

## SOVEREIGN 901

### Chapter 901: The First Peak of the Five Element Sect

"I can't believe that we have such a terrifying Inscription Formation in our Five Element Sect!"

"At first I thought that having the Concept Fragments would already make the Concept comprehension speed fast enough... However, looks like this speed is nothing compared to being in the Profound Assimilation Formation."

"It's crazy! It's too crazy! Why are there so many abnormal Inscription Formation in the Cloud Continent?!"

"However, although this Profound Assimilation Formation is powerful, it's not something that anybody could easily use. After all, you need to at least use up hundreds of Concept Fragments every time it's activated!"

"Although I've been in the Five Element Sect for so many years, it's no wonder that I've never heard of this Profound Assimilation Formation before. I think the cost of consumption would be kind of unbearable for our Five Element Sect!"

"The Profound Assimilation Formation will be activated after ten days... Looks like the sect is going all out this time."

"The ten young disciples who can enter the formation are indeed very blessed!"

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After the group of Five Element Sect's disciples found out about the functions of the Profound Assimilation Formation, they went crazy over it.

Looks of envy immediately shot out of their eyes and landed on Duan Ling Tian, Nangong Chen, Nangong Yi, and the few others.

They knew very well that the ten young disciples who had demonstrated outstanding strength today would have a brand new transformation in the Concepts that they had comprehended and might soar up to the top ten days later!

"Ten days later, the Profound Assimilation Formation, huh? I can't wait to see that!" Tian Zhen, the son of the Peak Master of Earth Peak, had also walked out from the shadow of defeat with his eyes shining brightly.

"This time, my target is the Seventh Level Intermediate Water Concept!" The eyes of Tan Huan, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Water Peak, also lit up immediately. Strong confidence could be seen in both of her eyes.

Although her cultivation base had currently reached the Sixth Level Void Interpretation, in terms of her Concept comprehension level, it was only at the Fifth Level Intermediate Water Concept.

"The Profound Assimilation Formation... Ten days later, I must comprehend the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept! I can no longer allow the Nangong Twins to keep pressing on my head!" Hu Fei, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak, had a cold look on his face. A cold sneer was lingering on the corner of his mouth.

"And that Duan Ling Tian! I'll make sure he suffers from the utter misery that he wishes he's a dead man one day!" With this thought in his mind, Hu Fei swept a cold glance at Duan Ling Tian again.

Although they were a huge distance apart, Duan Ling Tian could still sense Hu Fei's cold eyes on him. He could feel a chilly air running down his back. It was icy and frosty.

"Hu Fei... I'll give you a surprise ten days later." A hint of an inconspicuous smirk was playing by the corner of Duan Ling Tian's mouth.

At this moment, he seemed to have become the master who had Hu Fei's fate in his hands.

Ten days later in the Profound Assimilation Formation, Duan Ling Tian indeed would have the ability to become the master who determined their fates. After all, that Profound Assimilation Formation was created by the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

He was no different from the true Rebirth Martial Emperor since he had the memories of the two reincarnations of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

When the Five Element Sect's senior officials and disciples present on the scene finally dispersed, all they could talk about was the Profound Assimilation Formation.

As for the Battle of the Five Peaks, it had already been temporarily forgotten.

After all, the Profound Assimilation Formation was just too terrifying.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu left the scene and returned to Wood Peak along with Qi Yu, Yang Ling, Ke Zheng, and Chen Wei.

On the way back, Chen Wei sighed, "I've been in the five Element Sect for almost 20 years, and this is my first time hearing about that Profound Assimilation Formation... Duan Ling Tian, Daniu, the both of you must work hard once you've gotten inside it, okay?"

"Don't worry." Daniu grinned. "This time, I'll surely comprehend the Eight Level Intermediate Earth Concept. Who knows, maybe my character will have a sudden boost, and I'll be able to comprehend the Ninth Level Intermediate Earth Concept immediately!"

"The Ninth Level Intermediate Earth Concept?" The moment they heard Huang Daniu's words, even Qi Yu the Peak Master of Wood Peak could not stop the smile that crept up on his mouth. They felt that Huang Daniu's ambition was just too huge.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but laugh wryly as well.

Did this Daniu really think that the Profound Assimilation Formation of the Five Element Sect to be that crazy?

According to Duan Ling Tian's estimation, after ten days when the Five Element Sect activated the Profound Assimilation Formation, the Concept Fragments that would be placed inside had to be some low-grade Fragments.

If a martial artist used these Concept Fragments on its own, he would be able to comprehend the Concept over a long time, and the elevation would probably be huge.

However, when they were placed in the Profound Assimilation Formation, they would be used up very quickly. Just one Fragment would not have much effect on a martial artist. It mainly relied on the quantity of the Fragment instead.

This was also the disadvantage of the Profound Assimilation Formation. It used up too much Concept Fragments.

'Only if several hundreds of pieces of Seventh Level Concept Fragments are placed inside would the effect be completely different. Anyhow, even if the Five Element Sect only puts in some low-grade Concept Fragments into the Profound Assimilation Formation, I still want to use this to help elevate my four Concepts rapidly so that my strength will be upgraded to a higher level!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed brightly as he made up his mind.

He was absolutely confident in this.

'With my current Spiritual Energy, although I dare not say that I'll be able to fully steal over the control of the Profound Assimilation Formation, at the very least I can still tamper with that formation,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

If Duan Ling Tian's thoughts were heard by the senior officials of the Five Element Sect, they would most likely be shocked to the core.

In fact, the Profound Assimilation Formation in the Five Element Sect's Gold Peak was actually arranged by a Martial Monarch Stage Inscription Master who was hired by the Five Element Sect many years ago with a huge amount of money.

However, right now, Duan Ling Tian who had yet to step into the Void Transformation was thinking about tampering with the Formation. If that Martial Monarch powerhouse found out about this, he would most probably be so worked up that he would throw up blood in agitation!

After they returned to Wood Peak, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu went their separate ways from Qi Yu and the rest before going back to the three-story pavilion where they currently lived.

"Big Brother Duan! Big Guy!"

The moment Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu approached to the pavilion, they immediately heard a familiar voice.

On the balcony of the second floor of the pavilion, a young girl was waving her hand at them with a bright smile on her face. It was Ye Xuan who had come together with them to the Five Element Sect a while ago.

"Little Xuan," Duan Ling Tian greeted Ye Xuan with a smile after he and Huang Daniu walked up to the balcony on the pavilion's second floor.

"Hehe, Lassie Xuan, you're a little frustrated not being able to go watch the Battle of the Five Peaks with your own eyes, huh?" Huang Daniu grinned. "It's a pity that you couldn't see your Brother Niu's, ahem, MY super elegant demeanor. What a pity..."

"Hurmph! Who wants to look at you?!" Ye Xuan scrunched up her nose and snorted.

Then, her gaze instantly landed on Duan Ling Tian as her eyes shone brightly, "Big Brother Duan, how're the results?"

"Not bad." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Not bad?" Ye Xuan was stunned, she was obviously confused.

"Lassie Xuan, with Duan Ling Tian and I making our appearance personally, do you really need to ask about the results? If we couldn't let the Wood Peak be the First Peak of the Five Element Sect, we would be too embarrassed to come back, okay?" Huang Daniu laughed loudly.

"That's a bluff!" Ye Xuan had a stop-lying-to-me look on her face she continued, "Don't think I don't know that in the past of the Five Element Sect, the four Peaks, Wood, Water, Fire, and Earth, had never once been able to defeat Gold Peak in the Battle of the Five Peaks to become the First Peak in the Five Element Sect!"

"Well, there you go. You just said it yourself. That was THE PAST of the Five Element Sect... What if I tell you that today, the history of the Five Element Sect has been rewritten?" Huang Daniu continued to laugh.

"Rewritten?" Ye Xuan was taken aback. She could slightly sense that it did not seem like Huang Daniu was playing a joke on her.

However, she still refused to believe him. Instead, she turned towards Duan Ling Tian who was by the side, because in her heart, Duan Ling Tian was the only person that could convince her completely. She believed him unconditionally.

"What Daniu said is true." When Duan Ling Tian saw Ye Xuan turning over to look at him, he smiled and nodded. "Little Xuan, from today onwards, the Wood Peak that we're in is already the First Peak of the Five Element Sect for the next three years."

The First Peak of the Five Element Sect?

Naturally, Ye Xuan believed Duan Ling Tian. However, she was still stunned.

Although it had only been a short while since she joined the Wood Peak of Five Element Sect, she still knew very well what the First Peak of the Five Element Sect actually meant, and what it actually signified.

From today onwards, Wood Peak would replace Gold Peak and become the First Peak of the Five Element Sect for the next three years?

Not only that, all of this was actually all thanks to the two people standing before her?

She could not suppress the excitement in her heart at all.

"Big Brother Duan, please tell me in details about what happened at the Battle of the Five Peaks today..." In actual fact, Ye Xuan felt very regretful that she was unable to witness the Battle of the Five Peaks with her own eyes. It was unfortunate, but there was nothing she could do about it. After all, she had yet to enter the Void Prying Stage and was not able to hover in the air yet.

"Let Daniu tell you instead." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Big Guy, hurry!" Yue Xuan turned towards Huang Daniu and scowled.

"Excuse me, lassie! You call Duan Ling Tian 'Big Brother Duan' but you call me 'Big Guy'? Don't you think that's a little impolite?" Huang Daniu narrowed his eyes, but the smile on his face still remained as he asked slowly.

"If you still refuse to tell me the story, I'm going to set fire to your room down when you're cultivating next time!" When Ye Xuan saw how Huang Daniu was trying to take advantage of the situation to make a request, she glared and threatened him immediately.

When he realized that he was being threatened, the smile on Huang Daniu's face froze before disappearing completely.

He really feared that Ye Xuan would do such thing when he was in the midst of cultivating. Putting aside the fact that he did not have the heart to do anything to that naughty and mischievous Ye Xuan, Duan Ling Tian would never agree to it even if he really did have the intention to do something to her.

"Fine, you're the boss," Huang Daniu shook his head and then roughly told her about the story of the Battle of the Five Peaks today. He started the story by excitedly telling her how valiant he was, "... Lassie Xuan, you didn't see it at that time! I sent Hu Fei flying with just one punch you know!"

"Yeah, yeah, you're the best!" Ye Xuan snorted, "But you're still no match for the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak... Looks like the reason Wood Peak became the First Peak of the Five Element Sect for the next three years is all thanks to my Big Brother Duan! It has nothing to do with you at all!"

"Lassie Xuan, you can't say like that! Even if Duan Ling Tian did not make an appearance, our Wood Peak could still become the Second Peak of the Five Element Sect for the next three years!" When Huang Daniu saw how Ye Xuan dismissed his hard work with only one sentence, he immediately turned anxious.

"See! You said so yourself, SECOND! Can second be compared to being the first?" Ye Xuan continued to say as a matter of course, "Not only that, with Big Brother Duan's innate ability, even if you weren't in the team battle, Wood Peak can still obtain the first place right?"

Chapter 902: Ten Days Later

Ye Xuan's words left Huang Daniu totally dejected.

Indeed.

Even without him, Duan Ling Tian would still be able to help Wood Peak obtain the glory of getting the first place in the Battle of the Five Peaks with just his strength alone.

"Alright," Duan Ling Tian interrupted and smoothed over the dispute when he could no longer stand it, "Today, Daniu defeated Hu Fei from Fire Peak you know! Moreover, he also helped avenged Elder Yang, and he also demonstrated a splendid opening performance for Wood Peak. His contributions cannot go unnoticed!"

The moment Huang Daniu heard this, a smile immediately appeared on his face again as he cast a proud look at Ye Xuan.

Ye Xuan, on the other hand, rolled her eyes and did not even bother to take notice of him.

"Let's get back to our cultivation," Duan Ling Tian sighed helplessly. He looked at these two funny fellows and bade them goodbye before leaving to return to his room.

After returning to the room, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed and sensed the Origin Energy in his body that had undergone a transformation. He could not suppress the brilliant smile that crept up on his face.

"Seventh Level Void Interpretation!"

At the time of the breakthrough earlier, everything happened in a blink of an eye. It was so fast that he felt like it was merely a dream.

"Not only did I make a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation, I've also reached the bottleneck leading up to the Eight Level Void Interpretation. Soon enough, I'll be able to make another breakthrough to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation!" Duan Ling Tian's heart boiled with excitement when he thought about this. He was not able to calm for quite a long while.

"My cultivation base has made a breakthrough, my Spiritual Energy has also leveled up, way ahead of my Concepts. However, my Concepts will have a new breakthrough as well ten days later!" Duan Ling Tian's face broke out into a smile again when he thought about the Profound Assimilation Formation.

