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Chapter 1301 – Competition

Seeing Gan Xingteng block Shi Feng's group, the various upper echelons stopped to watch, curious to see what the White Tiger Dojo intended to do.

The White Tiger Dojo had hosted this friendly competition to spread its fame throughout the six cities.

Yet, the Big Dipper Dojo had benefited. It would be a lie to say that the White Tiger Dojo was not furious.

Ignoring the stares, Gan Xingteng glanced at Shi Feng before turning to Xiao Yu. Displeased, he said, "Hall Master Jiang would like to invite Head Instructor Shi for tea. May I know if Head Instructor Shi is free?"

"An invite from Hall Master Jiang?"

Everyone who heard this was momentarily stunned.

Jiang Tianyuan stood at the peak of the fighting industry. He was practically a living legend. Jiang Tianyuan had also played a large part in lifting the White Tiger Dojo to its current status. Moreover, Jiang Tianyuan's disciples were all extraordinary. He also had influence in various other industries. Countless people dreamed of forming a connection with the man. Unfortunately, very few ever had the opportunity. And yet Jiang Tianyuan had sent an invitation. Moreover, by the looks of it, he only wished to speak with Shi Feng, not the others from Big Dipper.

"This...I'm afraid you'll have to ask Head Instructor Shi himself." Xiao Yu frowned before turning to Shi Feng.

He wasn't afraid of the White Tiger Dojo as a business rival. However, he was afraid of the White Tiger Dojo using other methods to deal with them. One such example was poaching Shi Feng. In fact, these situations were common.

The Big Dipper Dojo's achievements were all thanks to Shi Feng. Now that Jiang Tianyuan wanted to meet with the man, Xiao Yu felt threatened. If Jiang Tianyuan poached Shi Feng, developing the Big Dipper Dojo and the Big Dipper Group further would be out of the question.

The White Tiger Dojo possessed wealth and influence. Even if Shi Feng became one of its Branch Hall Masters, he would enjoy far more benefits than the Big Dipper Group could ever hope to offer.

However, it also would not do to refuse Jiang Tianyuan. After all, Jiang Tianyuan had taken the initiative to invite Shi Feng. If they refused to meet with him, Jiang Tianyuan would consider it disrespect. If that happened, even if Jiang Tianyuan didn't act personally, his followers would be more than enough to make the Big Dipper Group suffer.

Hence, Xiao Yu could only leave the decision to Shi Feng.

“Lead the way,” Shi Feng responded calmly and without hesitation.

They were bound to meet sooner or later.

After all, if he wanted You Ziping to join Zero Wing, he would have to overcome the hurdle known as Jiang Tianyuan first.

Following which, Gan Xingteng led Shi Feng to the arena’s top-floor lounge.

“Big Brother, what do we do? If Jiang Tianyuan offers Shi Feng something that he can’t refuse, the Big Dipper Dojo will be finished,” Xiao Yan asked anxiously as he watched Shi Feng walk away.

He had to admit that Shi Feng had already become irreplaceable in Big Dipper. If Shi Feng left, Big Dipper would backslide.

“We can’t let Jiang Tianyuan poach him. No matter what it takes, we must convince him to stay. I heard that he and Ruoxi are close. Think of a way to convince her to help us. At most, we’ll concede a slightly higher percentage of our profits when negotiating with the Zhao Group.” Xiao Yu was determined to compete with the White Tiger Dojo.

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In the top-floor lounge...

As soon as Shi Feng entered the room, he sensed four piercing gazes locking onto him. The origins of these ominous looks stood beside Jiang Tianyuan. Three of these people were men, and one was a woman. All four wore black suits and appeared to be Jiang Tianyuan’s bodyguards. Although they only stood there, they radiated a chilling aura. It was very obvious that they weren’t like the pampered children, Gu Chen and Yi Yuqing. These people must’ve experienced many trials and tribulations. Moreover, their auras were even more intense than Lei Bao’s.

