"Mr Lang, what exactly is going on?" one of them couldn't stand it anymore.

Everything was really so strange. They couldn't understand what was happening and all of this was completely different from what Mr Lang told them.

Jiang Ning's appearance in particular, was unsettling. This young man seemed to be in control of everything, and even Mr Lang couldn't do anything about him.

It was also very obvious from Mr Lang's expression that he didn't know whether he ought to go in or not either.

Mr Lang's expression was grim as he looked at the forest before him. He didn't know what was inside this place and wasn't sure if the Longevity Pond was in there anymore. Why was he suddenly feeling so unsure?

"Go in. One by one," he turned to say to the rest of them.

He regretted letting Jiang Ning go in first. Once that fellow went in, it was hard to say what would happen in there.

But if Jiang Ning didn't go in first, he didn't dare to go in either.

"Damn it!"

Jiang Ning was simply too sly. His existence in itself was a variable that kept changing. But Mr

Lang didn't dare to kill him, and couldn't find the chance to either.

If he killed Jiang Ning, then he could really forget about locating the Longevity Pond.

"Mr Lang, I think you'd better go in first. We're not as powerful as you, so if any of us go in first, we might not make it."

"That's right, Mr Lang. It's better if you go in first. Heifeng has already gone in, and only you would know if this is the right passageway or not after going in."

None of them dared to go in, and cautiousness was written all over their faces.

They didn't want to test the waters when it was obviously so dangerous. They didn't even know if Heifeng was still alive or not. It was Mr Lang's own fault for letting Jiang Ning go in first.

There wasn't anybody else here besides them. That was very strange as well.

Didn't Jiang Ning need anybody else to back him up?

His allies dared to let Jiang Ning face so many highly skilled fighters all by himself?

"Go in!" Mr Lang didn't want to waste time talking, and didn't deem any of these people fit to negotiate with him.

"You!" He pointed to the one standing right in

front and said, "Go in!"

"Mr Lang..."

### BAM!

Without waiting for him to refuse, Mr Lang raised his palm and sent him flying to his death immediately.

"Do not waste my time. You have no choice. Either listen to me, or die."

This was a man whom they could not defeat at all.

All of them held their breath and their expressions grew grim. They all knew Mr Lang's temperament and didn't dare to say anymore. They had no other way out.

"Go in!" Mr Lang pointed to another man. He hesitated for half a second before gritting his teeth and dashing in without saying anything.

Once he stepped in, his world suddenly spun. The moment his vision stabilized, a punch suddenly came his way and struck him viciously.

### KABOOM!

He didn't even get to see who hit him before his head burst and he died on the spot.

Jiang Ning rubbed his fists.

"Number two!"

His gaze was clear and didn't look murderous at all. But his fists were able to unleash such a terrifying impact.

It only took one blow to kill.

He looked at the waves in the air that were still trembling around him. The pattern of these waves were identical to the ones on the manual.

If he hadn't studied these so carefully, he wouldn't have discovered that these etches could be used in this way too.

When he wasn't sure, he went to ask Peter Pan instead of hesitating, and that's how he found out that these etches could be used like that.

This was a trap. A trap that he had used specially to deal with Mr Lang. He was 100% sure that Mr Lang would fall for it and walk right into the trap.

That was because nobody, not even Mr Lang, could resist the temptation of the Longevity Pond.

"Isn't this exactly what you guessed? Why aren't you coming in yet?" murmured Jiang Ning to himself.

He was in no hurry and was ready anytime. As long as someone came in, he was going to kill him!

What a domineering stance!

Jiang Ning continued to stand right there and wait for the people outside to come in. According to

what he understood of the constantly paranoid and suspicious Mr Lang, there was no way Mr Lang would have chosen to enter first.

But he was probably standing outside and regretting letting Jiang Ning go in first now.



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But there was also no way Mr Lang would dare to let Jiang Ning come in after himself either.

## SWOOSH!

Another person dashed in. Jiang Ning immediately swung his fist and killed the man without hesitation.

## KABOOM!

The earth shook.

The violent force of the punch instantly shattered the man.

## Number three!

Jiang Ning put a foot on the corpse in front of him and said coldly, "Still not coming in yet?"

### Back outside.

Three men had gone in already, but they hadn't heard or seen a thing. Mr Lang had already told them that if there was anything amiss inside, they must come out immediately. But nobody had come out yet.

Mr Lang's brows were furrowed very deeply.

"This is simply too difficult to explain! It's a trap!"

"It's definitely a trap! If he's just standing around in there waiting to kill us, then why should we still go in?" "But I don't think that's possible, right? We're all highly skilled, so how could he kill us so easily?"

"But what's going on now? Is the Longevity Pond really in there?"

Everyone couldn't stop arguing among themselves.

Nobody was willing to do anything they weren't confident about.

"Two of you, go in together."

Mr Lang couldn't be bothered with what they thought.

He was sure that he would only be able to find the Longevity Pond by going down this passageway. That was the same as his conclusion after studying this pond for so many years. It was impossible for Jiang Ning to fool him.

He looked at the two men and said calmly, "Both of you shall go in one after another. Even if Jiang Ning makes an attack, he can only attack one person."

Both of them immediately paled.

Didn't that mean that the person who went in first would most probably die?

"You go in first." Mr Lang knew that leaving them to decide between themselves was a waste of time, so he randomly picked on of them. After all, he didn't care if these people existed or not in the

first place. He wouldn't miss them even if they died.

The person who was to go in first felt like he had just been given the death sentence. He gritted his teeth and glanced at Mr Lang as fury boiled in his heart.

He hated Mr Lang for awakening him. He would rather continue sleeping and wait for a chance instead of waking up only to get killed immediately.

"AHHHH!" he roared loudly as he gathered his energies to get himself into his strongest state and got ready to attack anytime. Even if Jiang Ning tried to fight him, he was going to fight back!

## SWOOSH!

He took a step forward and rushed in. The first thing that welcomed him was Jiang Ning's fist!

"Damn you!" he roared angrily. "How dare you try to kill me?!"

Jiang Ning didn't say anything and delivered his punch anyway. The terrifying impact of the punch immediately engulfed him

At the same time, the second man came in.

