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## Chapter 1211

After hearing this, Fade glanced at Egbert. His gaze was cold with anger.

However, knowing that he was Momo's Grandfather, Fade did not make a move. Instead, he explained, "I have my reasons on why I oppose it."

"Reasons? What reasons?" Ernest asked at once.

Fade looked at the emotional Soo family members and coldly asked, "Do you really think it's a good thing to be accepted as an internal disciple at the Wushuang Tower?"

"Why not?" Somoset and the others rebutted, "It's the Wushuang Tower with power equivalent to the Heaven Level forces. It's a good thing if Momo is taken as a disciple."

Master Soo looked like he didn't even want to listen to Fade. He looked at Fade and said, "Mr. Chen, I know you want to keep Momo by your side. But Momo has a better opportunity right now. I hope you will not hold her back."

Many members of the Soo family immediately nodded after listening to what Master Soo said. All of them turned to look at Fade. They agreed with Master Soo and assumed that Fade only used this as an excuse to keep Momo by his side because he didn't want Momo to leave him.

As soon as Fade saw their gaze, he snorted coldly and said, "Don't make assumptions about me based on your pettiness."

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"I'll tell you now why I'm against it," Fade continued promptly, "There is a requirement on recruiting internal disciples for the Wushang Tower. They only have the permission to recruit factotum disciples."

"Factotum disciples?"

When they heard the title, the Soo family's expression changed. The title didn't seem pleasant and Fade had explained that factotum disciples were the lowest level among the disciples in the Wushuang Tower.

However, Master Soo was stubborn and said, "So what if she's a factotum disciple? She's still a disciple of the Wushuang Tower. Momo is considered lucky to even become a factotum disciple."

Somoset and the others agreed immediately.

"Yes, the factotum disciple title isn't pleasant to the ears, but if you add Wushuang Tower to the title, it will be extraordinary."

"If I had the chance, I earnestly wish my Zarriah could also be accepted as a factotum disciple."

"Master Chen, don't oppose it just because you're against it!"

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"You bunch of idiots!" Fade cursed angrily. With a serious look, he said sternly, "Do you know what kind of life the factotum disciples have in the Wushuang Tower?"

"As the name suggests, factotum disciples are those who will carry out tough duties and all kinds of chores in the Wushuang Tower. Usually, factotum disciples can only start practicing martial arts after three years. Besides, the martial arts skills and techniques are all basics and at the most fundamental level."

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"This..." Upon hearing this, Ernest and Momo's expressions turned serious.

Fade continued, "This is not the worst part. Apart from hard work, the awful thing is that the factotum disciples only exist as the lowest level disciples in the Wushuang Tower. The outer disciples, internal disciples, personal disciples, and even the elders can give out any orders they wish, and the factotum disciples will not have a right to refuse them."

"This, this is literally slavery." Ernest exclaimed after hearing this. He and Momo's face turned pale. Momo kept shaking her head. She did not want to be a factotum disciple.

The Soo family members looked at Fade, their faces a great shock.

Fade heard Ernest's exclamation and nodded. With a serious look, he continued, "To some extent, many of the factotum disciples are like slaves in the Wushuang Tower. Doing chores and getting abused as factotum disciples are considered as trivial beings. Some people may even want them as partners in their martial arts practices and use them as guinea pigs for refining elixirs."

"Apart from that, female factotum disciples, especially the beautiful ones, are the targets of abuse by many people. There are some perverted male internal disciples who will only take on beautiful women as factotum disciples. They will take them back to the Clan as tools to vent their carnal desires. They will not teach them martial arts at all."

"After knowing about all this, are you still willing to let Momo become a factotum disciple at the Wushuang Tower?" Fade finished his explanation and posed the question to the Soo family.

Everyone was shocked by Fade's description. It was a big contrast from what they imagined the Wushuang Tower disciples to be.

Somoset, Lyla, and the others who had supported Master Soo enthusiastically earlier were now a hesitant bunch.

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Momo and her father Ernest naturally disagreed. They immediately shook their heads and said, "Momo will not accept the offer as a factotum disciple."

However, Master Soo remained silent for a while, and his expression changed. He finally looked at Fade and said, "These are just your preconceptions. How can I believe what you just said is true."

Dacia also came to his senses after he was surprised by what Fade shared. He glared fiercely at Fade and yelled at him angrily, "Nonsense. Do you know what you are talking about? You're slandering our Wushuang Tower. Are you looking to die?"

Fade gave a cold snort and looked at Dacia directly in the eyes. He said coldly, "If I'm talking nonsense, you can go look for some senior martial artists for verification. Besides, I remember that a year ago, your Wushuang Tower was condemned by other clans and Martial Arts League because of the mass abuse and death of the factotum disciples."

"Would you like to hear about all of them?" Fade glared at Dacia and asked sharply.

Dacia's eyes narrowed while he continued staring at Fade. He did not speak for a long time as he didn't expect that Fade would know so much about the internal affairs of the Wushuang Tower.

Dacia's silence became a tacit consent to the matter in the eyes of the Soo family. Their expression was hard and cold. Ernest shook his head repeatedly, obviously reluctant for Momo to become a factotum disciple.

Upon realizing what was going on, Dacia hurriedly explained, "Those were just some isolated cases. Most of the factotum disciples of the Wushuang Tower did not have these problems. If things are really as serious as you said, why are there still so many people willing to become factotum disciples of the Wushuang Tower every year?"

As he said this, Master Soo, who had been standing at the side quietly listening to the conversation looking as calm as still

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water, started to tremble.

Dacia immediately continued, "Besides, Callum and I already agreed to accept Momo as a disciple. We guarantee that Momo will be different from the other factotum disciples and will provide her with good practice resources."

"Furthermore, if you practice and do well, it is possible to advance into becoming an outer disciple." 

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Dacia shifted his gaze towards Master Soo and tried to tempt him again. He said, "The Soo family should think carefully about this offer. Do you want to give this opportunity up? Our Wushuang Tower is a Heaven Level force. Do you know what this means?"

Master Soo's trembling face became even more agitated after hearing him talk.

Even Somoset and Lyla, who were shocked by Fade's words, looked like they were now slightly tempted.

Egbert raised his head immediately to look at Dacia. He said, "I trust you, Mr. Yang. I'll leave Momo in your hands to join the Wushuang Tower then."

A smile appeared on Dacia's face after hearing what Egbert said. He beckoned to Momo and said, "Please come over here!"

Momo's expression changed and she took a few steps back. Ernest was shocked and looked at Egbert. He said, "Dad, how could you agree? You're letting Momo suffer!"

Egbert sternly shouted, "Why are you talking such nonsense? Mr. Yang has already clarified the rumors. Moreover, the Wushuang Tower is such a famous clan, and they have their own rules. I believe in them! Let Momo go!"

"Dad, you can't..." Ernest said.

Momo also voiced her objections, "Grandpa, I don't want to be part of the Wushuang Tower. I don't want to be a factotum

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disciple."

"Nonsense, this is a big family matter, and not for the younger generation to mess around with. I've already made my decision. Momo, come over here!" Master Soo shouted sternly.

Momo and Ernest stepped backwards, unwilling to go over.

Egbert got angry and waved his hand to instruct the guard, "Bring Momo here!"

The guards got moving immediately.

Fade was standing by the side and saw the commotion. Fade's face darkened, and his gaze were deep with fury. He shouted sternly, "Get lost!"