Of course, that was not to say that these four people were stronger than Lei Bao. It was simply because Lei Bao kept his aura hidden.

Shi Feng didn’t doubt that, if he showed the slightest hint of a threat, these four would immediately move to kill him.

*The White Tiger Dojo really is impressive. They’ve even hired such extraordinary bodyguards.* Shi Feng swept his gaze across these four people, noticing that they all had falcon tattoos on the back of the hands. This mark belonged to none other than the Black Falcon Alliance.

The Black Falcon Alliance was a globally-renowned mercenary alliance. Anyone who wanted this tattoo had to earn the Black Falcon Alliance’s acknowledgment first. The organization’s ordinary members simply weren’t worthy.

As Shi Feng entered the room, Jiang Tianyuan smiled as he gestured to the sofa before him and said, “Sit.”

Only then did the four Black Falcon bodyguards relax a little. However, their gazes never once left Shi Feng.

Shi Feng ignored the gazes as he approached Jiang Tianyuan.

Seeing Shi Feng's reaction, Jiang Tianyuan inwardly praised his guest.

He was very familiar with his four bodyguards' strength. If all four worked together, even an internal force expert wouldn't walk away unscathed. Very few youngsters like Shi Feng could remain unperturbed under their attention.

After emptying the teacup placed before him, Shi Feng smiled and asked, "Hall Master Jiang, may I know what business you wish to discuss?"

"Young man, you are quite impatient. This isn't your average tea. This is the Green God Company's Harmony Tea. Savoring it properly will aid in one's mental recovery and help expand one's mind," Jiang Tianyuan said, his heart aching as Shi Feng downed the tea.

Shi Feng couldn't help his surprise.

"So, this is the rumored Harmony Tea." Shi Feng looked at the teapot on the table incredulously. The taste had been unique. However, he had not paid much attention to it. Although he had considered the possibility that it might be poisoned, it was highly unlikely. Even if the White Tiger Dojo disregarded its reputation, Jiang Tianyuan would keep his intact.

Harmony Tea was unique to the Green God Company. Unfortunately, it was difficult to produce, so it wasn't sold to the public.

Although its recovery and enhancement effects were not as strong as the S-rank Nutrient Fluid, it had an aspect that the Nutrient Fluids couldn't compare to. Unlike the S-rank Nutrient Fluid, Harmony Tea had a milder energy. One might not notice any immediate effects, but in the long run, the tea could help improve a person's physique and extend their lifespan. It could also assist in developing one's mental potential.

It was no wonder that, despite being over 50 years old, Jiang Tianyuan only appeared to be in his 30s.

*As expected of the White Tiger Dojo. They can get their hands on such a rare product.* Shi Feng was a little jealous.

If he could obtain a large amount of Harmony Tea, he would have a much easier time nurturing Zero Wing's experts.

He had to admit that, no matter what he wanted to do, resources were very important.

"Alright, I'll cut to the chase. I don't want to waste a youngster's time. I've asked you here for two things." Seeing Shi Feng's interest in the Harmony Tea, Jiang Tianyuan could not help but smile as he said, "The first involves You Ziping. I hope that you will allow him to return to the White Tiger Dojo. He has a lot of potential. He will have a better future if he develops in the White Tiger Dojo."

“That is up to him. I cannot choose for him.” Shi Feng waved his hand, showing that he had no interest in this issue. In reality, he did not care which dojo You Ziping developed in. He only cared about You Ziping’s choices in God’s Domain.

“You are quite the mysterious youth.” Shi Feng’s reply stunned Jiang Tianyuan. He simply couldn’t fathom why Shi Feng would willingly let go of such a talent so easily. However, he didn’t think that Shi Feng had lied. He had prepared counter arguments if Shi Feng refused, but his efforts had been wasted. “Since that is the case, I’ll have to trouble you to pass the message on.

“Now that the first issue has been addressed, let’s get to the second matter.”

“Please speak.”

“The second matter involves you. I’d like to invite you to join the White Tiger Dojo.”