He was just in time to watch Jiang Ning raise his fist to kill the first man. He paled and didn't want to fight Jiang Ning at all. He turned and wanted to run for it.

Because if it that wasn't true, Jiang Ning knew that he wouldn't have been fooled. Jiang Ning had used the actual Longevity Pond to put a trap together in order to kill them all!

"Mr Lang, they're all dead!"

Everyone had heard that last cry of despair. It was clear now that everyone who had gone in earlier had been killed by Jiang Ning already.

None of them had ever felt such fear before. Even though Mr Lang and the other two legends existed in their time, they had never been this afraid!



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Mr Lang had a nasty expression on his face. He didn't expect this to both be the real thing and a trap at the same time. This was a real trap.

Jiang Ning had used the actual passageway as part of his plan to entrap them so that they wouldn't doubt him. And even if they did, they had no choice but to walk right into the trap.

They had no choice because the Longevity Pond they were all looking for was inside there.

"Jiang Ning!" Mr Lang roared furiously. "Aren't you afraid that all those people in Donghai will pay the price for what you've done?!"

His voice was like rolling thunder as it resounded ominously.

But Jiang Ning didn't respond at all.

"Mr Lang, let's all go in together and finish him off!"

"That's right! He's all by himself, so why should we be afraid of him?"

Some of them started shouting in indignation.

If anyone found out that they were too afraid to even move because of one mere Jiang Ning, they would become a laughingstock.

Mr Lang still couldn't make a decision.

He looked at the forest and could confirm that this was definitely the passageway to take. Using

the actual passageway to trap them and kill them was a really sly move on Jiang Ning's part!

"We can't go in," said Mr Lang with an icy look on his face. "Once we start a battle inside the passageway, the passageway itself might collapse. Also...we can't kill Jiang Ning!"

That was the one thing that frustrated him the most.

The only person who understood those etches on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual was Jiang Ning. And Mr Lang himself had no way of finding out which direction those etches led to.

If Jiang Ning died, then they could forget about locating the Longevity Pond!

He couldn't threaten nor kill Jiang Ning, and the worst part was that Jiang Ning was really very powerful. It was too difficult to even severely injure Jiang Ning and force him to do their bidding.

Mr Lang had never felt so helpless before.

His face was pale, but he maintained his composure. He knew that he could forget about entering this passageway, at least for the day.

"Jiang Ning, I don't have to go in, but surely you have to come out, right?" said Mr Lang fiercely. "If you don't come out, then I'm going back!"

"Once I return to the city, I'll kill off every single person you care about in Donghai! Aren't you

afraid of that happening?"

His voice rumbled so loudly that it caused the lake to ripple and even the eight metal chains started swaying. It was such a terrifying sight to see.

But there was still no response from Jiang Ning.

It was as if the passageway had cut off all sound, so he couldn't hear a single thing.

Mr Lang was hopping mad.

It was as if he and Jiang Ning were in a stalemate. Jiang Ning was never going to come out until everyone had gone in, and he would kill them all!

"This little bastard!"

Some of them didn't want to wait around aimlessly anymore.

"He's simply too arrogant! Does he really think he can kill all of us here?"

"Let's all go in together and kill him!"

"That's right! He might be able to kill one person, but he can't kill us all!"

"If we don't find the Longevity Pond, we'll all end up dying!"

"If we end up dying at the hands of this small fry, we'd be such a disgrace!"

Everyone started to get riled up. They knew that if they couldn't find the Longevity Pond after being awakened, they were really doomed.

They were going to die eventually, but they really couldn't stand being insulted like this before dying.

SWOOSH!

SWOOSH!

SWOOSH!

A small group of them dashed in together.

They ran in from different directions because they simply couldn't believe that Jiang Ning had the ability to kill them all at the same time.

"Kill him!"

"Kill that little bastard!"

"Even if we never find the Longevity Pond, you can forget about humiliating us!"

The men dashed in and immediately entered the passageway, as if they had travelled through time and space. The stench of fresh blood hit their noses instantly.

Heifeng and the rest had really been killed!

They looked up to see that Jiang Ning was staring expressionlessly at them.

## "You killed them all?"

# "That's right." Jiang Ning shrugged. "I designed this trap precisely to kill all of you."



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Jiang Ning's brutally honest reply made all of them so angry that they started trembling.

"You...you're asking to be killed!"

"You are the ones asking to be killed," said Jiang Ning. "Haven't you already realized that Mr Lang is just making use of all of you?"

"What do you mean?"

They exchanged glances when they saw that Jiang Ning didn't intend to fight them immediately. Then they turned back to stare at Jiang Ning. They had no idea what he meant by that.

"These people were hypnotized by Mr Lang. All of you knew that, right?"

Their faces paled.

They hadn't noticed it earlier, but then they remembered that Mr Lang did indeed have this sort of special power. If they hadn't been controlled by him, then who would have been willing to take the huge risk of coming inside here?

"They were doomed to die sooner or later, but all of you here still have a chance," said Jiang Ning calmly.

"What do you mean by that?" asked one of them. "If you're trying to sow discord, then forget it!"

"We're bent on finding the Longevity Pond, so

anyone who blocks our way will have to die!"

All the men were prepared to fight.

"Gosh, all of you are already so old. Why are all of you still so hot tempered?" Jiang Ning laughed. "I'm sure Mr Lang has already told you that if I die, none of you will be able to locate the Longevity Pond."

"I'm the only one who can open this passageway. If you kill me, then you won't be able to find the pond."

"You..."

They were all too angry to even speak.

Didn't that mean there was nothing they could do about Jiang Ning?

Jiang Ning could kill them but they couldn't kill Jiang Ning. No matter how angry they were, killing Jiang Ning would be as good as killing themselves.

"Tell us what you want to do then. If you meant to kill us, I don't think you would waste so much time talking to us," said one of them as he stared at Jiang Ning.

He felt that this whole thing was problematic to begin with.

Jiang Ning's words were clearly meant to turn them against Mr Lang, and that's why he said they had been used by Mr Lang. But everybody knew

deep inside that they were all making use of each other.

