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Chapter 271: The Excited Zhao Lin

Eventually, Duan Ling Tian calmed his mood down.

"Time to go try out this Quake Energy!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze lit up as he stood up.

His gaze then descended onto the two little pythons, and when he noticed they showed no signs of awakening, he shook his head then left the stalactite cave by himself.

Relying on his sharp Spiritual Force, Duan Ling Tian stood on the tilted tree on the side of the cliff and sensed the situation on the peak of the mountain.

After he confirmed there were no people, Duan Ling Tian used the tilted tree as a foothold and leaped up to the peak of Megrez Peak.

Duan Ling Tian walked into the most remote path on the peak, then he walked down the mountain.

In next to no time, he'd passed the chain bridge and arrived at the main peak, Dubhe Peak.

Duan Ling Tian went down from Dubhe Peak, as his destination this time was the primeval forest behind the Seven Star Sword Sect....

After all, he couldn't casually pull a Seven Star Sword Sect disciple over to test the Quake Energy, so he decided to go to the primeval forest and test the Wyrm Python Form's Quake Energy on fierce beasts.

Duan Ling Tian flew down with a dash and quickly left the sect to head towards the primeval forest.

And at the moment that Duan Ling Tian left the sect, on the chain bridge from Megrez Peak to Dubhe Peak, two Seven Star Sword Sect outer court disciples walked shoulder to shoulder.

One of the outer court disciple's faces sank, and he said to the other outer court disciple beside him, "Huo Xin, that kid seems to have vanished."

"Megrez Peak is huge, so it isn't an easy matter to find him....Moreover, I've practically asked all the 19 new disciples that came to Megrez Peak with us, but all those people don't know where he is." The latter was precisely Huo Xin, and he now had a gloomy expression as he spoke.

"I don't believe that he can hide forever! The incident in Black Bamboo City's restaurant, I'll surely make him pay it back a hundredfold. Actually daring to ask someone to throw us out...." The former's gaze went slightly cold as a cold light shot out from his gaze.

"Don't worry, Yuan Wu, we'll drag him out sooner or later," Huo Xin slowly said, and his eyes flickered with a cold light that was not one bit lesser.

Before long, when they were just about to arrive at Dubhe Peak, the two of them saw an old man and a middle-aged man walk over shoulder to shoulder.

"Elder Lu, Elder Zhao." Huo Xin and Yuan Wu respectfully bowed to the old man and middle-aged man.

The old man nodded to the two of them. As for the middle-aged man, from the beginning till the end, he didn't even look Huo Xin and Yuan Wu in the eye....Perhaps as far as he was concerned, Huo Xin and Yuan Wu still didn't have the qualifications for him to look them in the eyes.

Huo Xin and Yuan Wu were slightly embarrassed as they swiftly left.

They'd long since heard of Elder Zhao Lin's arrogance, so they didn't feel surprised.

The old man was precisely Megrez Peak's outer court elder, Lu Qiu.

Now, Lu Qiu and Zhao Lin walked shoulder to shoulder on the chain bridge as they walked towards the Megrez Peak in large strides.

"Zhao Lin, when I saw that Huo Xin earlier, I couldn't help but recall that Duan Ling Tian.... That young man we met at Megrez Peak yesterday afternoon, do you still have an impression of him?" Lu Qiu said to Zhao Lin.

Zhao Lin nodded, and a trace of disdain appeared on the corners of his mouth.

As far as he was concerned, that was a pretty boy!

A pretty boy with skin that was simply whiter and more delicate than a woman's.

"It's exactly that Duan Ling Tian. I wonder what happened, as his skin was still a normal and healthy bronze color a few days ago when he'd just arrived at our Megrez Peak.... But in a day's time, a tremendous change occurred on his skin, even to the extent his skin can be compared to a baby's and is rosy. Truly unbelievable." As he finished speaking, Lu Qiu sighed with emotion and had a face full of shock.

"Hmm?" On hearing what Lu Qiu said, the eyes of Zhao Lin, who originally had a calm expression, abruptly lit up, and his breathing suddenly became hurried.

"Elder Lu, are you sure his skin wasn't like that previously?" Zhao Lin looked at Lu Qiu and was slightly discomposed.

Although Lu Qiu didn't know why Zhao Lin would suddenly be interested in Duan Ling Tian, he still nodded. "I'm sure. Two days ago, when I brought Huo Xin and another two outer court disciples to go receive the 20 new disciples that had passed the outer court test....That Duan Ling Tian was one of them, and he was also the person Huo Xin personally chose. I remember it clearly; at that time his skin was bronze."

"What? Is there something not right?" Lu Qiu asked Zhao Lin, as he had the feeling that Zhao Lin's suddenly reaction might be because Zhao Lin had noticed something.

According to his knowledge, it was ordinarily impossible for Zhao Lin to be interested in such matters.

But today, his behavior departed from his normal behavior.

"It's nothing." Zhao Lin shook his head, but deep within his gaze, a hard to notice glowing light that was burning flashed by. "I'm just curious, how could someone suddenly experience such a tremendous change."

Lu Qiu nodded. He thought like this as well and continued to walk shoulder to shoulder with Zhao Lin.

Zhao Lin walked by Lu Qiu's side, but his mood was incomparably agitated....

Rebirth!

He could be sure that Duan Ling Tian had absolutely gone through the rebirth of legends.

As luck would have it, he'd just so happened to have seen the records relating to rebirth within an ancient record....

Allegedly, there was a miraculous liquid in Cloud Continent that once consumed could allow someone to be completely reborn.

And the natural talent in the Martial Dao of that person would undergo a tremendous change!

To attain the utmost limit.

Zhao Lin's heart was trembling. He remembered clearly that the miraculous liquid was the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk.

Once one consumed the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk and was reborn, one's skin would transform to become delicate like a baby's....

He clearly remembered the writing on that ancient record!

"The 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk. That pretty boy has consumed the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk...." Zhao Lin's mood surged and couldn't calm down for a long time.

But he didn't dare shot it out, because after all, Lu Qiu was beside him now.

"I must get the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk from that pretty boy, I must!" Zhao Lin resolved in his heart.

"I hope that pretty boy can be sensible.... Even if I have to stop at nothing, I must still get the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk from him!" Traces of cold lights flashed deep within Zhao Lin's eyes.

10,000 Year Stalactite Milk was sufficient to change his entire life....

No matter what, he must obtain it!

Duan Ling Tian naturally didn't know that the matter of him consuming 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk had already been found out by someone.

Currently, he'd left the Seven Star Sword Sect and entered the vast primeval forest.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed, and the scenery of the primeval forest flashed swiftly by his side....

The Spirit Serpent Movement Technique was exerted by Duan Ling Tian to the limit!

"Roar!" A loud roar sounded out from ahead, causing Duan Ling Tian to unconsciously stop his steps.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed that it was a Spiked Tiger with a strength comparable to a ninth level Core Formation martial artist, and its pair of fangs that were like spikes were its strongest martial skill.

Whoosh!

The Spiked Tiger had noticed him as well and dashed quickly at him before pouncing towards him.

"Bring it on!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze shone, and he directly moved to intercept it.

At the same time that the Spiked Tiger pounced over, 12 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared above it out of thin air....

Now when Duan Ling Tian attacked, only 12 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared above him as well!

He didn't plan to use his entire strength when faced with a ninth level Core Formation Stage Spiked Tiger; otherwise, his plan to test the Quake Energy would come to nothing, and his trip here would be meaningless.

He entered the primeval forest this time precisely to test the might of the Quake Energy.

"Roar!" The Spiked Tiger swiftly pounced at Duan Ling Tian. It opened up its bloody mouth and a bloody stench suffused the air, causing Duan Ling Tian to feel a wave of disgust.

Seeing the Spiked Tiger right before his eyes, Duan Ling Tian made his move.

Spirit Serpent Movement Technique!

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have transformed into an incomparably agile spirit serpent that flashed behind the Spiked Tiger in the blink of an eye....

When the Spiked Tiger hadn't reacted to Duan Ling Tian's sudden movement, Duan Ling Tian attacked.

Dragon's Finishing Touch!

Duan Ling Tian pointed out with his finger, and an ear-deafening, piercing howl sounded out. He'd directly left out the step of drawing the dragon and directly did the finishing touch!

Pu!

Duan Ling Tian's finger that was suffused with Origin Energy descended down and directly pieced through the thick skin and flesh of the Spiked Tiger into its bones.

"Roar~" The Spiked Tiger roared out in grief, its sound filled with rage and despair.

Quake Energy!

The Origin Energy on the tip of Duan Ling Tian's finger abruptly started vibrating, and vibrating with a terrifying frequency....

"Crackle crackle...." Instantly, the body of the Spiked Tiger started trembling, and its grievous roar stopped, then its enormous body crashed onto the floor and sent waves of sounds of bones shattering echoing out in the air.

"What a terrifying Quake Energy! I looked down upon it earlier." Duan Ling Tian withdrew his Origin Energy and stood there, and as he gazed at the Spiked Tiger's body that was limp on the ground, a trace of coldness arose in his heart.

He'd clearly felt it earlier. When he pointed at the Spiked Tiger's bones and executed the Quake Energy, the bones of the Spiked Tiger vibrated along with the Quake Energy, then shattered in the end....

And the shattered bone bits pierced into every part of the Spiked Tigers body, including its internal organs, causing the Spiked Tiger to directly die.

Duan Ling Tian let out a breath of cold air, and a trace of enthusiastic excitement appeared on his face.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian, who was aroused didn't stop at this, and continued to head into the primeval forest.

This time, he planned to exert a cultivation that was one level lower than the fierce beast and see if he's able to successfully kill the fierce beast....Once he succeeded, then the Quake Energy would really be too terrifying!

Before long, Duan Ling Tian encountered the next fierce beast.

This fierce beast was a second level Origin Core Stage fierce beast.... A Wind Leopard!

This Wind Leopard was adept at speed, and in terms of speed, it was absolutely outstanding amongst second level Origin Core Stage fierce beasts.

The Wind Leopard charged at Duan Ling Tian with a swift dash, and it opened up its blood mouth with fangs that flickered with the sheen of saliva, desiring to swallow Duan Ling Tian with one gulp!

Above the Wind Leopard, 30 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared.

The Seven Star Sword Sect outer court disciple attire on Duan Ling Tian's figure fluttered, and above him, 20 ancient mammoth silhouettes had appeared....

He wanted to try to see if he could kill this Wind Leopard with the strength of the first level of the Origin Core Stage.

Chapter 272: Small Team

Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold when he saw the Wind Leopard pouncing over, and he was already prepared to move to intercept it and compare his strength against it.

"Hmm?" Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force slightly jerked, and he could sense people approaching, a total of three people.

Duan Ling Tian's figure flashed, temporarily dodged the Wind Leopard, and looked towards the distance....

These three people were two men and a woman.

Meanwhile, the Wind Leopard pounced at him once again, bearing down menacingly upon him.

"Be careful!" Right when he was about to make a move and kill the Wind Leopard, a delicate shout sounded out....

Duan Ling Tian felt a fragrant wind assail his nostrils, and he could see that the gentle and graceful figure of the woman amongst the three people had flashed out and arrived before him in the blink of an eye.

Whoosh!

This was a gentle and graceful woman. The three-foot-long blade in her hand flashed out, and above her, 46 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form....Third level of the Origin Core Stage!

Grade eight spirit weapon!

Duan Ling Tian saw through this woman with a single glance.

Although the Wind Leopard's speed was swift, it was only in comparison to second level Origin Core martial artists and fierce beasts, and before this third level Origin Core Stage woman, it was completely unable to strike back.

In the blink of an eye, it was killed with a sword strike from the woman.

"Are you alright?" After the woman killed the Wind Leopard, she looked at Duan Ling Tian with slight concern, and when she saw Duan Ling Tian's skin that was like the skin of a baby, a trace of surprise was revealed on her face.

"I'm fine." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled and shook his head, then he sized up the young woman before him.

The woman was around 23 or 24 years old, and although she wasn't as beautiful as Ke Er or Li Fei, her delicate and elegant features and smooth and exquisite skin emitted traces of elegance, giving one a comfortable feeling.

The young woman's gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian's outer court disciple attire and lightly smiled as she said, "You're an outer court disciple of our Seven Star Sword Sect, right?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He'd noticed earlier that it wasn't just this woman who was a Seven Star Sword Sect outer court disciple, and the other two men that followed her over were also Seven Star Sword Sect outer court disciples.

"Nice to meet you. I'm Shi Lan, a disciple of Alkaid Peak." The young woman lightly smiled as she introduced herself to Duan Ling Tian. She had a kind expression, and her elegant eyes seemed as if they could speak.

"Duan Ling Tian, Megrez Peak disciple." Duan Ling Tian nodded to Shi Lan. He had a good impression of this warmhearted woman.

"Duan Ling Tian, you came to the primeval forest by yourself?" Shi Lan looked at the surroundings, and when she didn't notice anyone else, she couldn't refrain from asking curiously.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Shi Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, with a serious expression, "You're too rash.... You ought to be an outer court disciple that has only entered our Seven Star Sword Sect two days ago, right? You're only at the first level of the Origin Core Stage, so even if you want to come to this primeval forest, you ought to have found a team. Otherwise, you will likely lose your life, just like earlier."

As far as she was concerned, if it wasn't for her being in time to help him, Duan Ling Tian would have already died under the claws of that Wind Leopard and would surely have no chance of surviving.

Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that Shi Lan was truly concerned about him, and he couldn't help but smile. "Thank you for the reminder."

He knew that because he had only exerted the strength of 20 ancient mammoths when facing the Wind Leopard earlier, Shi Lan mistook him to be a first level Origin Core martial artist.

Toward this, he didn't make any further explanations, as he wasn't someone that liked to show off.

Shi Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian and invited him. "Why don't you join us? You'll be safer when following us.... At that time, we'll share equally all the gains. How about it? My two companions are both extremely formidable."

Duan Ling Tian originally wanted to refuse her, but when he saw Shi Lan's sincere gaze of anticipation, he didn't refuse her in the end and nodded. "OK, then I'll be troubling you."

As far as he was concerned, he had nothing to do in any case, so going along with the three people wasn't a problem.

"Come, I'll introduce them to you." Shi Lan lightly smiled to Duan Ling Tian, then she brought Duan Ling Tian along to walk over to the two Seven Star Sword Sect outer court disciples that were nearby.

"Hu Li, Shao Fei.... This is Duan Ling Tian, a Megrez Peak disciple, and he will be joining our team from now on to enter the primeval forest to train and gain experience. I've already promised him that all gains will be shared equally amongst the four of us," Shi Lan said to the two male outer court disciples.

"Nice to meet you. I'm Hu Li, a Phecda peak disciple." The outer court disciple with a tall and robust figure and an age similar to Shi Lan lightly smiled as he greeted Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian." Duan Ling Tian smiled to the robust young man, as he'd always respected those who respected him.

"Hmph!" Right at this moment, the thin young man that stood at the side had a sneer on the corners of his mouth, and his cold and indifferent gaze sized up Duan Ling Tian, then he frowned. "Shi Lan, he's only a first level Origin Core Stage pretty boy. We're only adding on a burden by bringing him along."

Duan Ling Tian's face sank.

Shi Lan and Hu Li were both slightly embarrassed, and Hu Li said to Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, he's Shao Fei, a Phecda Peak disciple as well. Even though Shao Fei's age is similar to mine and Shi Lan's, he's already a fourth level Origin Core martial artist.... His natural talent in the Martial Dao is great, so it's hard to avoid being arrogant. Don't lower yourself to the same level as him and just take it as you never heard what he said earlier. We being able to meet here and are all Seven Star Sword Sect disciples can be considered to be fate. So join us."

"Yeah, Duan Ling Tian, don't take what Shao Fei said to heart." Shi Lan smiled apologetically to Duan Ling Tian.

Shao Fei frowned, and he was just about to speak when he noticed Hu Li and Shi Lan both look at him and shake their heads.

In the end, he didn't speak out and only snorted in a low voice.

Duan Ling Tian was able to feel Shi Lan and Hu Li's sincerity. He had a favorable impression of the two, so he didn't refuse and nodded in agreement.

"Alright, let's go wander through this primeval forest together, continue forward!" Hu Li laughed heartily with a heroic spirit that pierced into the sky.

A true man!

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but praise in his heart as he looked at Hu Li.

Their group of four walked towards the inner parts of the forest, and on the way, Shi Lan had a serious expression as she said to Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, the primeval forest is vast and boundless. We're only at the outer area of the forest, and we'll be close to the inner area after walking forward further.... The fierce beasts there are much stronger than the fierce beasts here. Your strength is weaker, so follow us closely. Don't split up from us."

"OK." Duan Ling Tian smiled to Shi Lan, and a trace of warmth arose within his heart.

Even though he wasn't afraid of the fierce beasts within, Shi Lan didn't know of his true strength and only thought that he was a first level Origin Core martial artist.

"You don't have the strength, but you're still daring to venture into the primeval forest. Courting death." Shao Fei followed at the back, and he grunted in a low voice with a tone that didn't lack ridicule.

Duan Ling Tian frowned, then noticed Hu Li and Shi Lan smiling apologetically, and his brows eased up. He didn't argue about it with Shao Fei and took it as if he didn't hear it.

He didn't want to make it difficult on Hu Li and Shi Lan.

This Shao Fei was their companion after all.

As they went deeper into the Primeval Forest, the terrain became even more complicated. There was a dense growth of trees, and the ground was covered in grass and brambles....

The environment here was extremely suitable for concealment and was simply a heaven for fierce beasts.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force became vigilant, and he looked towards the nearby bush which was also beside Hu Li, then he shouted in a low voice, "Be careful!"

Hu Li instantly became vigilant when he heard Duan Ling Tian's voice.

And right at that moment, a completely jade-green, enormous wolf with glossy fur pounced out from within the bush, then it opened its bloody mouth to bite towards Hu Li.

In the sky, 40 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form....

Third level Origin Core Stage fierce beast!

"Azure Wolf!" Shi Lan exclaimed in surprise.

And right at this moment, Hu Li's body slightly inclined forward, and with a raise of his hand, the three-foot-long blade on his back was instantly unsheathed....

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

...

A sky blue colored sword light flashed out. Sword images suffused out to transform into a sword net that enveloped down towards the Azure Wolf, and it flickered with dazzling sword lights that caused one to be dazzled.

Above Hu Li, 46 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form.

Obviously, Hu Li was similar to Shi Lan and possessed a cultivation at the third level of the Origin Core Stage and his spirit weapon was a grade seven spirit weapon as well.

"Aowuuuu!" The Azure Wolf let out a shrill cry and was torn into pieces by Hu Li's sword images. Its blood scattered onto the ground as its body crashed down.

Hu Li had a slight lingering fear as he heaved a sigh of relief, then he looked at Duan Ling Tian with gratitude. "Duan Ling Tian, thank you. If it wasn't for you, I might have been injured by it."

"Yeah, Duan Ling Tian. The Azure Wolf is extremely skilled in concealment. Within this bush, we're utterly unable to notice it.... How did you notice it?" Shi Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian with a face full of surprise, as she originally thought that Duan Ling Tian's strength was weak and that he would need them to take care of him, but she'd never expected that Duan Ling Tian still had such ability.

Earlier, if it wasn't for Duan Ling Tian noticing the Azure Wolf in time, Hu Li would surely be injured.

"My angle of vision from here just happened to be able to see its green eyes." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled and found an excuse.

He couldn't say that his Spiritual Force was more sharp, right?

"Dog shit luck!" Shao Fei's frowned brows eased up, then he glanced at Duan Ling Tian with a cold and indifferent gaze and snorted in disdain.

Hu Li and Shi Lan frowned and were both dissatisfied at Shao Fei.

"The Beast Core of a third level Origin Core Stage fierce beast is really small." Meanwhile, Hu Li dug out a beast core that flickered with a light sheen from within the Azure Wolf's corpse.

Origin Core Stage fierce beasts had already condensed beast cores within their bodies.

A beast core was also a type of medicinal material.

"Hu Li, your Skynet Sword Technique was something you started cultivating when you arrived at Seven Star Sword Sect a year ago, I never imagined it had already stepped into the Perfection Stage." Shi Lan glanced at Hu Li in admiration. "You killed that Azure Wolf with a single sword strike."

Many Seven Star Sword Sect disciples didn't cultivate sword skills before entering the Seven Star Sword Sect, and only after they arrived at the Seven Star Sword Sect did they start cultivating sword skills.

This was something that Duan Ling Tian knew of.

Hu Li laughed. "The martial skill I originally cultivated had some similarities with the Skynet Sword Technique. So I cultivated this Skynet Sword Technique with high proficiency.... Hasn't your Soaring Wind Sword stepped into the Mastery Stage as well?"

"It's only the Mastery Stage; it will at least take me a year to break through to the Perfection Stage." Shi Lan sighed.

Chapter 273: The Atrocious Shao Fei

When changing to cultivate sword skills from other types of martial skills, disciples that entered the Seven Star Sword Sect would ordinarily choose sword skills that were similar to the martial skills they'd previously cultivated.

Unless their comprehension ability was inferior to the point one would find it difficult to look seriously at them, practically all martial artists that were able to attain a cultivation at the Origin Core Stage had already cultivated a high grade Profound Rank martial skill to the Perfection Stage and had an extremely deep comprehension towards certain martial skills.

As a top sect within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, the sword skills of the Seven Star Sword Sect were practically all high grade Profound Rank sword skills, and unless one who entered the sect was originally cultivating sword skills, one would surely change to cultivate sword skills.

Sword skills rely on spirit swords to be executed, and to a certain extent they possess an advantage to most martial skills.

"Let's go." Shao Fei frowned when he saw Shi Lan and Hu Li starting to chat idly and continued to walk forward.

"Duan Ling Tian, let's catch up to him." Shi Lan and Hu Li called Duan Ling Tian, then the three of them caught up to Shao Fei.

In the following part of the journey, they would encounter fierce beasts from time to time....

The strongest amongst these fierce beasts was at the third level of the Origin Core Stage, and every time such a fierce beast appeared, it would be killed with the swing of a sword by Shi Lan and Hu Li.

"Our gains aren't bad. We already have seven beast cores from third level Origin Core Stage fierce beasts and 15 beast cores from second level Origin Core Stage fierce beasts." Hu Li, who was in charge of collecting the spoils, grinned widely.

"Be careful, the fierce beasts further up are even stronger." Shi Lan looked ahead with a slightly fearful gaze, then she looked at Duan Ling Tian, mainly wanting to warn Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian smiled to Shi Lan to express his understanding.

"Roar!" Right at this moment, along with an oppressive loud roar, an extremely agile fierce beast with an enormous body dashed over and arrived before Duan Ling Tian's group of four in the blink of an eye.

While the fierce beast dashed out, Duan Ling Tian could feel the vibration coming from the ground with every step it took. It was as if the earth quaked and the mountains swayed.

When this enormous fierce beast dashed over, 60 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form in the sky above it....

Presently, the fierce beast was staring at Duan Ling Tian's group of four, seeming to be observing something.

Hu Li fiercely gulped down a mouthful of saliva when he saw the fierce beast before him and exclaimed out in a low voice, "Fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast, Elephant Rhino!"

The Elephant Rhino was a terrifying fierce beast that was adept in strength and speed. It was able to knock ordinary fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beasts flying with a single charge and was extremely tyrannical.

"Shao Fei, it's up to you." When Shi Lan saw the Elephant Rhino appear, her beautiful eyes slightly squinted and descended onto Shao Fei.

The Elephant Rhino, a fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast that possessed the strength of 60 ancient mammoths....

In terms of speed, she and Hu Li were far from being able to compare with the Elephant Rhino.

In terms of offense, even though she and Hu Li were third level Origin Core martial artists that possessed grade eight spirit weapons, the strength that they were able to exert when relying upon the spirit weapons was only comparable to the strength of 46 ancient mammoths.... It was too much of a difference compared to the Elephant Rhino.

Even if she and Hu Li joined forces, it would still be impossible for them to be a match for the Elephant Rhino.

As for Duan Ling Tian, as far as she was concerned, he was only a first level Origin Core Stage outer court disciple that had just entered the Seven Star Sword Sect and would unable to help.

So, in her opinion, only Shao Fei was able to deal with this Elephant Rhino in their group of four.

Shao Fei's brows knitted when he heard Shi Lan, and a trace of complacency appeared on the corners of his mouth.

Subsequently, his gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian and he said, with a mocking tone, "If memory serves, there seems to be one person amongst us that hasn't fought a battle yet, right? Since you've joined our team, and since you want an equal share of the gains.... You can't just sit around and enjoy the fruits of others' labor, right?"

Shao Fei's voice was extremely irritating to the ear.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a sneer when he heard Shao Fei.

This Shao Fei said that he was sitting around and enjoying the fruits of others' labor?

All through their way here, the only reason he didn't fight a battle yet was because Shi Lan and Hu Li would rush over before him and didn't give him the opportunity to make a move....

If they really encountered danger, he naturally wouldn't look on and do nothing!

However, in the eyes of Shao Fei, his cultivation was only at the first level of the Origin Core Stage....

Under these circumstances, Shao Fei was pushing him out when faced with a fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino. The atrocious heart of Shao Fei was apparent!

Shao Fei wanted him to go die!

"What? Don't dare?" Seeing Duan Ling Tian not moving, Shao Fei started laughing. "A pretty boy is a pretty boy in the end. Besides wooing women, what other ability do you have?"

As he spoke up to this point, Shao Fei intentionally glanced at Shi Lan.

Shi Lan's expression was extremely unsightly. "Shao Fei, how can you be like this!? Duan Ling Tian is only a first level Origin Core martial artist, whereas the Elephant Rhino is a fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast, and only you amongst us are able to deal with it.... You asking Duan Ling Tian to deal with it, isn't it asking him to go die?"

"Hmph!" Shao Fei glanced at Duan Ling Tian with a cold and indifferent gaze as he ridiculed. "A pretty boy that sits around and enjoys the fruits of others' labor wants to have an equal share of the gains with us without fighting a battle? Is that possible? If he's dead, then we three will share the gains. Isn't that even better?"

"You...." Shi Lan was angered by Shao Fei to the point that her face went ghastly white and her delicate figure started trembled and was unable to speak.

"Shao Fei, you're going too far!" Hu Li wasn't able to stand by and watch any longer, and he frowned as he said, "Since Duan Ling Tian has joined us now, he's our companion. How can you be like this?!"

"Hu Li!" Shao Fei sneered. "If you and Shi Lan want to protect him, then fight it yourselves. I'm not willing to equally share my gains with a fellow that sits around and enjoys the fruits of others' labor."

As Shao Fei spoke, he retreated a few steps.