From what he could see, that Profound Assimilation Formation was exactly like a timely rain. Just when the Concepts that he had comprehended was in decline, an opportunity came knocking on the door.

"Ten more days... If I can make another breakthrough to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation during these ten days, it'll be amazing!" Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate anymore when he thought about this. Hastily, he shut his eyes and started to cultivate quietly.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Sword Dragon Form!

The Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body began to get agitated. Although it managed to drive a small dose of the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy, the medicinal efficacy was no longer as tyrannical as it was previously.

"I've used external Origin and Spiritual Energy to stimulate the medicinal power of this Rebirth Pill, and now it has become like a bird that gets startled by the mere twang of a bow-string. It's would be almost impossible for it to be stimulated by these same methods anymore in the future." Duan Ling Tian was very clear about this.

Unless he consumed the Spirit Fruit so that the medicinal efficacy of the Spirit Fruit could help catalyze the medicinal force of the Rebirth Pill, he could only elevate his own cultivation base so that the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill would be more apparent and improve his cultivation base faster.

Duan Ling Tian's current goal was to make a breakthrough to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation within these ten days.

However, as proven by fact, this was merely a goal. A dream would always be beautiful, and reality would always be harsh.

After ten days, the bottleneck that led to the Eighth Level Void Interpretation in Duan Ling Tian's body did not budge an inch at all.

"Duan Ling Tian!" A familiar voice resonated by his Duan Ling Tian's ear and woke him up from his cultivation. He could not suppress the sigh that came out of his mouth as he murmured, "Sigh, looks like I'm too greedy. Unless I have a spirit fruit with me, I'm afraid I'll probably need at least two to three months to complete my breakthrough otherwise!"

"It's already been ten days?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously as he opened the room door. He saw Huang Daniu outside the door.

"You really forget the time when you cultivate, huh? Today's the day we're going to Gold Peak to enter the Profound Assimilation Formation. The Peak Master is already waiting for us," Huang Daniu laughed.

"Let's go," Duan Ling Tian nodded his head and rose up to the air along with Huang Daniu. Within seconds, he saw Qi Yu who was already waiting in the sky.

"Peak Master," Duan Ling Tian greeted.

Qi Yu nodded and smiled in response, "Let's go."

Before Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu could response, he lifted up a hand. A vast majestic and invisible force immediately swept out and enveloped Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's faces changed colors instantly when they sensed the powerful force that was pressing down on them.

In the next moment, they sighed in relief when they noticed that the power that shrouded them quivered, but it did not hurt them at all.

"We're here," Qi Yu's voice entered their ears at the same time.

When they narrowed their eyes and looked ahead, the mountain peak before them looked familiar somehow. Both of them were equally stunned by this.

"G-Gold Peak?" Huang Daniu asked, his mouth was agape.

Just a moment ago he was still at Wood Peak, but he was already at Gold Peak in the next second?

Although the distance between the two Peaks was not too far apart, Huang Daniu was still completely taken by surprise when he was transferred here in just a blink of an eye.

'What a tremendously fast speed!' Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he exclaimed in surprise in his heart.

This Peak Master of Wood Peak was definitely not just at the Ninth Level Void Transformation. He had most likely reached the peak of the Void Transformation! Otherwise, it would be impossible for him to possess such a speed.

"We're slightly late," As if sensing something, Qi Yu smiled nonchalantly and led Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu to the platform on Gold Peak's hillside.

Duan Ling Tian followed closely behind. When they reached the gate of a huge palace on the platform, he finally knew why Qi Yu had said so.

At this moment, apart from Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect and his two direct disciples, the Peak Masters of Water, Fire and Earth Peaks were already inside the palace. There were two young people standing by each of their sides.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu walked side by side behind Qi Yu into the palace. At the same time, Duan Ling Tian looked around curiously at the surroundings. He discovered that the inside of the palace was filled with Inscription aura. It was obvious that the palace was covered with many Inscription Formations.

"Huh?" Duan Ling Tian suddenly raised his brows and looked at the spacious high platform inside the palace.

On that high platform, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy could sense a hint of the familiar aura of an Inscription Formation.

This was naturally the first time he personally sensed the aura. The reason why it was familiar was because the Rebirth Martial Emperor was familiar with this formation. Duan Ling Tian would undoubtedly find it familiar since he possessed the memories from the two reincarnations of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

"The Profound Assimilation Formation!"

Duan Ling Tian had never thought that the Profound Assimilation Formation would actually be inside the palace. He could not help but immediately feel excited about this discovery.

"Hurmph! Qi Yu! You and your Wood Peak disciples sure are haughty! How dare you let the Sect Leader wait for you!" Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, immediately swept a cold glance at them and started mocking them the moment they entered the palace.

"Cha Bai, looks like you've forgotten the pain of your healed wounds, huh?" Qi Yu smirked in disdain, "Or perhaps, I've shown you too much mercy the last time? If you really want it, I can always let you be bedridden for several months."

A threat!



A bold and conspicuous threat!

Cha Bai turned pale and green at once upon hearing Qi Yu's words. Although he was enraged, he did not dare to do anything.

"S-Sect leader... Y-You see, how dare Qi Yu step on your head now!" Cha Bai took a deep breath. He knew that he was no match for Qi Yu. Instead of having a direct conflict with Qi Yu, he turned to Guo Chong and complained in anger.

Unfortunately, Guo Chong ignored his complaints and nodded towards Qi Yu before saying, "Since all of us are here, let us begin."

"The ten of you will go up to the high platform over there and sit down cross-legged. After you've settled down, you'll take out the Concept Fragments and start your comprehension process. 15 minutes later, I'll activate the Profound Assimilation Formation," Guo Chong announced unhurriedly as he swept a glance across the ten people, including Duan Ling Tian.

"After the Profound Assimilation Formation is activated, I'll put in several hundred pieces of Concept Fragments. At that time, these Fragments will be absorbed by the Profound Assimilation Formation and transform into Concept Energy that'll help you elevate your Concept quickly! As to what extent they'll be elevated... Well, that'll depend on your own comprehension and good fortune," Guo Chong finished in one breath.

The moment he finished his announcement, Nangong Chen and Nangong Yi who were by his side instantly flew upwards to the spacious high platform in the palace and sat down cross-legged with some distance between them.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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Within seconds, the six people from Water, Fire and Earth Peaks had also gone up to the high platform one after another and sat down in a cross-legged pose.

Hu Fei narrowed his eyes as his chilly gaze swept across that purple figure in the distance. He finally closed his eyes while he held a piece of Fire Concept Fragment in his hand. He cleared his mind and started comprehending immediately.

Tan Huan from Water Peak and Tian Zhen from Earth Peak also shut their eyes one after another as they began to comprehend their Concepts with the help of the Concept Fragments.

The three other young disciples from the other three Peaks also closed their eyes one by one.

"Daniu, let's go," Duan Ling Tian ignored Hu Fei's icy glare completely as he called out to Huang Danui before flying towards the high platform in front together.

However, an inconspicuous smile was playing at the corner of his mouth. The smile contained hints of conspiracy in it.

Soon, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu also sat apart in a cross-legged pose.

Within seconds, Huang Daniu entered the comprehension state while he held a piece of Earth Concept Fragment. He turned a deaf ear to everything around him.

Duan Ling Tian also shut his eyes and began to comprehend.

However, there were two Concept Fragments in his hands at the same time. They were the Wind and Thunder Concept Fragments.

It was a good thing that Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, and the other four Peak Masters did not notice this at all. Otherwise, they would be startled by it as well.

In Cloud Continent, they had never heard of anyone who could rely on two different Concept Fragments to comprehend two different Concepts at the same time.

15 minutes had gone by without a sound.

In the eyes of the Peak Masters of the Five Peaks in Five Element Sect, the ten young people on the high platform had already entered the comprehending state. However, they did not notice that in actual fact, there was one person who did not enter that state at all.

That person was none other than Duan Ling Tian!

'It's going to be activated soon!' Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath. He was a little excited.

He was waiting, waiting for the moment the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect would finally activate the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Only then would he be able to integrate his Spiritual Energy smoothly into the Profound Assimilation and do the things that he wanted to do.

If he passed up this opportunity, he would not be able to tamper with the Profound Assimilation Formation anymore with his current Spiritual Energy.

Chapter 903: The Soul Skill is Gone!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Suddenly, Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect made his move. He lifted a hand as four Origin Stones that were glistening brightly shot out and landed on the four corners of the spacious high platform.

Almost instantly after the four Origin Stones landed, the entire high platform burst out in a gush of white fog and started to shroud the ten young talented people on the platform.

It was obvious that was an Inscription Formation.

Or more accurately, the Profound Assimilation Formation

Swish!

Almost instantly after the four Origin Stones had landed on the four corners of the spacious high platform, the Spiritual Energy that had accumulated in the mind of Duan Ling Tian, who was sitting cross-legged on that high platform, suddenly burst out.

In just a second, the Spiritual Energy extended out along the various materials that formed the Profound Assimilation Formation and merged with the Formation seamlessly, like a fish in water.

'Okay, done! Now, let's wait for the several hundreds of Concept Fragments... As long as these Fragments touch the Profound Assimilation Formation, it'll immediately be refined and transformed into Concept Energy. Generally, people who're in this formation will not absorb more than 1% of the Concept Energy. However, with the current opportunity that I have, along with the Rebirth Martial Emperor's understanding of the Profound Assimilation Formation, I can get around 10% of the Concept Energy to elevate my Concept comprehension!" This was exactly what Duan Ling Tian was aiming for.

It was not that he did not want to extract all the Concept Energy that was refined by the Profound Assimilation Formation, but he could not do it at all. 10% was the limit that he had estimated with his current Spiritual Energy. After all, his Spiritual Energy was only at the Eighth Level Void Interpretation. It was still quite weak in the face of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

The requirement to arrange a Profound Assimilation Formation was to have at least Spiritual Energy at the Martial Monarch Stage or above.

Just with his meager Spiritual Energy, it was already amazing that he was able to snatch 10% of the benefits under the nose of the Profound Assimilation Formation. All of this was thanks to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's thorough understanding of the Formation. Otherwise, let alone snatching the benefits under the nose of the Profound Assimilation Formation, just the act of merging his Spiritual Energy with the Formation was already almost impossible.

"Huh?" Duan Ling Tian who was waiting patiently suddenly seemed to have sensed something as his eyes narrowed immediately.

At the same time, he could clearly sense that a wave of unknown Spiritual Energy was rushing towards him without any warning from the inside of the Profound Assimilation Formation. It ascended along his outstretched Spiritual Energy as it charged back towards him, all the way to his soul!

"SHIT!" Duan Ling Tian's expression changed instantly. "There's a Rebound Formation hidden in the Profound Assimilation Formation! Damn it!"

The Rebound Formation was a passive defense-type nonrecurring Inscription Formation. It was usually hidden inside a formation. It was a formation inside a formation.

Normally, this Rebound Formation would not have any movement. However, once an Inscription Master's Spiritual Energy had merged with an Inscription Formation that contained a Rebound Formation, this Rebound Formation would immediately be triggered and become something like a mirror. The Inscription Master's Spiritual Energy would be replicated and reverted back to him all the way to his soul and hurt his soul.

Naturally, the condition was the Spiritual Energy of the Inscription Master who left behind the Rebound Formation must be stronger than the intruder's Spiritual Energy. Otherwise, the Rebound Formation would not be triggered at all.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was faced with an attack by the Spiritual Energy that was equally as strong as his own Spiritual Energy.

That wave of Spiritual Energy charged all the way towards the soul that was in the depth of his mind.

Although this level of Spiritual Energy was not enough to destroy Duan Ling Tian's soul completely, it could still inflict a heavy damage on his soul.

Wham!

The Spiritual Energy was very fast. Just as Duan Ling Tian figured out what was going on, it had already crashed on his soul viciously. It was as if it wanted to smash and break his soul completely.

Without any warning, Duan Ling Tian's soul quivered for a moment. It made Duan Ling Tian lightheaded immediately and he was barely conscious. It was to the point that he almost unconsciously retrieved the Spiritual Energy that had already merged with the Profound Assimilation Formation. Fortunately, Duan Ling Tian was able to respond in a timely manner and took back control of his Spiritual Energy. He managed to stop it from leaving the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Everything that he had prepared and done today would become useless if the Spiritual Energy left the already-activated Profound Assimilation Formation.

That was not something he wanted to see.

"Eh?" Just as Duan Ling Tian thought his soul would suffer a certain amount of injury, he discovered that his soul was completely safe and sound. The Spiritual Energy that had come crashing towards him earlier had also disappeared without a trace.

"What's going on?" Perplexed, Duan Ling Tian instinctively used another wave of Spiritual Energy to perform a check on his soul.

After Duan Ling Tian checked his soul, he was so shaken that his heart almost stopped beating from fear.