In an instant, a burst of energy broke out which threw off the surrounding guards.

Fade stared at Egbert resentfully and said in a deep voice, "Do you know that you are personally sending Momo into the demon cave?"

Egbert was shocked but said firmly, "The Wushuang Tower is a Heaven Level clan, so how can it be a demon cave? As for what you said just now, Mr. Yang has already explained it. They were isolated cases, and these things will not happen to Momo."

"It won't?" Fade sneered and shook his head. He looked at Egbert and said, "I initially thought that you were a little pedantic and stubborn due to your old age. But now I can see that you are neither pedantic nor stubborn, but a fool corrupted by greed."

"You are so blinded by greed that you are not seeing things clearly. For the sake of the so-called prosperity of the family, you'd rather let your Granddaughter to enter the demon's cave. People like you are not worthy of being Momo's grandfather."

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After saying this, Fade turned around, looked at Momo and said, "Momo, you no longer need to stay in this house. I'll take you away from here."

Momo was taken aback for a moment and glanced at her family. She nodded and followed Fade, ready to leave.

Ernest felt conflicted. He turned his head and glanced at the sullen-looking Egbert. He bowed and turned around to catch up with Momo, who was about to leave.

At that moment, Dacia, who was at the main seat, slapped on the armrest and let out a cold snort, "Do you think you can just simply leave with the disciple that the Wushuang Tower wants?"

"I order Momo to stay!" Dacia stood up immediately and glared at Fade coldly. Energy and vitality erupted from his body and enveloped Fade.

Fade felt the energy and stopped in his tracks. He turned around to look at Dacia and asked him coldly, "Are you looking for a fight?"

Dacia looked arrogantly at Fade and said coldly, "You are the so-called number one on the Dragon List. I would like to see what kind of strength you have."

As he spoke, Dacia's energy surged once again, and the intense energy enveloped the entire Soo family's hall. Everyone felt a weird sense of pressure and their hearts throbbed with fear.

"This...this kind of pressure!"

"Is this the kind of energy of the strength of a Heaven Level clan disciple? It's terrifying."



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"Master Chen, will you win?"

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Master Soo said, "Master Chen, our family doesn't want to be your enemies. Please let Momo go at once!"

Fade glanced at Egbert without saying anything. He was too lazy to be bothered about the old fellow blinded by greed.

With a calm face, Fade snorted and walked towards Dacia's majestic energy field. He sneered, "Is this your strength? This is what the so-called Heaven Level clan disciple can offer?"

"You..." Dacia was surprised by Fade's approach. He immediately furrowed his brows and cranked up his energy. In the center of his right palm, a stream of energy converged and transformed into a sharp blade. With a whoosh, it pierced through the air and towards Fade's heart, "If you're seeking to die, then so be it!"

Fade did not dodge from Dacia's ruthless move but walked up directly towards his energy.

Before the energy was about to hit Fade, he slapped it away with his right hand. The energy blasted against his palm with a bang.

Dacia's sharp blade was smashed into pieces by Fade's palm. It broke into bits and fragments before disappearing.

"How is this possible? How can you..." Dacia was truly shocked. He gritted his teeth and the energy in his body exploded again. His ray of light bloomed and emanated, turning into many sharp blades which were all aimed at Fade, ready to shoot their way towards him.

Dacia had been enraged and was about to use his full strength.

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However, Fade snorted and slammed his right arm, "Now, it's my turn."

The simple punch did not seem impressive, but it burst out with a loud bang.

Dacia, who took the punch, felt the terrifying energy from his fist. It was a kind of force that he was not able to defend.

With a bang, the fist hit Dacia's body, instantly slashing through the radiance around him. He flew backwards and slammed heavily into the long, narrow table at the center of the Soo family's hall.

A series of crackling sounds could be heard straight away.

Dacia's body smashed into the items enshrined on the Soo family's case, causing them to fall to the ground. They broke into pieces as they hit the floor.

Egbert's face twitched as he was distressed by the scene. He dared not say anything but could only grit his teeth and endured everything silently.

Fade stepped forward towards Dacia, who was struggling to get up. He stepped on him with his foot and said coldly, "Now you know my strength!"

At the sight of this, the Soo family was shocked.

They did not expect Fade to defeat Dacia so easily. Most importantly, they did not expect him to even fight with Dacia, a disciple of the Heaven Level clan.

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Egbert was the only person with a strange sullen look. He looked at Fade and he seemed to be angry.

"Let go of me!" Dacia struggled to get out from under Fade's foot, but Fade stepped on him again with a bit of force. Lying in the debris, blood was flowing from the corner of Dacia's mouth.

Dacia's expression was fierce and he refused to back down. Clenching his jaw, he said, "I must say you're quite strong, being number one on the Dragon List. But if you dare lay a finger on me, the Wushuang Tower will not let you get away with it."

"Won't let me get away with it?" Fade sneered and said, "Do you think that your Wushuang Tower will waste their energy on an outer disciple like you?"

"I..." Dacia looked stiff with his face contorted. He was indeed just an outer disciple, and not a priority to the clan.

At that moment, Fade glanced at the people in the hall and said coldly, "Besides, if I kill you now and then kill these eyewitnesses at the scene, do you think that Wushuang Tower will know about this?"

Upon hearing it, Dacia and the Soo family shivered with fear.

Dacia was also very scared, but he still gritted his teeth and said, "You, you dare not kill me. Killing Wushuang Tower disciples is a huge crime. Besides, Callum is aware of me visiting the Soo family. If you kill me, he will definitely find out what happened. Then, you will all die."

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His threat did not frighten Fade, but it terrorized everyone in the Soo family, especially Egbert. He looked at Fade with trembling lips and it seemed like he wanted to stop Fade from killing Dacia out of concern that it would endanger his family.

Fade looked at Egbert with a cold stare and said coldly, "No one can stop me from killing the person I wish to kill."

Egbert shuddered after hearing what Fade said. He was about to say something, but he was so scared that he did not dare to utter a word.

He now realized that the person in front of him was not a young junior but a martial arts master who had had many lives die at his hands.

Before that, he was able to command respect from Fade simply because of his identity as Momo's grandfather. However, since Momo had almost severed her relationship with him, Fade would definitely not tolerate his attitude again. 2

Thinking of this, Egbert felt a chill run down his spine. His fragile body trembled a few times and he almost fell to the ground.

At that moment, Fade shifted his gaze toward Dacia again. His cold eyes were filled with murderous intent, which made Dacia quiver.

However, Fade still did not kill him. Instead, he looked at Dacia and said coldly, "Tell them what really happened to the Wushuang Tower factotum disciples!"

Dacia was taken aback by his request. He pursed his lips, "Those are isolated cases. Don't even think that I would slander the Wushuang Tower. Besides, Callum will be looking for me soon since I'm not back yet."

Seeing how stubborn Dacia is, Fade shook his head. His face stoically cold as he said, "Even now, you still don't want to give up and continue to threaten me with the Wushuang Tower name."

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"Do you really think that I would be afraid of your senior brother?" Fade said coldly.

Dacia's expression changed but he immediately said with firmness in his voice, "My senior brother is an internal disciple, an Earth-level master. His status and martial arts skills are greater than average. If you dare kill me, he won't let you get away this easily."

"Really?" Fade sneered. He then took out a delicate jade tablet and said, "What if I have this? Will he still dare to kill me?"