Subsequently, while Shi Lan and Hu Li had livid expressions, he added, "Right, if you two expel him from our small team, or perhaps he himself is sensible and leaves.... Then I'll act and help you two."

Shao Fei's tone was filled with complacency as if he was certain that if he didn't act, Duan Ling Tian and the others wouldn't be able to deal with the Elephant Rhino.

"Shao Fei, you...." Hu Li and Shi Lan were both angered by Shao Fei to the point that their faces went livid and their eyes were crimson red. They'd also noticed now that the Elephant Rhino was already accumulating strength and was likely to attack them at any moment.

If Shao Fei didn't help, then only the path of death was left for the three of them!

However, asking them to expel Duan Ling Tian from their small team and yield to Shao Fei's abuse of power was something that they weren't willing to do from the bottom of their hearts.

"Duan Ling Tian, you stand behind. I and Hu Li will deal with this Elephant Rhino.... If the situation goes awry, you flee right away!" Shi Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian and had a serious expression.

"Yeah, Duan Ling Tian, you're only at the first level of the Origin Core Stage, and you're far from being a match for this fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino. Just stay behind us and watch us deal with it.... If the situation gets dangerous, listen to Shi Lan and flee right away!" Hu Li said to Duan Ling Tian as well. The face of this robust young man was filled with seriousness.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze was complicated when he heard what Hu Li and Shi Lan said, and traces of warmth arose in his heart.

"Hmph!" Shao Fei, who stood at the back, saw this scene and sneered. "Such a touching scene.... Shi Lan, Hu Li, let me say it first: if this Duan Ling Tian flees by himself and isn't expelled from our small team by the two of you, then even if you two are about to be killed by the Elephant Rhino, I still won't make a move to save the two of you!"

What Shao Fei said caused Duan Ling Tian's face to sink.

This Shao Fei was really at odds with him!

Moreover, he even looked at Shi Lan's and Hu Li's lives as a trifling matter.

Flames of rage arose within Duan Ling Tian's heart....

"Shao Fei!" Hu Li looked at Shao Fei. Coldness and indifference appeared on the corners of his mouth, and his gaze became entirely unfamiliar. "I won't expel Duan Ling Tian even if I die! He is my companion."

"Me too." Shi Lan's elegant face tightened, and her tone was incomparably firm.

"Good, good.... Then I want to see how all of you deal with the Elephant Rhino!" Shao Fei knew that his plan to force Duan Ling Tian to leave had failed when Hu Li and Shi Lan declared their stances. He was slightly angry from embarrassment and started laughing from extreme anger.

Subsequently, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and a trace of a cold light flashed within his eyes.

Duan Ling Tian felt the hostility Shao Fei had towards him.

He understood that this Shao Fei was a petty person who had always felt it difficult to feel at ease when a first level Origin Core Stage like him joined their small team.

Perhaps in Shao Fei's eyes, Duan Ling Tian was only a burden.

But Duan Ling Tian had never imagined that just because of this, this Shao Fei would actually lose all balance of judgment and make Shi Lan and Hu Li die for this....

The atrocious actions of this Shao Fei caused Duan Ling Tian to feel disgust from the bottom of his heart!

"Shi Lan, Hu Li, thank you for your good intentions...." Duan Ling Tian looked at Shi Lan and Hu Li, then he lightly smiled.

"Duan Ling Tian, what do you mean by this? You're our companion. No matter what, we won't let you leave our small team."

"Yeah, Duan Ling Tian, we're companions, and we go through thick and thin together!" Hu Li and Shi Lan thought that Duan Ling Tian intended to leave by himself, and their faces instantly went pale as they hurriedly spoke out.

"Hmph! I'll consider you sensible." Shao Fei naturally thought Duan Ling Tian intended to leave himself as well, and instantly, a trace of a victorious smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

Unexpectedly, Duan Ling Tian's actions in the next moment caused the smile on the corners of his mouth to freeze.

"Shi Lan, Hu Li, what are you two talking about? I'm not leaving.... I just want to tell the two of you to leave this Elephant Rhino to me." Duan Ling Tian knew that Shi Lan and Hu Li had misunderstood, so he hurriedly explained with a light smile.

As he spoke, he took a stride forward and walked towards the fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino.... As it happens, he could use this Elephant Rhino to properly test the Wyrm Python Form's Quake Energy.

"I'll suppress my strength to the third level of the Origin Core Stage and exert the strength of 40 ancient mammoths, then I'll use a grade seven spirit sword.... Forget it, I'll use a grade eight spirit sword. In this way, my offensive strength will be comparable to the strength of 48 ancient mammoths." At the same time that he walked out, he thought in his heart, "This Elephant Rhino is a fierce beast at the fourth level of the Origin Core Stage and possesses the strength of 60 ancient mammoths.... I'll test if I'm able to use the strength of 48 ancient mammoths and rely on the Quake Energy to kill it!"

As he thought up to this point, Duan Ling Tian was slightly excited in his heart.

Unexpectedly.

"No! A fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast isn't something you can deal with. Duan Ling Tian, quickly come back!" Shi Lan noticed Duan Ling Tian's actions, and her beautiful face went pale.

"Courting death!" A trace of a sneer and disdain appeared on the corners of Shao Fei's mouth when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said and saw Duan Ling Tian's actions, and he had a face full of taking pleasure on Duan Ling Tian's misfortune.

A mere first level Origin Core martial artist wanted to deal with a fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino?

As far as he was concerned, this pretty boy was simply overestimating himself! And he was virtually courting death!

"Shao Fei, it's already come to this and you're still taking pleasure on his misfortune!" Hu Li glanced at Shao Fei in dissatisfaction, then he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, quickly come back! That Elephant Rhino isn't something you can deal with."

"Don't worry." Duan Ling Tian heard Shi Lan and Hu Li's concern and turned around to lightly smile to them.

"Hu Li, he's rushing to get himself killed. There's no need for you to stop him," Shao Fei said indifferently, as if he eagerly looked forward to Duan Ling Tian dying under the tusks of the Elephant Rhino.

"Shao Fei, you're going too far!" Shi Lan shouted out angrily, and her beautiful face flushed red as she said to Hu Li. "Hu Li, I'm going to help Duan Ling Tian!"

Hu Li replied and wanted to go together with Shi Lan to help Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian instead shook his head. "You two just watch, I alone am sufficient to deal with this Elephant Rhino."

Hu Li and Shi Lan couldn't help but be stunned when they heard this.

He alone is sufficient?

"Duan Ling Tian, now isn't the time to try and be brave!" Shi Lan and Hu Li practically said at the same time.

"Haha.... Looks like you are rather confident, pretty boy. Let me see how you deal with this Elephant Rhino by yourself." Shao Fei laughed in ridicule as he looked at Duan Ling Tian, then he looked at Hu Li and Shi Lan. "Shi Lan, Hu Li, you two have good intentions.... But unfortunately, it was refused by him. Since he wants to court death, then you two should help him fulfil his wish."

Duan Ling Tian directly ignored what Shao Fei said, then he nodded to Shi Lan and Hu Li before turning around and dashing towards the Elephant Rhino.

"Shi Lan, let's go! We'll go help him." Hu Li called Shi Lan even though Duan Ling Tian said that he didn't need their help, but how could they look on and do nothing?

As far as they were concerned, Duan Ling Tian was their companion, and they would absolutely not cast Duan Ling Tian aside.

However, right when they were about to move out.

When their gazes touched upon Duan Ling Tian's location far off into the distance, they completely froze....

Heavens!

What had they seen?

As Duan Ling Tian dashed on the way towards the Elephant Rhino, the energy of heaven and earth roiled above him and actually condensed into 40 ancient mammoth silhouettes....

The strength of 40 ancient mammoths!

This was the sign of the third level of the Origin Core Stage.

In other words, Duan Ling Tian was actually a third level Origin Core martial artist!

This pleasant surprise that suddenly appeared caused Shi Lan and Hu Li's hearts to tremble, and disbelief appeared on their faces.

They both glanced at each other and were able to see the shock in each other's eyes.

They didn't overlook the most important point: Duan Ling Tian's age was at most around 20, and he even might not be 20 yet!

A third level Origin Core martial artist that was around 20. What notion was this?

Even in the entire Seven Star Sword Sect, such natural talent could be considered to be a first-rate genius disciple.

Their heartbeats abruptly quickened, and they were happy and alarmed.

They were happy that Duan Ling Tian actually wasn't a first level Origin Core martial artist, he was a third level Origin Core martial artist!

They were alarmed because even though Duan Ling Tian was a third level Origin Core martial artist, he still wasn't a match for the fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino.

"How could this be possible?!" Shao Fei stared blankly at the 40 ancient mammoth silhouettes above Duan Ling Tian and had a face full of disbelief.

This pretty boy, how could he possibly have such a formidable strength!

His face went gloomy.

As far as he was concerned, Duan Ling Tian's natural talent had far surpassed his....

When he was at this age, his cultivation was far from this level.

Instantly, his chest was filled with envy.

His face was gloomy as he gazed at Duan Ling Tian's figure that flashed towards the Elephant Rhino, and his eyes flickered with a cold light and the corners of his mouth curled into a sneer. "So what if you're at the third level of the Origin Core Stage? Aren't you still going to die beneath the tusks of the Elephant Rhino!?"

As far as he was concerned, it was impossible for a third level Origin Core martial artist to survive under the tusks of the Elephant Rhino.

"Hu Li, Duan Ling Tian is at the third level of the Origin Core Stage like us.... Even if the three of us aren't able to kill the Elephant Rhino when we join forces, we ought to be able to force it to retreat!" After finding out about Duan Ling Tian's true cultivation level, Shi Lan's eyes shone as she looked at Hu Li, and a trace of joy appeared on her elegant face.

"OK!" Hu Li nodded and dashed out with Shi Lan.

If three third level Origin Core martial artists were to join forces, they indeed were likely to force the Elephant Rhino to retreat.

However, Shi Lan's and Hu Li's figures that flashed out stopped in next to no time because there was a figure that flashed towards them and obstructed them, not allowing them to help Duan Ling Tian.

"Shao Fei, what is the meaning of this?" Hu Li's face went gloomy. Now he'd seen that Duan Ling Tian had started to fight the Elephant Rhino and was using a profound movement technique to tangle with the Elephant Rhino.

As far as he was concerned, if he were to be a little later, it would be very likely that Duan Ling Tian would lose his life!

"Shao Fei, what's us going to help Duan Ling Tian got to do with you? Don't go too far!" Shi Lan never thought Shao Fei would obstruct them as well, and her beautiful face went grim. Her pair of beautiful eyes flickered with a lustre of rage as he stared fixedly at Shao Fei.

"Shi Lan, Hu Li, it isn't that I'm intentionally obstructing the two of you.... I'm only helping that pretty boy. Didn't he say that he didn't need your help? Since it's like that, as a member of this small team, I naturally have to help him obstruct the two of you so that you two don't steal away his limelight." Shao Fei grinned widely, grinning brilliantly with a face full of righteous indignation.

As if he really was kindheartedly helping Duan Ling Tian.

But Shao Fei's smile in the eyes of Hu Li and Shi Lan was so hypocritical....

"Shao Fei, it's fine if you don't want to help Duan Ling Tian, but you still stop us from helping him. Is it because you have to see him dead before you can be happy?" Hu Li's eyes were crimson red, and he raised his hand to grasp ahold of his sheathed sword on his back, ready to draw his sword at any moment.

"Shao Fei, get out of the way!" Shi Lan's voice had a trace of icy-cold rage mixed within, and in her hand, a three-foot-long blade appeared out of thin air.

"What? You two want to attack me? Do the two of you think you are a match for me?" The corners of Shao Fei's mouth curled into a sneer, and in his hand, a dark green spirit sword appeared out of thin air....

"Don't you two forget, not only does my cultivation far surpass the two of you, even the spirit sword in my hand is a grade seven spirit sword!" Shao Fei's face had a sense of disdain mixed within it as he looked at Hu Li and Shi Lan.

As far as he was concerned, not to mention Hu Li and Shi Lan, even if Hu Li, Shi Lan, and the pretty boy joined forces, it still would be impossible for them to be a match for him.

"If you still don't get out of the way, then we won't pull our punches." Shi Lan's beautiful face had traces of rage on it, and she loathed Shao Fei's current actions from the bottom of her heart. How could she have not noticed in the past that this Shao Fei was such an atrocious person?

Today, she could be considered to have witnessed Shao Fei's true face!

"Shao Fei, get out of the way!" Hu Li had an agitated expression, and his three-foot-long blade left its sheath to enter his hands.

"What? You two really want to make a move against me? Then let me see if you two have improved lately." Shao Fei started laughing, and his smile contained traces of disdain.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Shi Lan and Hu Li couldn't hold back any longer and directly swung their swords to flash towards Shao Fei.

Shao Fei seemed as if he was playing with the two of them, and their swords were easily parried by Shao Fei's sword....

Moreover not to mention the fact that the grade seven spirit sword in his hand far surpassed the grade eight spirit swords in the hands of Shi Lan and Hu Li.

In terms of strength, he was a fourth level Origin Core martial artist, and compared to the two of them, who were third level Origin Core martial artists, he had an entire strength of 20 ancient mammoths more than them!

Under his sword, Shi Lan and Hu Li were no different than children.

Whoosh!

Presently, Duan Ling Tian was using a cultivation at the third level of the Origin Core Stage to execute the Spirit Serpent Movement Technique and flash around the Elephant Rhino.