"T-The Soul... Soul Brand is g-gone?!" Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He was completely bewildered!

The Soul Brand that was in the depth of his soul — which was also the foundation for his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions — had completely disappeared from his soul.

Without the Soul Brand, he could no longer use the Soul Skill Thousand Illusions anymore!

'T-That Spiritual Energy! It must have destroyed m-my Soul Brand! I-It's also because the Soul Brand blocked that Spiritual Energy that my soul's still safe and sound,' Duan Ling Tian easily figured this out.

However, it meant that he no longer possessed the Soul Skill Thousand Illusions without the Soul Brand.

In the future, he could no longer use his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions to confront his enemy, and he could no longer create that mysterious Illusory Space and wrap his opponents around his little fingers.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was extremely upset and very heartbroken.

The Soul Skill Thousand Illusions had accompanied him for a very long time.

All this while, it had saved him from many crises and had given him the ability to defeat the strong. It allowed him to defeat many martial artists who were way stronger than he was.

However, at this moment, the Soul Skill Thousand Illusion was no longer there. It had left him for good.

"Huh?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy quivered for a second and startled him. In an instance, the fact that his Soul Brand was destroyed, and the Soul Skill Thousand Illusions had disappeared along with it was temporarily placed at the back of his mind.

At the same time, he could clearly feel the originally serene Profound Assimilation Formation had become agitated.

Needless to say, he could guess the reason why the Profound Assimilation Formation started to become agitated.

Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, was finally going to throw several hundreds of Concept Fragments into the Profound Assimilation Formation.

'I can't change the fact that my Soul Brand and Soul Skill Thousand Illusion are already gone... What I need to do now is to seize this opportunity and make my four Concepts soar up to the top!' Duan Ling Tian quickly adjusted his feelings as he looked forward to the arrival of the several hundreds of Concept Fragments.

He knew very well that without the Soul Brand and the Soul Skill Thousand Illusions, he was nothing in front of the group of Five Element Sect young talented people, let alone the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak.

Even Hu Fei from Fire Peak could crush him easily.

Hu Fei was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation, with a comprehension of the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept.

As for himself?

Seventh Level Void Interpretation with a comprehension of Third Level Intermediate Wind Concept. The rest of the three Elementary Concepts added up together did not even exceed the strength of ten ancient horned dragons.

How could he compare with Hu Fei then?

Even if he used the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword, he was still not a match for Hu Fei.

Although he was unwilling to admit this, there was no other option for him other than to admit it.

Without the Soul Skill Thousand Illusions, to a certain extent, he was merely a useless waste who had a cultivation base yet weak in strength. For this reason, he had to seize this opportunity this time!

If he did not seize the opportunity this time, he would definitely be stepped on by Hu Fei!

Was he willing to be stepped on by Hu Fei?

Of course not!

'This time, I must utilize the Profound Assimilation Formation to gain strength that would allow me to defeat Hu Fei and that Nangong Twins without the help of Soul Skill Thousand Illusions!' Duan Ling Tian's heart was full of longing and endless desire.

Duan Ling Tian's movements were completely shrouded by the Profound Assimilation Formation that had transformed into a blanket of fog. All of the Peak Masters in the Five Element Sect did not notice anything at all.

At this moment, Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, who was also the Peak Master of Gold Peak, was standing before the high platform.

In the space in front of him, several hundreds of Concept Fragments were hovering in the air like it was being held up by an invisible force for a long time without moving at all.

Among these Concept Fragments, there were green, red, blue, purple and khaki colors.

The five colors of the Fragments represented the five Concepts of Nature: Wind, Fire, Water, Thunder, and Earth respectively. They were the Fragments that corresponded to Five different Concepts.

Of course, other than these five colored Concept Fragments, there were another two Concept Fragments that were emanating a powerful aura.

Subtle light could be seen gleaming on the surface of these two different Concept Fragments.

A part of the light solidified into a sword while the other solidified into a saber. They were the Sword and Saber Concept Fragments.

However, the Sword and Saber Concept Fragments were much fewer in number when compared to the Fragments of the five Nature Concepts, Wind, Fire, Water, Thunder, and Earth.

"Do any of you have the Concept Fragments of Sword and Saber? I remember that the Fifth Level Void Interpretation disciple from Fire Peak comprehends the Sword Concept, and the Fifth Level Void Interpretation disciple from Earth Peak comprehends the Saber Concept," Guo Chong asked slowly as he looked at the other four Peak Masters.

From his words, it was obvious that he found the amount of Sword and Saber Concept Fragments to be too little.

"I have 23 Sword Concept Fragments. The lowest grade I have is at Level 1, and the highest is at Level 4," Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, lifted his hand up and took out 23 pieces of Sword Concept Fragments.

"I also have 21 Saber Concept Fragments with me," Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, also took out 21 pieces of Saber Concept Fragments.

As for Qi Yu and Tan Huan, the Peak Masters of Wood and Water respectively, they did not show any sign of actions at all.

The Peaks in the Five Element Sect were originally in a competitive relationship. Naturally, they would not prepare any 'dowry' for the other sect disciples.

Moreover, whether it was Cha Bai or Tian Gu, the Concept Fragments that they took out were actually both beneficial to their own disciples. If they were asked to produce other Concept Fragments, they would certainly be unwilling as well.

"It's about time now." After Guo Chong took the Sword and Saber Concept Fragments from Cha Bai and Tian Gu, he put them together with the several hundreds of Concept Fragments that were in front of him. Without any warning, his eyes brightened up instantly.

Chapter 904: Ten Hours

The instance they heard Guo Chong's words, the other four Peak Masters' eyes lit up as well.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, Guo Chong raised a hand.

The several hundreds of Concept Fragments that were hovering in front of him instantly fell down towards the Profound Assimilation Formation that enveloped the entire high platform like rain.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Pieces of Concept Fragments fell into the fog that shrouded the high platform and disappeared without a trace.

'It's coming!' Duan Ling Tian who was inside the Profound Assimilation Formation, and who had merged his Spiritual Energy with it, immediately noticed the appearance of the several hundreds of Concept Fragments.

After the Concept Fragments fell into the Profound Assimilation Formation, it was refined into waves and waves of Concept Energy by the Profound Assimilation Formation immediately.

In just a blink of an eye, the Concept Energy quickly spread out through the entire space of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Duan Ling Tian whose eyes were opened could see the solidified Concept Energy clearly.

The Concept Energy could be divided into seven types. Five of them were green, red, blue, purple and khaki in colors. They were obviously the Energy that was made up of five different Nature Concepts: Wind, Fire, Water, Thunder, and Earth.

The other two types were colorless. However, a faint yet strong solidified Qi neatly emanated out in their immediate surroundings. It was either the Sword or Saber Concept Energy.

It was obvious that the Energy was formed from both the Sword and Saber Concepts.

'What a pity that I only comprehend the Wind, Thunder, Earth and Sword Concepts. Otherwise, my gain this time would be even greater.' Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath as his Spiritual Energy began to move swiftly in the Profound Assimilation Formation. Following the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, he tried his best to control the formation as much as he possibly could.

At the same time, the green, purple and khaki colored Concept Energy that were spread out in the Profound Assimilation Formation and the surrounding sword-shaped Qi Concept Energy each had one-tenth separated from their main bodies.

The four Concept Energy that were separated vibrated in the air before flying in the same direction.

The direction was exactly where Duan Ling Tian was located.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Concept Energy that originated from a large number of Wind, Thunder, Earth and Sword Concept Fragments each rushed into Duan Ling Tian's body.

At the same time, the surface of his body emitted four solidified Concepts that slowly became majestic and vast as time passed.

Those were the Wind, Thunder, Earth and Sword Concepts.

The four Concepts gradually became bigger as it slowly transformed. It was obvious that they were continuously digesting the four waves of Concept Energy that were entering Duan Ling Tian's body. As long as he could digest the four Concept Energy completely, all four Concepts would also be able to complete their final transformation.

When Duan Ling Tian was separating the four Concept Energy that he needed and let them enter his body, he could feel his Spiritual Energy, that had merged with the Profound Assimilation Formation and was about 90% depleted, suddenly quivered for a moment. It was as if it was going to be expelled out of the Formation soon.

'With the Spiritual Energy that I possess now, it's not enough for me to separate anymore Concept Energy. However, it's definitely more than enough for me to let a certain someone repel the Concept Energy in the Profound Assimilation Formation.' Duan Ling Tian moved his thoughts. The final little Spiritual Energy that was left pierced through the Profound Assimilation Formation again and issued the last command.

At the same time, the Spiritual Energy that Duan Ling Tian merged with the Profound Assimilation Formation was completely used up.



If Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes now, he would instantly see a red figure that was also sitting cross-legged inside the Profound Assimilation Formation in a distance that was not too far away. Hu Fei, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak, had an extra force of resistance around his body.

The moment this force of resistance appeared, the red Concept Energy that was originally by his side — the Concept Energy transformed by the Fire Concept Fragments — was completely repelled. It was unable to approach his body at all.

Right at this moment, the wave of red Concept Energy dissipated. It vanished swiftly out of sight.

The other eight people, on the other hand, were more or less absorbing the Concept Energy that they needed. However, the amount of Concept Energy that merged with their bodies was only about 1%.

The rest of the Concept Energy proceeded to vanish inside the Profound Assimilation Formation. It was as if they had been swallowed up by the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Even just 1% of the Concept Energy was more than enough to allow the eight people to reap quite a great number of benefits.

Time passed by quietly.

An hour had gone by.

Two hours had gone by.

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Outside of the Profound Assimilation Formation, outside of the high platform, the five Peak Masters of the Five Element Sect were waiting.

From the very beginning until now, their attentions were on the Profound Assimilation Formation. Anticipation could be seen in their eyes.

All of them were eager to find out exactly how many levels the young talented people of their own Peaks, who had entered the Profound Assimilation Formation, had managed to raise for their own Concept.

Five hours went by quickly.

However, the fog surrounding the high platform had yet to dissipate. It meant that the Profound Assimilation Formation was still running, and the Concept Energy that was transformed from the Concept Fragments had yet to be fully digested by the people inside.

"What's going on?" Yu Fang, the Peak Master of Water Peak, furrowed her brows together. "This doesn't seem right. I remember last time when we entered the Profound Assimilation Formation, we came out after three hours."

"I find it strange as well," Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, nodded his head. "It's a pity that it's almost impossible for my Spiritual Energy to pierce through the Profound Assimilation Formation to see what's actually going on inside."

"There's only one possibility. Someone has yet to fully digest the Concept Energy in his body," Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, chimed in with a glum look on his face.

"Looks like this generation of disciples would bring a lot of surprises to us. The longer they stay inside, the more benefits they'll gain!" Guo Chong, the Peak Master of Gold Peak, who was also the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, exclaimed in surprise.

Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, was standing at the side with a face full of anticipation as well.

'Duan Ling Tian, could it be you?' He asked quietly in his heart.

Inside the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Although some of the young talents had completely absorbed and digested the Concept Energy and successfully elevated the Concepts that they comprehended, they were still temporarily unable to wake up due to the existence of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Once they had entered the Concept comprehension state and were shrouded by the Profound Assimilation Formation, they would not be able to wake up if the Formation did not disappear.

This time, they could not even sense the transformations in the Concept that they had comprehended. Only when the Profound Assimilation Formation had completely disappeared would they be able to sense the changes in the Concept that they had comprehended and instantly wake up.

It was actually very easy to make the Profound Assimilation Formation disappear.

As long as the Concept Energy that was spread out all over the Profound Assimilation Formation and the Concept Energy that was inside the human bodies who were inside the formation completely vanished, the formation would disappear as well.

However, the only person who was still conscious in the Profound Assimilation Formation was Duan Ling Tian.

'How refreshing!' Duan Ling Tian was absolutely overjoyed when he could clearly sense the four Concepts that he comprehended were still continuously enhancing themselves.

'Originally, I need to spend at least 120 hours to fully digest these four Concept Energy. However, since I can simultaneously comprehend two different types of Concept Energy, I only need half of that time,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

As for Huang Danu and the others, they needed to spend three hours just to fully absorb and digest 1% of the Concept Energy.

He, on the other hand, needed thirty hours to fully absorb and digest 10% of one Concept Energy. Four Concept Energy would amount to 120 hours. However, because he could comprehend two different Concepts at the same time, it was more efficient for him as the time was reduced by half, which was 60 hours.

'Now, five hours have gone by.... I need 55 more hours.' As he thought to himself, Duan Ling Tian immersed himself in the feelings of having his four Concepts being elevated again. This kind of roller coaster-like feelings overwhelmed him with joy from the bottom of his heart.

Wind, sometimes gentle and sometimes swift.

Thunder, sometimes harmonious and sometimes violent.

Sword, sometimes calm and sometimes sharp.