Chapter 1302 – Daylight Robbery

“Join the White Tiger Dojo?” Shi Feng was slightly surprised by the offer.

While it was common for dojos and training centers to poach personnel from each other, the targets were normally disciples. Instructors were rarely approached. After all, any instructor was considered a backbone of their establishment. Poaching an instructor was significantly more expensive than a disciple, not to mention a head instructor like himself.

If they didn’t offer a high enough position, they couldn’t tempt him in the least. On the other hand, the White Tiger Dojo’s upper echelons would never agree to offer him a position as high as head instructor.

There were a limited number of head instructor positions available, and every head instructor was a part of the White Tiger Dojo’s core. The influence they held was immense. Furthermore, he was only the head instructor of a recently-established dojo. Trying to poach him by offering a head instructor position would be ludicrous.

“That’s right. I’d like you to join us. However, rather than becoming one of the White Tiger Dojo’s instructors, I’d like to invite you to become one of our combat instructors in God’s Domain,” Jiang Tianyuan said. “God’s Domain has become increasingly popular. The White Tiger Dojo intends to secure a piece of that pie. However, at the end of the day, there are some differences between combat in God’s Domain and combat in the real world. Hence, we wish to recruit some God’s Domain experts to train our disciples. I heard that Zero Wing is quite capable in this aspect. Hence, I wish to hire you as one of our God’s Domain instructors. Of course, you will receive the benefits of a White Tiger Dojo advanced instructor.”

Although the White Tiger Dojo had many instructors, there were extremely few advanced instructors. Every advanced instructor was also an internal force expert. Even Hall Masters such as himself treated these individuals with respect. Countless experts envied them for the benefits they received.

Jiang Tianyuan’s offer stunned his four bodyguards.

Although they were bodyguards, they were also Black Falcon Alliance experts. Their understanding of the White Tiger Dojo was more acute than ordinary people. Hence, they knew just how powerful the White Tiger Dojo’s advanced instructors were. Even the Black Falcon Alliance’s mainstays had to treat

them with respect. Sometimes, the Alliance would even request training from these instructors. It wasn't even a guarantee that these instructors would agree...

It was very difficult to imagine that a youngster in his early twenties would have the opportunity to become an advanced instructor in the White Tiger Dojo.

"Forget about the advanced instructor position. What other benefits can you offer?" Shi Feng said, shaking his head. He wasn't particularly interested in becoming an advanced instructor in the White Tiger Dojo. While the fame and influence that came with the position were tempting, they were not particularly useful to him.

"Other benefits?" Jiang Tianyuan gave Shi Feng an odd look. Curiously, he asked, "What do you have in mind?"

The position was a good opportunity to gain some renown in the fighting industry. Countless people coveted the position, yet Shi Feng didn't seem interested...

"S-rank Nutrient Fluid or Harmony Tea; both are acceptable," Shi Feng said after giving the matter some thought. "As for the exact amount, that depends on how many players you'd like me to train. My price is roughly twenty people per bottle. I can guarantee that they will reach the Trial Tower's fifth floor within a short time."

Both S-rank Nutrient Fluid and Harmony Tea would significantly help his Guild's experts. They were far more practical than the position of advanced instructor.

Moreover, Stone Forest Town had the Battle Arena. It was an excellent location to nurture experts. Including the fact that the White Tiger Dojo's disciples would start with sturdy foundations, it would not be difficult to train them to the fifth-floor standard in a short time.

Hearing Shi Feng's words, the four bodyguards rolled their eyes.

Each bottle of S-rank Nutrient Fluid sold for 1,000,000 Credits on the market, yet Shi Feng wanted one body for training twenty experts. Even when the Black Falcon Alliance hired advanced instructors from the White Tiger Dojo to teach 300 of their elite members, it didn't pay 1,000,000 Credits per month. Shi Feng's demand was simply daylight robbery.