Every time, he would safely dodge past the Elephant Rhino's ram.

The sharp tusks of the Elephant Rhino had shaved past Duan Ling Tian's outer court disciple's attire many times as it flashed past, but it wasn't even able to touch the corners of Duan Ling Tian's clothes.

"Roar!" The Elephant Rhino finally was enraged and went berserk!

At this time, Duan Ling Tian didn't dare continue playing with the Elephant Rhino by executing the Spirit Serpent Movement Technique with a strength at the third level of the Origin Core Stage, as the current Elephant Rhino had already completely revealed the speed it should have as a fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast....

The speed that it revealed with the strength of 60 ancient mammoths was far from something he could match with the speed he revealed when using the strength of 40 ancient mammoths!

Instantly, 60 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared above Duan Ling Tian. Now, dodging the attacks of the Elephant Rhino was accomplished by him with ease.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, the sounds of weapons clashing entered his ears, and Duan Ling Tian frowned. Could it be that Shi Lan and the others have encountered danger?

When he flipped his body to leap onto the Elephant Rhino's back, he glanced over and saw a scene that made him incomparably enraged.

"Shao Fei!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank. He was able to perceive that Shao Fei was playing tricks on Shi Lan and Hu Li.

Moreover Shao Fei's aim was apparent. It was to stop Shi Lan and Hu Li from helping him.

Although he didn't require the help of Shi Lan and Hu Li, Shao Fei's current actions still completely enraged him....

"I originally wanted to play with you for a while, but now I don't have the time to play with you anymore!" Duan Ling Tian looked at the Elephant Rhino beneath his feet and his eyes went cold.

Instantly, 20 of the 60 ancient mammoth silhouettes above him vanished into thin air and once again declined sharply to 40....

Duan Ling Tian once again controlled his strength at the strength of 40 ancient mammoths!

Comparable to an ordinary third level Origin Core martial artist!

Whoosh!

A three-foot-long blade appeared out of thin air in Duan Ling Tian's hand.

This three-foot-long blade was precisely the sword that he refined in the Swallow Mountain County's County City when he had a life wager by weapons refinement with the Zhu Clan's Second Elder.... And it was able to amplify his strength by 20%

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian attacked out with his sword.

The strength of a grade eight spirit sword bloomed out, and the 40 ancient mammoth silhouettes above him instantly became 48....

His sword flashed out as if transforming into a bolt of lightning that descended onto the head of the Elephant Rhino.

The Sword encountered an extremely strong resistance at the spot where it descended.

"The skin of this Elephant Rhino is really thick." Duan Ling Tian frowned.

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"Roar!" Although the three-foot-long blade only plunged slightly into the head of the Elephant Rhino, it still felt pain. It roared in grief and its enormous body started violently swaying, wanting to shake Duan Ling Tian off.

Duan Ling Tian was stable like Mount Tai and remained unmoved, and a smile appeared on the corners of his mouth.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold.

Quake Energy!

Origin Energy twined on the three-foot-long blade in his hand and started vibrating violently with a frequency that went faster and faster!

Om! Om! Om! Om! Om!

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The terrifying Quake Energy vibrated in the Origin Energy on the three-foot-long blade, and the strong skin and flesh of the Elephant Rhino was quickly sliced open. The sharp edge of the sword plunged straight into the skull of the Elephant Rhino.

Fresh blood shot out like a storm, and the Quake Energy still continued!

The vibrating Origin Energy on the three-foot-long blade in Duan Ling Tian's hand directly shattered the skull of the Elephant Rhino.

"Roar~" The Elephant Rhino let out its final roar, then its enormous body crashed onto the ground, causing dust to suffuse the air.

Dead!

Bang!

The ground quaked when the enormous body of the Elephant Rhino fell. It allowed the three people that were in combat in the distance to notice the events and stopped their actions.

"This...." Shi Lan and Hu Li stared blankly at the fallen Elephant Rhino, They had faces full of shock and disbelief.

Never had they imagined that Duan Ling Tian would actually kill the Elephant Rhino!

Moreover, Duan Ling Tian was without a scratch.

"No! Impossible.... Impossible!" Shao Fei was completely dumbstruck when he saw the scene before him.

That pretty boy actually killed the Elephant Rhino?

How could this be possible!?

I'm surely dreaming, surely!

However, when he pinched his thigh and felt the pain that came from it, he realized that this was no dream, but reality.

Duan Ling Tian took out the beast core of the Elephant Rhino then returned to the side of Shi Lan and Hu Li before passing the best core to Hu Li. "Hu Li, keep it first, and we'll share it equally later."

"Duan Ling Tian, you're really something." Hu Li gave Duan Ling Tian a big thumbs up, then he shook his head and sighed. "Unfortunately, I didn't see how you did it earlier.... You're actually able to kill a fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino with a cultivation at the third level of the Origin Core Stage. It's simply unbelievable!"

As he spoke up to this point, Hu Li's eyes had resentment within them as he swept his gaze at the nearby Shao Fei.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're too formidable." Shi Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian with a face full of adoration, as Duan Ling Tian killing that Elephant Rhino brought too great of a shock to her.

Before today, if someone told her that a third level Origin Core martial artist was able to kill a fourth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast, she would absolutely not believe it.

But now, she had no choice but to believe it!

Because this had happened right before her very eyes.

In next to no time, Shi Lan seemed to have recalled something, and she looked at Shao Fei with a furious expression. "Shao Fei, let's go our separate ways!"

As she recalled what happened earlier, Shi Lan's heart was filled with rage.

Luckily, Duan Ling Tian was alright. Otherwise, she wouldn't be able to forgive herself for her entire life.

After all, it was she who'd pulled Duan Ling Tian into this small team.

"Shao Fei, leave. In the future, I, Hu Li, will take it as I've never known you." Hu Li looked at Shao Fei with a face full of dissatisfaction. Now when he looked at Shao Fei, he couldn't help but recall what happened earlier and was extremely furious.

"What? Now that you two have this pretty boy, you plan to kick away the ladder?" Shao Fei's face had gone gloomy when Shi Lan spoke, and when he heard what Hu Li said, his gaze went cold. "Do you two think that I, Shao Fei, am someone the two of you can have at your beck and call?"

He was already envious of Duan Ling Tian, and now when he saw that Shi Lan and Hu Li actually wanted to drive him away for the sake of Duan Ling Tian, evil flames of rage instantly arose within his heart.

Actually, asking him to leave the small team was no big deal.

But when he thought of how it was because of this pretty boy, his heart was filled with hatred and rage, and he was unwilling to let it go at that.

"Shao Fei, what you did earlier really disappointed us." Hu Li looked at Shao Fei and his face sank.

"I've said it before, I was only helping that pretty boy earlier.... The facts prove that I was right to obstruct the two of you, as he could kill the Elephant Rhino by himself." Shao Fei sneered as if he'd long since known that Duan Ling Tian had the strength to kill the Elephant Rhino.

Actually, how could Shi Lan and Hu Li not know of those thoughts of his? And for a moment, their faces were extremely unsightly. "Shameless!"

"Alright, you two don't have to cut your relationship because of me." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and lightly smiled.

Shi Lan and Hu Li were stunned for a moment when they heard Duan Ling Tian.

If any elder helped appeal for Shao Fei, they wouldn't find it strange, but the person that appealed was instead Duan Ling Tian....

They both looked at Duan Ling Tian at the same time with faces full of astonishment.

"Hmph! At least you're sensible." Shao Fei laughed complacently when he heard Duan Ling Tian. He thought that Duan Ling Tian was afraid of him.

As far as he was concerned, even if Duan Ling Tian was able to kill the Elephant Rhino, it was only because Duan Ling Tian's luck was good.

Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had spent an extremely long time to kill the Elephant Rhino.

If he had attacked by relying upon his grade seven spirit sword, he would only need a single move, an instant, and it would be sufficient to kill the Elephant Rhino!

In his eyes, Duan Ling Tian was nothing.

Although Shi Lan and Hu Li didn't know why Duan Ling Tian would appeal on Shao Fei's behalf, since Duan Ling Tian, the concerned party, didn't fuss over it, they didn't say anything further either.

But they now completely took Shao Fei to be a stranger.

Shao Fei didn't care about it either, as he only stayed behind for the sake of striving for respect and striving for face!

Moreover, he would absolutely not allow that pretty boy to have an easy time!

Duan Ling Tian naturally noticed the icy-cold gaze that Shao Fei swept at him, but he didn't care. A sneer appeared on the corners of his mouth as if he already had control over the whole situation.

"Let's continue." Duan Ling Tian called Shi Lan and Hu Li then continued walking forward.

Shao Fei naturally caught up when he saw Duan Ling Tian's group of three walking forward, and his icycold gaze never left Duan Ling Tian's side....

Now, he wished for nothing more than to kill Duan Ling Tian!

But he wanted to see Duan Ling Tian being killed by a fierce beast.

Only in this way would he be able to vent the hatred in his heart!

Their group continued walking forward, and they hadn't walked for long when Duan Ling Tian stopped moving.

"What's wrong?" Shi Lan and Hu Li both had bewildered expressions.

"Pu**y!" Shao Fei sneered and continued walking forward.

Duan Ling Tian's brows knitted as he slowly said, "I'm afraid we've encountered trouble."

In the beginning, Hu Li and Shi Lan were still slightly baffled, but in next to no time, their gazes descended into the distance and their pupils couldn't help but constrict!

A leopard with a hideous and scrawny body walked over from afar.

This leopard had a pair of dark green eyes, and every step it took seemed to transform into a heavy hammer that struck onto their chests, causing them to be slightly unable to catch their breaths.

"Savage Leopard!" Shao Fei's alarmed cry sounded out at almost the exact same time, and traces of fear and dread were mixed within it.

Savage Leopard, a sixth level Origin Core Stage fierce beast!

If he were to go against the Savage Leopard, he wouldn't have the slightest confidence.

Once a Savage Leopard launched an attack, it was able to exert the strength of 80 ancient mammoths....Whereas he, even when relying on his grade seven spirit sword, was at most able to exert a strength of 76 ancient mammoths....

The strength of 60 ancient mammoths was from his cultivation at the fourth level of the Origin Core Stage, and the other strength of 16 ancient mammoths depended on the amplification provided by the grade seven spirit sword.

This was only offensive strength!

In terms of offense, he had a grade seven spirit sword, but that was still inferior to the Savage Leopard.

In terms of speed, the grade seven spirit sword was unable to amplify speed, so his speed could only rely on the strength of 60 ancient mammoths to speed him up, and it was far inferior to the speed of the Savage Leopard that had the strength of 80 ancient mammoths to speed it up!

Shao Fei started to retreat when he saw the dark green eyes of the Savage Leopard staring at him....

He understood the habitual nature of the Savage Leopard in his heart. Once a Savage Leopard targeted someone, it would target that person till the end. Even if the person were to run, the Savage Leopard would still catch up to the person and tear the person into pieces.

So it was practically impossible for him to flee.

An insane thought arose within his heart....

If someone were to attack the Savage Leopard, the Savage Leopard would surely abandon its original target and move to target the person that attacked it.

In next to no time, Shao Fei retreated to Duan Ling Tian's group of three, then he shouted out explosively, "Shi Lan, Hu Li, and that pretty boy.... We'll join forces and kill this Savage Leopard!"

Duan Ling Tian's group of three didn't move when they heard what Shao Fei said, and they looked at Shao Fei as if they were looking at an idiot.

"Shao Fei, do you think we don't know the habitual nature of the Savage Leopard? You want us to attack the Savage Leopard and attract its attention.... Then you can take this opportunity to flee, right!?" Shi Lan was terrified when facing the Savage Leopard, and her delicate figure was frightened to the point that it started trembling lightly, but when she heard what Shao Fei said, she still couldn't refrain from ridiculing him.

"Shao Fei, you're too atrocious!" Hu Li's face was extremely unsightly as well. This Shao Fei actually wanted to step over their corpses to flee.

Did Shao Fei really take him to be an idiot?

The Savage Leopard was calm and didn't make a sound as it walked step by step towards Shao Fei, as if there was only Shao Fei in the world at this moment.

Even when Shao Fei had retreated behind Duan Ling Tian's group of three, the Savage Leopard still followed him step by step.

When the Savage Leopard walked past Duan Ling Tian's group of three, Shi Lan's face was deathly pale, and the trembling of her delicate figure had never stopped....And Hu Li's face was extremely unsightly as well; his legs were like lead, not daring to move a bit.

He knew that once the Savage Leopard pounced and killed Shao Fei, it would turns its crosshair onto them.

Shi Lan and Hu Li felt a burst of powerlessness in their hearts when faced with the Savage Leopard.

Only Duan Ling Tian had a calm expression as he glanced at Shao Fei with a sneer on the corners of his mouth.

Did this Shao Fei really think he was so magnanimous to kindheartedly let him stay?

Actually, before Duan Ling Tian killed the Elephant Rhino, he had already intended to deal with Shao Fei, and only until after he killed the Elephant Rhino and his sharp Spiritual Force perceived the aura of the Savage Leopard did another plan arise within his heart.

The present scene, and everything else, were all within his control.

"If all of you don't join forces with me, then all of us will die!" Shao Fei's expression was unsightly, and traces of dread was emitted from his eyes. He didn't forget to make a last effort with an intention to persuade Duan Ling Tian's group of three to attack.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed, and he looked at Shao Fei as he said indifferently, "Shao Fei, if I didn't remember wrongly, until now, it seems to be that only you within our small team hasn't fought a battle yet, right?"