Earth, allowed Duan Ling Tian to feel like he was united with the entire land underneath, moving as one.

In the Profound Assimilation Formation, Duan Ling Tian who was digesting the four Concept Energy and elevating the Concept that he comprehended happily, was in an extremely good mood. How he wished this moment would last forever.

However, the five people who were outside the Profound Assimilation Formation were completely worried sick.

"It has been ten hours, but the Profound Assimilation Formation has yet to disappear! Nothing went wrong inside right?" Tian Gu asked while he made his own assumption.

"I don't think so," Yu Fang shook her head. "This Profound Assimilation Formation was arranged by a Martial Monarch Stage Inscription Master that our Five Element Sect's ancestor hired. It has never once caused a problem before, I'm sure there's no problem this time."

"B-But, this is just too long! In the history of our Five Element Sect, it only took the Profound Assimilation Formation three hours to finish every time we activated the Formation!" Cha Bai's face was a little glum when he frowned.

At this moment, even Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, no longer appeared as calm as he usually was. "Ten hours... what's actually happening inside?"

He quickly looked towards Qi Yu who remained calm, "Qi Yu, what do you think?"

"What can I think?"

Qi Yu shrugged and smiled faintly, "Now, what's the use if we panic? It's not like we can forcibly smash open the Profound Assimilation Formation and enter to have a look at our little fellows' conditions."

Tian Gu let out a wry smile after he listened to Qi Yu's words, "That's the Inscription Formation that a Martial Emperor had arranged. How's it possible for us to smash it open by force?"

"We've only mastered the activation method of the Profound Assimilation Formation but not the method to shut it off. According to the Senior Martial Emperor, as long as the Concept Energy has been fully absorbed and digested by the people inside, the Profound Assimilation Formation will shut off completely! It has always been like that all these while." Guo Chong frowned as he added, "However, this time, it's indeed a bit strange. Don't tell me that there's still somebody inside who still hasn't fully absorb and digest the Concept Energy yet? B-But, it has already been ten hours! If it's so, how high will his Concept be elevated?"

## Chapter 905: Waiting

Guo Chong's words instantly reminded the other four Peak Masters, including Qi Yu. Astonishment could instantly be seen on their faces.

Indeed.

If there was still somebody who had not finished absorbing and digesting the Concept Energy that was contained in the Profound Assimilation Formation, how high would his Concept be elevated?

"T-This is almost impossible." Very quickly, as if he had come to some realization, Tian Gu shook his head as he frowned, "Since several thousand years ago when the Profound Assimilation Formation became popular in the entire country, there has never been a case of someone being inside for more than three and a half hours, let alone ten hours! It's usually only three hours more or less!"

"Perhaps, something has happened to the Profound Assimilation Formation," Tian Gu voiced out his speculation.

"You do have a point," Yu Fang who was standing by the side nodded her head. A hint of worries could be seen in between her brows. "If something has really happened to the Profound Assimilation Formation, they should be okay, right?"

The moment these words left her mouth, Guo Chong, Qi Yu and Cha Bai's faces immediately turned solemn.

Tian Gu's words earlier had struck a chord in them.

Now, after Yu Fang had said like this, they could not help but be worried, worried about the safety of their disciples who were inside the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Time went by quietly.

Just like that, a day had quickly gone by.

"It has already been a day and yet, there's still no movement at all! No! I'm going to break into the Profound Assimilation Formation!" After waiting for a day, Cha Bai could no longer bear it anymore as he flew out.

He lifted his hand and a Flaming Saber consolidated in his hand and slashed downwards with a howl.

Roar!

The Flaming Saber landed on the Profound Assimilation Formation viciously in fury. However, the moment it came in contact with the fog on top of the Profound Assimilation Formation, it vanished without a trace.

The fog on the Profound Assimilation Formation was like a fearsome beast with a bloody open mouth that swallowed the Flaming Saber whole.

"It's useless." Tian Gu shook his head when he saw Cha Bai was about to make another attempt. "That's an Inscription Formation that was arranged by a Martial Monarch Stage powerhouse. Moreover, it's also a Formation that requires a very high-level Spiritual Energy! Unless you're a Martial Monarch powerhouse yourself, you won't be able to break it open at all!" Tian Gu was an Inscription Master himself. He absolutely had the authority when it came to this respect.

For this reason, although Cha Bai's face was still pretty glum, he was no longer as hasty anymore after he heard Tian Gu's words.

"Peak Master Cha Bai, we understand your feelings." A helpless and wry smile could be seen on Yu Fang's face, "However, just like what Peak Master Qi Yu had said earlier, what we can do right now is wait. Wait for the Profound Assimilation Formation to disperse and for them to finally come out."

Cha Bai nodded his head before he swept a glance at Guo Chong and Qi Yu who were sitting cross-legged in the air below. He took a deep breath as he proceeded to sit in the air cross-legged as well. He would cultivate while he waited for his direct disciple, Hu Fei, to come out of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Very soon, another day had gone by.

"There's still no movement at all." Qi Yu opened his eyes and glanced towards the Profound Assimilation Formation on the high platform not far away as he muttered, "Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu. Please don't let anything happen to that two little fellows. The future of Wood Peak still relies on the two of you."

After Qi Yu had seen Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's strength, he had already treated the two of them as the main pillars of Wood Peak's future. Moreover, he even had the idea of grooming one of them into becoming the next Peak Master of Wood Peak as well.

Naturally, the reason why he chose only one of them was not because both of their talents were equal so it was difficult for him to decide. However, it was because he had a feeling that Duan Ling Tian would most likely not stay in the Wood Peak and the Five Element Sect in the future.

After all, he was a Variant, an existence that was well known in the Cloud Continent as God's Favourite. Such an existence would never be bound by the Five Element Sect.

The Five Element Sect could be considered as one of the three major forces in the eastern side of the northern desert. However, it could only be regarded as a tiny third-grade force by the border in the entire Cloud Continent. It was not worth mentioning at all in front of those genuine powerful forces.

As long as Duan Ling Tian was willing, he would not hesitate to regard him as the successor of the Peak Master of Wood Peak.

However, if Duan Ling Tian was unwilling, he would not insist on it and would choose the second best person, Huang Daniu, as the successor of the Peak Master of Wood Peak.

Although Huang Daniu was not as powerful as Duan Ling Tian, he was still much more outstanding compared to the other Wood Peak disciples.

"What? Are you worried about Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu?" Suddenly a familiar voice reverberated in his ear through Voice Transmission. He knew perfectly well who the owner of this voice was without having to turn around and look.

"Aren't you worried about your two beloved disciples too?" Qi Yu glanced at Guo Chong who was nearby and replied him with a question through Voice Transmission as well.

The moment Guo Chong heard this, he let out a wry smile immediately.

How could he not be worried?

Of course, he was worried!

For many years, he, who had no sons, had long treated his direct disciples as his own.

"Have you asked Duan Ling Tian before if he would be willing to continue to stay in our Five Element Sect in the future?" Guo Chong looked at Qi Yu and asked again with his Voice Transmission.

Before Qi Yu could answer him, he immediately added again, "If he's willing to stay in the Five Element Sect, let alone becoming the Peak Master of Wood Peak, I can even give him the Sect Leader's position in the Five Element Sect."

The instance Qi Yu heard his words, he could not help but be a little moved. "Then, how about your two direct disciples?"

"Them?" Guo Chong could not suppress his sigh when Qi Yu mentioned the Nangong Twins. "That two fellows have an ambition that's bigger than the sky! They've made up their minds that after they leave that place, they'll leave the Five Element Sect to wander around and see the outside world together. Actually, their ambitions are not too bad. Moreover, they've stayed in the Five Element Sect since they were young and have never left before. It's not unusual for them to yearn to go out."

Qi Yu nodded his head.

"Their ambitions are just too huge so it's impossible for them to be the successor of the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect. If Duan Ling Tian is willing, I can pass on the Sect Leader's position to him without him having to join Gold Peak," Guo Chong added.

"You really think that Duan Ling Tian will be interested in the Sect Leader's position that even your two beloved disciples are not interested in?" Qi Yu shook his head. He paused for a moment before he continued in a solemn tone, "Don't forget, he's still a Variant!"

A Variant!

When Guo Chong heard Qi Yu's word, he became silent immediately.

That was right.

A Variant. What kind of existence was that? How could he possibly be bound by the Five Element Sect?

Even the top-class forces in the Cloud Continent would be willing to fight each other to death for a Variant to join them.

"I keep feeling like something's wrong with the situation in the Profound Assimilation Formation... By right, the Formation should not have any problem at all." Guo Chong quickly changed the topic as he looked at Qi Yu and asked, "What do you think? Is it possible that this actually has something to do with Duan Ling Tian? He's a Variant after all!"

"You're asking me? Who should I ask then?" Qi Yu rolled his eyes at Guo Chong. Looking at the way they were now, it did not feel like he was talking to a Sect Leader at all. Instead, they looked like two ordinary brothers who were having a leisurely chat together.

Guo Chong turned quiet at once.

However, he was not bothered at all by Qi Yu's lack of formality.

In front of others, he might put on the haughty air of a Sect Leader in front of Qi Yu to show the prestige of a Sect Leader. However, he had never once considered himself as one when he was alone with Qi Yu. Instead, he would still treat Qi Yu like the Junior Brother who used to roam around with him last time.

At that time, he had saved Qi Yu's lives many times before, and Qi Yu had also saved his lives many times as well.

Although Qi Yu and he were not in the same Peak, not to mention that they were usually in a competitive relationship, they were still sworn friends who were ready to die for each other. That was engraved deeply into their bones

Presently, in the Five Element Sect, the friendship between the both of them was only known to themselves. Even the other Peak Masters of the three other Peaks did not know that they had such a friendship between them.

Otherwise, that Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, would not dare to intentionally instigate conflicts in the relationships between the two of them in front of Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect so blatantly.

If Cha Bai found out that the two of them had such a friendship between them, he would most likely be so enraged that he would throw up blood (literally!).

It turned out that all of his actions of wasting so much saliva was merely a big joke in the eyes of Guo Chong and Qi Yu.

"It has already been two days but the Profound Assimilation Formation has yet to disappear," Guo Chong sighed.

"Let's wait for a while more. I have a feeling that we no longer have to wait for long anymore," Qi Yu responded.

"Alright," Guo Chong nodded and then continued to close his eyes to attain mental composure.

Following suit, Qi Yu closed his eyes and waited patiently as well.

Not long after the two of them closed their eyes, Cha Bai, who was hovering at the other side, slowly opened his instead.

Looking at the high platform that was shrouded by the Profound Assimilation Formation, he muttered to himself, "Hu Fei, with your achievement in the Fire Concept and the help of the Profound Assimilation Formation this time, you'll be able to comprehend the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept right?"

From Cha Bai's words, it was obvious that he had great expectation for Hu Fei.

Not long after, Tian Gu and Yu Fang opened their eyes as well. After sweeping a glance at the high platform that was still shrouded in the Profound Assimilation Formation, they let out a soft sigh before closing their eyes again.

Time continued to pass by.

One hour.

Two hours

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In just a blink of an eye, another seven hours had gone by.

Inside the Profound Assimilation Formation, a purple figure was sitting there. His body that was completely shrouded and intertwined with four solidified energies was emanating waves and waves of vast majestic aura.

This purple-clad young man was sitting there motionlessly like a mountain, and he resembled an eminent monk.

If one was to look closely, one would easily notice that two of the forces around the young man's body was being enhanced in a tremendous pace, and the other two energies were emitting a terrifying aura.

The terrifying aura was like a wind that was roaring, thunder that was bawling, and earth that was quaking...

Furthermore, there was another tyrannical aura that was intertwining and lingering around the purple-clad young man like a shadow. If somebody else was here, he would easily recognize this tyrannical aura in just a glance — it was the Sword Concept!

Moreover, it did not seem like a normal Sword Concept.

"The Concept Energies that are refined from the Earth and Sword Concept Fragments by the Profound Assimilation Formation are almost fully digested now! Five more hours to go!" The purple-clad young man, Duan Ling Tian, muttered to himself.

Chapter 906: Everyone Wakes Up

Five hours were not too long. Very soon, it had gone by as well.



When Duan Ling Tian felt the remaining Concept Energy had completely merged with the Concepts that he had comprehended and had raised his Concepts to a certain level, he abruptly opened his eyes.

"Huh?" At the same time, he noticed that the Profound Assimilation Formation started to whirl. He knew that the Profound Assimilation Formation was about to shut itself off now.

"An ordinary person can only stay in the Profound Assimilation Formation up to three hours at the most, but I'm actually already here for 60 hours. This is because I can divide my consciousness into two, allowing me to comprehend two different types of Concepts at once. Otherwise, I think I'll have to stay up to 120 hours!" As Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, he swept a glance at the other nine young people who were sitting cross-legged all around him. With a flash in his eyes, an idea began to form in his mind.