Dacia and the Soo family turned their gaze towards the jade tablet in Fade's hand.

While the Soo family only felt that the jade tablet was exquisite, they did not think it special in any other way.

Dacia was shocked when he saw the jade tablet. "How is this possible? How could you have this jade tablet? Who on earth are you?" He exclaimed.

Fade did not respond. He just sneered and said, "Now, are you still reluctant to speak?"

Dacia's expression changed and he remained silent for a moment. He then nodded and said, "I, I will obey my senior brother's orders and speak up!"

"Senior brother?" When everyone in the Soo family heard him addressing Fade as a senior brother, they were puzzled.

Fade moved his feet away from Dacia. Dacia got up and explained to the Soo family, "That jade tablet is the nameplate of the personal disciple of Wushuang Tower. It represents the identity of Master Chen."

The Soo family was shocked and looked at Fade with astonishment. They never expected that Fade would turn out to be a disciple of the Wushuang Tower, or the highest-ranking of personal disciple at that.

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"What, what the hell is going on?"

"Master Chen, you, your identity..."

"Is this true? Do you rank first on the Dragon List? And are you also the personal disciple of Wushuang Tower..."

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Fade did not respond to their questions. He just put the jade tablet away and then said to Dacia coldly, "Speak now!"

Fade wasn't a disciple of the Wushuang Tower. The jade tablet belonged to his wife, Quin's mother, Chrystal. It was taken by Quin when she went to the Sun family of Dragonville to seek help.

After Fade convinced the Sun family, he helped them to search for his mother-in-law which is why he kept the jade tablet with him.

It was useful for him as he could use it whenever he met people from the Wushuang Tower.

Dacia was completely submissive to Fade. He began explaining the real situation of the factotum disciples in the Wushuang Tower. He also admitted that his so-called apprenticeship for his senior brother was a lie. It was an impromptu idea he had after getting captivated by Momo's beauty.

After hearing his explanation, all of Soo family members' expressions changed.

Ernest and Momo's faces were full of anger. They glared fiercely at Dacia, wishing to eat him alive.

Somerset, Lyla, and the others did not dare to speak anymore. After all, they were the ones who were extremely supportive of Dacia earlier.

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Egbert, who had been the most determined to trust Dacia, looked completely devastated. He sat slumped on the chair, looking to be in complete shock.

He never thought the opportunity which he fought for, and his hopes for the rise of the Soo family were all in vain. They were used by Dacia for his ill intentions. Dacia had no interest in helping the Soo family rise. He only came by as means to covet the beauty of his granddaughter.

To make matters worse, Egbert had rejected Fade who turned out to be the person whom he should have been leaving a good impression on.

Fade was ranked top on the Dragon List and was also a personal disciple of the Wushuang Tower. His status was even higher than Dacia's senior brother, Callum.

Even though a golden egg-like Fade had been right in front of him, Egbert had blindly and ignorantly treated him like rubbish. Instead, he sought out Dacia who was a pathetic phony.

It can be said that Egbert was penny wise and pound foolish; he spent his time winning the good grace of a phony, and losing the good grace of the real deal.

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There was complete silence in the hall. The Soo family members were all speechless.

Fade glanced at the stunned group, then looked at Momo and Ernest, and said, "Let's go!"

The two nodded and followed Fade, ready to leave.

Seeing what was going on, the Soo family members looked worried.

Somoset and the others looked at each other. Finally, Lyla forced a smile and stood up. She said, "Momo, today is New Year's Eve. Please stay and have dinner with us."

Somoset also quickly persuaded, "Ernest, it was a misunderstanding just now. Let's have dinner together?"

Both Ernest and Momo did not respond. They just gave them a cold stare and then looked at Fade.

When Somoset, Lyla, and the others saw this, they felt anxious. They knew that if Ernest and Momo left the Soo family that moment, it almost meant that they had severed their ties with the Soo family.

It also meant that the remaining Soo family would not be able to have a relationship with Master Chen.

They might even become enemies, which was something that the Soo family would never want to happen.

Therefore, Somoset and Lyla desperately wanted Momo and Ernest to stay. They hoped to seize the opportunity to make up with



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Master Chen and get on his good side.

However, it seemed Ernest and Momo were reluctant and would not budge easily .

Feeling apprehensive, Somoset and Lyla turned their gaze toward Master Soo, hoping he could persuade them.

"Dad, you're the head of the family. Please say something!"

"Yes, Dad. You made a wrong decision, so now is the time to explain."

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Egbert, who had always been stubborn and proud, heard his children's grumbles and urges, and his eyes twinkled.

However, his expression turned grim instantly as he looked towards the door. He took a step forward and finally said, "Momo, I have made a mistake. It was my fault for not investigating clearly, causing all this to happen."

"Now that it has been clarified, I agree to all the things you mentioned before. You and your father should be back with us!" Master Soo said.

It was rare for Master Soo to admit defeat. After all, he hadn't admitted his mistake for decades since he took the position. But now he was willing to admit his mistakes to a junior.

Unfortunately, he was the only one who thought that his apology was sincere enough. To Fade and Momo, it sounded more like an annoyance than an apology. They looked even more displeased.

Ernest held his daughter in his arms and patted her back to comfort her.

However, Fade sneered and looked at Egbert. He said in a low voice, "Mistake? Do you even believe what you've just said?"

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Egbert's expression stiffened up and contorted hideously.

Fade did not care about his expression and continued to say coldly, "If you continue being stubborn, I would only regard you as an old fool. But now that you see there is much to gain, you change your standpoint shamelessly. You really have no shame and people like you don't deserve to be Momo's grandfather."

At that, Fade looked at Momo and said, "Momo, let's go!"

Momo paused for a moment, but in the end, she did not look back. She nodded and left with Fade. Ernest immediately followed behind.

Behind them, Egbert and the others watched them leave the hall. Their faces fell and finally they took a long sigh. Everyone slumped to the ground.

Egbert's face became ghastly pale. He looked up at the sky and sighed, "I'm to be blamed for the fall of the Soo family. It's my fault!"

Behind him, Somerset and the others wanted to say something, they just could not figure out what to say anymore. In the end, they could only let out a regretful sigh.

The Soo family New Year's Eve dinner party came to a very unexpected end.

After the dinner, the Soo family announced that they would not entertain any more visitors. The family estate diminished completely and they instantly adopted a low profile.

As for Fade, after leaving with Momo, they temporarily stayed in the house provided by Andrew Xu.

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Fade and Momo were disappointed with Egbert and the other's behaviors. He and Momo no longer wanted to stay in the Soo family.

As for what they wanted to do moving forward, Fade and Mom would ponder about it. Fade would help in any way he could, whether it was business development or learning martial arts. 

However, as Ernest and Momo had just left the Soo family, they still needed time to let their emotions settle. Therefore, Fade did not force them to make decisions quickly and let them take their time.

While Ernest and Momo were resting, Fade approached Dacia.

Fade did not let Dacia leave after defeating him. Instead, brought him home.

There was an incident involving a factotum disciple of the Wushuang Tower who claimed to possess the Hallow Ice Spring. The disciple wanted to swindle Fade for his treasure, and he still remembered the incident well.

Since he had Dacia, Fade wanted to find out what happened.

After hearing Fade out, Dacia didn't dare to hide anything and told him everything he knew.

It turned out that Dacia and his group were all out here because they were following his senior brother, Callum.