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"As a member of our small team, if you want to share the gains equally with us... you can't keep sitting around and waiting to enjoy the fruits of others' labor, right?" Now, Duan Ling Tian completely returned what Shao Fei said to him earlier.

Shao Fei was angered to the point his face was livid, but he was utterly unable to retort.

These words were all what he said to Duan Ling Tian earlier.

For a moment, he only felt that he'd hurt himself by his own doing!

Meanwhile, he realized that there was a problem. If he were to attack the Savage Leopard first, Duan Ling Tian's group of three would absolutely not make a move....

He took a deep breath, then he forcefully suppressed the fear in his heart.

"I'll attack the Savage Leopard now. If all of you don't join forces with me, then once it kills me, the three of you can wait for death!" Shao Fei's eyes were crimson red as he stared at the Savage Leopard and Origin Energy flashed atop the grade seven spirit sword in his hand.

Instantly, Shao Fei moved as if transforming into a gust of wind. He rushed towards the Savage Leopard aggressively, and above him, 60 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form....

He completely exerted the strength of a fourth level Origin Core martial artist when facing the Savage Leopard and didn't dare hold back in the slightest!

He understood in his heart that at this time, a shred of holding back would likely instantly cost him his life.

At the same time, the grade seven spirit sword in his hand flashed out as if transforming into a bolt of lightning that swiftly flew out to pierce towards an eye of the Savage Leopard.

No matter what fierce beast it was, the eyes were always a weak point.

Now, another 16 ancient mammoth silhouettes appeared beside the 60 ancient mammoth silhouettes that were above Shao Fei....

The might of a grade seven spirit weapon!

He'd exerted all his strength on this sword strike!

"This Shao Fei is intelligent." The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a sneer when he saw Shao Fei attacking the eyes of the Savage Leopard.

But he wasn't optimistic about Shao Fei's attack, as the speed of the Savage Leopard was far from something Shao Fei could compare to.... Thus, it was impossible for Shao Fei's sword strike to touch the Savage Leopard.

The result was exactly as Duan Ling Tian thought, the sixth level Origin Core Stage Savage Leopard's body flashed and then easily dodged Shao Fei's sword strike.

"Roar!" The Savage Leopard roared for the first time, and its roar was filled with rage.

"No!" Shao Fei's pupils constricted when he saw the Savage Leopard dodge his attack and pounce towards him, and he let out a sad and shrill cry.

In the next moment, his body was knocked flying by the Savage Leopard.

Subsequently, the Savage Leopard opened its bloody mouth and bit at one of Shao Fei's legs, and with a squelch, it forcefully tore off one of Shao Fei's legs and blood splattered all over the ground.

"Ah!" Shao Fei let out a shrill cry that was incomparably forlorn and bitter. It caused a chill to run down one's spine.

Shao Fei's face was ghastly pale, and he used his Origin Energy to stop his bleeding with great difficulty, then he shouted out in grief towards Duan Ling Tian's group of three, "You guys still aren't attacking?!"

Shi Lan and Hu Li both had unsightly expressions. He wants them to attack?

Isn't that the same as going to die?

Thinking about how they would die anyway and looking at Shao Fei's current miserable state, they glanced at the nearby Duan Ling Tian and then looked at each other before fiercely nodding as if they'd made some sort of decision.

"Duan Ling Tian, we'll buy some time for you. Hurry up and flee!" Hu Li abruptly shouted out explosively, and he seemed as if he was in a frenzy as the three-foot-long blade in his hand flashed out....

Skynet Sword Technique!

The sword images that covered the sky descended down, enveloping the location the Savage Leopard was at.

"Duan Ling Tian, quickly flee!" Shi Lan shouted out with a tender voice, then she caught up to Hu Li and struck out with her sword at the Savage Leopard.

At this moment, Shi Lan and Hu Li's gazes were firm like never before.

As far as they were concerned, Duan Ling Tian's natural talent in the Martial Dao was so high and his achievements in the future were limitless. If he were to die here like this, then it would truly be too unfortunate.

Moreover, they really took Duan Ling Tian as their companion and as a friend.

Duan Ling Tian's heard trembled, and a warm current arose within it.

It had already been very long since he was moved like this.

The last time was over three years ago, when the fatty Li Xuan blocked Duan Ling Xing's palm strike for him. Only at that time was he moved like this....

Seeing Shi Lan and Hu Li facing death willingly, Shao Fei endured the pain, and his face was pale and unsightly as he shouted, "Two lunatics!"

He'd never expected that even at this time, Shi Lan and Hu Li would still be thinking of protecting Duan Ling Tian.... This caused infinite envy and hatred to arise within his heart!

Why?

Why can he make Shi Lan and Hu Li be like this but I can't?

Shao Fei looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes filled with unwillingness, rage, and a trace of an icy-cold killing intent that seemed ready to swallow Duan Ling Tian appeared.

"Roar!" The Savage Leopard originally intended to kill Shao Fei, but when it noticed Shi Lan and Hu Li flashing towards it, it instantly changed its target.

Its pair of dark green eyes stared fixedly at Shi Lan and Hu Li, and its eyes contained a trace of icy-coldness.

A trace of despair flashed within the eyes of Shi Lan and Hu Li when they saw the Savage Leopard pouncing at them.

But within this despair, there were traces of another feeling mixed within.... There was firmness, and there was braveness to face death unflinchingly!

Everything was just for the sake of helping Duan Ling Tian obtain a chance at survival.

"Be careful!" Duan Ling Tian finally moved, as he knew that if he still didn't make a move, Shi Lan and Hu Li would surely die.... And this wasn't something he wanted to see.

Duan Ling Tian's figure seemed to transform into an arrow that left the bowstring. He was incomparably swift as he directly flashed towards the location of the Savage Leopard.

At this moment, he didn't hold back any longer and used his entire strength to dash out.

Shi Lan and Hu Li were in imminent danger, so he didn't dare be slow.

"No.... Impossible!!" Shao Fei, who had one of his legs bitten off by the Savage Leopard and was collapsed on the floor, just happened to be facing Duan Ling Tian's location, and when he saw the 71 ancient mammoth silhouettes that appeared above Duan Ling Tian, he was completely dumbstruck.

The strength of 71 ancient mammoths!

According to his knowledge, even a fifth level Origin Core martial artist only had the strength of 70 ancient mammoths.

This Duan Ling Tian is a fifth level Origin Core martial artist?

How old is he?

Instantly, traces of coldness arose within Shao Fei's heart, as he never imagined that Duan Ling Tian's strength and natural talent were actually so terrifying.

Terrifying to the point that it struck terror in his heart.

Of course, after his feeling of fear came infinite hatred and envy.

The heavens are unfair!

Why can this pretty boy possess such great natural talent!

Whoosh!

At the same time that Duan Ling Tian dashed out, a sword appeared within his hand, a grade seven spirit sword.

He didn't dare be careless when facing the Savage Leopard.

Shi Lan and Hu Li only heard an awe-inspiring sound of wind coming from behind them, then an incomparably swift figure descended before them....

"Duan Ling Tian!" Shi Lan and Hu Li's faces went ghastly pale. They currently didn't even have the time to think about why Duan Ling Tian's speed would be so swift, and there was only one thought in their minds: Duan Ling Tian actually didn't flee?

Right when helplessness and bitterness arose within their hearts, and they thought that Duan Ling Tian would die with them....

They unintentionally noticed the ancient mammoth silhouettes above Duan Ling Tian....

And this glance nearly shocked them out of their wits!

They clearly saw that along with the three-foot-long blade in Duan Ling Tian's hand flashing out, his Origin Energy burst forth, and there were now 90 ancient mammoths above Duan Ling Tian.

It was precisely on the foundation of his own strength of 71 ancient mammoths that Duan Ling Tian utilised the amplification of his grade seven spirit sword.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold as he faced the Savage Leopard that pounced towards him.

Sword Drawing Arts!

A sharp sword strike was easily executed in the hands of Duan Ling Tian.

In the eyes of Shi Lan and Hu Li, the sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand seemed to instantly vanish without a trace....

Of course, they knew that it didn't really vanish.

Instead, the speed of the sword had attained a certain level, causing their eyes to be unable to catch sight of it.

Their hearts completely rose to their throats, and they looked on at the scene before them with a dumbstruck expression....

"Roar~" At the same time that the Savage Leopard pounced over, it seemed to have noticed how terrifying Duan Ling Tian's sword strike was, and its dark green eyes emitted a trace of terror, then it let out a low roar before its body trembled, wanting to dodge.

But even though the Savage Leopard's speed was swift, Duan Ling Tian's sword was even swifter!

The speed of the Savage Leopard was at most powered by the strength of 80 ancient mammoths....

Whereas Duan Ling Tian's sword strike contained the amplification of a grade seven spirit sword. The speed of his sword was powered by the strength of an entire 90 ancient mammoths.

Pu!

Blood splattered all over.

The grade seven spirit sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand directly penetrated between the brows of the Savage Leopard.

And this wasn't the end....

Duan Ling Tian's eyes went cold and the corners of his mouths curled into a cold smile.

Quake Energy!

Instantly, Origin Energy raged on the grade seven spirit sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand, and it vibrated at an extremely high frequency, a frequency that grew higher and higher!

Om! Om! Om! Om! Om!

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Under the fuelling from the Origin Energy, the terrifying Quake Energy penetrated the skull of the Savage Leopard like penetrating dry leaves.

"Crack...." An ear-piercing sound of bones shattering abruptly echoed out, causing a chill to run down one's spine.

"Roar~" the Savage Leopard let out its final low roar, and its jade-green eyes that were incomparably dazzling a moment ago had now completely dimmed down. Its body that was all skin and bones crashed into the ground and was completely devoid of any signs of life.

The sixth level Origin Core Stage Savage Leopard, dead!

Silence.

The entire scene was deathly silent.

Shi Lan and Hu Li looked at this scene in stupefaction. They couldn't recover from their shock even after a very long time....

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian's figure was that imposing in their eyes, imposing like a mountain that they could rely on.

Hu Li fiercely gulped down a mouthful of saliva and was unable to calm down the shock in his heart even until now.

At that moment earlier, he felt like his heart was practically on the verge of stopping from fear....

Although Shi Lan's reaction wasn't as exaggerated as Hu Li's, her gaze toward Duan Ling Tian was extremely complicated.

She recalled the scene when she'd just encountered Duan Ling Tian not long ago. At that time, she even 'saved' Duan Ling Tian.

Now it would seem that Duan Ling Tian was suppressing his strength at that time to 'play' with that fierce beast, and her actions of saving Duan Ling Tian was unnecessary.

As she thought up to this point, she couldn't stop her face from flushing.

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian's strength still deeply shocked Shi Lan and Hu Li.

As far as they knew, the strength Duan Ling Tian revealed earlier was at least at the fifth level of the Origin Core Stage!

A fifth level Origin Core martial artist at around 20 years old....

According to their knowledge, such a monster had never once appeared within the Seven Star Sword Sect.

"You....You're a fifth level Origin Core martial artist...." A slightly hoarse voice entered Duan Ling Tian's ears, and it was filled with traces of icy-cold hatred.

Duan Ling Tian glanced over.

It was Shao Fei who was half lying on the floor, and he gazed at Duan Ling Tian with a face full of rage. "Duan Ling Tian, you clearly were confident in killing that Savage Leopard. The why did you allow that Savage Leopard to injure me? You....You did it on purpose! You did it on purpose!"

Chapter 277: Shao Fei Pleading For Mercy

Shao Fei's voice was slightly hysterical and was practically howling.

His face was flushed red as if his neck was tightly being choked by someone, and his cold eyes stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian and flickered with an awe-inspiring killing intent.

Duan Ling Tian clearly had the strength to kill the Savage Leopard, but he didn't make a move and allowed the Savage Leopard to tear off one of Shao Fei's legs....

Shao Fei was almost certain....Certain that this Duan Ling Tian definitely did it on purpose!

A leg being torn off by a Savage Leopard was completely different from a leg being severed by human weapons.

In the case of the latter, there was still hope to reconnect the leg if it was treated in time, but it was impossible for it to be reconnected in the case of the former.

"I'm a cripple from now on.... I'm a cripple from now on.... And all of this is because of him! Because of him!" Shao Fei despaired in his heart, and his extremely icy-cold gaze stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian.

As far as he was concerned, if it wasn't for Duan Ling Tian, he wouldn't be crippled now....

Now, if it wasn't for him using all of his Origin Energy to stop the fresh blood that was gushing out from his severed leg, he'd surely make a move against Duan Ling Tian to vent the hatred in his heart!

Even though he wasn't a match for Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian had destroyed him!

He hated him!

It could be imagined how it would be impossible for someone who'd lost a leg now to have a future.

In his lifetime, he was bound to become a cripple and accomplish nothing.

"I did it on purpose?" Duan Ling Tian didn't deny it when he heard what Shao Fei said, and he smiled in a cold and indifferent manner. "Shao Fei, so what if I did it intentionally? Why do you think I should've saved you?"

Shao Fei's face sank.

Yeah, why should this Duan Ling Tian save me?

"Shao Fei!" Duan Ling Tian stared coldly at Shao Fei, and his face seemed as if it was covered in a layer of ice. "You've been unhappy with me since the moment I joined this small team, and I didn't make a fuss about it when you spoke rudely.... But later on, you actually wanted to make me throw my life away! You ridiculed me many times for the sake of making me fight, and it was nothing more than wanting to infuriate me and make me lose all reason.... Is it so?"