Without Mr Lang, they wouldn't be able to find the Longevity Pond either.

"I just wanted to warn you guys." Jiang Ning looked at all of them. "Have you already decided who will enter the Longevity Pond?"

"What do you mean by that? All of us are going in," sneered one of them.

"That won't do." Jiang Ning shook his head. "Only one person can enter the Longevity Pond, and only one person can use it at one time."

## WOONG.

Everyone was stunned and wondered if they had heard him wrongly.

"That's impossible!" one of them immediately retorted. "That's not possible! How could only one person get to use the Longevity Pond?"

"That's right! The Longevity Pond is a very large body of water, so all of us can go in and attain longevity, no?"

"Stop trying to sow discord here!"

Jiang Ning just laughed.

"I'm not lying to you. It's true that only one person can use the Longevity Pond at one time. If you had woken up in turns, then you might still stand a chance. Otherwise, why was there a rumor back then for all of you to find a way to go into deep sleep?"

"That was precisely because the pond can only take one person at a time. It's very obvious that Mr Lang woke up a long time ago. So he's not going to leave this opportunity to anybody else."

"If he wants all of you dead, do you think he would suddenly feel sorry for you?"

Jiang Ning's words were like a needle that stabbed everyone's heart deeply.

The more they thought about it, the more sense it made. Mr Lang had treated them entirely like tools. Once he was done with them, he threw them away. Sometimes he even threw them away before they were done.

"I can tell you for sure that this Longevity Pond does exist," said Jiang Ning. "But as long as Mr Lang is around, then none of you will stand a chance."

"Not the slightest chance."

All the men fell silent.

Jiang Ning was right. As long as Mr Lang was around, then they would definitely never get a chance. Mr Lang would never allow any of them to get the pond, and none of them would allow the others to get it either.

Because letting someone else have it meant that

## they had to die!



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Everyone suddenly went quiet.

Even though they knew that Jiang Ning was indeed sowing discord, there was nothing wrong with what he was saying.

They all knew very well what sort of person Mr Lang was. He was already notorious back in the day. If not for the fact that he was extremely highly skilled and nobody could defeat him, he would have been killed a long time ago!

But they didn't have any choice now either.

If they couldn't find the pond after being awakened by Heifeng, then they would eventually die. Since they were going to die either way, then surely it was worth a shot, right?

"If we can't find the Longevity Pond, then we will die. You know about that?"

"I know," replied Jiang Ning.

"Then what's the point of telling us all this?"

"No matter what we do, we're going to die. Even if we find the pond, we'll have to fight each other for it. Otherwise, we'll just wait to die!"

All of them had nasty expressions on their faces as they stared at Jiang Ning.

They had some chance of fighting Mr Lang if everyone joined hands. Once they had won Mr Lang, then they could fight among themselves for the pond.

This was their only choice.

"Of course there's a point to this," said Jiang Ning. "You should count yourselves lucky for waking up at this time."

"What do you mean?" They stared at Jiang Ning. What was that about? Why should they count themselves lucky for waking up now?

"That's because I can help you to go back to sleep, then wake you up one by one to use that pond."

They felt like they had been struck by lightning. Jiang Ning's words caused their minds to suddenly go blank.

"That's impossible!" one of them immediately argued back. "How can that be possible? There's no way you could possibly do that!"

"Do you know how much effort we put in back then so that we could fall asleep and await our chance?"

"So many of us used every ounce of effort we had just so that we could fall into a deep sleep until now. And now you say we don't have a chance? Have you ever considered how we would feel?"

"Which one of us wasn't a gifted fighter from that era? Even though the legendary three were around, we were still famous in our own right! But that's not enough!"

"If we couldn't reach the peak and be at the top of

the world, it would never be enough!"

The man shouted loudly to vent his anger and displeasure.

They had all remained asleep until now for the sake of getting a chance to prove themselves. All martial artists wanted to reach the peak and wanted to be like a giant who could look down on the rest of the world.

"But if all of you could live forever, then who would become the most powerful?" Jiang Ning chortled and glanced at them. "In the end, all of you would still have to try to kill each other, and only the last man standing would be the most powerful!"

"But what's the point of that?"

"This 'either you die or I die' sort of life is so boring."

He shook his head and sighed. He couldn't understand them at all and didn't want to.

Nobody said anything for a long time after hearing these words from Jiang Ning. Their world was filled with nothing but violence. It was their only way to survive. If they didn't fight and kill others, then others would kill them.

At that time, the three legends existed, so the rest were destined to play only supporting roles. That was why all of them dreamt of going into a deep sleep and waking up later to find a better chance in life. But it seemed like this chance didn't exist now either.

"Are you really able to help us go back to sleep and wake up again later?" asked someone all of a sudden.

Jiang Ning looked at the person who had just spoken. This man hadn't said a single thing since he came in, and had only looked at him and listened in silence.

"That's right. This current generation is able to do such a thing, and there are many who have done so." He nodded. "If you really want to do this, I promise to help you with this."

"And why should we trust you?"

They were all a little suspicious. They weren't familiar with Jiang Ning and this was actually their first time seeing him. If they believed him so easily, then wouldn't it be all too easy for Jiang Ning to finish them off?



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None of them dared to just hand their lives over to Jiang Ning.

"Compared to Mr Lang, I think I'm more trustworthy," said Jiang Ning. "At the very least, I've got Peter Pan on my side. If I'm not trustworthy enough, do you think he would stay with me?"

"Peter Pan is the first one to accept this suggestion from me. Please believe me."

"Also, while this may be hard to hear, you don't have any other choice besides placing your trust in me. Either you fight to the bitter end with me, of which you will certainly die, or you choose to believe me."

His attitude was even more overbearing than Mr Lang's but none of them felt uncomfortable when he laid out their options.

Jiang Ning was merely stating the facts. They simply had no other choice.

"If I don't help you to find it, then you won't be able to find the Longevity Pond. The only person who can find that pond is me. Do you understand?"

"All of you can only rely on me and believe in what I say."

This really left them with no other choice. In fact, even Mr Lang didn't have a choice in this.

The key to the Longevity Pond was Jiang Ning.