"I can't let anybody find out that I'm the reason the Profound Assimilation Formation ran continuously for 60 hours. Otherwise, once this matter has spread, I'm afraid there'll be countless of people who will come and ask me about the method to stay in the Profound Assimilation Formation for a longer period of time." Duan Ling Tian had given it quite some thought in this short period of time.

He converged and retrieved the four vast majestic Concepts that were emanating from his body and proceeded to shut his eyes again.

The Profound Assimilation Formation was about to shut down soon. What he was going to do now was to not give himself away and leave no traces behind.

Since there was a total of ten people in the Profound Assimilation Formation, even if there was somebody who was suspicious of him, there was no evidence for them to confirm it as long as he did not give himself away.

Outside of the Profound Assimilation Formation, in front of the high platform. The five Peak Masters who were sitting cross-legged in the air opened their eyes at the same time.

The reason why it seemed like they had a tacit understanding was due to the fact that they could feel movements from the Profound Assimilation Formation before them at the same time.

"This Profound Assimilation Formation is finally going to shut down," Tian Gu's eyes lit up as he exclaimed in surprise.

"It took a whole two and a half days! If we break it down into hours, that's sixty hours in total!" Yu Fang marveled.

A light flashed across Cha Bai's eyes as he slowly uttered, "Usually, those people who're inside the Profound Assimilation Formation can only stay up to three hours at the most! But the ten of them has been inside for 60 hours! How peculiar this is!"

"It's either something's wrong with the Profound Assimilation Formation or there's somebody in there who has been absorbing the Concept Energy for a full 60 hours! I can still accept the former but if it's the latter..." Guo Chong muttered to himself, but when he reached the end of the sentence, his eyes instantly glistened brightly.

Although Guo Chong's muttering was not loud, it was clearly heard by the other four Peak Masters who had the same thoughts as well. In the meantime, their gazes were locked firmly on the fog that was dissipating before them.

They wanted to know if it was true that somebody had been absorbing the Concept Energy for a whole 60 hours inside the Profound Assimilation Formation.

If it was true, how high would that person's Concept be raised up to?!

'Duan Ling Tian, could it be you?' Qi Yu murmured again in his heart. He kept having this feeling that Duan Ling Tian had something to do with the abnormal behavior of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Perhaps, the reason he had this suspicion was due to the fact that Duan Ling Tian was a Variant.

The fog gradually dissipated, signaling that the Profound Assimilation Formation had already shut down on its own.

After the Profound Assimilation Formation was shut down, the fog on the high platform vanished without a trace, and all that was left were ten young men and women sitting cross-legged in various places. All of their eyes were closed, and there was no movement at all.

All five Peak Masters let out a sigh of relief when they saw their own Peak disciples were safe and sound.

Meanwhile, when they recalled the fact that the Profound Assimilation Formation only shut down after 60 hours, they could not help but sweep their glances over at the ten people on the high platform one by one. It was as if they were trying to figure out if was there any person who had absorbed a whole 60 hours of Concept Energy among them.

If that was true, even if that person had merely comprehended the First Level Void Interpretation Concept beforehand, he would have at least reached the Fourth Level Void Transformation Concept when he stepped out of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

They once had the honor of entering the Profound Assimilation Formation previously so they knew very well how much the Profound Assimilation Formation would help in enhancing a martial artist. Three hours were enough to raise one or two levels of a person's Void Interpretation Concept. Sixty hours were twenty times more than three hours. One could easily imagine just how much the person's Concept would be raised by continuously absorbing the Concept Energy for such long hours.

Due to this reason, they really wanted to know if there was really a person who could absorb such a huge amount of Concept Energy for a whole 60 hours among the ten young talents.

Or did the Profound Assimilation Formation went haywire?

Very quickly, the ten young talents who were sitting cross-legged on the high platform, including Duan Ling Tian, began to open their eyes one by one.

The moment they opened their eyes, slight confusion could be seen on all the ten faces.

It was the same for Duan Ling Tian as well.

In order not to give himself away, his response was almost similar to the other nine people.

Tian Zhen from Earth Peak stretched his limbs and frowned at the same time as he asked, "T-The time that we spent on comprehending this time... does not seem like three hours, or does it?"

"I also feel like we're inside for quite a long time," Tan Huan from Water Peak stood up and nodded as she agreed.

"At first, when I entered the comprehending state, I didn't feel anything but now... somehow it feels like it has been a few days. It definitely doesn't feel like three hours," Nangong Yi from Gold Peak added as well.

It was apparent they already knew beforehand that those people who enter the Profound Assimilation Formation would usually only stay for about three hours, never exceeding three and a half hours, before they entered the Profound Assimilation Formation.

There was quite a number of Profound Assimilation Formation in the Cloud Continent. However, nobody had stayed for more than three and a half hours before.

"Why three hours?" Perplexed, Huang Daniu asked.

"Yeah, indeed, why three hours?" Following suit behind Huang Daniu, Duan Ling Tian asked with a confused face.

At this moment, there was no doubt that he was pretending to play the fool. However, nobody could see through him at all.

"Peak Master Qi Yu didn't tell you?" Nangong Yi was a little stunned. Then, he proceeded to explain to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu about the things that he knew about the Profound Assimilation Formation, "Whoever enters the Profound Assimilation Formation would normally only stay in there for three hours. So far, in the entire Cloud Continent, we haven't heard of anyone who is an exception at all," Nangong Yi finished in one breath.

"Ah, so it's like that," Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu finally understood.

However, Duan Ling Tian secretly snorted at Nangong Yi's logic.

If his Spiritual Energy was powerful enough to allow him to absorb all of the Concept Energy, he would definitely be able to stay much longer inside the Profound Assimilation Formation.

As for why other ordinary people could only stay up to three hours... Well, he naturally knew the reason behind it as well.

This was because those people could only absorb and digest 1% of a certain Concept Energy that was inside the Profound Assimilation Formation. No matter what level the person's comprehension was, it would only take that person three hours to fully absorb and digest that 1%.

Even if it was only 1%, it was naturally more than enough to help that person to elevate his Concept to a certain level.

"I also feel that I've spent more than three hours inside, a few days to be exact. Perhaps the Profound Assimilation Formation will make us feel like the time is stretched longer, and a day would feel like a year?" Frowning, Huang Daniu asked after contemplating it for a while.

At once, the ten young talents' eyes that were filled with questions landed on each of the Peak Masters of the Five Element Sect, wanting to get some answers from them.

"It's true that all of you have stayed for more than three hours inside. To be exact, all of you have stayed for two and a half days in there, which also amounted to 60 hours," Guo Chong, the Peak Master of Gold Peak, who was also the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, slowly answered.

Two and a half days?

Sixty hours?

The moment Guo Chong finished his words, all the ten young talents could not help but be taken aback.

Naturally, this included Nangong Chen from Gold Peak as well.

Although his face remained aloof with not much changes, a hint of bafflement could be seen in the depth of his eyes. It was obvious that he was taken aback by his Master's words as well.

"M-Master, didn't you tell us that... martial artists in the Cloud Continent can only stay for a maximum of three hours when they enter the Profound Assimilation Formation? What's going on with this 60 hours?" Nangong Yi was the first to query. A look of confusion could be seen on his face. He could not fathom this situation at all.

Just like him, the other young talents were also feeling confused and puzzled as well. They were also staring at Guo Chong with a perplexed look, wanting to get some answers from him.

This, of course, included Duan Ling Tian as well.

Although he knew the reason why, there was no way for him to give himself away. In order to do that, he also had to feign ignorance just like the other nine people.

"Huh?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian could feel a gaze locked upon himself.

This gaze was eyeing him from the top to the bottom as if it was trying to see through him. As for the master of the gaze, Duan Ling Tian had already noticed it since the beginning.

It was the Peak Master of Wood Peak — Qi Yu.

"Peak Master, may I ask what are you doing?" Looking towards Qi Yu, Duan Ling Tian asked using his Voice Transmission as he looked at Qi Yu. A look of confusion could still be seen on his face.

"Duan Ling Tian, I remember that the Concept that you've comprehended earlier was at the Third Level Intermediate Wind Concept, am I right? I'm looking forward to the progress you've made after coming out from the Profound Assimilation Formation," Qi Yu's Voice Transmission entered Duan Ling Tian's ears clearly.

The word 'progress' was particularly emphasized on as if there was some meaning behind it.

Duan Ling Tian's heart leaped up instantly. 'Could it be that the Peak Master of Wood Peak has discovered something?'

'Impossible!' Duan Ling Tian quickly dismissed the thought. 'It must be because he thinks I'm a Variant so he suspects that I'm the person who prolonged the Profound Assimilation Formation's activated time from three to 60 hours.'

When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he became calm again and with a speed that was neither slow nor fast, he answered through Voice Transmission, "Peak Master, perhaps, there's one thing that you may not know... The Concept that I comprehended is not just the Wind Concept alone. More precisely, the Wind Concept is the weaker one between the two Void Interpretation Concepts that I comprehended."

Duan Ling Tian did not find it weird that Qi Yu knew he had previously comprehended the Third Level Intermediate Wind Concept. In the beginning, when he and Huang Daniu first arrived in Wood Peak, he had gotten into a match before. At that time, his opponents were Luo Chen and Hong Xi who were now already dead. During the match, he had demonstrated his power that was at the Third Level Intermediate Wind Concept.

Many disciples from Wood Peak had seen that as well. It was not unusual that this fact had reached Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak's ears.

Chapter 907: Demonstrating One by One

"WHAT?!"

Sure enough, a look of shock appeared on Qi Yu's face instantly the moment he heard Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission. "You... You've comprehended another Void Interpretation Concept as well?"

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian nodded in reply.

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze from Qi Yu and looked over to Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, again

Guo Chong finally answered Nangong Yi's question. "By right, you should've come out after being in the Profound Assimilation Formation for three hours. However, all of you have been there for a whole 60 hours this time. Let alone all of you, even we're puzzled and confused by this as well," he explained.

The instance the group of young talents heard his words, they were instantly struck dumb.

"However, there's one thing that we can be sure of," Guo Chong's eyes swept across each and every one of the ten young talents, including Duan Ling Tian, before he continued unhurriedly, "There are only two possible reasons for the Profound Assimilation Formation to continue running for 60 hours... One, there's something wrong with the Profound Assimilation Formation itself. Second, somebody has been absorbing the Concept Energy for the entire 60 hours." When he reached the end of his sentence, his eyes glistened brightly.

Absorbing a whole 60 hours worth of Concept Energy?

When the words left Guo Chong's mouth, the nine young talents, other than Duan Ling Tian, were gaping in astonishment.

If there was really somebody who had been absorbing the Concept Energy for such a long time, how high would the Concept that he had comprehended be raised up to then?

Other than Duan Ling Tian, the nine young talents, including Huang Daniu, were completely thunderstruck.

Perhaps he could see through most of the young talents' thoughts, Guo Chong continued, "With the several hundreds of Concept Fragments that I put into the Profound Assimilation Formation earlier, if there really is somebody who had been absorbing the Concept Energy for a whole 60 hours, even if he has only comprehended the First Level Void Interpretation Concept before this, his Concept would be able to make a breakthrough to the Fourth Level Void Transformation Concept now that he's out of the Profound Assimilation Formation."

Fourth Level Void Transformation Concept! What kind of logic was that?

Among the group of young talents, the person who had comprehended the strongest Void Interpretation Concept was none other than the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak who had both comprehended the Eighth Level Void Interpretation Concept.

Eighth Level Void Interpretation Concept was equivalent to the strength of 90 ancient horned dragons.

Fourth Level Void Transformation Concept, on the other hand, was equivalent to the strength of 500 ancient horned dragons!

Although the Ninth Level Void Interpretation Concept and the First Level Void Transformation Concept was only a level apart, the gap between them was as wide as an abyss. The former had a strength that was equivalent to 100 ancient horned dragons while the latter had a strength that was equivalent to 200 ancient horned dragons.

Every time the Void Transformation Concept was raised up to another level, the strength would be raised up to another 100 ancient horned dragons.

"Who's that?" At once, the ten young talents, other than Nangong Chen, were looking around at each other as if they were trying to figure out the one who had managed to absorb Concept Energy for such a long period of time.

Who exactly was that freak?

Seeing the group of young talents eyeing each other, Duan Ling Tian undoubtedly followed suit as he pretended to feign ignorance.

"Then again, it does not necessarily mean that somebody has been continuously absorbing the Concept Energy for such a long time. Perhaps, it was the Profound Assimilation Formation that went haywire," Guo Chong added after he saw how the nine young talents were eyeing each other.