Shao Fei didn't deny it. His gaze became cold and fierce. "But you didn't die in the end!"

"Yeah, I didn't die.... Because I'm not the first level Origin Core martial artist that you thought I was." The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a sneer. "I can imagine how if I really was a first level Origin Core martial artist today, I would definitely have died against that Elephant Rhino! I'm extremely curious, today was the first time we've met, how could you hate me so much to the extent of wanting me to die!?"

"I precisely want you to die!" Shao Fei's eyes contained piercing coldness. "You, a first level Origin Core Stage trash, on what basis are you joining our small team and sharing our gains equally? Since Shi Lan and Hu Li wanted to let you stay, I wanted to see how they'd be able protect you with their strength!" As

he spoke up to this point, the corners of Shao Fei's mouth curled into a cold smile as he looked at Shi Lan and Hu Li. "And you two, I, Shao Fei, am a dignified fourth level Origin Core martial artist, and it's your honor that I came with the both of you into the primeval forest.... How could I endure it when the two of you actually repeatedly went against me for the sake of this pretty boy? I precisely wanted this pretty boy to die, only then would I be able to vent the hatred in my heart!"

Shao Fei's face revealed a sense of madness.

"Shao Fei!" Shi Lan and Hu Li's faces sank, as they'd never imagined that Shao Fei was actually such a petty person....

He wanted Duan Ling Tian to die just because of this?

Traces of coldness couldn't help but arise within their hearts. It was lucky that they'd seen Shao Fei's true colors today; otherwise, even if they were not eventually betrayed by Shao Fei, they might have inadvertently helped him betray them.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze seemed to be enveloped with a layer of coldness as he stared at Shao Fei. "You plotted against me, wanting me to throw my life away. Let's leave it at that.... But you, what did you do while I was fighting the Elephant Rhino? I didn't want your help! But why did you have to obstruct Shi Lan and Hu Li when they wanted to help me? You, on what basis did you obstruct them?" Utmost rage was mixed within Duan Ling Tian's voice.

"Hmph!" Shao Fei swept Duan Ling Tian with a cold gaze and madness was revealed on his face. "But unfortunately, the Elephant Rhino was actually unable to kill you, pretty boy! I never imagined that a pretty boy like you would have concealed his strength so deeply...."

As he finished speaking, Shao Fei's tone had a trace of unwillingness mixed within.

Duan Ling Tian started laughing, laughing extremely brilliantly. "So in other words, you wish for nothing more than for me to die?"

Shao Fei sneered. "Yes, I wish for nothing more than for you to die!"

"It's good that you admit it.... Since it's like this, what's you being targeted by the Savage Leopard got to do with me? Why should I have saved you? Let me ask you: if someone who wished for nothing more than to kill you was faced with a hopeless situation, would you save him?"

Duan Ling Tiana smiled when he asked this question, but Shao Fei's expressions was as unsightly as unsightly could be.

"Looks like you already have the answer in your heart." Duan Ling Tian nodded, The smile on his face slowly faded, and the grade seven spirit sword in his hand trembled before descending before Shao Fei.

"You.... What do you want to do?!" Traces of coldness arose within Shao Fei's heart when he saw Duan Ling Tian's actions, and a sense of terror was on his face as he shouted in question.

"Duan Ling Tian." Shi Lan and Hu Li were shocked by Duan Ling Tian's actions as well. Even though they were extremely displeased with Shao Fei, they never thought of killing Shao Fei.

"What do I want to do?" The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into an evil smile when he heard Shao Fei's naïve words. "Shao Fei, are you really so naïve? You repeatedly tried to cause harm to me, and I repeatedly endured it.... Now that I've reached the end of my endurance, could it be that I still can't make you taste your own medicine?"

"You want to kill me?" Shao Fei was muddled, and in the next moment, his eyes squinted and a trace of icy-coldness appeared within them. He shouted in a low voice, "You can't kill me! The Seven Star Sword Sect has rules stating that even if there's great enmity between disciples, unless they enter the life and death arena, disciples may not kill one another!"

"Sect rules? Life and death arena?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and looked at Shao Fei in ridicule. "Shao Fei, if I kill you within this primeval forest and then reduce your corpse to ashes to destroy all evidence.... So long as Shi Lan and Hu Li don't make it known to anyone, would there be a fourth person who would know that it was I who killed you? Naïve!"

Shao Fei's expression went deathly pale.

Exactly, if he were to die in the primeval forest, how would the Seven Star Sword Sect know that he was killed by Duan Ling Tian?

"Shi Lan, Hu Li!" Shao Fei looked at Shi Lan and Hu Li as if he was grabbing onto the last life-saving straw. "You two can't let me die! Don't you two forget that my older brother knows that I've followed the two of you to the primeval forest. If he doesn't see me return, he'll surely suspect the two of you.... At that time, none of you will be able to escape!"

Shi Lan and Hu Li's faces went slightly pale. Only now did they recall that Shao Fei still had an older brother.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Shi Lan and Hu Li.

A trace of fear appeared within Hu Li's eyes, and he slowly said, "Duan Ling Tian, Shao Fei does indeed have an older brother, and he's also a Phecda Peak disciple.... He's a sixth level Origin Core martial artist." As he finished speaking, Hu Li's tone was filled with fear.

As far as he was concerned, even though Duan Ling Tian was able to kill the Savage Leopard by relying on the grade seven spirit sword in his hand and even revealed a formidable attack that was comparable to the strength of 90 ancient mammoths....

Duan Ling Tian's true cultivation was only at the fifth level of the Origin Core Stage after all.

Whereas that older brother of Shao Fei's, although his strength was similar to the Savage Leopard, he was a human martial artist.

In terms of speed, Shao Fei's older brother wasn't inferior to the Savage Leopard.

In terms of attack, Shao Fei's older brother was a sixth level Origin Core martial artist. Even if he didn't use a spirit weapon, he would still be able to exert a strength of 80 ancient mammoths, comparable to the Savage Leopard.

If he were to use a spirit weapon, he could gain an additional strength of 20 ancient mammoths!

In other words, relying on a grade seven spirit sword, the attack of Shao Fei's older brother was comparable to the strength of a little over 100 ancient mammoths.... And it was far from something Duan Ling Tian could compare to.

"Sixth level of the Origin Core Stage?" Duan Ling Tian's brows knitted.

Even if a sixth level Origin Core martial artist were to utilize a grade seven spirit weapon to exert his full strength, it would only be comparable to the strength of a little over 100 ancient mammoths....

Relying on a grade seven spirit weapon, Duan Ling Tian was able to exert a strength of 90 ancient mammoths, and once he used the Wyrm Python Form's Quake Energy, he might not necessarily be unable to battle with Shao Fei's older brother.

Thus, Duan Ling Tian wasn't afraid of Shao Fei's older brother!

"Haha...." Duan Ling Tian looked at Shao Fei, then he looked at Shi Lan and Hu Li. "Do you two think that if I let him off today, based on his previous behavior, he won't ask his older brother to take revenge upon us?"

Duan Ling Tian wasn't afraid of Shao Fei's older brother, but it didn't mean that Shi Li and Hu Li weren't afraid.

Now he only wanted to remove any cause for future trouble for Shi Lan and Hu Li....

After all, he really took both Shi Lan and Hu Li to be his friends in his heart, and he hoped for them not to receive any harm due to today's incident.

Duan Ling Tian added when he noticed that Shi Lan and Hu Li were slightly hesitant, "How about this, I'll kill Shao Fei.... After you two return, if his older brother looks for the two of you, tell him that the two of you got separated from Shao Fei while within the primeval forest. Say that Shao Fei ran off with me, and ask his older brother to come look for me at Megrez Peak."

Duan Ling Tian thought that the reason Shi Lan and Hu Li were hesitant was because they were worried that once Shao Fei died, Shao Fei's older brother would look for them.

So he was helping them remove any possible trouble.

"Duan Ling Tian, what are you talking about? We're a team, and we share all difficulties together! We would absolutely not sell you out." Instantly, Hu Li was slightly unhappy when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said.

"Exactly, we'll absolutely not do that." Shi Lan spoke out as well, and her pretty face was slightly unhappy.

Duan Ling Tian's heart was warm when he saw the appearances of the two, and he smiled apologetically. "I spoke wrongly.... However, this Shao Fei is atrocious. After he returns, we can't be sure that he won't look for trouble with us. In my opinion, we ought to slice his throat and remove any future troubles."

"I agree." Hu Li nodded, then he coldly swept Shao Fei with his gaze and was without a shred of pity.

"No, I won't.... I won't!!" Shao Fei's face went deathly pale when he heard Duan Ling Tian's group of three discussing whether or not to kill him. The arrogance, coldness, and indifference on his face completely vanished, and replacing it was terror. "I swear, I swear.... So long as you all don't kill me, I'll absolutely not seek revenge from all of you once I return.... Absolutely not! Otherwise, I won't die a peaceful death!"

Chapter 278: Returning to the Seven Star Sword Sect

At this moment, Shao Fei was completely afraid.

Earlier, he dared go toe to toe with Duan Ling Tian because he'd never thought that Duan Ling Tian would have thoughts of killing him....

Now, the approaching death caused him to feel fear that came from the bottom of his heart!

He didn't want to die!

Even though he was crippled, even though he would be unable to accomplish anything in the future, he still didn't want to die.

Once he died, he would have nothing!

"I beg you.... Duan Ling Tian, I beg you! Don't kill me, don't kill me...." Shao Fei looked at Duan Ling Tian and hysterically wailed as he ceaselessly pleaded for mercy.

His face was incomparably ghastly pale, and he only hoped that Duan Ling Tian would show mercy and let him off.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a cold smile. He never imagined that this Shao Fei would be a contemptible wretch that only seemed strong on the outside. This caused Duan Ling Tian to be contemptuous towards Shao Fei from the bottom of his heart.

If Shao Fei had maintained his arrogant appearance from earlier, he might have still respected Shao Fei slightly.

Now.... he even lacked the interest to kill Shao Fei.

Even though it was so, he knew that if not for himself, he would still kill Shao Fei for the sake of Shi Lan and Hu Li.

This Shao Fei will eventually be a scourge so long as he lives.

Shao Fei moved his target onto Shi Lan and Hu Li when he noticed Duan Ling Tian being completely indifferent, and he pleaded with a trembling voice, "Shi Lan, Hu Li, the incident from before was completely my fault, it's all my fault! I beg the two of you, I beg the two of you.... Ask Duan Ling Tian to let me off, please! I don't want to die, I really don't want to die.... I beg the two of you.... "

"Hmph!" Hu Li coldly swept Shao Fei with his gaze, then he paid no further attention to him.

Shi Lan's gaze was complicated, and a trace of being unable to bear the sight of Shao Fei being killed appeared on her face.

Shao Fei noticed Shi Lan's expression, and a trace of a light of hope arose deep within his eyes, then he struggled as he tumbled before Shi Lan, causing his entire face to be bloodied.

Shao Fei raised his head that was covered in blood and revealed traces of regret as he looked at Shi Lan. "Shi Lan, I beg of you.... Save me, I beg of you! I really don't want to die, I really don't want to die, I beg of you!"

As he pleaded for mercy, Shao Fei fiercely knocked his forehead onto the floor and quickly poured out a pool of blood.

Duan Ling Tian frowned when he saw this scene. He was deeply afraid that Shi Lan would really be deceived by Shao Fei. His face instantly sank as he said, in a low voice, "Shao Fei, do you think that self-torture is of any use?"

"Shi Lan, I beg you, I beg you!" However, Shao Fei seemed as if he had not heard what Duan Ling Tian said, and he ceaselessly kowtowed to Shi Lan with a face that revealed traces of melancholy. "Help me for the sake of all the times I've helped you and Hu Li in the past.... I really don't want to die!"

"Shao Fei, you helped us? Which time did you not choose the things first when you entered the primeval forest with us, and which time did you not choose the most valuable materials first?" Hu Li's face sank when he heard Shao Fei.

"Why talk so much nonsense with him? Just slice his throat." Duan Ling Tian's gaze was slightly cold as he took a large stride forward, and the three-foot-long blade in his hand flickered with a cold luster....

"Shi Lan!" Shao Fei's face went deathly pale when he noticed Duan Ling Tian walking over, and he looked at Shi Lan, making his last effort to plea with a face full of melancholy. "I really don't want to die.... Save me, save me! I swear, so long as you all don't kill me, I'll absolutely not look for trouble with all of you in the future, and I won't ask my older brother to look for trouble with all of you either!"

Swear?

Duan Ling Tian sneered. Could a swear that was made by such an atrocious person while facing the threat of death be trusted?

At any case, he didn't believe it!

"Duan Ling Tian." Suddenly, a voice sounded out. It was Shi Lan who spoke.

Duan Ling Tian frowned, then he looked at Shi Lan. "Shi Lan, you don't really believe his nonsense, right? This person can't be spared; he'll only be a scourge if he's spared."

Shi Lan took a deep breath, then she looked at Shao Fei's face that was completely tainted with blood and sighed as she faintly said, "Duan Ling Tian, what Shao Fei did today is indeed difficult to forgive.... But the three of us are fine after all, whereas Shao Fei had a leg severed. I believe he's already received his lesson. Let him off, OK?"

Shao Fei's eyes lit up when he heard Shi Lan pleading on his behalf, and looked at Duan Ling Tian, taking advantage of the opportunity. "Duan Ling Tian, I'll surely not look for trouble with all of you again, surely!"