Besides him, nobody else had been able to decipher the secrets behind the etches on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual, so any attempt to find the pond was utter futility. If it wasn't so hard, Mr Lang wouldn't have gone through so much trouble earlier.

"But if you're going to do this, would Mr Lang agree to it?"

"I don't need him to agree," sneered Jiang Ning coldly. "He doesn't have a choice either."

He looked at them again. "The choice is in your hands. Make your own decision."

Meanwhile, back at the lakeside.

Mr Lang continued to watch for any movement, but there was no response at all. Those men had probably been killed by Jiang Ning as well.

This fellow was a really sly one. He had used such a realistic trap to trick them into coming here. Now he was killing them off one by one without even giving them a chance.

But the problem was that nobody dared to kill Jiang Ning because he was the only person who could lead them to the Longevity Pond.

## WOONG...

Just when he was thinking of going in to fight it out with Jiang Ning, the air suddenly rippled and all the men who went in earlier came out again.

They had come out completely unscathed.

Mr Lang narrowed his eyes and scanned them quickly. There were no traces of blood, and they didn't even look like they had fought. They couldn't possibly have killed Jiang Ning so easily, could they?

He was about to speak when the air rippled again and Jiang Ning walked out.

"Jiang Ning!" shouted Mr Lang. "You played me out!"

"Well, sometimes resorting to trickery is the way to win." Jiang Ning shrugged and looked like he didn't care. "Alright now, that's all for today. I'm off."

"Stop right there!" shouted Mr Lang furiously. "What is the meaning of this?"

"Do you think we will let you leave if we don't find the Longevity Pond right now?"

"If you leave now, then we'll follow you to Donghai and kill all the people closest to your heart! I don't think you and Peter Pan would be able to fend all of us off!"

His tone of voice was threatening, but Jiang Ning wasn't bothered at all.

He glanced at Mr Lang, smiled a little disdainfully, then walked off without saying anything.

Mr Lang wanted to stop him from leaving, but he

knew there was no point in doing so.

"Stop dreaming of using us," said one of them before Mr Lang could say anything. "Only one person can use the Longevity Pond, right? If we go along with you, we'd only be there to serve as your tools. We will never get the chance to live forever, isn't it?"

Mr Lang's expression changed.

"What nonsense are you talking about?"

"Looks like it's really true."

The men shook their heads after seeing Mr Lang's reaction.

Then they turned to talk to the rest, "We've all been fooled by him. He just wants to make use of us to find the pond. Once we get to the pond, he will kill all of us, because the Longevity Pond can only take one person at a time. With him around, do you think we'd stand a chance at the pond at all?"

"Shut up!" roared Mr Lang.

What did Jiang Ning say to them? How did he make them suddenly change their minds?

"Stop taking us as fools! We know everything!"



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Mr Lang looked at the men before him and scoffed coldly.

"Then what do all of you intend to do?" His voice sounded incredibly murderous now. "Are you going to fight me? Are you?!"

"No. We're not on the same page, so there's no point in staying in the same team," said the man from before. "Since we can't work tougher, then we're not going to waste anymore time."

Mr Lang's reaction had confirmed that everything Jiang Ning said was true. The Longevity Pond could only be used by one person at one time. If they still allowed themselves to be used by Mr Lang despite knowing this, then they would really be fools.

They themselves couldn't understand why they would rather believe a stranger like Jiang Ning than to believe Mr Lang.

"All of you will regret this," said Mr Lang.

He was getting frustrated. The plan he had crafted so carefully was now useless. He hadn't even had the chance to execute it, and Jiang Ning had already ruined it.

## This little bastard!

The other men ignored Mr Lang and walked away to leave the northern region.

Mr Lang stood alone in front of the passageway and hesitated for a long time before eventually

choosing to walk right in.

He really couldn't take this lying down!

He really didn't want to miss such an opportunity.

But just after he stepped in, his entire world started spinning and it changed in an instant!

Those huge trees earlier suddenly became chains that trapped him inside.

"What?!" Mr Lang roared, "Jiang Ning! You've tricked me again!!"

He swung his fists left and right to break all the chains before him, but it seemed like he could never finish breaking them all. Chain after chain kept appearing before him, trapping him entirely...

On the other side.

Back at Qingshan Sect.

Jiang Ning made good on his promise and had already brought in the liquid nitrogen and other equipment all the way deep into the sect.

This was modern technology, and it was the most advanced hibernation pods available in the market. It was able to bring a human's energy consumption to its lowest and remain in deep sleep. A human could remain in deep sleep for nearly a hundred years in this state.

All of them were a little taken aback by the strange looking apparatus.

They had never seen anything like this before.

"So these are the things you mentioned that could allow humans to continue sleeping?"

"That's right. These things are a lot better than the methods all of you used in the past. At the very least, it doesn't harm your body, and it will slow down your aging process," said Jiang Ning with a nod. "You can set the time on this machine, so you can decide when you want to wake up. Of course, you can also decide to leave it to me to wake you up."

"If you want to continue sleeping after waking up, that's not a problem either."

This technology seemed to be the perfect fit for their situation.

But was it safe?

They still had doubts.

"I've already made myself very clear. All of you have no choice," said Jiang Ning. "I won't harm any of you. I've already killed those who were truly evil. I believe all of you have also seen that if I really wanted to kill all of you, I don't have to go through so much trouble. Right?"

His domineering tone of voice was a little hard to accept, but he spoke the truth.

All of them looked at each other and didn't hesitate anymore.

They were all people who had seen many things in life. They knew when they had to make a decision, and what decision they had to make.

"It's true that we don't have any other options left. We're going to die sooner or later, so we might actually stand a chance with this," said one of them.

With that, he became the first person to walk into a hibernation pod. A cold mist immediately enveloped him and he slowly began to feel drowsy.

"I'll wait for you to wake me up." He looked at Jiang Ning and entrusted himself to Jiang Ning. "Even if you were lying to me, I wouldn't blame you."

"I've promised you, so I won't go back on my word," said Jiang Ning. "That would be very unethical of me."

"Alright." He shut his eyes and fell asleep.

After watching him sleep for ten whole minutes, the rest were sure that it wasn't dangerous, so they all got into their own hibernation pods.