Callum, who had trained in Wushuang Tower for ten years, could be considered a talented disciple. He was only twenty but had reached the early phase of the Earth Level. He was ranked 38th on the Martial Dragon List.

Last month was time for Callum to venture out for training.

Callum brought a few internal disciples and a group of factotum disciples out of the Wushuang Tower. They came out to gain

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experience, and ended up challenging and defeating many martial arts masters from all over the world.

Eventually, he reached South Bay City. Callum unintentionally found a treasure spot and discovered that there might be a Heaven Level treasure, the Hallow Ice Spring, hidden there.

Callum guarded the treasure and led the group to dig the treasure out...

While Callum was digging for treasure, he sent his subordinates, Dacia, Dorias, and the others to collect the materials needed to break the formation protecting the treasure.

However, Callum didn't expect that Dorias would be killed by Fade because he coveted Fade's treasures by claiming to possess the Hallow Ice Spring.

Dacia had gone to the Soo family to covet the benefits promised by them, which finally led them to where they were.

After listening to Dacia's explanation, Fade's eyes lit up with interest. "Hallow Ice Spring. Tell me, where is the treasure that Callum has found?"

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Dacia was taken aback when he heard this. He immediately understood what Fade wanted to do.

After hesitating for a moment, Dacia saw Fade's expression darkened. He couldn't help but shiver and hurriedly said, "I'll tell, I'll tell."

Dacia told Fade about the location of Callum's excavation.

Fade checked the location and found that it wasn't too far away from the South Bay City center. It was in a sparsely populated mountain forest, not far from where Dorias had deceived Fade previously.

After pinpointing the location, Fade immediately prepared for his journey as he planned to go to the place and take a look.

If Callum was easy-going, Fade could talk to him. Fade would help him, and then he would be given a portion of the Hallow Ice Spring.

If Callum was not easy to deal with, Fade did not mind using force against him to fight for the Hallow Ice Spring.

Fade had finished his preparations and was about to set off.

Andrew and Lauren came by and said, "Master Chen, someone wants to see you."

"Who is it? Is he here for the treasure exchange? I have something to do, so I have to leave now. Both of you can take care of it," Fade said.

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Andrew hurriedly explained, "There's something special about this person. He said that you must meet him."

"Special? You guys really need me to meet him, huh!" Fade frowned and felt a little puzzled.

Lauren quickly explained, "Master Chen, this person claims to be a disciple of Wushuang Tower, and his tone was rather rude."

"From the Wushuang Tower!" Fade and Dacia were shocked.

Fade's face immediately darkened and he nodded, "I'll see him."

After a few steps, Fade turned his head, looked at Dacia and said, "You come with me too."

Fade pushed the door open to the parlor and saw a man sitting at the main seat. He was in his late twenties and was wearing a long robe. He crossed his legs while drinking his tea. With a hint of pride, he said disdainfully, "Worldly things are just not good enough. This tea can't even be compared to my spiritual tea at Wushuang Tower."

When he saw Fade walk in, he immediately put his tea down. He looked at Fade but had no intention to get up and greet him. Instead, he remained where he sat with his legs crossed while leaning against the chair. He said to Fade in an arrogant tone, "Are you Fade?"

With such a rude attitude, Fade was naturally displeased with him.

With a snort, Fade said, "Yes, I am. Who are you?"

The man raised his eyebrows, glanced at Andrew and Lauren, and said, "Didn't they tell you that I am from Wushuang Tower when they went in to call for you?"

Fade said coldly, "I know you're from Wushuang Tower. What are you doing here?"

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When he heard Fade's tone, the man was dissatisfied. He shouted, "Since you know that I am from the Wushuang Tower, you should kneel to me!"

The sudden shout made Andrew and Lauren shudder in fear, and they almost fell to the ground. Fortunately, they held onto Fade.

However, the overwhelming energy made their faces scrunch up.

Fade released his force to resist the man's energy. He then looked coldly at the man and said, "What do you mean by this?"

"What do you mean?" The man snorted and stood up. He narrowed his eyes slightly and said in a threatening tone, "Isn't it true that the disappearance of my factotum disciples have something to do with you?"

"Your factotum disciples are missing?" A thought came to Fade's mind, and he immediately realized that he was referring to Dorias' group.

Fade immediately snorted coldly and said, "And, what about it?"

The man clapped his hand and said sternly, "Don't you dare fool around with me. I have sent someone to check on Dorias, a factotum disciple of the Wushuang Tower. The last person he came into contact was you, Fade Chen, isn't that right? Tell me, where are you hiding them?"

Fade looked at his arrogant behavior and sneered. He stepped forward and said, "Since you have looked into the matter, you should know what Dorias has done. He plotted to make a fool out of me and steal my treasures. He even wanted to kill me."

"So, what?" The man's face was full of pride, and he was very arrogant.

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"Your Wushuang Tower disciples insulted me and even wanted to kill me. What do you think?" Fade asked coldly.

The man snorted disdainfully, "Aren't you still healthy and alive? Besides, even if my Wushuang Tower disciples killed you, it would be nothing but a small matter."

"I'm giving you one last chance. Release Dorias and the others, and hand over the Purple Smoke Stone. Then, I will spare your life," the man said arrogantly to Fade.

"Spare my life?" Fade sneered, then shook his head and said, "It's kind of impossible to release them now."

"Why not? Do you really want to die?" The man got angry and shouted at Fade, "I order you to release them immediately."

Fade twitched his mouth and revealed a wicked smile, and said, "I said it's impossible because all of them are dead."

"What? Dead?" The man was shocked and glared at Fade, "Do you know what you are saying?"

Fade sneered and said, "Of course I know what I'm talking about, and I also know what I'm doing. I was the one who killed them all."

"How dare you!" The man roared in rage and glared at Fade. He gnashed his teeth and yelled, "How dare you kill my people? You must be tired of living."

"Now, kneel before me and offer me all your treasures before I kill you. I promise you I can give you a quick death," The man ordered him harshly, sounding arrogant as ever.

However, Fade didn't seem fazed. He shook his head and said, "It's no wonder all of you are from the Wushang Tower. Birds of a feather flock together!"



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"You, you really are asking for death! I will make you suffer so much, you wish you were dead." The man's face grew sinister as he shouted. A violent killing intent erupted from him as he started to attack Fade.

But as he was about to attack, a figure rushed in and shouted, "Raymond, stop!"

The man heard the voice and was startled. He fixed his eyes on the source of the voice and saw the face of the person who was approaching him. He couldn't help but exclaimed, "Dacia, why are you here?"

Dacia was not bothered about the past. He shouted anxiously, "Raymond, stop right now. Apologize immediately to Master Chen."

"Stop? Apologize?" Raymond looked puzzled. He looked at Dacia and said, "What are you talking about? This guy killed the disciples of our Wushuang Tower. What's more, he has the Purple Smoke Rock that Callum needs. So, I was going to..."

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Before Raymond could finish his sentence, Dacia rushed over and stopped him, saying, "I understand. But you must not do it. You are no match for Master Chen!"

"How could it be? Isn't he just a normal warrior? I'm an outer disciple of the Wushuang Tower. I-" Raymond said, sounding prideful and in disbelief of what he was being told.

Dacia became anxious and pointed at his left arm. He said, "This arm was cut off by Master Chen. Even I am no match for Master Chen, so you should stop now."

"What? This guy harmed you, Dacia? I'm going to kill him, I-" Raymond said angrily.

