, had threatened him, he was furious.

Although Qi Yu had avenged Duan Ling Tian and severely injured Cha Bai, he still thought that it was not enough to vent his anger.

"Hu Fei, you're as useless as your master! Oh, yeah, come to think of it, my hand does hurt a little from the two slaps that I gave you earlier. I really must say that the skin on your face is indeed pretty thick," Huang Daniu proclaimed nonchalantly as he looked at Hu Fei. There was no lack of sarcasm in his words.

Hu Fei, who was already enraged by Duan Ling Tian's words, just saw his master severely wounded by the Peak Master of Wood Peak with his own eyes. Needless to say, he was now completely filled with fury and wrath and was ready to explode at any time.

Now, after hearing Huang Daniu's mocking remarks, he could no longer hold it in any further.

"Huang Daniu! You're going to die!" Hu Fei who was completely furious yelled. His entire being flew forward and charged towards Huang Daniu.

The moment he flew forward, blazing flames erupted instantly from his body. It was like he had turned into a fiery behemoth with his bloody mouth opened wide while he charged towards Huang Daniu.

Heaven and Earth Phenomenon solidified and took form in the sky immediately. 180 ancient horned dragons' silhouettes rushed out and pounced towards Huang Daniu as they bared their claws and teeth.

Seventh Level Void Interpretation!

Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept!

Consumed with wrath, Hu Fei struck with all his might. He had only one intention in his mind:

To kill Huang Daniu.

Only with this way he could take revenge for himself, avenge his master and wipe out the hatred in his heart!

"Good timing!"

Faced with a charging Hu Fei who was consumed with fury, no different with a fiery behemoth, Huang Daniu's eyes lit up as the Origin Energy that had long accumulated in his body erupted at once.

For a moment, the Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept merged with his Origin energy and transformed into a vast khaki-colored energy and engulfed his entire body.

Moreover, the khaki-colored power seemed to also resonate with Gold Peak that was nearby. That was the Earth Concept interacting with the Earth Energy as it borrowed energy from it.

Whoosh!

All of a sudden, 185 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons immediately appeared on top of Huang Daniu's head. He had 5 more ancient horned dragons compared to the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon that Hu Fei had cast with all his might.

Without any warning, Huang Daniu who was shrouded by the khaki-colored energy extended his hands instantly.

Boom Boom!!

A series of loud rumbles resounded in the air. The air in the sky started to move, and the khaki-colored energy shrouded Huang Daniu entirely. It seemed like he was instantly turned into an earth behemoth.

The earth behemoth pounced forward and clashed with the fiery behemoth.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Two behemoths continued to collide with each other while constantly tearing and biting each other. It was difficult to distinguish who would be the victor at this moment.

However, the earth behemoth seemed to possess an endless amount of energy, and its courage continued to mount as the battle progressed. It forced the fiery behemoth down, and it slowly extinguished the flame on the fiery behemoth.

Fifteen minutes later, the fiery behemoth was finally suppressed and lost its vigor.

Boom!

The earth behemoth did not seem even a little bit weakened. It charged forward with all its might, and it managed to defeat the fiery behemoth with just a few slaps.

The body of the fiery behemoth was beaten with just a few slaps. Hu Fei, the receiver of the slaps, did not have many severe injuries on his body. However, he fainted right away after spurring out a few mouthfuls of blood.

Whoosh!

An old man appeared out of nowhere and caught Hu Fei immediately when he saw he had fainted and was about to fall to the ground.

It was none other than Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak!

Cha Bai swept a cold glance at Huang Daniu who had already retrieved his energy. His eyes were filled with extreme iciness as if it was about to devour a particular person.

Had it not been for the fact that he was a little scared of Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, he would have already killed Huang Daniu long ago.

"You geezer!" When everyone had their attention on Huang Daniu the victor, Huang Daniu suddenly glared fiercely and pointed a finger towards Cha Bai.

The moment Cha Bai saw this, he could not help but be a little stunned.

"You geezer! H-How dare you threaten me using your... your Voice Transmission as well! Not only do you want to kill me, y-you want to kill my entire family as well? All the way to the ninth generation? I... I..." Huang Daniu was so furious that his eyes turned red as he fumed and panted.

"WHAT?!"

After hearing Huang Daniu's words and seeing the furious expression on his face, everybody, including the disciples from Fire Peak, was startled.

Was the Peak Master of Fire Peak out of his mind?

He had already been taught a lesson by Qi Yu for threatening Duan Ling Tian earlier, and now, he dared to threaten Huang Daniu, who was also a disciple from Wood Peak like Duan Ling Tian and was also protected by Qi Yu?

Was this not just looking for death?

Soon enough, most of the people immediately shifted their attention towards Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak. Just in the nick of time, they saw Qi Yu vanished from their sights just like that.

Their first reaction was to quickly shift their gazes towards Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak.

Sure enough, Qi Yu appeared before Cha Bai in just a blink of an eye.

Wham!

Another rumble resounded in the air.

Cha Bai who was still holding Hu Fei was immediately sent flying again. Blood gushed out of his mouth like a water fountain. A lot of blood clots could be seen in it as well.

"Barf!"

"Barf! Barf!"

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Cha Bai who had finally managed to stabilize himself kept throwing up blood from his mouth. It was only after a while that he could finally stop it from gushing out again.

After he had stopped the blood from gushing out, he glared murderously towards Huang Daniu instead of Qi Yu and roared loudly, "Huang Daniu! When did I ever threaten you?"

At this moment, other than the resentment in Cha Bai's heart, he felt wronged as well!

Earlier, he had merely glared at Huang Daniu and had never spoken a word to him using his Voice Transmission. However, Huang Daniu had made a slanderous accusation and claimed he was threatened instead.

Before he could offer any explanation, Qi Yu already appeared before his eyes. Without any words, he sent Cha Bai flying again. He inflicted another round of heavy injuries to his internal organs that had yet to recover.

Although his injuries would recover eventually, he would still need at least two to three months before he could fully recover even after he consumed the middle-grade Life Recovery Pill...

"Peak Master Cha Bai, I... I was merely joking you," Huang Daniu smiled sheepishly as he scratched the back of his head awkwardly.

Chapter 895: My Comprehension Is the Earth Concept as Well

"Barf!"

The moment he heard Huang Daniu's words, Cha Bai spurted out a mouthful of blood again before he could even catch his breath.

A joke?

It was not just Cha Bai who was enraged until he vomited blood (literally!), even the group of Five Element Sect disciples who was watching by the side was rendered speechless as well. Their attention immediately shifted towards Huang Daniu as they thought to themselves, 'What a ruthless person this Huang Daniu is.'

With just one joke, he had caused Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, to be severely wounded by Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, again.

"Daniu this fellow..." Duan Ling Tian chuckled. He just could not help it.

Before this, why did he not notice this side of Huang Daniu?

'I think I'll have to be a cat in order to live through your 'friendly' jokes!' Duan Ling Tian thought.

Yang Ling, Ke Zheng and Chen Wei who were standing beside Duan Ling Tian could not help but burst out laughing as well after being stunned for a moment.

"This Daniu is really ruthless! I'm afraid that this time, Cha Bai will really hate him to the core," Chen Wei shook his head.

"I used to think that this fellow looks quite honest. I guess, I've misjudged him," Ke Zhen let out a sigh.

"This is why there's a saying that says, 'Never judge a book by its cover'," Yang Ling chimed in with an earnest look.

"Qi Yu, you... you must give me an explanation!" Cha Bai turned and glared at Qi Yu before roaring loudly.

It was indeed true that he had used his Voice Transmission to threaten Duan Ling Tian earlier. Although he was furious about the fact that he was severely wounded by Qi Yu because of Duan Ling Tian, he was still able to hold it in.

However, he did not even threaten Huang Daniu this time. All the same, he was once again severely injured by Qi Yu due to Huang Daniu's accusation. Other than feeling enraged, he felt wrongly accused too.

"Explanation?" Qi Yu lifted his brows as he replied nonchalantly, "Cha Bai, you're an elder. How can you be so petty? Didn't Daniu tell you that he was just joking with you?"

"Barf!" The moment Cha Bai heard of Qi Yu's words, he spurted another mouthful of blood. His face turned even more ghastly pale than before.

Joking?

Who the hell would make such a joke?!

"Sect Leader, you must give me justice!" Cha Bai looked towards Guo Chong with a face full of fury.

"Cha Bai, let us let this matter go," Guo Chong slowly said as he furrowed his brows before unfurrowing it again.

"But..."

Before Cha Bai had a chance to say anything, Guo Chong instantly cut him off, "I said, this matter is over! If it wasn't for the fact that you threatened Duan Ling Tian earlier and set a precedent, do you think Qi Yu will hurt you for no reason?" Guo Chong's face darkened instantly when he finished his words.

Cha Bai took a deep breath and did not press the issue anymore. However, there was still a cold gleam in his eyes as he shot a death glare towards Qi Yu and Huang Daniu.