"Now, you must have more or less sense the changes in the Concept that you've comprehended. However, I'm sure you still can't confirm the level that your Concept is actually at right now," Guo Chong's gaze was trained intensely on the ten young talents in front of him as he continued, "Now, I'm going to call you out one by one, and all of you will demonstrate the Concept that you're comprehended. Show us the gains that you've obtained from the Profound Assimilation Formation this time."

The moment Guo Chong's words left his mouth, the other four Peak Masters' eyes immediately lit up.

Especially Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak, who cast a meaningful glance towards Duan Ling Tian. A deep meaningful smile crept up on his face at once as if it was telling Duan Ling Tian, 'Kiddo, since you said that you've managed to comprehend two Void Interpretation Concepts, let me see what level the other Concept that you've comprehended is at.'

Duan Ling Tian had naturally noticed Qi Yu's gaze and could also guess the thoughts that were in his mind as well. However, he did not seem to be bothered by it at all.

The reason why he said such words earlier was due to the faith that he had in himself. He believed that he would be able to mislead Qi Yu into thinking that he was not the person who had been absorbing the Concept Energy for 60 hours straight.

Although he had been absorbing the Concept Energy for 60 hours, it was not limited to one type of Concept only.

If he had been absorbing only one Concept for such a long period of time, then yes, just like what Guo Chong had assumed, his Concept would be elevated to the Fourth Level Void Transformation Concept or higher. However, when he was in the Profound Assimilation Formation earlier, he had absorbed four types of Concept Energy. He had spent thirty hours to fully absorb each of the Concept Energy.

Initially, he needed to use 120 hours to fully absorb four different Concept Energy. However, since he could separate his consciousness into two, he could comprehend two different Concept simultaneously, doubling the efficiency of the absorption.

Due to this reason, he only spent 60 hours to completely absorb the four Concept Energy. The four Concepts that he had comprehended also had great improvements.

"Hurmph!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze landed on Hu Fei and he snorted secretly.

After Hu Fei had come out of the Profound Assimilation Formation, his brows had been furrowed together. Duan Ling Tian had long noticed this since a while back. As for the reason, well, it was easy enough for him to guess.

'What's the matter?' Upon hearing Guo Chong announced that he wanted all of them to demonstrate their Concepts that had been elevated, Hu Fei hesitated slightly. This was because he could sense that the Concept that he had comprehended did not seem to have any improvement at all compared to before he went inside the Profound Assimilation Formation. Naturally, he could not confirm whether it had leveled up or not without demonstrating it.

'According to Master, after I enter the Profound Assimilation Formation, even if I'm down on my luck, I'll still be able to further enhance my Fire Concept and comprehend the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire

Concept!' Hu Fei started to ponder secretly, 'It's not even impossible for me to comprehend the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept! After all, my Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept was just a step away from entering the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept. Perhaps, my Fire Concept has already made its breakthrough, but since I just came out of the Profound Assimilation Formation, my senses are reacting a little slowly... Yeah, I think that should be the reason why.'

Hu Fei started to feel at ease as he thought about it this way. The brows that were furrowed together finally eased up.

From what he could see, even if he really was down on his luck, it would not be so terrible to the extent where he could not even raise a single level for his Fire Concept while he was inside the Profound Assimilation Formation. This was almost impossible.

However, it would never cross Hu Fei's mind — not even in his dreams — that Duan Ling Tian's existence could turn many of his 'impossibles' into 'possibles'.

'Don't tell me this Hu Fei still did not discover anything?' When Duan Ling Tian saw the relief expression on Hu Fei's face, he could not help but be taken aback. 'Is his response really that slow?'

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's attention was snatched back by Guo Chong's voice, "Let's start with you."

He saw Guo Chong was looking at the male disciple from Earth Peak and motioned him to demonstrate the Concept that he had managed to break through in the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Apart from Tian Zhen, this male disciple was another one of Earth Peak's young disciple.

Upon hearing Guo Chong's words, this Earth Peak disciple dared not slack and immediately responded respectfully, "Yes, Sect Leader."

The male disciple instantly scrunched his face up, and his body emanated a gust of tyrannical aura that soared up to the sky as if it was about to tear everything in the air apart.

Everybody present could instantly see that a layer of solidified translucent aura had suddenly appeared on the surface of the Earth disciple's skin — that was a solidified Saber Qi.

The Saber Qi enveloped the Earth Peak disciple entirely and transformed into a gigantic sword that was about to soar up to the sky.

"Saber Concept!" Everybody present on the scene could immediately see the Concept that the Earth Peak disciple had demonstrated.

Whoosh!

At the same time, the Heaven and Earth Energy in the sky suddenly whirled and waves of vast Heaven and Earth Energy solidified together swiftly and formed the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

Silhouettes of ancient horned dragons began to appear.

There was a total of 70 of them.



"70 ancient horned dragons... the Sixth Level Intermediate Saber Concept!" Tian Gu's eyes lit up as he exclaimed in astonishment, "Good job, lad! I remember you were only at the Fourth Level Intermediate Saber Concept before you entered the Profound Assimilation Formation! With the help of the Profound Assimilation Formation, you've managed to raise two levels at once and actually comprehended the Sixth Level Intermediate Saber Concept!"

"Hehe!" The Earth peak disciple chuckled before turning towards Tian Zhen by the side and said politely, "I'm sure Senior Brother Tian Zhen's must be much stronger than mine!"

"You little brat, are you trying to invite trouble for me?" Tian Zhen scolded jokingly, "Originally, mine was at the Fifth Level Void Interpretation Concept, but now that you've said it like this, what if I didn't make a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation Concept when I demonstrate my Concept later? You'd take the spotlight away from me, wouldn't you?"

"Senior Brother Tian Zhen, I'm sure you've already comprehended the Seventh Level Void Interpretation Concept!" The Earth Peak disciple quickly added.

Upon hearing their conversation, even the five Peak Masters could not help but chuckle a little.

Guo Chong smiled as he looked towards Tian Zhen and said, "Tian Zhen, I really would like to see whether he has taken away your spotlight or not! You go demonstrate the Concept that you've comprehended too."

"Yes, Sect Leader," Tian Zhen replied. Then, his solemn face began to turn a little nervous.

Although he could clearly sense that his Concept had a major transformation compared to before he entered the Profound Assimilation Formation, and he was sure that his Concept did indeed have a breakthrough, he had no idea exactly how high his level was raised up to.

It was only by fully demonstrating his Concept and stirring up the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon that he could be sure of the Concept level that he had comprehended.

"Ten days before, the Concept that Tian Zhen demonstrated in the Battle of the Five Peaks was at the Fifth Level Intermediate Wind Concept," Duan Ling Tian's eyes immediately fell on Tian Zhen.

The rest of the people were the same as well.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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As the sound of the wind whistling soared up to the sky, gusts of green hurricanes fluttered around Tian Zhen like wind dragons that entwined his entire body.

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Swish!

Along with the gusts of green hurricanes that appeared around Tian Zhen's body, the Heaven and Earth Energy quivered in the sky above his head. Gradually, the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon started to solidify into form.

Silhouettes of ancient horned dragons began to take form as well.

Ten.

Twenty.

Thirty.

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The number kept increasing.

Finally, the number stopped at 80 dragons.

"Seventh Level Intermediate Wind Concept!" The crowd's eyes were slightly astonished when they saw Tian Zhen's concept.

After all, breaking through to the Seventh Level Intermediate Wind Concept from the Fifth Level Intermediate Wind Concept was not as easy as entering the Sixth Level Intermediate Wind Concept from the Fourth Level Intermediate Wind Concept.

Tian Zhen finally let out a sigh of relief after he made sure that he had indeed comprehended the Seventh Level Intermediate Wind Concept.

"Excellent! Excellent!" Seeing the huge progress that his son made, Tian Gu let out a wide smile.

With a complicated look, Yu Fang cast a glance at Tian Gu and forced a smile as she congratulated him, "Congratulations, Peak Master Tian Gu."

"Thank you, Peak Master Yu Fang. I believe that Tan Huan has comprehended the Seventh Level Void Interpretation Concept as well, just like my useless son here," Tian Gu smiled in response.

"Thank you for the blessing," Yu Fang nodded her head. Then, with an anticipatory look, she turned towards Tan Huan instead.

At this moment, Tan Huan who could feel Yu Fang's eyes on her, had beads of sweat forming on her forehead.

The feelings that she had right now was exactly the same feelings that Tian Zhen had earlier. Although she could faintly feel that the Water Concept that she had comprehended had been elevated, she still did not know exactly how much progress it had made.

"Tan Huan." After hearing the conversation between Tian Gu and Yu Fang, along with Yu Fang's gaze, everybody's eyes instantly fell on Tan Huan. At the same time, Guo Chong looked at her as well.

"Yes, Sect Leader," Tan Huan responded. The water vapors on her body started to spread out and transformed into a series of turquoise ripples — that was the Water Concept that she had comprehended.

Turquoise ripples intertwined with her body and transformed into an aqua blue halo that shrouded her entire body.

Meanwhile, the Heaven and Earth Energy in the sky started to fluctuate and finally came together to form silhouettes of ancient horned dragons.

Finally, the silhouettes of the ancient horned dragons in the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon stopped increasing.

"Seventh Level Intermediate Water Concept!"

Looking at the 80 silhouettes of the ancient horned dragons on top of Tan Huan's head, the crowds' eyes shone with glee.

Tan Huan's progress was the same as Tian Zhen's.

Seeing that she had comprehended the Seventh Level Void Interpretation Concept as well, Tan Huan let out a sigh of relief before smiling at Yu Fang, "Master, I've succeeded!"

Yu Fang nodded her head in satisfaction.

After Tan Huan, Guo Chong called out the name of the other female disciple from Water Peak.

This female disciple had also comprehended the Water Concept, and before she entered the Profound Assimilation Formation, she had only comprehended the Third Level Intermediate Water Concept.

At this moment, after coming out of the Profound Assimilation Formation, she had comprehended the Fifth Level Intermediate Water Concept.

"You!" Next, Guo Chong called out to the other male disciple from the Fire Peak that came with Hu Fei.

Just like the male disciple from Earth Peak, the Concept that this Fire Peak disciple had comprehended was raised by two levels from the Fourth to Sixth Level.

"Hu Fei!" Soon after that, Guo Chong looked at Hu Fei.

The moment Guo Chong called out Hu Fei's name, Duan Ling Tian's eyes immediately lit up. A small smirk crept up to the corner of his mouth. The smirk that was full of cynicism.

When they were still in the Profound Assimilation Formation, he had used his Spiritual Energy to control the Profound Assimilation Formation and ripped out 10% of the four Concept Energy that he needed. Due to that, the Spiritual Energy that he had merged with the Profound Assimilation Formation had become more or less depleted.

At that time, he had used the remaining Spiritual Energy for one final task and issued a simple command to the Profound Assimilation Formation.

The command was to prevent Hu Fei from touching the Concept Energy that he needed!

In other words, when they were in the Profound Assimilation Formation, other than Duan Ling Tian who had obviously gotten the biggest gain, the other eight people had gotten significant benefits from it as well. However, Hu Fei was the only one who did not get any benefits at all!

Due to Duan Ling Tian's foul play, Hu Fei who had entered the comprehension state in the Profound Assimilation Formation was no different from when he was comprehending outside of the formation.

'I really can't wait to see the expression on his face when he discovers that his Fire Concept has no improvement at all!' Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart as the smile that was playing on the corner of his mouth turned wider.

Huang Daniu who was standing by Duan Ling Tian's side happened to see the smile lingering on the corner of his mouth. With his Voice Transmission, he asked curiously, "Duan Ling Tian, what are you smiling at?"

In the meantime, Huang Daniu looked towards the direction Duan Ling Tian was looking at under the urging of his curiosity. His eyes landed on Hu Fei who just had his name called out by Guo Chong.

"Does it have anything to do with Hu Fei?" Huang Daniu asked.

"It's nothing," Duan Ling Tian shook his head and replied via Voice Transmission.

However, Huang Daniu refused to believe him. His eyes were locked firmly on Hu Fei. Something told him that Duan Ling Tian was hiding something from him.

His intuition told him that something must be going on with Hu Fei.

After Hu Fei was called out by Guo Chong, everyone focused their eyes on him, making him the spotlight of the entire scene.

Hu Fei was the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak. In the Five Element Sect, a group of Five Element Sect's disciples had secretly given him a nickname — Ungrateful Bastard.

Although it had been ten years since Hu Fei switched to join Fire Peak and betrayed his master whom he was indebted to for saving his life, and Wood Peak that had trained him into who he was now, he was still being held in contempt by the Five Element Sect's disciples.

However, Hu Fei's talent and comprehension were notorious in the Five Element Sect, just a level lower than that of the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak, even though his reputation was not very good.