Dacia urged him anxiously, "Master Chen is ranked number one on the Dragon List and is also a personal disciple of the Wushuang Tower. Please do not attack him. Apologize quickly to Master Chen. Quickly..."

Dacia continued urging him but Raymond seemed skeptical, "What's wrong with you? How could you believe such ridiculous stuff? How could he be the first on the Dragon List and a disciple of our Wushuang Tower? These are all lies!"

"Watch, I'll avenge you." Raymond pushed Dacia aside and approached Fade. His momentum was fierce and oppressive.

Dacia was extremely nervous and he wanted to stop Raymond. But he only had one arm now as he couldn't do much. He could only watch Raymond attack Fade with despair and lament.

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"I don't care what tactics you used to deceive Dacia. But now, there's only one consequence for you...death." Raymond said, consumed by murderous intent.

Fade stood still and shook his head slightly while confronting Raymond. He said calmly, "Since you're looking for death, you can go and join Dorias and the others."

"Arrogant punk, you're still spouting nonsense in the face of death." Raymond's eyes narrowed as he shouted. His increased the intensity of his attacks.

At that moment, Raymond's sharp energy blade was right in front of Fade.

Just as the blade was about to pierce through Fade's clothes, Fade slapped it away.

The slap pierced through the air, simple and clean without any sophisticated moves.

But with its unstoppable force, it directly slammed into Raymond and pushed him down heavily from mid-air.

With a thud, Raymond fell right into the hard floor, leaving a pit on the ground.

"You, you are actually..." Raymond suffered a heavy blow, and there was blood at the corner of his mouth. He raised his head with difficulty and looked at Fade and said in astonishment, "You are really..."

Before he could finish his words, his bones shattered. Raymond choked on his last breath, and his head fell. He had completely lost his breath and energy.

It was quite a pity that an outer disciple of Wushuang Tower died so easily.

At that moment, a different kind of emotion surged through Dacia's heart. He felt sad about Raymond's death, but he was also

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afraid. He was fearful but greatly respected Fade's superb capability and killing techniques.

After killing Raymond, Fade looked at Dacia and said calmly, "Is this your fellow disciple?"

Dacia shuddered and quickly recovered from his emotions. He hid his sadness and bowed respectfully, "Master Chen, Raymond and I are both outer disciples of the Wushuang Tower. We follow Callum. And yes, he is indeed my fellow disciple."

"Well, then tell me, what is the main reason that he was here?" Fade continued.

Dacia said, "There should be two reasons why he was here. Firstly, he may have wanted to investigate the disappearance of Dorias and the other missing factotum disciples, or he could be here for the Purple Smoke Stone which he mentioned just now."

"There is a formation around Callum's treasure spot, which is very difficult to break. After studying it for a long time, he has finally found a clue to break it. However, he needs many precious materials to help crack it which is why he asked us to search around to collect what he needed."

"The Purple Smoke Stone is one of the rarest materials. Callum should have collected the rest already and is now only missing the Purple Smoke Stone. That's possibly why he sent Raymond to search for it."

"I see!" Fade nodded. He twitched with a sneer and muttered to himself, "Since Callum is still short of the Purple Smoke Stone, then I'll send it to him!"

After hearing Fade's words, Dacia couldn't help but tremble, feeling a chill within him. He silently prayed for Callum, hoping that he would listen to his advice and refrained from doing anything to Master Chen. Otherwise, Dacia couldn't bear to think of the consequences.

Without further delay, they quickly disposed of Raymond's corpse. After that, Fade and Dacia headed towards Callum's treasure

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location.

They moved with extraordinary speed and soon arrived at the treasure's location.

It was a sparsely populated mountain forest. After crossing over a mountain ridge, one could see from a distance that there was a small wooden hut at the hillside across. Smoke was coming out from the roof, and one could vaguely see figures walking around the wooden cabin.

"That's it." Dacia said.

Fade nodded and then moved forward.

Soon, the two arrived at the wooden hut. They saw two disciples of the Wushuang Tower, wearing long robes, standing guard outside the cabin. They could hear sounds of chattering and frolicking inside.

Fade's sudden arrival alerted the disciples who were guarding the cabin. They shouted, "Who are you? Stop at once!"

Fade ignored them and continued walking forward. He asked in a low voice, "Where is Callum? Get him out here to see me."

"Who are you? How dare you yell at our senior brother Callum?" The guarding disciples vigilantly drew out their knives from the sheaths on their waists.

Just as they were about to attack Fade, Dacia rushed out and yelled in a hurry, "It's me, it's me. Stop what you're doing, stop!"

The guarding disciples saw Dacia and were startled. They stopped attacking and said, "Senior brother Dacia, why are you..."

Dacia said, "Where's Callum? I have something important to discuss with him. Go and get him quickly."

"Callum is still in the cave, I..." The guarding disciple felt that something was wrong.

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At that moment, Dacia led Fade towards the wooden cabin, and was ready to go in to for a short rest.

When the guarding disciples saw this, their faces turned pale. They hurriedly stopped him and said, "Dacia, don't go in."

"Why? I'm bringing the guest of honor in for a rest. We will wait for Callum to return. So why are you stopping us?" Dacia asked.

The faces of the factotum disciples turned pale. They faltered and didn't know how to explain it.

A woman's scream was heard from inside the house, followed by the sound of beating and shouting.

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"D\*mn it! Behave yourself!"

"You disobedient thing, do you want to die?"

"Do you know who we are? You should feel lucky to be serving us, do you understand?"

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Fade and Dacia's expression darkened at the same time after hearing these voices.

Without waiting for Fade to speak, Dacia immediately asked the disciple on guard duty, "What's going on? What are you guys doing inside?"

The disciple's face turned pale and he looked squirmish. He did not dare to speak.

Next, Fade stepped forward and kicked the wooden door open. With a bang, the entire door flew out of the cabin.

The loud noise interrupted what was going on within the cabin and everyone paused. Then, a loud voice shouted, "Who is it?"

The two young men in the house turned their heads and saw Fade walk in. They shouted angrily, "Who the f\*ck are you? How dare you meddle in our affairs!"

Fade did not answer their questions, but his gaze was on the people behind the two young men.

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A young couple was lying on the ground behind the two men. They were wearing hiking clothes and had two big backpacks beside them. They looked like they were on a hiking trip.

The man looked like he had been thrown to a corner at the wooden cabin. He was beaten up badly and his face was all bruised up and swollen. The woman was disheveled, and her face was a fearful mess.

Needless to say, Fade understood right away what was going on there.

The commotion from earlier was because the two young men were trying to flirt with the female hiker.

"D\*mn, I'm asking you a question. Did you hear me?" A stout man who had his shirt taken off saw that Fade did not respond and rushed over to him angrily.

"Tell me, who are you? Why are you here..." The stout man grabbed Fade and wanted to hold him by the throat.

Before he could even make a move, Fade kicked him away.

The man was kicked right at his abdomen. He flew backward and hit the wall hard, shaking the whole hut. A mouthful of blood spurted out of his mouth, and he slid down the wall.

A thin and tall man saw Fade beat up his companion and his gaze suddenly turned cold. He glared at Fade and said coldly, "You dare to lay a hand on our men. Do you know who we are?"

The tall, thin man then yelled at the people outside the hut, "Where are those standing outside? All of you, come in quickly! Quick..."