"Good job, Daniu!" Qi Yu gave a thumbs up to Huang Daniu. It seemed like he was praising him for defeating Hu Fei, but at the same time, it seemed like he was praising him for making that great joke.

"Hehe," Huang Daniu grinned before he cast a provocative look at Cha Bai, making him turned even more glum than before.

"Daniu, you really have something up your sleeves!" When Huang Daniu returned, Duan Ling Tian was reminded of the earlier incident again and could not help but burst out laughing. At the same time, he could feel a warm feeling enveloping his heart.

He knew that Duan Ling Tian did that to avenge him.

At this moment, the temporary ranking of the Battle of the Five Peaks had finally come out after Tan Hua gave up on fighting Huang Daniu.

Due to the reason that Nangong Yi had defeated Huang Daniu, and along with the fact that Hu Fei, Tan Huan and that male disciple from Earth Peak had admitted defeat to Nangong Yi, he was temporarily ranked as the Battle of the Five Peaks' victor.

Huang Daniu, on the hand, who had replaced Nangong Yi's previous advancement ranking and defeated Hu Fei and another two contestants, was temporarily ranked second in the Battle of the Five Peaks.

Hu Fei was temporarily ranked third.

Tan Huan was temporarily ranked fourth.

The male disciple from Earth Peak was temporarily ranked fifth.

None of the five people had any objection to the current rankings.

It was finally the turn of the previous five people who were eliminated in the first round to issue their challenge. They were Duan Ling Tian, Nangong Chen, Tian Zhen, a female disciple of Water Peak and a male disciple from Fire Peak.

The female disciple from Water Peak issued a challenge to the male disciple of Earth Peak. She was defeated and temporarily ranked sixth.

The male disciple from Fire Peak challenged the male disciple of Earth Peak. He succeeded and was temporarily ranked fifth.

The male disciple from Earth Peak dropped to the sixth place.

The female disciple from Water Peak dropped to the seventh place.

All seven people had no objections to the current rankings.

Whoosh!

When Duan Ling Tian was looking at Nangong Chen, and Tian Zhen was wondering if they wanted to go first, Nangong Chen suddenly made his move. In just a flash, he had already reached the side of Gold Peak.

His gaze immediately landed on Huang Daniu. Although he did not speak a single word, it was apparent that his target was Huang Daniu!

"Senior Brother Chen's going to make his move now!"

"Senior Brother Chen purposely went to the side of Gold Peak. It's obvious that he's letting Huang Daniu rely on the Earth Energy again... Looks like he has a lot of confidence in his own strength."

"Of course! I heard that Senior Brother Chen is even more powerful than Senior Brother Yi."

"Actually, until now, I still have no idea who's the eldest between Senior Brother Chen and Yi."

"It's said that even Senior Brother Chen and Yi have no idea who's the eldest... However, both of them think of themselves as the elder brother and always treat the other one as the younger brother."

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Most of the Five Element Sect's disciples shifted their attention towards Nangong Chen. On the other hand, some of the attention was on Huang Daniu.

"So, you're Nangong Chen? You and your brother are pretty good... Just the fact that you're challenging me here and allowing me to borrow the Earth Energy tells me that you're very confident. You're indeed a very admirable opponent," Huang Daniu exclaimed solemnly as he stood in the air opposite Nangong Chen.

With a grim look, Nangong Chen merely nodded indifferently.

"Let us finish the battle in one blow, like how your brother and I did previously, shall we?" Huang Daniu asked.

Nangong Chen nodded his head again.

"How straightforward! No matter who wins today, I'm going to become your friend!" Huang Daniu laughed heartily. Then, he smashed out a punch with full force. Vast khaki-colored energy erupted and pounced at Nangong Chen like a cannonball.

185 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared from thin air in the sky. They bared their claws as they charged towards Nangong Chen.

When Nangong Chen saw Huang Daniu making his moves, he also began to make his move.

He strode forward and he punched out his fist. A vast amount of Origin Energy swept across and emitted waves of intense and majestic aura.

Swish!

100 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared in the sky as if it was telling everybody his cultivation base was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

Then, a wave of khaki-colored energy emerged out of nowhere and continued to merge with his Origin Energy. It seemingly resonated with the Gold Peak nearby.

Whoosh!

When the Origin Energy had completely merged with the khaki-colored energy, another 135 ancient horned dragons' silhouettes appeared again.

"He has also comprehended the Earth Concept!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed instantly. Shock could be clearly seen on his face.

At this moment, Huang Daniu, who had just noticed that Nangong Chen had also comprehended the Earth Concept, could only let out a bitter smile. However, he was unable to retract his fist in time, and it finally crashed against Nangong Chen's fist.

When 185 ancient horned dragons' strength was pitted against 235 ancient horned dragons' strength, needless to say, Huang Daniu was sent flying immediately with just one punch.

However, it was fortunate that Nangong Chen retracted his energy in time, and he only inflicted minor injuries on Huang Daniu.

"If I had known earlier that you've comprehended the Earth Concept too, I would've admitted defeat in the first place... Eight Level Intermediate Earth concept is equal to the strength of 90 ancient horned dragons, and the Earth Energy that you borrowed is like the strength of 45 ancient horned dragons. Adding those two together is extremely powerful!" Huang Daniu said with a bitter smile after he took a deep breath and gradually eased the injuries inside his body.

"Earth Concept... It turns out that Senior Brother Chen has also comprehended the Earth Concept!" Many of the Five Element Sect's disciples finally returned to their senses and exclaimed in surprise.

'Looks like not many disciples in the Five Element Sect knew that Nangong Chen comprehends the Earth Concept... Seems like this guy has been concealing this pretty well,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself after listening to the comments from the Five Element Sect's disciples.

"Guys, look at Huang Daniu's expression now! This is so funny! Perhaps, it has never crossed his mind, not even in his dreams, that Senior Brother Chen has also comprehended the Earth Concept!"

"Senior Brother Chen's Earth Concept is much stronger than his. Without the help from the Earth Energy, he already possesses the strength of 90 ancient horned dragons. Once he has borrowed it, it amounts to the strength of 135 ancient horned dragons!"

"Senior Brother Chen's strength is much greater than that of Senior Brother Yi!"

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The Five Element Sect's disciples were in a heated discussion. The gazes that were trained on Nangong Chen were filled with awe and respect.

Nangong Chen had defeated Huang Daniu and was temporarily ranked at the second place in the Battle of the Five Peaks.

The rest of the people that were behind Huang Daniu's rank automatically dropped one place.

Huang Daniu was temporarily ranked at the third place.

Hu Fei was temporarily ranked at the fourth place.

Tan Huan was temporarily ranked at the fifth place.

The male disciple from Fire Peak was temporarily ranked at the sixth place.

The male disciple from Earth Peak was temporarily ranked at the seventh place.

The female disciple from Water Peak was temporarily ranked at the eighth place.

All eight people had no objections to the current rankings.

With Nangong Chen's strength, he might be able to defeat Nangong Yi and obtain the first place temporarily. However, because he had already admitted his defeat when he faced Nangong Yi in the first match, he could no longer challenge Nangong Yi. For the time being, Nangong Chen had no luck in obtaining the first place.

Of course, nothing was absolute.

As long as someone defeated Nangong Yi and replaced him in the first place, Nangong Chen would have the opportunity to challenge that person to obtain the first place.

At this moment, only Duan Ling Tian and Tian Zhen had yet to make their moves.

Huh!

Tian Zhen took a deep breath as he flew forward. His gaze swept across Nangong Yi, Nangong Chen, Huang Daniu and Hu Fei, before it locked on to Tan Huan, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Water Peak.

As long as he defeated Tan Huan, the Earth Peak that he represented would be ranked at fourth place in the Battle of the Five Peaks' individual battle.

This was also his target.

"Tan Huan!" Tian Zhen issued a challenge at Tan Huan.

Tan Huan did not find it surprising when Tian Zhen challenged her.

Actually, the moment Huang Daniu demonstrated his astonishing strength and even defeated Hu Fei with his Earth Energy, she already knew that the bottom two Peaks in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time would definitely be the Water Peak that she was in and the Earth Peak that Tian Zhen was in.

At this time, what she had to do was to defeat Tian Zhen so she could extricate Water Peak from the last position in the rankings.

Her intention was exactly the same as Tian Zhen.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

After the two of them made their appearance, they did not even exchange words as the both of them tacitly started to battle it out at the same time. At one time, both of them were evenly matched and neither side got the better of the other.

Both of them were at the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. The Concepts that they had comprehended were more or less the same as well. The thing that was being tested now was their martial skills, battle experience and their understanding of each other.

"This Tian Zhen... will most likely be defeated," Duan Ling Tian narrowed both of his eyes slightly as he looked at the young man and woman constantly clashed with each other. He could see that Tian Zhen was slowly falling into a disadvantageous position.

The facts were exactly like what Duan Ling Tian had thought. After another 15 minutes, Tan Huan finally won against Tian Zhen by a small margin.

Chapter 896: "The Boy who Cried Wolf"

After Tian Zhen was defeated, his face turned gloomy instantly.