"Let him go?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Shao Fei, then frowned. "Shi Lan, it doesn't make a difference to me if we let him off.... But he'll always be an unstable factor for the two of you. Your decision will very likely bring trouble for you and Hu Li."

"Duan Ling Tian, I know you're concerned about me and Hu Li.... But Shao Fei has already sworn earlier," Shi Lan added.

A bitter smile appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth. Shi Lan actually believed Shao Fei's swear?

Duan Ling Tian looked at Hu Li, and asked, "Hu Li, what do you think?"

Hu Li went silent, as he was moved by Shi Lan's words as well. He then looked at Shao Fei's leg that was torn off by the Savage Leopard and sighed before looking at Duan Ling Tian and shaking his head.

Instantly, Duan Ling Tian understood what Hu Li meant.

"Never mind.... Since the two of you want to show compassion, then I won't play the part of a villain." Duan Ling Tian sighed, then he put away the grade seven spirit sword that was in his hand, and his gaze slowly descended onto Shao Fei.

Shao Fei couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said. When he saw Duan Ling Tian put away the three-foot-long blade, he collapsed powerlessly on the ground with eyes that were suffused with joy from survival.

"Shao Fei!" Duan Ling Tian's voice was cold and indifferent like ice, causing Shao Fei to shudder. He looked at Duan Ling Tian with lingering fear.

He didn't dare spear harshly before Duan Ling Tian.

He already knew that although this Duan Ling Tian was young, he was extremely decisive and vicious in conduct....

Earlier, if it wasn't for Shi Lan and Hu Li both not wanting to kill him, it would be impossible for him to survive now.

"I'm warning you.... After we return, don't get any ideas! Otherwise, I'll surely make you die a graveless death!" As Duan Ling Tian spoke, a terrifying, bloodthirsty killing intent arose from Duan Ling Tian's body to envelop Shao Fei, oppressing Shao Fei to the point that his face went pale and his eyes emitted terror....

No matter what, Shao Fei was unable to imagine how this young man that looked around 20 would be able to possess such a terrifying killing intent!

How many people has he actually killed?!

He didn't dare imagine it!

"Are the two of you continuing into the primeval forest, or returning?" When Duan Ling Tian looked at Shi Lan and Hu Li, the killing intent on his face vanished, replacing it was a warm smile.

"Let's return." Shi Lan slightly lacked the mood to continue, as today's incident caused her to feel exhausted.

Hu Li nodded in agreement.

"Then let's return!" Duan Ling Tian nodded, then he walked shoulder to shoulder with Shi Lan and Hu Li as they turned around to walk towards the outside of the primeval forest.

As for Shao Fei, after the figures of Duan Ling Tian's group of three disappeared before his eyes, he relied on the grade seven spirit sword in his hand to support his body as he stood up.

Then used the grade seven spirit sword in place of his severed leg, to slowly walk out of the primeval forest.

He understood in his heart that with his current condition, continuing to stay here was absolutely courting death.

"Duan Ling Tian, Shi Lan, Hu Li.... I, Shao Fei, will absolutely not let all of you live comfortably! All of you, wait to receive the wrath of my older brother!" Shao Fei wiped off the blood stains on his face, and traces of killing intent and hatred flashed within his eyes.

The current Shao Fei was like a completely different person from the Shao Fei who pleaded for mercy earlier.

Outside the primeval forest.

Duan Ling Tian's group of three let out a breath of relief, as after leaving the primeval force, there was no need to continue being vigilant of fierce beasts.

Their strained nerves had all relaxed.

"Duan Ling Tian, you're too formidable! Your current age ought to be only around 20, right?" Shi Lan looked at Duan Ling Tian with a face full of admiration and adoration.

"I'll be 20 in another month." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he nodded.

20 in another month?

What Duan Ling Tian said caused Shi Lan and Hu Li to be petrified instantly.

Even though they'd once suspected that Duan Ling Tian might not be 20... when they really heard Duan Ling Tian admit it himself, their hearts couldn't help but tremble like raging waves arising on the surface of a calm sea. They were unable to calm down even after a long time.

Not 20 yet, fifth level of the Origin Core Stage!

It seemed that even the word "monstrous" wasn't enough to describe such natural talent.

"Abnormal!" Hu Li pondered for a long time and finally gave Duan Ling Tian this word.

Duan Ling Tian touched his nose in embarrassment.

Looks like no matter where he went, he was unable to avoid being implicated with the word abnormal.

"Duan Ling Tian, how the heck do you cultivate?" Shi Lan was filled with shock towards Duan Ling Tian being able to attain such achievements at such an age, but she was even more curious about Duan Ling Tian's cultivation experience.

"I don't know either.... I casually cultivated and I cultivated to this extent." Duan Ling Tian shrugged, then he shook his head and smiled.

"Shi Lan, within the Cloud Continent, the natural talent of martial artists are different.... Duan Ling Tian's natural talent is absolutely the first-rate type. This is something we can't get no matter how much we admire it." Hu Li shook his head, as he knew his limitations.

"Even though it's like that, this difference is too big, right?" Shi Lan blinked her beautiful eyes that were filled with elegance as she looked at Duan Ling Tian with a face full of jealousy and envy.

Before long, their group of three returned to the foot of the Seven Star Sword Sect's main peak, Dubhe Peak.

"Shi Lan, Hu Li.... You two shouldn't have let that Shao Fei off today. I have the feeling that he won't let the matter go." Duan Ling Tian recalled the matter from earlier and was slightly regretful in his heart. He should have slit Shao Fei's throat earlier, then he wouldn't have to have so many worries like he did now.

"Duan Ling Tian, that Shao Fei indeed deserves death. But his appeared earlier was really too pitiable, and we didn't receive any harm.... I think his offense doesn't warrant death." Shi Lan faintly sighed, and her eyes revealed a trace of an emotional luster.

Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly.

Are all women so emotional?

"Duan Ling Tian, I know you're worried about us.... But within the Seven Star Sword Sect, it may be presumed that Shao Fei and his older brother wouldn't dare act rashly." Hu Li lightly smiled to Duan Ling Tian.

"I hope so." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Milk was already spilled, and thus it was of no use for him to continue thinking about it.

Moreover, even if he went back now, it would probably be difficult to find Shao Fei again.

Chapter 279: Zhao Lin's Plot

After ascending Dubhe Peak, Duan Ling Tian bid his farewells to Shi Lan and Hu Li before walking toward the stone platform where the chain bridge that led to Megrez Peak was situated.

Even though it wasn't the first time Duan Ling Tian walked on this chain bridge, shock still couldn't help but arise within his heart....

Standing on the chain bridge and gazing at the mountains near the Seven Star Sword Sect, he felt as if all the mountains within his view were small.

After walking past the chain bridge, Duan Ling Tian stepped onto Megrez Peak.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian had only just stepped onto the Megrez Peak's stone platform when he noticed a fierce gaze flashing over from afar to descend onto him.

Duan Ling Tian raised his head to look over.

A figure walked slowly towards him.

This was a middle-aged man who had arrogance mixed between his brows and a very lofty appearance.

"It's him!" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He had an impression of this middle-aged man.

Yesterday, he met this person briefly at this very place.

At that time, this person was with the Megrez Peak's outer court elder, Zhao Lin.

This middle-aged man seems to be a Megrez peak outer court elder as well. Wasn't he called Zhao Lin?

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed that this Zhao Lin had directly walked over to stand before him.

He noticed that there were actually traces of a burning, flowing light vaguely mixed deep within Zhao Lin's gaze, and within these burning flowing lights, a trace of greed was revealed....

Duan Ling Tian heart jerked.

This Zhao Lin obviously was plotting something!

Even though he didn't know now what objective this Zhao Lin had, he still became vigilant subconsciously.

"Duan Ling Tian?" As Zhao Lin stood in front of Duan Ling Tian, his arrogant gaze descended onto him, and his voice had a sense of a condescending tone as if one of high position was talking to one of low position.

Needless to say, Zhao Lin's tone was extremely displeasing to Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian calmly crossed eyes with Zhao Lin, then asked indifferently, "Elder Zhao Lin, is there something you're looking for me for?"

"Hmm?" Zhao Lin noticed Duan Ling Tian's current attitude and frowned.

An outer court disciple had actually used such a casual tone to talk with him?

But when he thought of his objective, Zhao Lin suppressed the displeasure in his heart and said to Duan Ling Tian, "Follow me!"

After he finished speaking, Zhao Lin turned around to walk towards a remote area on Megrez Peak.

Zhao Lin's words were more like ordering Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian calmly looked at Zhao Lin walking off, but he didn't follow, as doubt arose within his heart. "This Zhao Lin, when I met him yesterday, he only glanced at me, then he regarded me as beneath his notice.... Today, why'd he suddenly become so interested in me? He wouldn't be...."

Recalling how his skin was as smooth as jade and more delicate than a woman's, Duan Ling Tian felt a burst of disgust in his heart.

This Zhao Lin wouldn't have that sort of hobby, right?

Thinking up to this point, Duan Ling Tian naturally wouldn't follow him.

"Hmm?" In next to no time, Zhao Lin noticed that Duan Ling Tian wasn't following him. When he turned around and saw Duan Ling Tian still standing on the spot, his face became incomparably gloomy.

This outer court disciple actually dared disobey his orders?

A burst of rage arose within Zhao Lin's heart.

Within Megrez Peak, there has never been an outer court disciple that dared disobey his orders!

Zhao Lin took a deep breath and suppressed his rage, then he slowly walked over before looking at Duan Ling Tian. "I asked you to follow me earlier.... Did you not hear me? Hard of hearing?"

Thinking of how Duan Ling Tian might have the thing he wanted, or perhaps knew where the thing he wanted was, he gave Duan Ling Tian sufficient patience.

"Elder Zhao Ling, if you have anything to say, then say it here. I'll absolutely not follow you!" Duan Ling Tian frowned and didn't beat around the bush as he spoke out with a sense of justice to Zhao Lin.

Zhao Lin's face went grim as he shouted in a low voice, "Presumptuous!"

Along with Zhao Lin's shout, many Megrez Peak outer court disciples gathered over, and their curious gazes descended onto Duan Ling Tian.

"Who's this pretty boy? Actually daring to infuriate Elder Zhao Lin."

"Elder Zhao Lin is famous for his bad temper within our Megrez peak. This pretty boy is simply courting death by daring to offend him!"

"Looks like there's a good show to see today."

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The crowd of Megrez Peak disciples that had gathered over craved nothing more than chaos.

Zhao Lin's face sank when he saw many people gathered in the surroundings, and a trace of worry flashed within his eyes as he shouted in a low voice, "What're all of you gathering over here for? Go away!"

Duan Ling Tian clearly saw the worry that flashed within Zhao Lin's eyes.

Instantly, his heart jerked.

Could it really have been guessed correctly by him?

This Megrez Peak outer court elder, Zhao Lin, actually had that sort of hobby?

For a moment, Duan Ling Tian felt a chill up his spine, and he secretly cursed in his heart. "F**K! Looks like I really have to bathe under the sun.... My body that's been reborn after consuming the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk has actually attracted the greed of this Zhao Lin! This Zhao Lin looks normal, but I never imagined that he would have that sort of hobby."

After confirming that Zhao Lin was plotting against him, Duan Ling Tian naturally wouldn't allow the surrounding Megrez Peak disciples to leave. "Elder Zhao Lin, there's nothing that cannot be exposed between us. Why do you want them to leave?"

What Duan Ling Tian said caused that crowd of Megrez Peak disciples who planned to leave due to Zhao Lin's power and influence to stop moving.

"What does he mean by this?"

"I don't know."

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The surrounding Megrez Peak disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian and then at Zhao Lin with faces full of bewilderment.

"What? I need you to teach me how to do things?" Zhao Lin's face sank when he heard Duan Ling Tian questioning his decision, and he flew into a rage.

"Elder Zhao Lin, I naturally don't dare teach you how to do things.... But right here today, I want to make something clear. I, even though my skin is slightly whiter, absolutely don't have such hobbies.... So, Elder Zhao Lin, you should give up on this, as I won't follow you!" As Duan Ling Tian spoke, he rubbed his hands together in absolute terror, then looked at Zhao Lin with a face full of disgust.

As far as he was concerned, so long as he shed light towards Zhao Lin's true colors, Zhao Lin would give up on any intention of coveting him.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian's words were like a stone that gave rise to a thousand ripples, causing the surrounding Megrez Peak disciples to be dumbstruck.

The gazes with which the Megrez Peak disciples used to gaze at Zhao Lin became incomparably strange.

"This.... So this Elder Zhao Lin has that sort of hobby!"

"I really never noticed before this. Looks like the reason why he got infuriated with this pretty boy earlier was because this pretty boy refused him."

"This pretty boy is really misfortunate. His skin is whiter and more delicate, but his other aspects are filled with manliness.... But just because of this, he actually encountered the coveting of Elder Zhao Lin."

"All of you, don't speak about it anymore, I feel disgusted just thinking about it."

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The crowd of Megrez Peak disciples could now be considered to have completely 'understood.'

Their gazes towards Duan Ling Tian were filled with pity....

It looked like having skin that was too white wasn't a good thing, as when you encounter people from a special group, like Elder Zhao Lin, there was still a certain level of danger.

"Brother, I feel sorry for you." A Megrez Peak disciple that stood near Duan Ling Tian looked at Duan Ling Tian as he shook his head and sighed.