Fade paid no attention to those outside and continued to stretch his legs out to kick the tall, thin man and sent him flying across



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the room. Blood spurted out from his mouth, and he slid to the ground.

Dacia and the other disciples on guard duty outside the hut finally walked in.

They came in with mixed reactions.

When the disciples saw that their senior was getting beaten up, they wanted to come to their aid. But Dacia turned his head and roared at them, shocking them all, "All of you, stop!"

The two disciples who were beaten up saw this and shouted in retort, "Dacia, are you the one who brought this person here? What are you doing? How dare you attack us?"

Dacia initially wanted to ask Fade what was going on, but before he could ask, his gaze swept across the room and landed on the hiking couple. He instantly understood why Fade had done what he did.

Dacia shouted sternly, "How dare you guys do such a thing?!"

When they heard this, the two men frowned in displeasure.

"Dacia, what's wrong with you? It's just a trivial matter. Why are you making such a fuss over it?"

"Exactly. Haven't you done similar things before? Why are you condemning us for this?"

"Dacia, please explain what's going on here? Why have you brought outsiders over to fight our people?"

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"All of you, shut up! Apologize to Master Chen now and admit your mistakes!" Dacia shouted sternly. He was worried that they might anger Fade.

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However, these two people were also outer disciples of the Wushuang Tower, and their status was not lower than that of Dacia's. They were usually arrogant, so they certainly would not be submissive now.

"Apologize? Dacia, what the f\*ck are you doing? You want us to apologize to this foreign kid?"

"Dacia, you have betrayed us. When Callum and Raymond are back, you'll get your punishment."

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Dacia wanted to say something, but Fade had no more patience to listen to them. He walked forward and stepped on the two men's lower abdomens. "Raymond will not be back because I killed him."

"What? You killed Raymond?" the stout man was shocked.

"We're disciples of the Wushuang Tower. Do you know what you've done? How dare you kill our people. You..." the tall, thin man said sternly.

However, Fade ignored their shouts and continued stepping on them with his foot. Both of them screamed in pain. Their lower abdomens were destroyed.

The disciples who were guarding at the scene and were terrified. They looked at Fade's gaze with fear.

After all, these two were outer disciples of the Wushuang Tower, and their cultivation realms were both at the late stage of the Black Level. The disciples were surprised that they were both so easily crippled by Fade.

The two men who were disabled by Fade were still screaming in pain. Their faces were full of resentment and agony. They glared at Fade and gnashed their teeth. "Y-you did this to us. You will die a terrible death. The Wushuang Tower will never forgive

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you! We..."

"Shut up, or I'll kill you too!" Fade shouted coldly. His ice-cold murderous intent struck them, and they suddenly did not dare to speak.

Fade then glared coldly at both of them and pointed at the hiking couple by the side. He asked aloud, "Tell me, what is going on here?"

Their expressions changed, and they didn't dare to say another word.

Dacia gave them another warning, "Barney, Norlan, answer quickly. Master Chen ranks number one on the Dragon List. Don't give him a reason to kill you!"

"What? First place on the Dragon List?"

"How is this possible?"

Both of them were extremely surprised. But when the men saw Dacia's serious expression, they had no choice but to tell him the truth.

It turned out that Callum had been studying ways to break the magic seal in the cave all this while.

Some of the outer disciples and factotum disciples were assigned to look for materials and had gone separate ways. The other disciples stayed put to guard the cabin.

Dacia and Raymond's job were more demanding and hectic as they had to venture out to look for materials.

Both Barney and Norlan, who were left to guard the area, could only remain where they were, which was why they were bored.

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It was only recently when they were patrolling nearby that they had stumbled upon a pair of hikers who accidentally entered the area.

Initially, the hiking couple did not notice their cave at all, and they could easily be driven away from the area and let go. But the two bored men saw that the woman was pretty and started harboring ill intentions.

They imprisoned the hiking couple under the pretext of keeping their secret and then attempted to harass the woman, which was what had happened just now.

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After hearing this, Fade said coldly, "Is this what the disciples of Wushuang Tower do?"

Dacia shuddered and quickly explained, "Master Chen, th-this is only the conduct of certain individuals. Most of the disciples in Wushuang Tower behave very well."

"They had better!" Fade thundered. He then walked towards the hiking couple and performed his positive energy aura to treat their injuries. He then comforted them and asked someone to send them away.

The two disabled outer disciples watched all of this coldly. Although they lowered their heads to express submissiveness, their eyes were filled with resentment.

At this moment, a cry of surprise was heard from the outside. "What's the matter? Where are the guards? Did they slack off again?"

Upon hearing this, the two outer disciples' eyes brightened, and their faces lit up with excitement. They also raised their heads.

Dacia trembled, and he quickly said to Fade, "Callum is back?"

"He's back." Fade snorted and sat on the chair facing the door with no intention of moving.

During this time, Callum had already reached the door. As the wooden door was gone, Callum saw the situation inside the house at a glance.

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His eyes swept across the two outer disciples and landed on Fade. His gaze instantly turned ice-cold. "Who are you? Why are you here?"

Dacia wanted to come forward and explain.

Before he could, the two paralyzed outer disciples behind them shouted loudly.

"Callum, Dacia has rebelled against us! He was the one who brought the enemy here and even broke our lower abdomens!"

"They even killed Raymond. Callum, please avenge us!"

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After hearing them, Callum's face instantly became cold, and a murderous intent erupted from his body. He was about to attack Fade.

Dacia saw this and became worried that Callum would end up like Raymond. He rushed out, waved his hands, and quickly explained, "Callum, the situation isn't what you think. Listen to my explanation."

"I'll give you a chance, so explain..." Callum looked at Dacia, who only had one arm left. He narrowed his eyes slightly and stopped his attack.

Dacia let out a small sigh of relief and immediately began, "Callum, this is what happened. Master Chen came with me to look for you. But when we entered the cabin, we discovered that Barney and Norlan were taking advantage of a woman, so we..."

After clarifying the matter, Dacia said, "That was what happened, Callum. It was all because of Barney and Norlan. Master Chen is not to be blamed in this matter."

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After clarifying the situation, he thought that Callum would understand.

But to his surprise, Callum didn't blame the two men at all. Instead, he looked at Fade coldly and said, "So, you are the one who disabled my two juniors?"

Fade's eyes narrowed slightly. He nodded and said coldly, "Indeed I am."

When Dacia saw this, he had a bad feeling in his gut and once again said, "Callum, regarding this matter, we..."

"You don't need to explain anymore." Callum glared at Dacia. He looked at Fade and said in a deep voice, "Even if it was true that my two disciples were taking advantage of the woman, you as an outsider, have no right to punish my disciples of the Wushuang Tower."

"What do you mean by this?" Fade asked coldly.

Callum said coldly, "What I mean is that you must immediately destroy your own lower abdomen, kneel and beg for mercy. Then perhaps, I will spare your life."

"Is this how the people of Wushuang Tower solve their problems?" Fade said coldly, and the energy in his body spread out.

When Dacia saw this, he was shocked and hurriedly said, "Callum, this is Master Chen, a martial arts master. He is also from Wushuang Tower..."

Before Dacia could finish his sentence, the two disabled people shouted, "Callum, this guy also killed Raymond and Dorias. He likely has the Purple Smoke Stone with him."

"What? You have the Purple Smoke Rock?" Callum heard this with astonishment and joy, and he became excited. He looked at

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Fade and said coldly, "Hand over the Purple Smoke Stone, and I will consider letting you go."