He knew very well what this defeat meant.

In the distance, Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, looked a little disappointed as he sighed, "Looks like we from Earth Peak is destined to be at the bottom this time."

Although currently, it was only at the Battle of the Five Peak's individual battle stage and not at the team battle stage yet, generally speaking, whichever Peak that could get an advantageous position in the individual battle stage usually meant that the result of the Peak's team battle would be pretty good as well.

Tian Zhen retreated with a glum face.

As for Tan Huan, she livelily and cheerfully returned to stand beside Yu Fang, the Peak Master of Water Peak.

"Good job, Huan'er." A gentle smile appeared on Yu Fang's face. She was very satisfied with Tan Huan's performance although her target earlier was the third place.

However, ever since Huang Daniu from Wood Peak had displayed his astonishing strength, and there was still Duan Ling Tian who was the final trump card of Wood Peak, she had already discarded this goal.

Duan Ling Tian!

Yu Fang's gaze immediately landed on that purple figure in the distance.

The rest of the crowd also shifted their gazes towards Duan Ling Tian.

At this moment, it was his turn to issue a challenge.

Duan Ling Tian remained calm even when he sensed the gazes that were directed at him. He flew forward and arrived at the empty space in front of him in just a blink of an eye.

His gaze immediately locked onto Nangong Yi.

"This Duan Ling Tian wants to challenge Senior Brother Yi?" Many of the Five Element Sect's disciples who followed Duan Ling Yian's gaze was instantly stunned and bewildered.

They knew about Nangong Yi's strength.

Even if Huang Daniu from Wood Peak had borrowed the Earth Energy, he was still not his opponent at all.

"Nangong Yi!" Under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian named the person he was going to challenge.

Nangong Yi did not find it strange at all having his name called out by Duan Ling Tian. He flew forward and stood in front of Duan Ling Tian.

"Wow, he really wants to challenge Senior Brother Yi!"

"He's Wood Peak's trump card so does that mean that he really has some tricks up his sleeves?"

"Peak Master Qi Yu from Wood Peak grabbed the Number 5 and 6 papers. Since he let Huang Daniu make the first move, I guess he has the intention to use Duan Ling Tian as the strongest trump card of Wood Peak."

"I think this Duan Ling Tian must have some tricks up his sleeves... Still, it's not an easy task to defeat Senior Brother Yi."

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Each and every of the Five Element Sect's disciples shifted their gazes towards Duan Ling Tian. They were all extremely curious — from the bottom of their heart — about this Wood Peak's trump card.

"Although Nangong Chen said that I'm not a match to you, I still want to give it a try," Nangong Yi who was standing before Duan Ling Tian finally opened his mouth. The moment he opened his mouth, it struck everybody dumb, apart from Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, Nangong Chen and few other people from Wood Peak.

"S-Senior Brother Chen said Senior Brother Yi is not a match for Duan Ling Tian?"

"How's this possible?!"

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Many Five Element Sect's disciples could not believe their ears.

"This Duan Ling Tian appears to be much younger than Senior Brother Yi... How can he defeat Senior Brother Yi?" Many Five Element Sect's disciples voiced out their suspicions.

"After you." Duan Ling Tian nodded. His face remained unchanged even after he heard Nangong Yi's words.

When Nangong Yi heard this, he replied with a smile before turning serious.

In the next moment, he stepped out in the air. At the same time, the Origin Energy in his body bubbled up and transformed into waves of turquoise blue energy that swept out instantly.

It made him look like a huge sea monster when the turquoise blue energy engulfed him. He rushed towards Duan Ling Tian in a fury.

Instantly, 190 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared in the sky in an imposing manner.

Thousand Illusions!

Faced with Nangong Yi who was bearing down on him menacingly, Duan Ling Tian did not dare to slack at all. A dark light flickered in his eyes as he directly used his most powerful technique — Soul Skill.

An Illusory Space immediately solidified into form, and it shrouded an area of 100 meters wide.

"It's here!" Tian Gu's, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, gaze turned intense instantly. It was as if he had long guessed that this scene would eventually take place.

Boom!

When Nangong Yi was close to Duan Ling Tian, his fist that contained the vast turquoise blue energy pounced out like a huge sea monster that smacked out its gigantic claws at Duan Ling Tian.

Under the watchful eyes of the public, Duan Ling Tian casually stepped aside as if he had already known that this would happen. He was not particularly fast either when he dodged Nangong Yi's attack.

It was as if he had arranged this beforehand with Nangong Yi.

Only those who knew about Duan Ling Tian's 'background' knew that all of these were created by the illusions that Duan Ling Tian controlled.

"That Duan Ling Tian has already dodged so why is Senior Brother Yi still charging forward and slashing at thin air?"

"Why does this scene looks kind of familiar?"

"Before the Battle of the Five Peaks took place, didn't this similar situation appear as well when Senior Brother Hu Fei from Fire Peak tried to attack Duan Ling Tian?"

"Wasn't that some external force?"

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Many of them found this situation familiar. It was exactly identical to the situation earlier when Hu Fei was trying to attack Duan Ling Tian. After his attack fell through, he did not continue to pursue Duan Ling Tian anymore.

"It's external force!" Hu Fei who had regained his consciousness and finally recovered with Cha Bai's, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, help, had a change in his expression when he saw this scene.

The moment Cha Bai heard his remarks, his eyes lit up immediately.

He instantly looked over towards Guo Chong and announced in a loud voice, "Sect Leader, this Duan Ling Tian is using some external force! According to the Battle of the Five Peaks' rules in our Five Element Sect, we must disqualify him from participating in this battle!"

The instance Cha Bai's words left his mouth, it attracted the attention of many Five Element Sect's disciples.

"Seems like my eyesight's pretty good! I can see that Duan Ling Tian is using external force."

"Oh, please! Wasn't I the one who reminded you in the first place earlier?"

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The scene instantly became very lively. Many of them thought that Duan Ling Tian would be disqualified.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian had only just engaged Nangong Yi in the battle.

He was brushing against Nangong Yi's bubbling turquoise blue energy. Part of the soft yet vast turquoise blue energy entered his body unrelentingly.

That was the residual force of Nangong Yi's mighty punch that was being used by Duan Ling Tian.

As for why he wanted to use that, well, it was undoubtedly just like how it was when he borrowed Qi Feng's energy to catalyze the tyrannical medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill during the Martial Competition of the Ten Dynasties so that he could forcefully make a breakthrough.

This time, Duan Ling Tian wanted to play the same old trick and borrow Nangong Yi's energy to help himself complete the breakthrough.

Naturally, he did not dare to directly face Nangong Yi with his current strength.

Otherwise, with Nangong Yi's strength that was equal to the strength of 190 ancient horned dragons, he could easily inflict heavy injuries on Duan Ling Tian, let alone borrowing his energy to help him with his breakthrough.

If Duan Ling Tian exerted all of his strength, even with the use of the three other low-grade Concept, his entire strength only amounted to 130 ancient horned dragons without the help of a spirit weapon.

His strength was completely not at the same level with Nangong Yi's. For this reason, he could only outwit him.

He evaded the crux of Nangong Yi's attack and brushed across his attack instead so that Nangong Yi's residual force from his attack would enter his own body and help him with the breakthrough.

Now, he was just a step away from entering the Seventh Level Void Interpretation!

As long as his cultivation base was raised to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation, his Spiritual Energy would also be raised up to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation.

At that time, it would be easy for him to defeat Nangong Chen.

This was because Nangong Chen was an Inscription Master as well. Moreover, their Spiritual Energies were also at the same level, which was the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. For this reason, his Soul Skill would have no effect on Nangong Chen.

However, if his Spiritual Energy could be raised up to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation, Nangong Chen would not be able to shake his Spiritual Energy and destroy the Illusory Space that was created by his Soul Skill even if Nangong Chen was an Inscription Master.

Once Nangong Chen was trapped in his Illusory Space, he would definitely be like meat on his chopping board.

However, fantasies would always be beautiful, and realities would always be cruel.

No matter how Duan Ling Tian borrowed Nangong Yi's energy — to the extent that his meridians had reached the point of almost collapsing — the Rebirth Pill still remained completely unmoved.

"It appears that because I've used the same method to mobilize the overbearing medicinal power of this Rebirth Pill before, this pill seems to have adapted to it and no longer has any sense of crisis." Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly.

This had the same principle with the story, 'The boy who cried wolf'.

He could fool them once or twice. However, nobody would be fooled the third time.

"Sect Leader, Duan Ling Tian from Wood Peak is borrowing some external force... I, Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, request for him to be disqualified from participating in the Battle of the Five Peaks immediately!" Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, repeated once again on top of his lungs when he saw that Guo Chong had remained aloof.

When he finished the whole sentence, he noticed that Guo Chong still did not have any reaction. He could not help but turn a little furious, "You... You can't favor him like this!"

Bustle!

The moment Cha Bai finished his words, all the spectators burst into an uproar.

Most of them had their gazes trained on Cha Bai.

Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, openly accused the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect of favoring a Wood Peak disciple.

Guo Chong finally had a reaction. He swept a glance towards Cha Bai apathetically. "Peak Master Cha Bai, Duan Ling Tian is not borrowing any external force at all... If you have any doubts about me, you can ask Peak Master Tian Gu about the validity of my words. He's an Inscription Master so he can definitely tell if Duan Ling Tian is using external force." By the time he reached the end of his words, hints of impatience could be heard in his voice.

Before Cha Bai could even open his mouth to ask, Tian Gu had already answered him, "Sect Leader is right. Duan Ling Tian is not using any external force... What he's using is his own Spiritual Energy to cast a technique that's similar to the Soul Skill to create an illusion that can affect Nangong Yi."

Actually, Cha Bai had already sensed that what Guo Chong said was true even if Tian Gu did not explain.

This was because Guo Chong had absolutely no reason to help Duan Ling Tian at all.

After all, Duan Ling Tian was in the midst of a match against Guo Chong's direct disciple, Nangong Yi. Once Duan Ling Tian won, the person who lost would be Guo Chong himself, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect who was in charge of Gold Peak.

"Soul Skill?"

The moment Tian Gu ended his explanation, all hell broke loose among the crowd of people.

"Isn't that a technique that only a unique Demon beast can use?"

"Unless that human martial artist is a Martial Emperor, it's impossible for anyone to use Spiritual Energy to fight against an enemy."

"Don't tell me that Duan Ling Tian is actually a Demon?"

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Many of the Five Element Sect's disciples continued to discuss animatedly as the whole scene boiled with intensity.

"Duan Ling Tian is not a Demon!" When Tian Gu saw the Five Element Sect's disciples speculating that Duan Ling Tian was a demon, he continued to say, "Based on my speculation, Duan Ling Tian should be a Variant. The technique that he cast was a unique innate ability!"

Innate ability!

The second Tian Gu's words left his mouth, the entire scene became deadly silent.

"Innate ability? A Variant?" Cha Bai's eyes narrowed as horror dawned on his face instantly.

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Horror instantly dawned on Hu Fei who was standing beside Cha Bai.

Whether it was Variant or innate ability, he had heard enough about it to know what these two words actually meant.

"T-This Duan Ling Tian is actually a Variant?!" A cold look flickered in Hu Fei's eyes as he stared intensely at Duan Ling Tian. "It turns out that from the very beginning, the person who mocked and humiliated me in front of everyone is actually him!" Hu Fei was enraged to his limit. How he wished to tear Duan Ling Tian into thousands of pieces and smashed his bones into dust!

However, he also knew that the innate ability that Duan Ling Tian possessed was not something he could fight against.

'Duan Ling Tian, you're just lucky because you're gifted with a good ability... If you're not a Variant, and you don't possess that innate ability, you're nothing but an ant in front of me!' Hu Fei roared in his heart again and again. Other than feeling enraged, there was a trace of jealousy in his heart as well.

He was jealous of this Variant, Duan Ling Tian.

A Variant who possessed innate ability was also known as God's Favourite in the Cloud Continent. Their innate ability and skills were more than enough for anyone to be envious and jealous of.

"A Variant!"

Many Five Element Sect's disciples who had heard the word 'Variant' immediately focused their attention on Duan Ling Tian. Their gazes were filled with scorching fire.

After those Five Element Sect's disciples who had no idea what a Variant was heard the explanation from the surrounding people, their eyes also lit up instantly as they stared at Duan Ling Tian like they had just seen some unique and rare animal.

Naturally, there were many who kept their composure as well. Like Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, and his direct disciple, Nangong Chen.

Other than them, all of Wood Peak's people under Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, also had a calm expression on their faces. Not many changes could be seen on their faces.

"Looks like Qi Yu knew since earlier that Duan Ling Tian is a Variant." Yu Fang, the Peak Master of Water Peak's eyes flashed. Dread could be seen on her face.

She finally understood why Duan Ling Tian was kept as a trump card by Wood Peak.

It turned out that Duan Ling Tian was not a pure human being. Instead, he was a person whose body contained half the blood of a Demon.

He was a Variant, an existence that was between humans and Demons.

There were two types of Variant.

The first type was the kind that was extremely mediocre.

The second type was the kind that possessed an outstanding innate ability.

It was apparent that Duan Ling Tian belonged to the latter.

"It's time to end this." After trying for a long time, Duan Ling Tian realized that Nangong Yi's power would not be able to help him with the breakthrough. He let out a sigh and casually went behind Nangong Yi before he pounded a fist towards him.

Wham!

Nangong Yi was sent flying instantly. Like a swift arrow that left the bow, he flew out to the far distance before he finally stopped.

A streak of fresh blood could be seen trickling out the corner of his mouth.

"Seems like I've lost this battle." Although Nangong Yi was still in the Illusory Space that was created by Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy, he no longer put up any resistance and just stood there motionlessly with a bitter smile.

It was obvious that he had admitted defeat.

When Duan Ling Tian saw this, he hurriedly retracted his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions. Following his action, the Illusory Space broke and then disappeared without a trace.

The onlookers in the surroundings were not surprised by this results at all.

This was because they already knew that Duan Ling Tian was a Variant, and they could not judge him based on common sense.

"Senior Brother Yi still lost in the end."

"I guess this can't be helped... It's basically impossible for Senior Brother Yi to win this battle when he's faced with a Variant like Duan Ling Tian."

"Hurmph! If Duan Ling Tian did not use that God-Knows-What innate ability of his, he would certainly not be a match for Senior Brother Yi!"

"The innate ability is a part of Duan Ling Tian so why can't he use it? Your logic is kind of biased you know."

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Sighs could be heard from the Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching the match.

Many people felt that injustice was done to Nangong Yi and believed that Duan Ling Tian won the match with no grace.

At the same time, there were many people who supported Duan Ling Tian too.

After all, the innate ability was a part of Duan Ling Tian as a Variant, and nobody had the qualification to limit the use of his power.

In any case, Duan Ling Tian's innate ability was not considered as an external force. For this reason, the way he defeated Nangong Yi was not a violation of the Battle of the Five Peak's rules.

After he had defeated Nangong Yi, Duan Ling Tian was listed temporarily as first in the Battle of the Five Peaks.

Nangong Yi was temporarily ranked at second place.

Nangong Chen was temporarily ranked at third place.

— and so on.

The rest of the people behind were moved downwards by one place respectively.

"Is there any objections to the current rankings? If there is, you can challenge the people ranked ahead of you. Once the challenge is successful, you can take his place," Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, suddenly announced at this moment.

When they heard Guo Chong's words, many people let out a long sigh, "Looks like this time, the champion of the Battle of the Five Peaks today is destined to be Duan Ling Tian from Wood Peak."

"Not just the individual battle stage! With Duan Ling Tian's mysterious innate ability, I think the champion of the team battle stage will also be obtained by Wood Peak."

"Exactly! Senior Brother Yi and Hu Fei are both in the Seventh Level Void Interpretation and yet, they could not resist Duan Ling Tian's innate ability at all. I think Senior Brother Chen who's also in the Seventh Level Void Interpretation will most likely fail too."

"This time Wood Peak is going to be in the limelight! In the history of the Battle of the Five Peaks, the championship has never been captured by any other Peaks other than Gold Peak!"

"Wood Peak is going to create history this time! And the person who creates this history is none other than Duan Ling Tian from Wood Peak!"

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Each and every one of the disciples from Wood Peak was in high spirits. The disciples from the other four Peaks, on the other hand, were sighing instead.

The results today were truly unexpected.

Whoosh!

When a sound of wind whistling suddenly reverberated in the air, it managed to quiet down the clamor of discussions from the Five Element Sect's disciples.

"Senior Brother Chen!"

Many Five Element Sect's disciples could not help but narrow their eyes when they saw the blue figure that flew out and was standing in the air.

"Senior Brother Chen is temporarily ranked third in the Battle of the Five Peaks because he admitted defeat during his match with Senior Brother Yi. So, for this reason, he can't issue another challenge to Senior Brother Yi."

"Then, his target is Duan Ling Tian?!"

"Well, this is the only possibility!"

"B-But, Duan Ling Tian is a Variant who possesses an innate ability. Even Senior Brother Yi was defeated in his hands. Senior Brother Chen is most likely no match for him too right?"

"I don't know."

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For a time, many Five Element Sect's disciples cast a look of disbelief look towards Nangong Chen.

"Duan Ling Tian!" It was rare for Nangong Chen to speak out. His voice was cold.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised that he was challenged by Nangong Chen. His eyes darkened as he immediately flew out.

Although he knew that Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy was able to restrain his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions, he still refused to admit defeat. This was because a new idea had started to form in his head.

Taking his opponents Origin Energy and infusing it into his own body did not seem to have any effects on the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill because the Rebirth Pill had undergone the same situation before so it had already developed a certain immunity against it.

However, what about Spiritual Energy?

What would happen if he took Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy and infused it into his soul so that his spirit would get tensed and create another sense of crisis? At that time, would the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill still remain aloof?