Yu Fang smiled as she asked Cha Bai, "Peak Master Cha Bai, your Hu Fei has always been second only to the Nangong Twins from Gold Peak among the younger generation of the Five Element Sect. Before this, he already has a comprehension at the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept. I'm sure it's not a problem for him to enter the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept after coming out of the Profound Assimilation Formation right?"

"Peak Master Yu Fang, you can't say it like that," Just as a smile appeared on Cha Bai's face and he was about to answer Yu Fang's question, Tian Gu suddenly chimed in without warning, "What you said is outdated. Now, among the younger generation of the Five Element Sect, we have the addition of Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu remember? Their talents are definitely not inferior to Hu Fei's."

Duan Ling Tian!

Huang Daniu!

The moment Tian Gu's words left his mouth, Yu Fang was stunned for a moment. Then, she quickly looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu before smiling sheepishly, "Ah, I've completely forgotten about them."

Cha Bai's face turned glum immediately.

Although he did not like what Tian Gu said, he could not refute it because that was indeed an indisputable fact.

Just as most of the people shifted their attention to Tian Gu and Yu Fang's conversation, Cha Bai announced loudly without warning. From his words, it was obvious that he had full confidence in Hu Fei. "Before Hu Fei entered the Profound Assimilation Formation, the Fire Concept that he comprehended was just a step away from the Eight Level Intermediate Fire Concept. After coming out from the Profound Assimilation Formation this time, I'm sure he has already comprehended the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept!"

Sure enough, the moment Cha Bai's words came out of his mouth, everyone shifted their attention back to him.

"Congratulations, Peak Master Cha Bai!" Yu Fang congratulated Cha Bai.

"Congratulations!" Guo Chong and Tian Gu also congratulated him.

All eyes immediately turned towards Hu Fei again. Guo Chong smiled as he announced, "Hu Fei, you can begin now."

Hu Fei nodded his head. From around his body, faint flames started to appear and gradually solidified.

"Wait a minute!"

Right at this moment, a loud voice resonated and shocked Hu Fei so much that he shuddered for a second. The flames that were rising from around his body that had yet to solidify completely were extinguished instantly.

"Huh?"

Everyone, including Hu Fei, immediately shifted their attention to the direction where the voice came from.

Over there a young man stood proudly. A purple-clad young man.

"Duan Ling Tian, what're you doing?" Hu Fei's face darkened instantly as rage started to fill his eyes.

Originally, when his master had said such confident words about him, although he was still feeling somewhat anxious, he decided to summon up his courage and was ready to demonstrate his Fire

Concept. From what he could see, since everyone had made such a huge progress as well, there was no reason for him to be the exception.

Due to this reason, he was confident that he had comprehended the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept. Although he could feel that his Fire Concept was no difference from before he entered the Profound Assimilation formation, in his mind, that was only because he just came out of the Formation and his body was still not fully adjusted.

"Qi Yu, is this how you educate the disciples of Wood Peak?" Cha Bai scoffed as he swept a cold glance at Duan Ling Tian before he looked at Qi Yu.

Perplexed, Qi Yu looked towards Duan Ling Tian and ignored Cha Bai completely.

"Duan Ling Tian, is there anything?" Guo Chong frowned.

Duan Ling Tian's loud cry earlier was also equivalent to interrupting himself. He could not suppress the displeasure that rose up in his heart.

"I'm sorry, Sect Leader. I just want to have a few words with Peak Master Cha Bai. I'll feel suffocated if I don't get this off my chest," Duan Ling Tian flashed an apologetic smile at Guo Chong before he turned to look at Cha Bai.

Right away, everyone, including Guo Chong, shifted their attention to Cha Bai. They were curious about the thing that Duan Ling Tian wanted to say to him.

"What do you want to say?" Cha Bai's face was very glum.

"Peak Master Cha Bai, it's like this. I'm a person who can't tolerate any lies in front of me. Just now you said that Hu Fei has comprehended the Ninth Level Intermediate Fire Concept right? However, I don't believe this at all. I think that you're just bluffing." In the beginning, Duan Ling Tian's tone was still fairly calm, but his tone was filled with the smell of gunpowder as he came to the end of his sentence.

Bluffing!

The moment Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence, everyone on the scene became completely dumbfounded.

Did this Duan Ling Tian just accuse Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, of bluffing?

The words that he really had to get off his chest was actually this?

Everyone, including Qi Yu, began to shift their attention back to Duan Ling Tian. All they could think about at this moment was how brave this Duan Ling Tian was.

Cha Bai was still the Peak Master of Fire Peak no matter what. Right now, in front of so many people, Duan Ling Tian had just accused Cha Bai and said that he was bluffing!

Provocation!

What a blunt provocation!

"How dare you?!" Cha Bai's face turned dark immediately as he roared in fury.

"Peak Master Cha Bai, I'm a person who really can't tolerate even a small unreasonable thing. I'm sorry if I've accidentally offended you," Duan Ling Tian smiled nonchalantly as he looked at Cha Bai.

#### Chapter 909: A Bet

Duan Ling Tian spoke again. It terrified everyone present on the scene, except for Cha Bai and his disciple.

What the hell was this Duan Ling Tian doing?!

Apart from Huang Daniu who looked like he was deep in his thoughts and Nangong Chen who still looked aloof, the other eight disciples from Five Element, including Nangong Yi, felt chills creeping down from their heads.

Obviously, they were all shocked to the core by Duan Ling Tian's words.

Even Nangong Yi, the rightful direct disciple of the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, did not have the courage to provoke Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're going to hell!" After being provoked multiple times by Duan Ling Tian, Cha Bai who was absolutely furious had a frosty look on his face. His eyes were horrifyingly icy as if he was going to devour a certain somebody.

"Peak Master Cha Bai, are you flying into a rage because you're embarrassed?" Faced with Cha Bai who was enraged, Duan Ling Tian still remained calm and collected as he said nonchalantly, "Or perhaps, you genuinely think you're not bluffing and I'm making baseless accusations instead?"

When he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, Cha Bai snorted in disdain as he asked, "Isn't that the case?"

"Peak Master Cha Bai, if you think that you're not bluffing, and I'm making baseless accusations, let's have a bet, shall we?" An undetectable glint flashed across Duan Ling Tian's eyes. However, his tone remained calm and cold without any emotions in it.

"A bet?" The moment they heard Duan Ling Tian's words, everyone, including Cha Bai and Hu Fei, could not help but be stunned by it.

"Why do I have to bet with you?" Cha Bai instantly swept a cold glance at Duan Ling Tian disdainfully as he mocked, "Are you even qualified?"

Duan Ling Tian laughed out loud. After he stopped laughing, he mocked in an outrageous manner, "Hahaha! Looks like you dare not, huh, Peak Master Cha Bai?"

"Do you think your taunts would be useful against me?" Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak in the Five Element Sect, had been respected for more than half of his life. What kind of situation had he not seen before? With just one sentence, he had unraveled Duan Ling Tian's intention. His tone was full of disdain.

After Duan Ling Tian's intention was unraveled, not only was he not angry, he continued to ask again in a joyful manner, "Then what if I bet with you that Hu Fei did not even manage to comprehend the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept at all?"

"The Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept?" Cha Bai was taken aback. After a while, he began to laugh loudly, "Are you kidding me? Hu Fei, my direct disciple, is originally only a step away from comprehending the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept. Now that he's out of the Profound Assimilation Formation, you're telling me that he has yet to comprehend the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept?" As he said this, Cha Bai looked at Duan Ling Tian with a sneer as if he was looking at God's biggest joke.

Duan Ling Tian did not answer Cha Bai's question. Instead, he continued to say nonchalantly, "I'll bet with you that if Hu Fei's Fire Concept does not have any elevation and is still in the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept, you'll have to give me a piece of Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment. However, if Hu Fei's Fire Concept has been raised up to the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept, I'll switch Peak and become a disciple of Fire Peak instead. Moreover, I'll swear upon the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation that I'll never betray you for the rest of my life. How's that?"

Duan Ling Tian's words had clearly entered Hu Fei's ears. It stunned him for a moment as if he was hit by some realization.

'Could it be that my Fire Concept is really like what I've sensed? It really did not improve at all?' Hu Fei's heart jolted as an ominous premonition slowly rose up in his heart.

"I-if... even if that's true, how did this Duan Ling Tian know about it?" Hu Fei was completely baffled in this regard.

From what he could see, that Profound Assimilation Formation was left behind by a Martial Monarch powerhouse. It was something that was absolutely marvelous. Almost everybody who had entered it would gain great benefits from it. By right, he should not be excluded as well.

Even if he really was excluded, how did this Duan Ling Tian actually find out?

Duan Ling Tian's words were not only heard by Hu Fei. It was heard by Cha Bai, Qi Feng, and the rest of the people who were present as well.

Duan Ling Tian wanted to have a bet with Cha Bai that Hu Fei's Fire Concept was not elevated at all and still remained at the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept even after he had come out from the Profound Assimilation Formation. However, if Hu Fei had a breakthrough, he had a lot more to lose!

If he won, he would gain a piece of Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment from Cha Bai. However, he would give himself away to Cha Bai, to Fire Peak, and swear by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation that he would never betray Fire Peak for the rest of his life if he lost!

An uproar erupted right away,

Other than Qi Yu and Huang Daniu who were lost in their thoughts, the rest of the people, including Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, were agape.



In their opinions, Duan Ling Tian would definitely lose the bet that he had just made with Cha Bai.

"Perhaps, this Duan Ling Tian actually doesn't want to stay in Wood Peak and wants to switch to Fire Peak instead. Maybe this bet is just an excuse."

"Peak Master Cha Bai must have made some serious promises to Duan Ling Tian and asked him to switch to Fire Peak. That must be why he's tempted to do it now... It's just that he finds it difficult to blatantly betray Wood Peak, and he's scared that he'll become the second Hu and would be looked down by other people. That's why he's using this method to switch to Fire Peak instead."

The Five Element Sect's disciples who were present at the scene, including Tan Huan and Tian Zhen, could not help but wonder secretly.

Not only that, they really could not figure out why Duan Ling Tian would take the initiative to make such bet with Cha Bai. After all, it's apparent that he was the one going to lose this bet.

Hu Fei had originally comprehended the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept. Not to mention the fact that he was only just a step away from entering the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept before he entered the Profound Assimilation Formation.

Even if he had just comprehended the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept right before he entered the Profound Assimilation formation, he would still definitely be able to comprehend the Eighth Level Intermediate Fire Concept after he left the Profound Assimilation Formation.

However, at this moment, Duan Ling Tian actually said that Hu Fei still remained at the same spot in his Concept comprehension and that he was still at the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept even after he got out of the Profound Assimilation formation.

This was almost impossible!

Only Qi Yu and Huang Daniu were looking at Duan Ling Tian from afar while they were absorbed in their own thoughts.

'What is Duan Ling Tian planning to do? Looking at Hu Fei's expression right now... Don't tell me...' Qi Yu observed carefully. Very soon, he noticed something was wrong with Hu Fei's expression. His heart jolted for a moment.

The scene that was unfolding before his eyes made him feel even more certain that Duan Ling Tian was purposely luring Cha Bai into his own grave. His intention was to obtain the Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment from him.

"This little fellow! If you really need that Thunder Concept Fragment, you can just tell me, you know. Hmm, looks like he doesn't want to owe me any favor," Qi Yu muttered to himself. By the time he was done, he could not help but let out a sigh.

"I knew it! The smile on Duan Ling Tian's face earlier didn't seem right at all. It's fishy indeed!" Huang Daniu stared at Duan Ling Tian with a knowing smile at the corner of his mouth. He had an expression that seemingly said, "I knew it! I, your Brother Niu, have long seen through you!"

Cha Bai was dazzled by Duan Ling Tian's words. After a moment of silence, he finally regained his senses. His eyes glistened brightly as he stared at Duan Ling Tian before he asked in a loud voice, "A-Are you serious?"

He had to admit that he was indeed very displeased with Duan Ling Tian before this. However, that was because Duan Ling Tian had humiliated his direct disciple, Hu Fei. If Duan Ling Tian was a disciple of Fire Peak, he would not resent Duan Ling Tian at all even if he had humiliated his direct disciple, Hu Fei. Instead, he would be proud that his Fire Peak had a protege that was more outstanding than his direct disciple.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian just said that he would become his disciple and switch to Fire Peak if his direct disciple, Hu Fei, had comprehended the Eight Level Intermediate Fire Concept or higher. Moreover, he was willing to swear by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation and never betray his Fire Peak for the rest of his life! For a moment, Cha Bai was completely overwhelmed with joy. It was to the point that he did not even consider why Duan Ling Tian would make such an absurd bet, why he was willing to sacrifice his entire life just to bet for a Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment.