Fade's expression became colder. He shook his head and said, "I didn't expect people from the Wushuang Tower to be so rotten. From factotum disciples to internal disciples, all of you are the same. In that case, I'm not going to waste my breath."

Fade shook his head as his fighting spirit increased in strength.

Callum's body was also filled with a fighting desire. He snorted and said, "You want to fight me? You're asking for death!"

Dacia saw that the two were about to fight and hurriedly shouted, "Callum, don't fight him. You are no match for Master Chen!"

"What did you say? Dacia, it seems like you have betrayed Wushuang Tower." Callum looked at Dacia coldly.

The two disabled men next to him also began to mock him.

"Dacia, you're kidding. Are you saying that Callum isn't a match for this guy? Is that even possible?"

"Callum is an internal disciple of the Wushuang Tower and an expert at the early stage of the Earth Level. He is also a martial arts expert and is ranked 38th on the Dragon List. Do you know what you're talking about?"

"Callum, kill this guy now!"

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After hearing this, Callum was even more disdainful of Fade. With a cold expression, he said coldly, "Bra, get ready to die!"

Dacia became anxious. Regardless of the impact of their fighting spirit, he rushed over and said, "Callum, Master Chen is ranked first on the Dragon List."



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"What? The number one on the Dragon List!" Callum heard this and was slightly shocked. But he then sneered and said, "This guy, number one on the Dragon List? Dacia, do you think I'm blind?"

Dacia quickly took out his mobile phone and opened the corresponding website ranking list. He showed it to Callum and said in a hurry, "Callum, look. He is Master Chen, first place on the Dragon list!"

Callum took a closer look and saw that the photo on the leaderboard was Fade's.

Suddenly, his face sank, and his expression became a little grim. "Are you Fade Chen? The first place on the Dragon List?"

Fade didn't respond. Dacia continued, "Callum, Master Chen is also a personal disciple of the Wushuang Tower."

"What? He is a personal disciple?!" This time, Callum and the others were all shocked; their faces were full of disbelief.

"How is that possible? I've never seen him in Wushuang Tower," Callum shook his head and denied.

Dacia looked at Fade, and Fade immediately took out the jade badge and flashed it at Callum.

"Callum, look at this jade badge. It's the badge that only Wushuang Tower's personal disciples have!" Dacia shouted.

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When everyone saw the badge, they were shocked and wondered in disbelief, "Is he really a personal disciple of Wushuang Tower?"

However, once Callum took a closer look, he peered at Fade with vigilance and asked, "Since you claim to be a personal disciple of Wushuang Tower, then tell me, who was your previous master? Where do you usually cultivate in Wushuang Tower? What kind of cultivation methods do you use?"

Callum tested Fade with a series of questions concerning the details of Wushuang Tower.

Although Fade had some knowledge of Wushuang Tower, he wasn't sure about such tiny details. Thus, he couldn't answer those questions and opted to remain silent.

When Callum saw that he couldn't answer, the corners of his mouth curled into a sneer. He continued, "You can't keep pretending anymore! How dare you pretend to be a disciple of the Wushuang Tower clan? You have to surrender for committing such a grave crime!"

Fade didn't respond, but Dacia was starting to get anxious. He hurriedly said, "Callum, what's going on? Why are you accusing Master Chen of faking his identity? You..."

Callum interrupted him and said, "Dacia, you've been tricked by him. His jade badge is the jade used by the former disciples of Wushuang Tower. Such badges were scrapped for recycling twenty years ago. Furthermore, he can't even answer my questions

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about Wushuang Tower. There's no doubt that he is faking his identity."

"I don't know how you got your hands on that jade badge, but you've crossed the line for pretending to be Wushuang Tower's disciple and lying to me. You have some guts."

Upon hearing this, Dacia was stunned and turned to look at Fade in astonishment.

Fade didn't want to explain anything. He simply shook his head gently, put away the jade badge, and replied calmly, "I intended to use this jade badge to make things easier for myself. But now, things have become even more complicated. So I'd better get straight to the point."

After speaking, Fade's body shifted and he rushed toward Callum in a blink of an eye.

Callum was startled at this and he shouted angrily, "You dare to attack me? You're asking for death!"

Immediately, Callum's energy became awe-inspiring. The energy realm of the Earth Level erupted from his body, and the entire wooden cabin instantly began to shake as if it was going to explode at any moment.

"You're amazing, Callum! You deserve to be an Earth Level master."

"Good job, Callum! Give that liar a taste of your power!"

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Dacia was both puzzled and anxious. "Callum, I don't know what's going on, but Master Chen is truly at the top of the Dragon List. I've witnessed Master Chen's strength. Trust me, he's not someone who we can fight against."

Callum laughed disdainfully after listening to Dacia and said in a cold voice, "Dacia, don't use your little strength to measure my

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strength. He can beat you, but next to me, he won't withstand a single blow."

Meanwhile, two air columns erupted from Callum's body as he spoke. The air columns rotated and surged, carrying the surrounding air with them. They interacted with each other and formed a whirlwind in the small cabin.

The whirlwind became more violent as the second went by, and the intense energy smashed the wooden cabin into pieces. Numerous woodblocks were caught in the whirlwind and crushed into sawdust, flying into the sky.

"Double Dragon Splash!"

Callum bellowed, and another two air columns roared and swept quickly toward Fade. The whirlwind was even fiercer this time. It was like a meat grinder, trying to crush everything in its way.

Meanwhile, Fade stood rooted to his spot while watching Callum's attack with a poker face. He did not make a move, as though he was dumbfounded.

"This is Callum's speciality. That guy is surely doomed."

"Hey, it's his honor to die in the hands of Callum's unique skill."

"Guys, look at that liar. He's petrified! Callum will definitely win."

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The crowd cheered excitedly as they watched the scene unfold. Even Dacia felt uneasy when he noticed that Fade didn't intend to move to dodge the attack. He gasped, "Could it be that Master Chen is really..."

At this moment, Fade, who had been motionless, aimed at Callum's whirlwind energy column and slapped it with his palm.

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It was just a simple slap that he made with little to no force as he gently pushed his palm forward.

As the gust of wind from his palm touched the whirlwind columns, they violently burst into two explosive sounds. Callum's air columns were smashed and they burst open.

Everyone at the scene was utterly stupefied and they gawked at Fade.

Before they could even let out a cry of surprise, the gust of wind from Fade's palm continued as he dashed forward and hit Callum on the chest.

Immediately, Callum, who had been full of arrogance, was unexpectedly knocked down by the wind from Fade's palm. He flew out of the cabin and collided with a tree.

A line of blood oozed out from the corner of Callum's mouth, his expression terrifyingly dark.

This was beyond everyone's expectation. Suddenly, everyone became silent. All of them were dumbfounded as they stared at Callum with a shocked expression.

"What on earth happened earlier?"

"What's going on? Did that liar defeat Callum's unique skill with one move? He even sent Callum flying!"

"No way... Could he really be the number one expert on the Dragon List?"

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Amidst their alarming discussion, Fade walked up to Callum and spoke in a cold voice, "Do you still want to have a duel?"

Callum's expression changed at once. He wiped away the blood from the corner of his mouth and then gritted his teeth as he

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growled, "Who on earth are you?"

"You don't need to know," Fade responded calmly.

"Then, what do you want? Are you an enemy of Wushuang Tower?" Callum pressed on in infuriation.