This was the idea that Duan Ling Tian currently had in mind.

One must agree that his idea did indeed sound very absurd. If he was not careful, he would damage his own spirit, and there was a chance that he would be unable to recover from this. In another word, his life would be in peril.

As the saying went, 'Seek wealth from danger!'

As Duan Ling Tian stood facing Nangong Chen, his eyes turned cold at once. He was firmly determined in his mind.

As long as he could force the Rebirth Pill to activate again, it would be easy for his cultivation base to be elevated to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. It could easily be done in just a blink of an eye.

In the distance, Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, calmly watched the two men who were locked in a stalemate.

He had no idea why but there was a small sense of unease in his heart for no reason.

Perhaps it was because Nangong Chen had told him before that he only had 90% confidence in winning against Duan Ling Tian.

At the Earth Peak, Tian Zhen frowned as he asked, "Father, isn't Nangong Chen asking to be humiliated?"

"No!" Tian Gu shook his head before replying with a glum look, "Don't forget that just like me, Nangong Chen is also an Inscription Master as well. From my probing of Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy earlier, it's safe to say that it's probably not in any way superior to Nangong Chen's."

"So what?" Tian Zhen was confused.

"You still don't understand? As long as Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy does not exceed Nangong Chen's, even if he uses his innate ability on him, Nangong Chen could still use his own Spiritual Energy to destroy it." Tian Gu continued to say, "Without the help of that innate ability, do you really think Duan Ling Tian would be able to defeat Nangong Chen?"

"This Duan Ling Tian is doomed then?" Tian Zhen gasped.

"As long as there's no accident, this Duan Ling Tian will definitely lose. The legacy of the Five Element Sect, with Gold Peak as the champion, will remain," Tian Gu added.

There were some Inscription Masters on the scene that shared the same beliefs as Tian Gu as well.

Among these Inscription Masters, some were elders and some were disciples of each Peak.

They knew Nangong Chen was an Inscription Master as well.

"Looks like Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy is not a level higher than Nangong Chen's. Otherwise, Nangong Chen will not go up and humiliate himself."

"Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy must be at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation too. It's also because of this reason that Nangong Yi and Hu Fei were both defeated by his hands."

"Nangong Chen is not afraid of the innate ability that is cast by a Seventh Level Void Interpretation's Spiritual Energy."

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Many of the Five Element Sect's elders who were Inscription Masters buried their head together in a heated discussion.

Their words were spread around by the Five Element Sect's disciples who were also disciples of those Inscription Masters. Instantly, many of the Five Element Sect's disciples who were filled with doubts had their questions answered.

"Ahh, so Senior Brother Yi is not afraid of Duan Ling Tian's innate ability!"

"Hurmph! Without the help of his innate ability, this Duan Ling Tian will just be like meat on Senior Brother Yi's chopping board. He'll be slaughtered into pieces!"

"As expected from Gold Peak! No other Peak can take away the honorary 'First Place' from them!"

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The crowd of Five Element Sect's disciples was discussing animatedly. Their voices were so loud that it had also entered the ears of a few Wood Peak's members.

The faces of Yang Ling, Ke Zheng, and Chen Wei, who was under the guidance of Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, turned gloomy instantly.

"Duan Ling Tian, is what they said true? That Nangong Chen can really break your innate ability?" Chen Wei could not help but ask using his Voice Transmission.

"Duan Ling Tian, your Spiritual Energy is at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation?" Yang Ling and Ke Zheng could not stop themselves from asking as well.

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian responded to the inquiries of these three people.

A bitter smile instantly flashed across their faces.

Chapter 898: Seeking Wealth from Danger!

Very quickly, Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, learned from the mouths of Yang Ling and the two others that Duan Ling Tian's innate ability had no effect on Nangong Chen.

In this regard, although he was slightly disappointed, he did not feel any sense of loss at all.

"Duan Ling Tian, if you really can't do it, just admit defeat. I'm already very surprised by the fact that we from Wood Peak are able to obtain the second place in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time," Qi Yu slight frowned as he told Duan Ling Tian through Voice Transmission.

"Don't worry, Peak Master. I have a plan," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Qi Yu nodded his head and did not say anything more.

However, his gaze was tightly locked on Nangong Chen. If he found out that Nangong Chen's attack might cripple Duan Ling Tian or even take away his life, he would definitely interfere and save Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was the future of their Wood Peak. He could never lose him!

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Duan Ling Tian and Nangong Chen stood opposite each other.

"If there's no accident, you're no match for me!" Nangong Chen who was usually taciturn suddenly became much more talkative when he was faced with Duan Ling Tian. However, his face still remained cold, and his eyes stared at Duan Ling Tian calmly. No hints of feelings could be seen in them.

"You said so yourself, IF there's no accident! Who knows, an accident might just happen just like that," Duan Ling Tian replied nonchalantly while he calmly looked at Nangong Chen as well.

"I look forward to seeing it then!" Nangong Chen's usually dull eyes lit up immediately.

Thousand Illusions!

Just as Nangong Chen's words left his mouth, a dark light flickered in Duan Ling Tian's eyes. A vast Spiritual Energy pierced into the Soul Brand deep inside his soul, and he cast his Soul Skill.

The Illusory Space appeared soundlessly. With Duan Ling Tian as the center, it shrouded the area within a radius of 100 meters. It enveloped Nangong Chen in it as well.

"Huh?" Nangong Chen raised his brows. He seemed to have felt something.

A wave of swift yet invisible Spiritual Energy instantly rose from his body and extended outwards. It smashed mercilessly into that Illusory Space, and it crumbled easily.

"Here it comes!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze turned solemn. He could feel Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy.

Unfortunately, Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy immediately retracted just as he was about to make his next move. It left him with no chance to utilize it.

Thousand Illusions!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian could only cast his Soul Skill again.

The Illusory Space reappeared once more.

When Nangong Chen extended his Spiritual Energy, the Illusory Space was destroyed again.

This time, Duan Ling Tian was a step closer to achieving his target, but he still failed in drawing out Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy. It left him a little helpless.

However, he did not plan to give up at all.

Thousand Illusions! Thousand Illusions! Thousand Illusions!

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His Spiritual Energy constantly pierced at the Soul Brand deep inside his soul as he cast his Soul Skill to create the Illusory Space again and again.

"It's useless." Faced with Duan Ling Tian's Illusory Space, Nangong Chen did not feel any pressure at all. His Spiritual Energy continued to extend out in quick succession and easily destroyed the Illusory Space that Duan Ling Tian created.

The Illusory Spaces were destroyed one after another. Under Duan Ling Tian's intentional guidance, Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy slowly drew closer to him.

The group of Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching was dumbfounded.

All that they could see was Duan Ling Tian and Nangong Chen standing over there glaring at each other without doing anything. Now that they suddenly heard Nangong Chen's words, they could not help but be stunned by it.

"Don't tell me Senior Brother Chen and Duan Ling Tian have already started their fight?"

"I-I guess so."

"I think they must be using their Spiritual Energy to fight. Spiritual Energy is invisible so that's probably why we can't see anything."

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The group of Five Element Sect's disciples discussed this animatedly. Although they found this match to be kind of boring, they still kept their eyes locked on the two of them.

They wanted to know who would emerge as the victor later.

On the contrary, those people who were Inscription Masters, like Tian Gu, were frowning deeply.

They could sense that Duan Ling Tian was continuously forging the Illusory Space again and again while Nangong Chen was destroying the Illusory Space that Duan Ling Tian created over and over again as well.

They could not help but find this strange. What was the purpose of Duan Ling Tian doing this?

If this continued to go on, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy would soon be exhausted. Nangong Chen, on the other hand, would not be affected much because the consumption of his Spiritual Energy was not as high as Duan Ling Tian's.

"Now!" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up instantly. The Spiritual Energy that he stretched out had finally cut off a part of Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy before he brought it back and used it to probe the soul that was deep in his own mind.

Although Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy was free from its owner's control, it dashed in every direction frenziedly the moment it entered a foreign place. It was absolutely out of control.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian started to feel himself getting dizzy. It felt like the Spiritual Energy that was taken from Nangong Chen was trying to stretch open his head.

In just a blink of an eye, a sense of crisis started to spread throughout his entire body.

Even his own Spiritual Energy that was in the depth of his soul became restless and disturbed.

"Rebirth Pill..." However, Duan Ling Tian currently did not have the time to pay attention to any of that. Instead, he diverted his attention to the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill that was in the depth of his Dantian. He was trying to figure out if there was any movement.

At this moment, even Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy became agitated as if they could feel a massive threat. However, they had absolutely no way to resist it at all.

The Spiritual Energy that was obtained from Nangong Chen continued to wreak havoc in Duan Ling Tian's mind. Like a wild bird that was trapped in a cage, it was very eager to make its escape.

Although Duan Ling Tian could just use his own Spiritual Energy to suppress this Spiritual Energy, he did not choose to do so at this moment.

This was because if he had done that, his plan would have fallen short.

"Ouch!"

"It hurts!"