It was true that they really had no other choice. Since they had to die sooner or later, then instead of dying from rapid aging, at least getting into this hibernation pod gave them a chance of surviving for a longer time.



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By the time these men were awoken, Jiang Ning would have already been able to find the Longevity Pond easily and they would be able to attain immortality.

Everyone got into their hibernation pods and entered into deep sleep.

"I didn't expect them to agree to it," sighed Liu Chuandao. He was really surprised.

Every single person here was one of the best fighters of that time.

Even though they weren't as powerful as Jiang Ning or Mr Lang, they were still virtually unstoppable. Yet they had all listened to Jiang Ning and chose to remain in deep sleep.

If Jiang Ning really wanted to harm them, then they were now literally just waiting for Jiang Ning to kill them in their sleep.

But of course, Liu Chuandao knew that Jiang Ning would never do that.

Jiang Ning was someone who was a man of his word and did everything he promised. This was the feeling he got from the first time he met Jiang Ning.

For some unknown reason, he simply believed in Jiang Ning. He still had no idea why.

"You will watch over them here, and don't let anybody know about their existence. This area will be off limits to everyone else except yourself. Do not let anybody in the sect know about them," instructed Jiang Ning.

"I'll see to that." Liu Chuandao nodded.

After giving those instructions, Jiang Ning left through the mountain gate.

Meanwhile.

After a very long period of time, Mr Lang was in a frenzied state as he finally smashed through all the chains in the passageway.

## BAM!

He kicked the last chain to pieces and hopped out from the passageway. He had no idea how much time had passed.

His hair was a mess and insanity colored his eyes.

"Jiang Ning!!" he roared. "So you've seen through me?!"

Jiang Ning had used this to stall for time. Jiang Ning knew that he would definitely walk into the passageway, so he purposely made it such that he would be stuck for a long time inside. He had no idea where Jiang Ning had gone or what he had done during this time.

He still had no inkling.

This bastard!

Mr Lang finally realized that despite making so many calculations and reading so many people's hearts, he had never understood what Jiang Ning was thinking about. Worse still, Jiang Ning had seen right through him instead.

He had lost this fight very badly.

Mr Lang went back to Qingshan Sect to find that the mountain gate was shut fast. The members of Qingshan Sect were all guarding the gate with a formation, so he couldn't get out.

Was Jiang Ning trying to trap him within the mountain gate?

Just like how Broken Soldier had trapped him inside back then?

Mr Lang laughed manically to himself. He was furious and indignant, but he continued to remain calm. He had weathered so many storms and was used to this. He wouldn't allow himself to lose all rationality.

"Jiang Ning, Jiang Ning, do you really think you've won? Did you think you wouldn't go looking for the pond just because you don't want to? Your biggest weakness is your sentimentalism! There's nothing that will solve that!" said Mr Lang as he laughed loudly. He was in no hurry.

He returned to the northern region, raised the Triple Lifetime Bronze Coffin up from the bottom of the lake and lay back inside the coffin with a gleeful look on his face.

"I'll be waiting for you. You will definitely end up looking for that pond. When that happens, it'll be your turn to beg me."

The coffin lid creaked as it slowly shut itself and sank back into the lake. The surface of the lake soon became calm again, as if nothing had happened.

Jiang Ning had already returned to Donghai.

Everything was peaceful again.

Mr Lang was stuck inside the mountain gate and wasn't able to make any trouble for the moment. If he tried to fight his way out of the mountain gate, he would definitely regret it.

Jiang Ning was sure of that, and Mr Lang was definitely even surer.

At the Lin family bungalow.

Jiang Ning came back to the sound of merry laughter.

Peter Pan was squatting on the floor as he looked at Jiang Yao in the pram as he tried to make funny faces at her to amuse her.

"Doesn't Master look like a monkey? Don't you think I look like one?"

He playfully made monkey noises as he pretended to be a monkey, making Jiang Yao gurgle and laugh. Peter Pan immediately jumped up.

"My wonderful disciple! You're such a good girl! You look so pretty when you smile!" He laughed loudly and excitedly. "And now, I'll be a tiger!"



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Peter Pan fell on all fours with a loud thud. He was afraid that Jiang Yao wasn't able to see his face, so he tried his best to stretch his neck out and pretended to roar, which made Jiang Yao gurgle and laugh again.

This was no tiger. He was clearly pretending to be a toad.

Jiang Ning just watched from afar and didn't disturb them.

He could sense that Peter Pan's liking for his daughter was real. There was no hypocrisy involved.

Peter Pan had even been willing to part with that necklace of his. Jiang Ning now knew how important that necklace was to Peter Pan. It was priceless to him.

Everything was in a good state now.

Mr Lang was stuck inside the mountain gate and couldn't make any trouble, while everyone else he awakened listened to him and went back into deep sleep.

Jiang Ning hadn't lied to them. Besides spending time with his wife and child every day, he invested the rest of his energies into studying the Extreme Fist Technique Manual.

It took complete understanding of the etches on this manual to realize how powerful and terrifying these etches really were. Thankfully, he had Peter Pan by his side, so he could ask him at any time. Peter Pan's temper wasn't the best, but on account of his daughter, he was still considered quite cooperative.

"These etches are called formation lines," said Peter Pan in annoyance. "Back then, Broken Soldier had grasped how to use them. But he was too kindhearted and trusted others too easily. Otherwise, how would an idiot like Greedy Wolf have killed him?"

"Formation lines?" said Jiang Ning. "What do they do?"

"You could consider them a way of describing things. Or at least that's how Broken Soldier explained it to me. I don't really get it either."

"I think he was saying that the main components of all things in this world are made from various combinations of formation lines, or something like that. I'm not very sure either. If I understood all this, why would I need you?"

Peter Pan waved his hands about. He didn't know how to explain any of this. That stupid Broken Soldier had explained everything in such a complicated and abstract manner. He didn't have the kind of patience to study something so complex.

Just then, he heard the sound of Jiang Yao coming out, so he happily went to see her instead.

"Something that describes the foundation of all things?" Jiang Ning was contemplating this when

he suddenly remembered something that Professor Lu Jing had said before.