At this moment, he only knew that he would win without a doubt. Duan Ling Tian would then have to switch over to Fire Peak. Perhaps, it was because of this reason that Duan Ling Tian decided to use himself as the bargaining chip.

Faced with Cha Bai's loud question, Duan Ling Tian nodded his head and responded with a question while putting on a doubtful look, "That's right! I wonder if you dare to bet with me, Peak Master Cha Bai?"

"Since you already have the intention to switch to our Fire Peak, why would I refuse it? Duan Ling Tian, don't you worry. As long as you come to our Fire Peak, Hu Fei and I will put all our disputes with you behind us and will not bring it up again. Not only that, I promise you that Fire Peak will never mistreat you!" Cha Bai, who was so overjoyed that he did not see the bigger picture, answered with a smile.

It was apparent that Cha bai had agreed to Duan Ling Tian's bet.

"Alright," Duan Ling Tian smiled as well. It was a brilliant and wonderful smile.

"Wait!" At this moment, Cha Bai's face suddenly scrunched up as he cried out loudly without any warning.

"Huh?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. Could it be that Cha Bai finally came to his senses?

Or perhaps it was Hu Fei who came to his senses and told him everything, causing him to have a change of heart suddenly?

In the next instance, Duan Ling Tian knew that he had been thinking too much.

"Sect Leader, please be the witness to the bet between Duan Ling Tian and me!" In the midst of his joy, Cha Bai did not forget to find Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, to be his witness.

He did that not because he was afraid Duan Ling Tian would go back on his words. However, he was afraid that Qi Yu would intervene afterward.

He was very clear about Qi Yu's strength. He knew that he was definitely not a match for him.

If Qi Yu really wanted to bring Duan Ling Tian who had already switched to Fire Peak back to Wood Peak, he really could not stop Qi Yu at all. In the end, everything would be in vain.

Guo Chong frowned as he looked at Qi Yu immediately as if trying to ask for his opinion.

Qi Yu nodded his head.

Guo Chong complied with Cha Bai's wishes when he saw Qi Yu nodding his head. He immediately turned to look and shouted at Hu Fei who was lost in his own thoughts while he stood in the distance, "Hu Fei!"

However, Hu Fei did not respond at all. He just stood there motionlessly like he was possessed.

"Hu Fei!"

Cha Bai became anxious right away when he saw that Hu Fei still did not respond.

Slap!

With just a few steps, Cha Bai walked forward and slapped him on the back of his head. It woke him up from his thoughts.

After Hu Fei finally came to his senses, the first thing that entered his sight was Cha Bai who was standing before him. He hastily cried out in response, "Ma... Master!"

"What are you waiting for? Show your Fire Concept now!" Cha Bai roared as he glared at him anxiously. His voice as loud as thunder.

Chapter 910: A Hysterical Hu Fei

At this moment, Cha Bai was on tenterhooks. He feared that Duan Ling Tian would regret the bet after Hu Fei had demonstrated his Fire Concept.

If Duan Ling Tian went back on his words, Fire Peak would lose a freak disciple who could help raise Fire Peak to become the First Peak of the Five Element Sect three years later!

"Yes, yes!" Hu Fei, who had suddenly heard Cha Bai's scolding, shuddered in shock. His mind was completely blank. With no time to think too much into it, he hastily nodded his head. He no longer dared to hesitate.

Meanwhile, flames started to solidify into form from his body and rose up into the air. Then, it proceeded to envelop his entire being. It made him look just like a Fire God.

Whoosh!

Concurrently, the Heaven and Earth Energy began to fluctuate in the sky as the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon gradually solidified and formed silhouettes of ancient horned dragons that emerged in front of everybody.

All of them, including Duan Ling Tian, immediately stared intensely at it.

"Duan Ling Tian will definitely lose." This was the thought that was in almost everyone's minds.

Although Duan Ling Tian was the one who proposed the bet, they did not think he could win at all. They believed that Duan Ling Tian had been persuaded by Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, to leave Wood Peak and switch to Fire Peak. As for that bet, it was just a pretense to fool everybody.

Only a few appeared to be absorbed in their thoughts.

The first ones were naturally Qi Yu and Huang Daniu, followed by Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, and Nangong Chen, his direct disciple. Both of them had a surprised yet doubtful look in their eyes.

Obviously, they could sense that things were not as simple as it seemed.

Very quickly, the silhouettes of the ancient horned dragons on top of Hu Fei's head gradually solidified into shape. The numbers kept increasing.

Ten.

Twenty.

Thirty.

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Not long after, the number of the ancient horned dragons ceased to increase. The silhouettes of the ancient horned dragons circled around before they descended, coming into the views of the spectators clearly.

"T-This..."

Most of them narrowed their eyes as they stared in shock at the ancient horned dragons silhouettes that were in the sky.

Some of them even thought that their visions had gone blurry, and they had seen wrongly. They could not stop themselves from lifting a hand to rub their eyes. However, after re-confirming it again a moment later, they finally realized that they had not seen wrongly at all.

"E-Eighty ancient horned dragons?"

When Tian Zhen saw the eighty ancient horned dragons' silhouettes in the air, he muttered, "I-It really is the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept! B-But, how is this possible?"

The Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept!

THAT was exactly the Concept that Hu Fei had just demonstrated. There was no difference from his Concept before he entered the Profound Assimilation Formation.

In other words, Hu Fei showed no improvements at all before and after he went into the Profound Assimilation Formation. He did not receive any benefits from it at all, not even a tiny bit.

"W-What's going on?" For a time, be it Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, Yu Fang, the Peak Master of Water Peak, or the young talents like Nangong Yi, a perplexed look could be seen on their faces.

In their opinions, this was something that was almost impossible.

However, the scene before them impacted their visual nerves and told them that everything that was happening was indeed true.

Suddenly, a faint voice could be heard asking, "D-Did Peak Master Cha Bai just lost?"

Despite the low volume of the voice, it appeared to be exceptionally ear-piercing in the midst of the dead silence.

"IT'S YOU! Duan Ling Tian! It must be you! What did you do to me?!" Without any warning, a hysterical roar reverberated in the air. It woke everyone up from their shock.

It was none other than Hu Fei who had completely come back to his senses. He moved his eyes away from the eighty ancient horned dragons' silhouettes on the sky as he glared at Duan Ling Tian fiercely. He put on a manner that showed he meant business with Duan Ling Tian.

When he first came out of the Profound Assimilation Formation, he had felt that something was wrong. At that time, he tried to sense his own Fire Concept, and he discovered that his Fire Concept did not seem any different from before he entered the Profound Assimilation Formation.

After a moment of pondering, he thought that it was just simply because he had just come out of the Profound Assimilation Formation so he still could not sense the changes in his Fire Concept clearly.

Later, when he saw how Tian Zhen, Tan Huan, and the others managed to demonstrate an elevation of two whole levels in their Concept with his own eyes, he finally calmed down completely. In his opinion, there was no reason for him to not improve since the others had managed to improve.

When Guo Chong called his name and asked him to demonstrate earlier, Duan Ling Tian had suddenly stopped him and called his Master a liar. Moreover, he even called for a bet with his Master. Duan Ling Tian bet that his Fire Concept had no improvement at all and still remained at the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept!

At that time, he was completely perplexed. No matter how much he pondered about it, it still puzzled him as to why Duan Ling Tian would claim he did not make any breakthrough at all in his Concept. Then, coupled with what he had sensed, he instantly became a little hesitant.

After that, he became lost in his thoughts, and he was shocked to the core by his Master's sudden scolding so he immediately demonstrated his Fire Concept in a hasty manner.

The moment he saw that he was still in the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept, he became completely dumbstruck.

Thoroughly and utterly dumbstruck.

What the hell was going on right here?

The instance he regained his senses, the first thing that appeared in his mind was Duan Ling Tian. In his opinion, all of this must be the work of Duan Ling Tian! Otherwise, how could Duan Ling Tian possibly know that he had made no progress at all in the Profound Assimilation Formation?

"Could it really be Duan Ling Tian?" When everyone saw Hu Fei shouting at Duan Ling Tian, they shifted their eyes towards Duan Ling Tian as well.

They had clearly heard the bet that Duan Ling Tian made with Cha Bai earlier. Judging from his words, it was as if he knew Hu Fei's Fire Concept did not make any breakthrough after coming out of the Profound Assimilation Formation.

In the beginning, when they heard the absurd bet that Duan Ling Tian made, most of them had thought that he did that on purpose in order to use it as an excuse to switch over to Fire Peak and become Cha Bai's disciple.

However, it was apparent at this moment that Duan Ling Tian did not have such an intention at all. It was because after Hu Fei had entered the Profound Assimilation Formation, it was indeed true that his Fire Concept did not have any breakthrough at all, and it still remained at the same level.

At this moment, when they recalled the words that Duan Ling Tian had said earlier, they felt like it was similar to a prophecy!

When they heard Hu Fei's roar, the first thought that popped up in their minds was that Duan Ling Tian had to have done something to Hu Fei earlier when they were still in the Profound Assimilation Formation. He must have made sure that he could not use the Concept Energy to increase his Fire Concept comprehension level.

Cha Bai's eyes turned blood-red as he glared at Duan Ling Tian. He asked in a deep voice, "Duan Ling Tian, what the hell did you do to Hu Fei?!"

As the Peak Master of Fire Peak in the Five Element Sect, this was the first time he was caught in such an unfavorable situation after being used to having authority for more than half his life. Moreover, it was in the hands of a young man who had not even entered his thirties yet. This made him feel extremely ashamed and furious. How he wished he could directly kill Duan Ling Tian right now!

However, the moment he noticed that Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak's aura was fixed on him, he knew that no matter how hard he exerted his power, he would still barely be able to touch Duan Ling Tian at all.

Due to this reason, all he could do was suppress the endless flame that was burning in his heart.

"What can I do to him?" Faced with Cha Bai's question and the perplexed looks from all around him, Duan Ling Tian said calmly "Peak Master Cha Bai, everything must have evidence. You can't just simply make such a slanderous accusation!"

Duan Ling Tian's words instantly enraged Cha Bai even more. Flying into rage out of humiliation, he growled, "If it's not you, then how did you know Hu Fei's Fire Concept would not have any improvement at all after coming out of the Profound Assimilation Formation?"

Everyone else could not help but secretly nod along to Cha Bai's words.

That was right.

It was already considered strange that Hu Fei came out of the Profound Assimilation Formation with no improvement to his Concept at all. Moreover, what was even stranger was the fact that Duan Ling Tian actually knew Hu Fei's Concept did not improve at all. Adding up these two together, one could not help but be swarmed with thoughts.

Duan Ling Tian did not reply to Cha Bai's question. Instead, he changed the topic and asked nonchalantly, "Peak Master Cha Bai, looking at you right now... Are you, by any chance, regretting the bet that you've made with me? You even personally asked the Sect Leader to become a witness for that bet. Don't tell me you're going to deny it now?"

With a piercing glare, Cha Bai growled, "Naturally, I'll acknowledge that bet! However, no matter what, you MUST give Hu Fei an explanation! Give ME an explanation! And give Wood Peak an explanation!"

In the end, he even brought out Wood Peak's name to pressure Duan Ling Tian.

"Since you're willing to acknowledge the bet, then that's really great, Peak Master Cha Bai! However, I don't really trust your words. How about this, you give me that Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment first, and I'll answer your question later, alright?" Duan Ling Tian chuckled and spoke with a speed that was neither slow nor fast.

"YOU!!!" The moment he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, Cha Bai flared up in rage. Once again, he was overcome with the urge to launch an attack towards Duan Ling Tian directly.

In the end, he did not do it out of his fear of Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak.

"Hurmph! I hope you'll be able to give me a satisfactory explanation later!" Cha Bai took a deep breath and suppressed the anger that was burning to his limit. At the same time, he lifted a hand up and threw a purple fragment at Duan Ling Tian.

"The Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment!" Duan Ling Tian caught the fragment, and his eyes immediately lit up.

He had comprehended a total of four Concepts, and he also had four of these Concept Fragments in his hands. However, the Thunder Concept Fragment that he had was of the lowest level among all the fragments that he possessed.

That Thunder Concept Fragment was actually obtained by killing the most powerful person in the imperial family of the Darkhan Dynasty, Bai Nan Xiang, by using the talisman that was left behind by his cheapskate father.

It was just a First Level Thunder Concept Fragment.

Previously, he decided to make a bet with Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, so that he could scam a piece of high-grade Thunder Concept Fragment from him.

Now that the Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment was in his hands, Duan Ling Tian immediately became happy.

After Cha Bai watched Duan Ling Tian toying with the Seventh Level Thunder Concept Fragment in his hands, he no longer made any moves. He just growled in a low voice instead, "Duan Ling Tian, I've already given you the chip from our bet. NOW! You must give Hu Fei and me an explanation! Give an explanation to our Fire Peak!"