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At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's body started to tremble violently. His forehead was clammy with cold sweat. In just a blink of an eye, sweat dripped down his face like rain.

The moment Nangong Chen saw this, he was bewildered.

The spectators below were stunned as well.

What was going on?

What was happening to Duan Ling Tian?

As the spectators stared at Duan Ling Tian who appeared to be out of line, confusion was written on their faces.

What they did not know was that Duan Ling Tian was going through an agony that no ordinary people could bear at this moment. His soul could be scattered into pieces at any time.

If his soul scattered into pieces, it meant that his entire body would become a shell without a soul.

Even if the Rebirth Martial Emperor was still alive, he would most likely call Duan Ling Tian a madman if he knew what Duan Ling Tian did today.

"YES! I'VE SUCCEEDED!"

After what seemed like a moment had passed — or maybe a whole century — a bright light flickered in Duan Ling Tian's mind as he became aware of something. His mood lifted up instantly.

At the same time, the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill that was deep in his Dantian rushed out in a high speed and merged with his Origin Energy. It catalyzed his Origin Energy to activate like a lightning.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Sword Dragon Form!

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian hastily activated his mental cultivation method and guided this lightning-like Origin Energy to rush towards the bottleneck of the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

"I guess I've let you run amuck long enough... Now go! Perish!" At the same time, Duan Ling Tian who could only feel his head becoming giddy, led his own Spiritual Energy that had been accumulating all this while and charged forward. It enveloped the Spiritual Energy that was obtained from Nangong Chen in just a blink of an eye.

Wham!

The Spiritual Energy converged all of a sudden. In just a flash, it completely annihilated Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy.

"Huh?" Nangong Chen, who was standing from afar and was about to make his move, suddenly stopped himself because he could sense something. His brows furrowed together at once.

At this moment, he could feel a sharp pain coming from the depth of his soul. However, as fast as it came, the sharp pain vanished in just a second. It was as if it had never appeared in the first place.

"What's going on?"

Nangong Chen's brows twitched a little. He swept a glance towards Duan Ling Tian in the distance. His body had already stopped quivering, his face had begun to regain its colors, and his forehead had already stopped sweating. He knew that this must have something to do with what Duan Ling Tian was planning.

Bang!

At this moment, with the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy as a catalyst, the Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body broke open the bottleneck that was leading to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

After the bottleneck broke open, tremendous changes began to happen in the Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body.

This kind of changes was like the transformation and elevation of his Origin Energy's quality. Compared to the two breakthroughs that he had achieved before this, there was a world of difference between them!

"Yes, I've made a breakthrough!" Duan Ling Tian was extremely excited when he felt the majestic Origin Energy in his body after the transformation.

"Oh? It's still ongoing?" Duan Ling Tian quickly noticed that after the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy had broken open the bottleneck of the Seventh Level Void Interpretation, it continued to rush forward in fury instead of stopping.

When the bottleneck leading to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation finally appeared, the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy finally slowed down and came to a halt before leaving the Origin Energy and returned to his Dantian once again.

The Origin Energy had also stopped becoming restless, and it had quieted down completely.

"Wow, that was a really a big gamble! Just another step and I can make a breakthrough to the Eight Level Void Interpretation!" After being stunned for a while, Duan Ling Tian burst out laughing immediately.

"I guess, the saying is pretty accurate. 'Seek your wealth from danger'. Now that my cultivation base has made such a big leap, I guess all the hard work from before is quite worth it." There was still a lingering fear in Duan Ling Tian's heart as he thought about the situation earlier.

At that moment, the Spiritual Energy that was taken from Nangong Chen was just a step away from blowing his head apart. Moreover, it had almost destroyed his soul and killed him as well.

Now that he thought back about it, Duan Ling Tian could still feel a wave of chill creeping down his back. A cold sweat broke out on his body instantly.

"Huh?" Suddenly Duan Ling Tian seemed to have sensed something as his expression suddenly changed.

When he finally returned to his senses, he realized that Nangong Chen was already charging towards him at high speed.

Along with Nangong Chen was waves of vast khaki-colored energy that was intertwined with his body. It made him look like a massive earth behemoth.

Moreover, the earth behemoth had a total of 190 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons on top of his head. Like a lightning, it charged forward and opened its big and bloody mouth. It was as if it was about to swallow Duan Ling Tian in whole.

Thousand Illusions!

When Duan Ling Tian saw the cold eyes of Nangong Chen who was engulfed in the vast khaki-colored energy, he knew that he was about to launch his attack. He hastily activated his Soul Skill using his Origin Energy and forged an Illusory Space that shrouded the sky around them.

In the next second, Duan Ling Tian transformed into a gust of wind and quickly dodged to the side.

Just as he moved to the side —

WHAM!

Under the watchful eyes of the spectators, Nangong Chen stared fixedly at the place where Duan Ling Tian was standing at just a moment ago. There was nobody there. Nangong Chen gave out another forceful punch.

The punch landed on the space where nobody was present. Like a stone that fell into a calm lake, it set off waves and waves of ripples that spread out in all directions.

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At the same time, a flurry of boundless and majestic hurricanes swept burst out from the center of Nangong Chen's fist. It was so strong that the spectators' robes were fluttering as well.

Some of the Five Element Sect's disciples with a lower cultivation base had to retreat, and they had no choice but to squint their eyes.

Wham!

Before the crowd could figure out what happened, they saw Duan Ling Tian who had moved aside earlier suddenly made a lightning-like move before he planted a palm on Nangong Chen's back and sent him flying in the air.

After Nangong Chen was sent flying, his body quivered and with a "Barf!", he threw up a mouthful of blood. His face instantly turned ghastly.

Bustle!

The moment the spectators saw this, they erupted in a great commotion.

"Senior Brother Chen didn't notice that Duan Ling Tian had already dodged to the side earlier. He didn't even notice Duan Ling Tian at his back when he snuck up to attack him!"

"Looks like Senior Brother Chen was distracted by Duan Ling Tian's innate ability too!"

"Apparently!"

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The faces of the group of Five Element Sect's disciples became very solemn immediately.

"D-Did this Duan Ling Tian make a breakthrough?" Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak's mouth twitched. Horror could be seen on his face.

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian had used his Spiritual Energy to forge the Illusory Space many times. It was successfully broken away by Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy every single time.

From the very start, he could feel it very clearly.

However, when Duan Ling Tian forged the Illusory Space earlier using his Spiritual Energy again, his Spiritual Energy could feel that Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy had been elevated to a whole new level.

For this reason, it was impossible for Nangong Chen to notice the Illusory Space that Duan Ling Tian had created, let alone using his own Spiritual Energy to smash it open.

Many other Five Element Sect's elders who were also Inscription Masters had noticed this as well.

As they continued their discussions, the fact that Duan Ling Tian had made his breakthrough started to spread around. Soon enough, everybody knew what was going on earlier.

"Damn it! This Duan Ling Tian actually had a breakthrough?" Hu Fei stared coldly at Duan Ling Tian. His face was extremely dark.

At first, he thought that Duan Ling Tian would be defeated in Nangong Chen's hands. However, to his astonishment, Duan Ling Tian managed to complete his breakthrough during the crucial moment and managed to overpower Nangong Chen in just one swoop.

"What Chen'er was worried about is correct... We really can't treat Duan Ling Tian using common sense!" Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, sighed. However, he did not seem unhappy at all.

Although Gold Peak did not manage to obtain the first place in the Battle of the Five Peak this time, it did not seem like it affected him much.

"This Duan Ling Tian is indeed very strong," Nangong Yi, who was standing by the side, had a very gloomy expression on his face. He furrowed his brows as he continued, "However, I noticed that when he cast his attack earlier, the amount of energy contained in his Origin Energy does not look like it's in the Eight Level Void Interpretation. It's more or less like mine instead."

"His cultivation base had only just made a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. As for his Spiritual Energy, I think it must be a level higher than his cultivation base." A gleam flashed across Guo Chong's eyes as he muttered, "If I guessed correctly, he must have consumed a soul enhancing spirit fruit previously. That was the cause of his Spiritual Energy being a level higher than his cultivation base."

"Ah, so his Spiritual Energy is at the Eighth Level Void Interpretation... No wonder," Nangong Yi gasped when he heard this.

When Huang Daniu saw how Duan Ling Tian severely injured Nangong Chen and obtained the final victory, Huang Daniu burst out laughing and shouted, "Haha! Good job, Duan Ling Tian!"

The eyes of Qi Yu, Yang Ling, and Ke Zheng brightened too.

It had never crossed their minds that Duan Ling Tian would be able to complete his breakthrough at the very crucial moment and defeat Nangong Chen in just one blow.

Although they were surprised, they could not stop the joy that they were feeling as well.

At this moment, the injured Nangong Chen was still trapped in the Illusory Space, but he no longer made any move. Instead, he stood in midair as he slowly asked, "Y-You've made a breakthrough?"

It was apparent that Nangong Chen had also noticed that he had fallen into the Illusory Space.