He went looking for Lu Jing, and also went to various parts of the world to talk to everyone who had information on this matter to understand it better.

Time went by.

Jiang Ning's life was simple, but not routine. It was peaceful but not boring. In fact, it was a lot more wholesome than he had ever been.

He was slowly beginning to understand what these formation lines were. After doing some experimentation, he had also grasped some tricks to using these lines, and had finally made some headway.

This was truly an incredible mystery.

The Extreme Fist Technique Manual had left behind an incomparably powerful method of boxing, but these etches were what truly made this manual valuable.

Jiang Ning spent more and more time on studying these etches. He had to fully understand these formation lines.

At the Extreme Martial Arts Academy.

Jiang Ning spent half a day here on a daily basis to study these formation lines inside the practice room. He continuously conducted experiments to prove his hypotheses.

After a long while, he opened his eyes.

"Phew..."

He used both hands to draw lines in the air. He drew several formation lines that seemed very complicated very quickly, so they were done in the blink of an eye.

Immediately after that, the air started trembling and rippled as water suddenly poured down from nowhere.

If someone was here to witness this, their eyes might have popped right out of their sockets in shock.

What on earth was going on?

Jiang Ning had literally created water from nothing!

"These are the formation lines for water."

Jiang Ning was very calm. This wasn't his first experiment.

He had tried everything from water to fire, to rocks and many other items, and had varying amounts of success. This had helped Jiang Ning to fully understand what formation lines really were.

These were like the basic strokes that made up Chinese characters. The formation lines on the nine pages of the manual were like nine different basic strokes. When put together in different combinations, a different Chinese character would be formed.

But these lines were even more amazing than Chinese character strokes. These lines could form all things on this earth!



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If Jiang Ning's guess was right, the passageway into the second spatial dimension was constructed entirely from formation lines!

He had managed to trace these formation lines in their entirety, and so he successfully created the passageway. But whether that passageway was really able to lead to the Longevity Pond or not was hard to say.

If he had really gone in to look for the pond back then, nobody knew where he would end up.

Even Jiang Ning himself had no idea.

"The more I understand it, the more incredible it seems. This is really beyond my imagination," exclaimed Jiang Ning to himself.

He got up and looked at the time. It was about time to go home.

Three years had passed in the blink of an eye.

Jiang Yao was already three and could run like the wind. She wasn't demure and quiet like many girls were, but active and lively. It was as if she never ran out of energy.

She rarely fell ill and had an excellent constitution. Even the wolves got tired, but the little girl would still be laughing merrily and wasn't tired at all.

Peter Pan was the happiest person to see this.

Nobody knew better than him that this was all thanks to the necklace that he had given to her.

Over the past three years, it had been continually changing Jiang Yao's body for the better.

But Peter Pan himself was aging rapidly.

In just three years, he looked like he had aged 30 years.

He was already very old to begin with, but he still looked like a middle aged man. But after he gave that necklace to Jiang Yao, he started to age.

And now, all his hair was white and it shimmered like silver in the light. His beard was long and equally white.

"Slow down," he called out as he bent over while chasing after Jiang Yao. "Master can't keep up with you anymore! You terrible little girl, can't you give in to me sometimes?"

Jiang Yao ran on ahead and looked back from time to time. Peter Pan chased after her and pretended to look completely out of breath, which made Jiang Yao laugh brightly.

"Master! Hurry! Hurry!"

"Hurry up! Or you won't be able to catch me!"

"I'm waiting for you, Master!"

Jiang Yao was clever, lively and adorable. Her two little braids made her look a little cheeky and quirky, and sometimes even Jiang Ning had a headache handling her.

But he still couldn't scold her or spank her, because when it came to protecting the little girl, Peter Pan was even more defensive than Lin Yuzhen was.

"Alright, alright, Master is coming!" Peter Pan laughed loudly before suddenly straightening up and gaining speed, as if he was just pretending to be tired earlier. "I'm coming for you!"

"AHHH!!" Jiang Yao saw that Peter Pan was suddenly gaining speed, so she screamed in fright and started running. He was so amused by her reaction that he started laughing.

Suddenly, his face paled and his legs seemed to wobble slightly as he tripped over himself and landed on his face before losing consciousness.

He was such a powerful martial artist and was definitely one of the top three in the world at any time. But now, he had actually tripped over himself.

"Master! Master!" Jiang Yao quickly ran over when she saw that Peter Pan had fallen and didn't get up for a long time. She sprawled herself on his back like how she always played with him. "Come on, get up!"

"Don't try to fool me! I won't fall for it!"

"Master, hurry up and get up! Let's go catch butterflies, shall we? I won't run! We'll just walk slowly, ok?"

She continued to talk to him but he didn't respond

at all. She suddenly started crying because she became fearful. Her huge round tears rolled down her cheeks and refused to stop flowing.

"Daddy!" she shouted loudly as a fear rose from within her heart. "Daddy! Master isn't talking to me! Daddy! Come here quickly!"

Jiang Ning came running out when he heard her and his heart sank when he saw Peter Pan unconscious on the floor.

He ran over quickly and checked Peter Pan's pulse. His face paled even more.

"Gou!" yelled Jiang Ning loudly. "Get the doctor! Hurry!"

The atmosphere in the house instantly changed.

After a long time.

The doctor came out from the room and shook his head.

"Mr Jiang, I'm afraid that the elderly gentleman is really getting on in age." He sighed. "His internal organs are all degenerating rapidly, and most ordinary people would have passed on a long time ago. Surviving till now is already a miracle in itself."

"But this time...his days are really numbered this time."



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His days were numbered?

Jiang Ning felt his heart sink.

"Thanks, you may go back and rest."

He sent the doctor away and stood in a daze at the door. After a long time, Jiang Ning took a deep breath and walked into the room.

It was hard to imagine how the virtually invincible and undefeatable Peter Pan from three years ago had become so frail that he was just lying weakly on the bed now.

"Tsk, I'm not dead yet. What's with that expression on your face?" snapped Peter Pan when he saw the look on Jiang Ning's face.

He struggled to sit up, to find that his arms weren't strong enough. The expression on his own face slowly turned grim as a look of disappointment and helplessness flashed in his eyes.