"Your request is too expensive." Jiang Tianyuan frowned. He more or less understood God's Domain. Hence, he knew just what kind of standards a fifth-floor expert in God's Domain possessed. Furthermore, the White Tiger Dojo's disciples were already combat experts. Even if they simply experimented themselves, they could easily reach the fifth floor. "I am willing to offer one bottle for 100 players. The first session will include 500 players. At the very least, I want them to reach the Trial Tower's sixth floor within one month."

"Reaching the sixth floor within one month is too difficult. If you want all 500 to reach that standard, I'll take no less than 50 bottles. Otherwise, you'll have to find someone else, Hall Master Jiang." Shi Feng

hadn't expected Jiang Tianyuan to be so familiar with God's Domain. Unfortunately, his understanding wasn't sufficiently thorough. Reaching the Trial Tower's sixth floor was the equivalent of being an expert in a first-rate Guild. Even with strong foundations, it would take a lot of training to reach such a standard. Of course, some players with extraordinary talent could do it in a short time. However, not everyone was so gifted.

Moreover, nurturing 500 people would cost a frightening amount of resources. The Blackwater Corporation had invested an astronomical amount of manpower and resources to nurture their experts, yet the White Tiger Dojo wanted to offer a few bottles of S-rank Nutrient Fluids to achieve the same. If he only charged one bottle per 100 people, he would very quickly go bankrupt.

Seeing Shi Feng unwilling to yield, Jiang Tianyuan fell silent for a moment.

"We can't possibly part with so many bottles. I can offer ten at most. We can pay for the rest with Credits," Jiang Tianyuan said, yielding slightly.

S-rank Nutrient Fluids were extremely precious, even to the White Tiger Dojo. They used a large number during every national competition, not to mention international competitions. They did not have a lot to spare.

"I will only accept S-rank Nutrient Fluids and Harmony Tea. If Hall Master Jiang cannot make this decision at the moment, I can wait until you return and discuss it with your colleagues," Shi Feng said resolutely.

He had other ways to obtain Credits. Moreover, he had already begun constructing his city. Once it was complete, the potential of virtual property would see explosive growth. At that time, he could easily rake in tons of Credits.

"Alright, then. I'll discuss it with the others once I return. However, I doubt that I'll receive a positive response," Jiang Tianyuan said, sighing.

Following which, Shi Feng left the lounge.

After Shi Feng left, someone else entered the lounge from a connected room. This man wore black and white martial artist robes. He felt indescribably approachable. The instant he entered this room, it felt as if the world revolved around him.

"Hall Master, this kid simply doesn't know how to appreciate a favor. Not only wasn't he grateful for your personal invitation, but his demands were also exorbitant. Should I stir up some trouble for the Big Dipper Dojo?" the man asked angrily.

"Forget it. I had only asked on a whim. Even if he agrees to my offer, the final decision rests with the Head Hall Master. After all, the other Hall Masters have other recommendations," Jiang Tianyuan said as he waved off the angry man's concern. "Jin Hai City is our problem now. With today's outcome, our plans have been interrupted. Tianji, you'll replace Qiwen as the branch manager here. Think of a way to restore the White Tiger Dojo's reputation here. Also, lead the first batch of disciples in God's Domain and introduce them to the game. Help them acclimate to the game's mechanics. At the very least, make sure they aren't completely clueless when their training begins."

“Hall Master, rest assured; I have already seen to the necessary preparations. Every disciple has already been given an advanced virtual gaming helmet, while advanced disciples have access to virtual gaming cabins. By the time the other Hall Masters make their move, we will have gained a stable foothold in God’s Domain,” the man named Tianji said, laughing.

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As soon as Shi Feng returned to the Greenwater Villa, he logged back into God’s Domain.

He had just discovered some clues on how to proceed with his Tier 2 promotion quest. Meanwhile, Evil Fire’s challenge posed too much of a threat. If he did not deal with it properly, he would become a laughingstock in White River City. It might even affect the Big Dipper Dojo’s reputation. He had no intentions of wasting today’s results.