Duan Ling Tian moved his thoughts and retracted the Thousand Illusions immediately. He looked at Nangong Chen as he replied nonchalantly, "It's luck."

After the Illusory Space disappeared, Nangong Chen looked at Duan Ling Tian and announced earnestly, "Luck or not, you've won!"

After he finished saying that, he did not wait for Duan Ling Tian's reply. Nangong Chen returned to Guo Chong in a flash and bowed to him. "I'm sorry to disappoint you. Please punish me, Master."

"You've done your best. It's just that your opponent is too strong this time," Guo Chong shook his head. His eyes landed on Duan Ling Tian as he smiled, "Duan Ling Tian, you're very good. With you in Wood Peak, it'll definitely rise again! I'm looking forward to seeing that."

"You flatter me, Sect Leader," Duan Ling Tian responded with a smile.

With his current cultivation base, he did not dare to slack before the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect.

"Qi Yu, Wood Peak is really lucky this time!" Guo Chong smiled as he turned his attention to Qi Yu.

The moment Qi Yu heard this, an unusually bright smile appeared on his face.

"I didn't expect that Duan Ling Tian from Wood Peak would win first place in the Battle of the Five Peaks' individual battle stage!"

"With his innate ability, he'll definitely win the first place of the team battle too! Looks like this time, Wood Peak is going to rank higher than Gold Peak and become the first Peak in our Five Element Sect!"

"The first Peak of Five Element Sect had always been Gold Peak's glory. This time, the owner is going to change just because of Duan Ling Tian alone."

"The sect resources that the first Peak of Five Element Sect obtains are not something the other four Peaks will get... Looks like Wood Peak can utilize these sect resources and rise up again in the next three years!"

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Other than Wood Peak disciples, the disciples from the other four Peaks also marveled in surprise.

Each and every one of Wood Peak's disciples had an indescribably excited look on their faces. Their gazes were all focused on Duan Ling Tian, and a deep sense of gratitude could be seen on their faces.

They knew that the reason Wood Peak was able to become the first Peak of Five Element Sect was all thanks to Duan Ling Tian alone.

If there was no Duan Ling Tian, Wood Peak would never have this moment of glory.

"Hurmph!" It did not matter if it was Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, or his direct disciple, Hu Fei, both of their faces were currently filled with loathing.

Particularly Hu Fei.

Ten years ago, there were two reasons he betrayed Wood Peak and his first master, Yang Ling. In addition to being unable to resist the temptation of the things that Cha Bai had promised him, he also wanted to rely on Fire Peak — which was also the second strongest Peak in the Five Element Sect that time — and utilized its influence to soar up to the top.

All these years, he indeed achieved it by becoming the strongest person among the younger generation in Fire Peak.

However, today, the Wood Peak that he had betrayed ten years ago achieved the glory of being the number one Peak in the Five Element Sect.

This was like a slap in his face. The glory overwhelmed him with shame and rage.

"Duan Ling Tian... Duan Ling Tian! It's all because of you! All because of you! If it wasn't for you, how could Wood Peak possibly obtain this glory? If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be humiliated in front of everybody in the first place!" Hu Fei's eyes were filled with extreme iciness as he stared at the purple figure in the distance. The killing intention that was emanating out of his body seemingly solidified to form an arrow that shot out to his target.

"Huh?" Just as Duan Ling Tian turned away to return to Wood Peak's members, he felt an intense and chilly killing aura locked onto him.

He immediately turned towards the place where the aura came from.

In just a glance, he saw the murderous intention that was oozing out of the eyes of the red-clad young man who itched to hack him to death — Hu Fei, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak.

"This Hu Fei... If I have a chance, I must kill him instantly! Otherwise, he'll turn into another troublesome existence like Zi Shang." Duan Ling Tian's eyes were cold with killing intention too as he secretly made up his mind.

Throughout his whole life, there were only a few things that he regretted. The thing that left the deepest impression on him was the fact that he did not kill Zi Shang when he was at the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's highest peak, Seven Star Sword Sect's Dubhe Peak.

That time, it would be easy for him to kill Zi Shang with the help of his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions. However, it was exactly because Zi Shang had survived that he became the bane of his existence. He even caused Duan Ling Tian to be hunted by the Skywolf Fort's people because they wanted to snatch away the Devilseal Tablet from his hand.

"Zi Shang, let us slowly settle our debt later at the secret the Martial Emperor left behind... This time, I'll certainly spare no effort to kill you!" The murderous intention in Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned even more intense the moment he thought of Zi Shang.

After Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses, he returned to the Wood Peak's group that was led by Qi Yu. The instance he reached there, he was immediately greeted with a warm welcome.

"Duan Ling Tian! You're just too horrifying! Even the two most outstanding people among the younger generation in the Five Element Sect were both easily dealt with by you! I, Huang Daniu, absolutely admire you to the bones!" Huang Daniu praised him as he flashed a thumbs up towards Duan Ling Tian.

"Junior Brother Ke, thank goodness we have you in Wood Peak. If it wasn't because you managed to get Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu back, we would most likely end up in the bottom again," Yang Ling told Ke Zheng.

"I also did not expect to meet Duan Ling Tian when I went to the Driftcloud Town with Chen Wei last time... Anyway, this is our Wood Peak, and Duan Ling Tian's fate!" Ke Zheng laughed.

Chen Wei who was by the side nodded his head approvingly while he flashed a thumbs up at Duan Ling Tian as well.

"Duan Ling Tian, the promise that I made to you before is valid. As long as it's within my power and does not endanger the Five Element Sect, I'll fulfill one request of yours... Any request that you make!" Qi Yu smiled as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. The last sentence was especially emphasized when he said it.

When they heard Qi Yu's words, Yang Ling and the three others were taken by surprise.

It had never crossed their minds that Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, who was also the second strongest person in Five Element Sect, would actually make such a promise to Duan Ling Tian.

"Thank you, Peak Master," Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up instantly.

He had seen Qi Yu's strength with his own eyes previously. Even that Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, was powerless before Qi Yu as well.

There was no doubt the promise from such a powerhouse was priceless to Duan Ling Tian.

Although Duan Ling Tian had already returned, 80-90% of the gazes from the surroundings were still focused on him. They paid their respects with their eyes to this champion of the Battle of the Five Peaks' individual battle stage.

"This Duan Ling Tian appears to be younger than Senior Brother Chen and Yi yet he could still defeat the both of them successively. What a remarkable person!"

"Don't forget that he's not an ordinary human being. There's Demon's blood in his body you know."

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This time, Duan Ling Tian had also become the topic of discussion among the Five Element Sect's disciples.

It was not until the loud voice of Guo Chong the Sect Leader finally reverberated in the air that they stopped their discussion. They focused their attention back on Guo Chong instead.

"The individual battle stage is over. Now we're going to start the team battle stage!" Guo Chong announced loudly.

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During the team battle stage, two representatives from each Peak would team up and fight against another two representatives from the other four Peaks. The battle would be carried out in a two-on-two manner.

Compared to the individual battle stage, the team battle was more like a formality.

For Wood Peak, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu teamed up together.

Duan Ling Tian was responsible for confusing his opponents using the Illusory Space while Huang Daniu was responsible for the physical attacks. With just a stride, they took down the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak.

"Yes!" Huang Daniu who had wounded the Nangong Twins with a few strikes laughed heartily as he swaggered about in borrowed plumes.

Nobody was surprised by this result. After all, they had already known about Duan Ling Tian's terrifying innate ability.

After they had defeated the Nangong Twins, none of the other three Peaks dared to battle Wood Peak. This was because they knew that they would only be looking for their own death if they had gone against them. It would serve them better to conserve their strength.

Although Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, and his direct disciple, Hu Fei, hated this a lot, they still did not dare to go up against Wood Peak who was like the sun in mid-sky.

"Since it's like this, Wood Peak wins the first place in the team battle. Coupled up with Wood Peak's results in the individual battle, Wood Peak wins the first place in our Five Element Sect's Battle of the Five Peaks this time. In the next three years, Wood Peak will be the First Peak of our Five Element Sect!"

The First Peak of the Five Element Sect!

Guo Chong announced all this unhurriedly. He was quite at ease and magnanimous about it.

However, the disciples of Gold Peak were all sighing one after one another.

The glory that belonged to them before this had now been taken away by Wood Peak. It left quite a bitter taste in their mouths.

Wood Peak, the Peak that was at the bottom for the last twenty over years had risen again and soared to the top. It took everyone by surprise.

"That Duan Ling Tian's innate ability is what helped Wood Peak to soar to the top... With him there, Wood Peak would naturally rise again."

All the people from Five Element Sect present on the scene was very clear about this.

In front of the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak, the other three Peaks admitted defeat right away. Gold Peak proceeded to take the second place after Wood Peak. During the next three years, it would become the Second Peak of the Five Element Sect.

"Duan Ling Tian, we from Gold Peak will regain the glory of the First Peak of the Five Element Sect after this three years!" Nangong Yi announced loudly after he swept a glance across the sky, and his gaze finally landed on Duan Ling Tian.