"You feel it now?" Jiang Ning laughed bitterly. "You've got to admit that you're growing old now."

Peter Pan didn't say anything.

He just lay there and closed his eyes, as if he was slowly taking in the changes in his body.

"Oh dear." He finally opened his eyes again after a long while. The disappointment in his eyes were apparent, and there was some self-deprecation in them too. "I've really grown old."

"So I've already reached the limit." He gently shook his head. "What a pity, what a pity. I'm not able to wait until my disciple has grown up and teach her everything that I know. What a pity."

Jiang Yao was only three, and she could start learning some martial arts already, but Peter Pan refused to teach her anything because he felt bad for making a tiny little girl go through so much hardship. When she was a baby, he had confidently declared that once Jiang Yao could start walking, he would teach her martial arts. But she was already three and he was still so indulgent towards her.

He refused to let Jiang Yao do any basic martial arts, and didn't even let her do anything that seemed remotely tiring or anything that would hurt her. Even if she accidentally hit a stone, Peter Pan would turn that stone to powder.

Jiang Ning could tell that even if Jiang Yao grew old enough, Peter Pan would never force her to do anything. If Jiang Yao didn't want to learn martial arts, Peter Pan would never bear to let her suffer at all.

"How much more time do you have?" asked Jiang Ning.

This was a question that only Peter Pan knew the answer to.

"Come to think of it, I'm already 200 odd years old, so I've really lived long enough," said Peter Pan. "My body is degenerating and my energy is draining quickly. I guess I might be able to hold

out for a maximum of six months."

He sighed helplessly at this.

"I won't be able to be with Jiang Yao for too long."

Peter Pan wasn't afraid to die, and wasn't bothered by it at all. He had lived a good life and had enjoyed his fair share of glory. He didn't care about status or anything like that. If he wasn't bent on taking revenge for how Greedy Wolf had nearly done him in, he would have just lived life to its fullest and pass away in peace.

At that time, he didn't have a care in the world. Whether he lived or died didn't matter. But now, he had people he cared about.

It was so hard to leave now.

Jiang Ning didn't say anything. He didn't know what to say.

Half a year was a long time to Peter Pan in this state, but Jiang Yao was still so young. Jiang Ning felt a little upset that his daughter had to go through such a painful parting at such a young age.

"Master! Master!" Jiang Yao's childlike voice came from outside the door.

She came running in with bloodshot eyes sprawled herself against the bed. She had clearly cried for a long time. Peter Pan's heart broke when he saw how badly she was crying and quickly struggled to sit up and stroke Jiang Yao's

little head.

"My goodness, Yaoyao, don't cry anymore. Master isn't dead, so why are you crying? Come on, you two, don't pull a long face! I'm not going to die!"

He glanced at Jiang Ning and hoped that Jiang Ning would cooperate and not upset Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao turned to look at Jiang Ning, so he nodded and said, "That's right. Your Master is fine, he just fainted from being too hungry."

He just randomly found some reason to pacify her.

A three year old might not be good at expressing themselves, but they were usually smart and could understand some things. Even though the little girl didn't truly understand what death meant, she knew that it meant someone was going to leave.

It meant that she would not be able to see this person again.

"I want Master!" Jiang Yao pouted and her voice cracked as she held Peter Pan's hand tightly. Her large tears rolled down her cheeks as she felt sadder and sadder inside, and cried harder and harder.



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"I don't want Master to go! Master, don't go, ok? Yaoyao will listen to you! If you want Yaoyao to learn martial arts, Yaoyao will learn martial arts! Yaoyao isn't afraid of hard work! I'm really not afraid!" Jiang Yao suddenly started bawling loudly, as if she was going to lose the Master who doted so dearly on her in the next minute. Her eyes were all red from crying.

"Oh my goodness!" Peter Pan couldn't bear to see her cry at all.

He had never been afraid of anything all his life. Even when he was faced with a strong enemy, he enjoyed the fight.

But when he saw his precious disciple cry so hard, he really felt the pain inside.

For the first time in his life, he felt that he really should find a way to keep living. The best would be to watch Jiang Yao grow up and remain by her side to protect her forever.

"Master needs to rest. Yaoyao, be good and let your Master rest, alright?"

Jiang Ning carried Jiang Yao up. When she heard her father tell her to let the old man rest, she didn't insist on making him play with her but nodded obediently instead. She pulled her arms around Jiang Ning's neck and said, "Master, rest well, Yaoyao won't disturb you."

Peter Pan sat on the bed in a daze as he watched Jiang Ning carry the little girl up. He started to feel a little upset inside.

This separation was bound to happen sooner or later.

He waved his hand and Brother Gou came in with some of the wolves.

"Esteemed senior."

"You boys." Peter Pan glanced at them. "Kneel down."

Brother Gou and the rest immediately got down on their knees.

"Call me Master," said Peter Pan.

Brother Gou and the rest looked at each other before shouting out respectfully, "Master!"

Over the past three years, Peter Pan hadn't taught Jiang Yao a single thing and just played with her to make her happy. But when it came to the wolves, he was so strict that even Jiang Ning was shocked.

He had taught and guided them personally so as to pass on everything he had learnt to the wolves. But he had never acknowledged that he was the wolves' Master.

But today, he wanted them to call him Master. He definitely deserved to be their Master.

"I, Seven Kill, swore to never take a disciple. But now I've broken my vow. I'm going to die either way, so I don't care anymore." He said to the wolves, "Humph, you're a group of slow and clumsy fellows and you'd probably never surpass me in your lifetime. BUT!"

A fierce glint flashed in Peter Pan's eyes. "If you don't try, how would you know?"

"I don't care who that Jiang Ning is to you, or what you think of Jiang Yao. But over here, she's my most senior disciple, and all of you are juniors to her! She's your Senior Sister, you hear me?"

"Yes, Master!"

"No matter what happens, all of you must protect her! Do not let her get even the slightest bit hurt! Do you hear me?"

"Yes, Master!"

"If my precious disciple has been bullied and all of you didn't do a good job in protecting her, then even if I'm dead, I'm going to rise from the depths of hell to teach all of you a lesson. DO YOU HEAR ME?"