"Brother, why don't you obey Elder Zhao Lin.... Elder Zhao Lin is an elder of our Megrez Peak. If you follow him, won't you be able to be unhindered within Megrez Peak?" Another Megrez Peak disciple winked at Duan Ling Tian.

"I'll leave such an opportunity to you." Duan Ling Tian rolled his eyes at that Megrez Peak disciple, as he didn't have such hobbies.

What Duan Ling Tian said, and the jokes of the surrounding Megrez Peak disciples, entered Zhao Lin's ears and eyes, and it also allowed him to understand what had happened....

This Duan Ling Tian actually thought he had such hobbies?!

Further looking at the weird gazes shot at him from the Megrez Peak disciples, for a moment, Zhao Lin was angered to the point that his face was livid.

He'd been in the Seven Star Sword Sect for so many years, but when had he ever greatly lost face like this?

"What nonsense are all of you talking?!" Zhao Lin's face sank, and his sonorous voice that contained an awe-inspiring coldness mixed within sounded out.

Instantly, everyone present shut their mouths.

But their gazes upon Zhao Lin were still so strange, so detested, and so disgusted....

Now, they naturally thought that Zhao Lin had gotten angry from embarrassment.

"Elder Zhao Lin...." Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhao Lin and shook his head. "Actually, I can understand you having such hobbies.... Really. Although I don't have such hobbies, in my hometown, there are many people similar to you.... However, they wouldn't take it as a disgrace, and most of us don't look down upon them because of this."

The hometown that Duan Ling Tian spoke of now was naturally the Earth from his previous lifetime.

On Earth, homosexuality wasn't a rare thing....

Although Duan Ling Tian didn't agree with it, he wouldn't look down upon them, as everyone had the right to choose how they lived, and others had no right to interfere.

"What? Elder Zhao Lin, you don't believe me?" Duan Ling Tian noticed that Zhao Lin still looked angrily at him. It looked like Zhao Lin wished for nothing more than to pull out his tendons and peel his skin, and he hurriedly added, "Elder Zhao Lin, what I'm saying is the truth.... Actually, you don't have to be embarrassed. I can understand, I really can understand.... I believe that these Senior Brothers and Junior Brothers and able to understand as well, right?" As Duan Ling Tian spoke, he looked towards the crowd of Megrez Peak disciples.

These Megrez Peak disciples were originally terrified in their hearts when they noticed Zhao Lin getting enraged, but now that they heard what Duan Ling Tian said, they instantly took hold of the opportunity.

"Exactly, Elder Zhao Ling, you don't have to feel embarrassed, we can understand.... We can understand it."

"Actually, it isn't a big deal, isn't it only liking men and not liking women...? Elder Zhao Lin, don't worry, we will surely support you."

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The crowd of Megrez Peak disciples all consoled Zhao Lin one by one.

"Elder Zhao Lin." Duan Ling Tian withstood Zhao Lin's ghastly gaze as he braced himself and said, "Look, listen.... So many brothers weren't really surprised when they found out you had such hobbies, as everyone understands you and support you."

"You.... You all...." Zhao Lin's face flushed red as if someone was choking him by the neck, and his eyes sprang wide open as he pointed at Duan Ling Tian and the surrounding Megrez Peak disciples.

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"Pu!" In the end, Zhao Lin's lifeblood roiled and he was forcefully enraged by Duan Ling Tian and the group of Megrez Peak disciples to the point that he spat out a mouthful of blood!

Blood splattered all over the floor, dazzling and resplendent.

All of the Megrez Peak disciples, including Duan Ling Tian, were struck dumb when they saw this scene.

"Elder Zhao Lin, we didn't deceive you, we really...." One Megrez Peak disciple foolishly looked at Zhao Lin, but he hadn't finish speaking when he noticed Zhao Lin's fierce gaze sweeping over, and he hurriedly shut his mouth obediently.

"You.... Very good! I'll come look for you again." Zhao Lin took a deep breath and swept Duan Ling Tian with a cold and indifferent gaze before leaving.

The surrounding crowd of Megrez Peak disciples opened up a path.

After Zhao Lin left, the crowd of Megrez Peak disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that had a sense of pity mixed within. "Brother, looks like Elder Zhao Lin won't let you off so easily.... Take care."

"Brother, you can only rely on yourself; we're sympathetic but unable to help."

"Brother, when you're reborn in your next life, don't be so white.... Even women would probably be envious of your skin."

"Perhaps it's precisely because of this that you would be coveted by Elder Zhao Lin."

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One by one, all the Megrez Peak disciples spoke to Duan Ling Tian.

When they noticed Duan Ling Tian standing on the spot, dumbstruck, without any reaction, they shook their heads before turning and leaving.

"Looks like he's already been scared stiff by Elder Zhao Lin."

"I really don't know if he's misfortunate or lucky. There's so many disciples on our Megrez Peak, but Elder Zhao Lin only took a fancy upon him."

"That's why men must be sure not to be too white, otherwise, they'll encounter the coveting of people like Elder Zhao Lin."

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As these Megrez Peak disciples left, they couldn't help but slightly sigh with emotion.

Eventually, Duan Ling Tian recovered from his thoughts.

The gaze Zhao Lin used to look at him right before leaving caused Duan Ling Tian to realize that this matter seemed not to be so simple....

"Could it be that he doesn't have that sort of hobby? I've misunderstood him?" Duan Ling Tian was able to discern that when Zhao Lin was angered to the point of spitting blood, the gloomy gaze that condensed within his eyes weren't the gaze of becoming angry form embarrassment.

And Zhao Lin's expression later on didn't seem like a person with that sort of hobby either.

"But if he doesn't have that sort of hobby, why would there be that sort of greedy gaze when he looked at me?" Duan Ling Tian was filled with bewilderment. No matter how he thought about it, he couldn't wrap his head around it.

"However, this time, I can be considered to have completely offended that Zhao Lin." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and the corners of his mouth curled into a bitter smile, but he didn't pay too much attention to it.

That Zhao Lin was an outer court disciple of the Megrez Peak after all, and with the sect rules of the Seven Star Sword Sect in place, he ought to not dare to lynch him in public.

Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief before walking off in large strides, preparing to return to the stalactite cave.

Duan Ling Tian had an uncomfortable feeling in his heart when he recalled Zhao Lin, and after he observed his surroundings for a moment, he gritted his teeth and then walked towards any place that had many people.

After spending an entire half an hour.

"My Spiritual Force is too weak to sense Void Prying martial artists, so if there was a Void Prying martial artist following me, I wouldn't notice it in the slightest.... But even if it's a Void Prying martial artist, it isn't so easy to follow me!" Duan Ling Tian was confident that after this half an hour of winding around, even if that Zhao Lin was following him, Zhao Lin would have surely been shook off by him.

As the king of weapons specialists on Earth in his previous life, Duan Ling Tian had confidence.

Before Long, Duan Ling Tian was at ease as he found a small road and directly headed towards the peak of Megrez Peak.

If that Zhao Lin was really following him, Zhao Lin would probably never be able to imagine that his place of cultivation and residence was actually at the peak of Megrez Peak.

At the same time that Duan Ling Tian arrived at the peak, somewhere on the mountainside, Zhao Lin stood there with a gloomy and unsightly expression. "That kid actually shook me off.... Could it be that he noticed me?"

When he recalled everything that happened earlier, Duan Ling Tian practically only chose places with many people to walk through, and he was slightly suspicious in his heart.

Now, Duan Ling Tian ran off in front og his eyes and shook him off, causing the suspicion in his heart to deepen.

"That kid is an Origin Core martial artist at most.... How could he possibly be able to shake me off?! It's surely his good luck." Zhao Lin took a deep breath and made a decision in his heart.

No matter what, he didn't believe that a young man around the age of 20 was able to shake him off.

He was a Void Prying martial artist!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian had returned to the stalactite cave within the cliff. He glanced at the two little pythons that were sound asleep and then shook his head with a bitter smile on his face.

Subsequently, he sat on the stone platform and started cultivating.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Wyrm Python Form!

While cultivating, through the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian noticed something.

So it turned out that the Quake Energy that the third form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, the Wyrm Python Form, gave him was able to be advanced as well....

When he was at the fourth level of the Origin Core Stage, it only allowed the Origin Energy in his body to develop Quake Energy.

And later on, as his cultivation advances, the Quake Energy will advance as well.

"Right now I'm only at the fourth level of the Origin Core Stage, but the Quake Energy is already so formidable.... If it continues to advance, won't the Quake Energy be even more heaven-defying?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes sprang open, his gaze abruptly shone, and his face was filled with joy and anticipation.

Today, when he entered the primeval forest, he deeply experienced the might of the Quake Energy, and it was absolutely worthy of being called heaven-defying.

Originally, with his cultivation at the third level of the Origin Core Stage and relying upon his grade eight spirit sword, he still wasn't able to penetrate the skin and flesh of that fourth level Origin Core Stage Elephant Rhino.... But when he utilized the Quake Energy, the grade eight spirit sword easily penetrated the skull of the Elephant Rhino and even shattered the skull to kill it!

Quake Energy was an extremely overbearing method of strength utilization!

A method that transcended martial skills.

And that sixth level Origin Core Stage Savage Leopard was the same, as it was directly killed by him as if he was slicing through tofu....

Thinking up to this point, Duan Ling Tian worked even harder as he cultivated.

"With my current natural talent that has reached the utmost limit, by relying upon the Origin Strengthening Pills with a purity of 90% and above, I'll surely be able to smoothly break through to the fifth level of the Origin Core Stage within three months!" Duan Ling Tian was filled with confidence towards his current self.

Since he consumed the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, his natural talent was already no longer what it was before!

Cultivate!

Duan Ling Tian once again closed his eyes and started to cultivate painstakingly.

He only woke up after cultivating until the next day, as he was awakened by hunger....

After casually roasting and eating a suckling pig, Duan Ling Tian burped from being full, then he left the stalactite cave, left the peak, and intended to head towards the Megrez Peak's Trade Hall, the vast building behind the chain bridge.

When he exited the primeval forest yesterday, he, Shi Lan, and Hu Li had shared their gains within the primeval forest equally.

Originally, Shi Lan and Hu Li intended to give the beast cores of both the Savage Leopard and Elephant Rhino to him, but they were refused by him, because that wouldn't be considered sharing equally.

In the end, he only took the beast core of the Savage Leopard.

Now he intended to head to the Trade Hall and use the Savage Leopard's beast core to exchange for some materials.

The materials he needed were precisely the materials needed for the Blaze Inscription.

The Blaze Inscription was an offensive inscription that was capable of annihilating Half-step Void Stage martial artists!

The main material of the Blaze Inscription was the Silver Fire grass, and on the way to the Seven Star Sword Sect, he's already obtained it in Black Wind City's Ma Clan Auction House's auction.

Even though he'd prepared some of the remaining materials, one of the materials was incomplete.

If he wanted to inscribe the Blaze Inscription, then that material must be sufficient.

So he thought of Megrez Peak's Trade Hall.

Within the Trade Hall, besides being able to use materials to exchange for medicinal pills and spirit weapons from Alchemist Elders and Weapons Craftsmen Elders.... Megrez Peak disciples would frequently conduct trades amongst themselves.

The beast core of the Savage Leopard couldn't be considered as precious, but it was extremely rare.

As for the material that Duan Ling Tian required, although it was rare, it didn't have much use to alchemists and weapons craftsmen.

So Duan Ling Tian only spend half an hour before successfully obtaining it.

Using a material that he had no use of to exchange for the Savage Leopard beast core in Duan Ling Tian's possession caused that Megrez Peak disciple to have a smile bloom on his face.

Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a smile as well.

He finally was able to inscribe the Blaze Inscription!

Right when Duan Ling Tian was anxious to return and intended to return and inscribe the Blaze Inscription, he once again saw Zhao Lin. "He's really lingering like a ghost!"

Zhao Lin obstructed his path, and his gaze descended onto him.

Duan Ling Tian didn't avoid him and directly walked over before asking while frowning, "Elder Zhao Lin, do you need something?"

Now he was practically able to confirm that Zhao Lin ought to not have that sort of special hobby....

But why would this Zhao Lin have his sights on him?

This was something Duan Ling Tian found difficult to understand.

So now he urgently wanted to know the reason.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Zhao Lin looked at Duan Ling Tian with a gloomy expression, and when he recalled what happened yesterday, his eyes couldn't help but emit a strand of dense killing intent....

The incident from yesterday had already spread throughout the entire Megrez Peak now.

No matter which part of Megrez Peak he went to now, he could notice a multitude of strange gazes upon him.

He was convinced that if things went on like this, it wouldn't take long before the entire Seven Star Sword Sect would think he really had that sort of hobby....

His reputation was practically ruined!

Moreover, the causeof all this was the young man that was currently standing before him, an ordinary Megrez Peak disciple.

He already had a decision in his heart. Once his objective was achieved and he obtained the thing he wanted, he would surely find a way to kill this Megrez Peak disciple to vent the hatred in his heart!

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian had experienced two lifetimes and was even a weapon specialist who survived rains of bullets and seas of blood and corpses, so he naturally was able to sense the killing intent within Zhao Lin's eyes.

Instantly, his face sank. "Elder Zhao Lin, speak frankly if you have something to say."

Zhao Lin took a deep breath, and his fierce gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian's figure as he spoke in a low voice. "I can let go of the matter from yesterday.... But you must pay the price for this! My demand isn't high, I only want you to hand over the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk!"