A strong sense of confidence emanated from Nangong Yi, so much so that many of the Five Element Sect's disciples could not help but be awed by it.

"As expected of Senior Brother Yi. He's not cocky when he wins nor is he disheartened by his defeat."

"With Senior Brother Yi and Chen there, Gold Peak will definitely regain its glory of being the First Peak again!"

"The fact that Duan Ling Tian relied on his innate ability is not fair anyway!"

Many of the disciples from the other Four Peaks continued to say.

Of course, their words had also earned the disagreements from the Wood Peak's disciples.

"Hurmph! What unfair? The innate ability is Senior Brother Ling Tian's technique! It's not something that you can easily possess you know!"

"Senior Brother Ling Tian is much younger than the Nangong Twins, and he still managed to take the first place for our Wood Peak! I'm sure he'll be able to do that again after three years!"

"I have faith in Senior Brother Ling Tian!"

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The moment Duan Ling Tian heard Nangong Yi's words and saw the enthusiasm of the Wood Peak's disciples, he could not help but smile wryly to himself.

Three years later?

At that time, it was very likely that he would no longer be in the Five Element Sect anymore.

Immediately afterward, the remaining three Peaks — Fire, Water, and Earth — battled to determine the final three ranks for the team battle stage.

With Hu Fei and his Seventh Level Void Interpretation, Fire Peak unsurprisingly obtained the third place. Coupled with its individual battle result, Fire Peak became the Third Peak of the Five Element Sect for the next three years.

Soon, it was Water and Earth Peak's turn to battle it out.

Between the two female disciples from Water Peak, Tan Huan was stronger. On the other hand, at Earth Peak's side, Tian Zhen was the stronger one.

During the individual battle stage, Tan Huan had won against Tian Zhen by a small margin.

Even then, she did not dare to slack at all during the battle. She slowly advanced and strengthened herself with every step. She first used an agile martial technique to dodge Tian Zhen's attack, and she inflicted injuries on the other Earth Peak disciple before she won against Tian Zhen by a small margin again.

"Shit!" Although Tian Zhen was mentally prepared, he still could not help but feel a little disappointed the moment he was defeated.

"You went easy on me," Tan Huan nodded at Tian Zhen.

The final ranking of the team battle stage had finally been decided.

Fourth Place, Water Peak.

Coupled with its individual battle stage, the Water Peak would become the Fourth Peak of the Five Element Sect in next three years.

The Earth Peak obtained the last place and became the Fifth Peak of the Five Element Sect.

"To every senior, junior, brother, and sister. I, Tian Zhen, have disappointed you. I'm sorry for letting you down." After Tian Zhen was defeated, he bowed towards the crowd of Earth Peak disciples. Bitterness could be heard in his voice.

"Senior Brother Tian Zhen, you've done your best! All of us could see that!"

"This time we've fallen, but we'll definitely rise again in the next three years! I have faith in our Earth Peak!"

The Earth Peak disciples were saying one after another. Everyone was burning with enthusiasm.

Although Earth Peak had dropped to the bottom, their morale remained. It elicited a sense of admiration from the disciples of the other four Peaks.

"Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian!"

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Nobody knew when, but the Wood Peak disciples were crying Duan Ling Tian's name loudly in unison. All of them were in high spirits, and their energy was like the sun in mid-sky.

Duan Ling Tian had stolen the spotlight from the audience once again.

With his own strength, he managed to turn the tide and helped Wood Peak to rise to the top, allowing it to become the First Peak in the Five Element Sect for the next three years.

"To all Peak Masters, the Battle of the Five Peaks is over now. Please arrange the matter for the future as soon as possible," Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, announced loudly as he looked at the other Peak Masters of the four Peaks, "Ten days later, each of you will bring the two most powerful young disciples from your Peak to Gold Peak."

"At that time, Gold Peak will activate the Profound Assimilation Formation and help the two most outstanding young disciples from each Peak to elevate the Concepts that they have comprehended," Guo Chong announced in a go.

Profound Assimilation Formation!

The moment the words left Guo Chong's mouth, many of the Five Element Sect's disciples began to look puzzled.

However, the eyes of the Peak Masters from the Four Peaks, including Qi Yu the Peak Master of Wood peak, immediately lit up. Hints of excitement could be seen in their eyes.

"Profound Assimilation Formation?"

At first, Duan Ling Tian had thought that he had heard wrong, but when he heard the clamor of discussion by the Five Element Sect's disciples beside him, he realized that he did not hear wrongly at all.

Naturally, he knew what Profound Assimilation Formation was.

It was just that it had never ever crossed his mind that just a mere Five Element Sect would also have the Profound Assimilation Formation.

"From the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memories, the Profound Assimilation Formation was created by him... By right, there are only a few forces that are close to him in this Cloud Continent that knew about the arrangement of this Profound Assimilation Formation." Puzzled, Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows together.

According to reasons, it was absolutely impossible for those forces to share the arrangement method with other forces with how precious the Profound Assimilation Formation was.

"However, it has already been tens of thousands of years since the second reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor... Perhaps, something has happened in this ten thousand years that allowed the arrangement methods of the Profound Assimilation Formation to spread throughout the Cloud Continent." When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he instantly felt at ease.

Ten thousand years were more than enough to change many things.

However, when he recalled the functions of the Profound Assimilation Formation, he could not suppress the excitement in his heart.

Profound Assimilation Formation was an Inscription Formation that could help a martial artist to comprehend Concept and Profundity at a fast speed. Other than a huge amount of Origin Stones, the materials that it needed were a large number of Concept Fragments and Profundity Fragments.

Once the Profound Assimilation Formation was activated, the Concept and Profundity Fragments that were added into it would be consumed without restraint, and it would help the martial artist who was in the formation to comprehend Concept and Profundity swiftly.

'This time, my Concept would be able to complete its new transformation. According to my understanding of the Profound Assimilation Formation by the Rebirth Martial Emperor, I can definitely rely on my Spiritual Energy to achieve a certain degree of control over the Profound Assimilation Formation and take away the good fortune of others!' Duan Ling Tian became excited as he thought of this.

The Profound Assimilation Formation was originally created by the Rebirth Martial Emperor. Although he had passed it on to many people, the person who understood the Profound Assimilation Formation the most was still the Rebirth Martial Emperor himself.

Duan Ling Tian who possessed the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memories was equivalent to the Rebirth Martial Emperor himself. Wanting to tamper with the Profound Assimilation Formation was an extremely simple matter to him.

'Activating the Profound Assimilation Formation just once would already require a lot of Concept Fragments... It seems like the Five Element Sect is really going all out for the sake of that secret that the Martial Emperor left behind,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Now, let's just hope that ten days later, when the Gold Peak activates the Profound Assimilation Formation, they'll put in more Fragments of Wind, Thunder, Earth, and Sword Concepts. Based on my understanding of the Profound Assimilation Formation, along with the ability of mine that allows me to comprehend two Concepts at the same time, I can greatly elevate all four Concepts without restraint." A light glinted in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, and he was full of anticipation.

"Peak Master, what's that Profound Assimilation Formation?" At this moment, Huang Daniu's voice suddenly entered Duan Ling Tian's ears. He was asking Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak about it.

Like most of the other Five Element Sect's disciples, it was obvious that this was Huang Daniu's first time hearing about the Profound Assimilation Formation.

"The Profound Assimilation Formation is an Inscription Formation." When Qi Yu said this, he paused and swept a glance towards Duan Ling Tian. When he noticed that Duan Ling Tian had his attention on him as well, only then did he continue, "The Profound Assimilation Formation is mainly composed of Origin Stone that is engraved with Inscriptions and some other valuable materials. Other than this, what's most important is the huge amount of Concept Fragments that are inserted in it because the Profound Assimilation Formation needs to consume plenty of Concept Fragments to help the person inside it comprehend Concepts at a fast speed. As we all know, once a martial artist who has comprehended a Concept obtained the Fragments of the Concept that he comprehends, the speed that he comprehends Concept would advance at a tremendous pace. And it's exactly this Profound Assimilation Formation that can help speed up this process! As for how fast, well, to a certain extent, it would depend on the comprehension of the person in the formation. The person who enters the formation will have his comprehension level magnified. The higher the comprehension level, the faster the speed he would comprehend the Concept," Qi Yu explained.

"Comprehending Concept at a tremendous pace?" Huang Daniu's eyes lit up right away. "I've just comprehended the Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept a few days ago. Will I be able to comprehend the Seventh Level Intermediate Earth Concept there?"

"Of course! As long as your comprehension is high enough and there are enough Earth Concept Fragments inside the Profound Assimilation Formation, let alone Seventh Level Intermediate Earth Concept, you might even stand a chance to reach the Eight Level Intermediate Earth Concept," Qi Yu added again.

Eight Level Intermediate Earth Concept?

Huang Danu was stunned! Completely stunned and bewildered!

He had just comprehended the Six Level Intermediate Earth Concept a few days ago and now, after another ten days, he stood a chance in comprehending the Eight Level Intermediate Earth Concept?