Fade scoffed, "I'm not interested in Wushuang Tower. All I want is the Hallow Ice Spring."

"Don't even think about it!" When Fade mentioned the Hallow Ice Spring, Callum couldn't help getting emotional and he instinctively rejected him. After all, he had been staying here for such a long time, and he had spent a great deal of effort in obtaining the Hallow Ice Spring.

Now that Fade mentioned that he wanted the Hallow Ice Spring, Callum certainly was unwilling to give it up.

Fade's eyes turned steely upon hearing this. He raised his hand while his energy surged, saying, "If you don't cooperate with me, then it's useless for me to keep you alive. You can go to hell!"

With that, the howling wind from Fade's palm swept toward Callum and was about to hit him.

Callum could distinctly feel the petrifying and murderous energy emitting from Fade, and he instantly felt scared. Fade wasn't kidding. He genuinely wanted to kill him.

Callum was terrified at the thought of death. He no longer cared about anything else and hurriedly yelled, "No, don't kill me! I'm willing to cooperate, I'm willing to..."

At the last second, the wind from Fade's palm stopped right above Callum's head. Fade then retrieved his palm and spoke calmly, "That's more like it. Lead the way then!"

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Callum had almost collapsed to the ground with cold sweat all over his body. He was frightened beyond words. It was the first time in his life that he had felt death knocking on his door. The feeling of walking on the edge of death was extremely unpleasant, and he never wanted to experience it again.

Hence, Callum didn't dare say anything else. He lowered his head and led the way quietly, heading toward the cave where the Hallow Ice Spring was located.

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The cave was not far away. It was hidden behind a bush on the hillside behind the wooden cabin.

Callum led Fade and the others into the cave. The ground of the cave was flat, and there were also some daily necessities scattered around. Callum and his followers had sorted them out.

After walking in the cave for more than ten minutes, they had entered the mountain.

When a stone door appeared in front of them, Callum stopped in his tracks. He turned around and announced, "Here it is."

Fade glanced at the stone door, then gently patted out his energy and directed the blow at the door.

In an instant, a huge ray of blinding light shone from the door, and a layer of water-like ripples gushed out. Thick energy immediately erupted and spread outward, overwhelming the group with a sense of oppression.

Dacia and the others, who were slightly weaker, felt the impact of this energy. It was unbearable for them, so they quickly activated their positive energy to resist it.

The overbearing energy lasted for about a minute before it slowly dissipated.

Fade's expression was indifferent. He frowned slightly as he stared at the stone door.

On the other hand, Callum's brows twitched slightly when he saw this. A hint of joy appeared on his face, but he immediately concealed it and said, "This stone door is sealed with a formation. If you want to use positive energy to break it open, you must



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possess at least the middle-stage of Heaven Level cultivation or higher. Otherwise, you can't break in."

Dacia exclaimed when he heard this, "Middle-stage of Heavenly Level? Where can we find an expert of this level?"

Callum shrugged and replied, "That's why we can't break it by force. We must find other ways to break the formation."

"What ideas do you have?" Dacia asked again.

Callum glared at Dacia before looking at Fade. He said, "The formation was set up by the martial artists. As long as you have a deep understanding of the formation, you can crack the code with the reverse formation induction method. However, this kind of reverse induction is difficult. The average level martial artists have no understanding of the formation at all. It's a big problem if you can't even understand it, let alone crack it."

After saying this, there was a smug look on Callum's face. He had a slightly arrogant expression as he added, "I was very interested in formations when I was in the clan and studied them for many years. During this period, I spent almost half a month investigating it. After a careful deduction, I finally found a clue to crack the formation."

Everyone's gaze immediately turned to Fade after listening to Callum's words. In particular, Callum had a look of anticipation in his eyes. It seemed that he wanted to use this to negotiate terms and conditions with Fade to get some benefits for himself.

To his surprise, Fade ignored Callum's bragging. Instead, he crouched down to gather energy with his fingers and then drew complicated lines and patterns on the ground.

When Dacia and the others saw this, they questioned in puzzlement, "What is Master Chen doing?"

Callum was the only one who looked at the drawings carefully. After a while, his expression changed and surprise was written over his face.

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He recognized the pattern that Fade was drawing on the ground. It was exactly the road map for deducing and breaking the formation on the stone door.

Watching at how Fade was drawing it so effortlessly, Callum had nearly wondered if the formation was set up by Fade himself. Otherwise, how could the latter find a way to crack the formation within such a short period? He had only seen the formation a few minutes ago and yet he could already determine a way to solve it.

After all, Callum had spent more than half a month to look for the answer. Not only that, but he had even sent countless messages back to the clan and asked his master for guidance.

"This should be it," Fade muttered once he had finished sketching and gazed at the completed pattern on the ground. He then stood up and nodded, saying, "Next, it's time to break the formation."

As he spoke, Fade walked toward the stone door.

Callum was taken aback yet again. He quickly pointed out, "We need the relevant materials to break the formation. I have collected most of the materials. What we need now is the Purple Smoke Stone which you've brought along with you."

Callum still had the same intention. He wanted to use this opportunity to negotiate with Fade to get something in return.

Nonetheless, Fade ignored him and continued walking toward the stone door.

This time around, Callum was a little puzzled. Standing beside him, Dacia and the others were confused as well. They asked, "Callum, why do we need the materials that you mentioned to break the formation?"

Callum snorted disdainfully and responded, "The basic principle of the formation is to communicate with Heaven and Earth. Thus, it is essential to use the energy provided by nature or humans to maintain the operation of the formation."

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"There are only two ways to break the formation. One is to open it by force as I described earlier. We will have to use the positive energy that is stronger than the formation in order to break it."

"The other method is to find the eye of the formation and crack it with ingenuity. However, this kind of skill is only relative to the formation. It not only requires precision but also a sufficient amount of energy."

"The source of this formation's energy is from the surrounding Universe energy. After a long time, the energy absorbed by the formation is sufficient, and its power is very great. It is also the main reason why the formation's reaction was so massive even though it was merely a simple probe."

"In this case, even if we find the eye of the formation and have the desire to break it, we need extraordinary positive energy to support it. If a person can't support the positive energy, we would need various kinds of materials for assistance. That's why I collected the materials."

After hearing this, Dacia and the others finally understood.

In reality, it showed that Callum wasn't strong enough after all. If his strength was sufficient, he could easily break the formation by force or skill. He could have completed the task by himself.

After explaining, Callum looked at Fade again. He was waiting for Fade to ask for the materials that he needed.

To his disappointment, Fade didn't ask for the materials. He went straight to the stone door and stared at it for a moment, then gathered his energy with his palm and slammed it against the stone door.

Callum was scared out of his wits at this. He hurriedly yelled, "Stop! What are you doing?"

Fade turned around and answered solemnly, "I'm breaking the formation."

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Callum's expression changed drastically. He ignored Fade's great strength and shouted at him, "Break the formation? Are you trying to kill all of us?"

"You even tried it to break it just now. A small amount of positive energy injected into the formation can cause it to emit such dense and impactful energy. Now that you have gathered so much positive energy, I'm afraid the entire cave will explode if you try to break it again. There will be no way for us to survive!"

Hearing Callum's exasperation, Dacia and the rest were intimidated too and their faces fell.

After all, the impact and pressure of the powerful energy which the formation had released previously had caused them to feel utterly overwhelmed.