"Yes, Master!" shouted the wolves in unison.

Even if Peter Pan didn't instruct them to do any of this, they would definitely do their utmost best to protect Jiang Yao. His words made them feel even more emotional.

It was as if he was giving out his final instructions before dying. After he had said all this, Peter Pan's face immediately looked a little more tired than before.

He waved his hand for the wolves to get up, then looked at them and grinned. "Actually, you boys aren't too bad, and you're all very interesting. You've really added a lot of fun to my life."

"But it's a pity," sighed Peter Pan. "If I had a few more years to live, I could teach you a few more moves."

"I know that all of you are men who refuse to bow to your destinies, and you're all men who dare to fight the will of heaven. Guess what? I'm like that too!"

He laughed heartily, then stared at the wolves fiercely. "All of you had better remember this well. You're all disciples of mine, so you've got fight! Even the heavens!"

"Even if a deity refuses to listen to you, you would dare to wreak havoc for him anyway!"

The old man was full of vigor and confidence.

He was like a beast that could still command a terrifying presence that frightened everyone in the world even though he had reached his limit.



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"Yes, Master!" shouted the wolves in unison.

After saying all that, Peter Pan laughed loudly. But he had only laughed a few times before coughing violently. His face turned red from coughing.

"Master!" The wolves immediately got up to support Peter Pan, and he glared at them immediately.

"What are all of you trying to do?!" He sneered, "I'm not going to die like that. Don't look at me that way."

Even if he was going to die, Peter Pan didn't want to die while everyone looked at him worriedly like that. It was just dying. There was no need to kick up such a fuss.

He waved his hands and shooed the wolves out. He leaned against the bed by himself and nobody knew what he was thinking about.

The wolves stood outside the door and their eyes were slightly red.

Even though Peter Pan had never allowed them to call him Master for the past three years, the attachment they had to him was real, and he had truly treated them as his disciples nonetheless.

They knew that Peter Pan had taught them what he knew because he hoped that they could help Jiang Ning and help to protect Jiang Yao. But at the same time, he also said that he really liked these terrible fellows who refused to resign themselves to fate and dared to challenge even

## the gods!

Being admired and acknowledged by someone was something truly wonderful.

"Big Boss!" They walked out to see Jiang Ning standing with his brows furrowed.

Jiang Yao had been carried back into the room, but his mind was still filled with how upset Jiang Yao had looked earlier. He didn't know how much more heartbroken this little girl would be if Peter Pan died.

He noticed the wolves walking over and asked, "How's he?"

"He's not in the best condition, and he looks like a candle about to go out anytime," sighed Brother Gou. "This old man can be really fierce when he shouts at others, but he's a really good guy."

Peter Pan's temperament was a little poor, but he was also a very principled man and kind to others. So even if they got scolded by him, none of the wolves felt like they had been insulted.

On the contrary, they could sense his concern, and his anger towards them was justified.

"Big Boss, is there really nothing else we can do?" They found it hard to let go and really wished that Peter Pan didn't have to die just like that.

It was really interesting to have this old man around in Donghai after all. And he was also Jiang Yao's beloved Master. She couldn't bear to

let him go either.

"There's only one way." Jiang Ning was just thinking about this matter.

"What is it?" asked the wolves in unison.

"The Longevity Pond," replied Jiang Ning.

The only way to stop this from happening was to locate the Longevity Pond. As long as Peter Pan went in, he would have the chance to continue living on. Otherwise, his impending death was inevitable.

But that elusive and seemingly non-existent place was the very thing that threw Donghai into a terrible crisis back then.

Mr Lang was still stuck within the mountain, but nobody knew where he was. Once he reopened the passageway and went into the second spatial dimension to look for the Longevity Pond, another storm would befall them.

"I promised those people in deep sleep that I would find the way to the Longevity Pond. Since I promised them, I have to make good on it."

Three years ago, Jiang Ning wasn't certain or confident of anything yet, so he didn't dare to take a risk since he couldn't control the situation at hand.

The last thing he needed was for that terrifying Mr Lang to catch any loopholes. That would spell the end of them.

But now, things had changed.

He had almost completely understood the formation lines on the technique manual. The repeated experiments had also helped Jiang Ning to understand. Real life experience was the only way he could truly comprehend this.

At the same time, his Extreme Fist Technique had reached an incredible level. It felt as though he had hit a layer that was preventing it from going further. But if he could break through that layer, it would certainly reach new heights!

It was a truly magical feeling and he couldn't really describe it either. He didn't tell anyone about it, including Peter Pan.

"And what if the Longevity Pond doesn't actually exist?" asked Brother Gou worriedly. "It's just something described in myths and nobody has ever seen it before. Besides, the way to locating such a valuable thing would definitely be filled with many dangers."

If it were that easy to find, then Peter Pan and the rest would have found it back then.



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None of them would have had to go into deep sleep and wait for decades or even centuries, if they could find that pond easily. Even someone as scheming and intelligent as Mr Lang had not been able to find it. That went to show how mysterious this Longevity Pond was.

It was really hard for the wolves not to worry.

Life now was calm and blissful. Jiang Ning had a child now, so they really didn't want him to endanger himself.

"Big Boss, we'll go!" said Brother Gou suddenly.
"Let us go instead! You just need to tell us what to do, and we'll find it!"

"That's right! We'll do this to repay our Master! We want to try and save him too! Let us go look for it instead!"

"We'll go! I'm not scared of anything! Even if you want me to go to the lowest level of hell, I'll dare to go!"

All of them started shouting.

Jiang Ning took one glance at them and shook his head.

"You guys can't go," he refused them flatly without hesitation. "None of you understand formation lines, so you will only lose your way inside the passageway. If that happens, then you won't find anything and you won't be able to come back out either. That's worse."

"Mr Lang dared not go in by himself back then precisely because he was afraid of this happening."

That passageway was like a forest that nobody knew where it started and where it ended, or how big it really was. It was constructed entirely from formation lines, so it wasn't wrong to say that it was an endless dimension.

After all, as long as the formation lines continued, it was still part of the passageway.

If one were to enter such a place to look for the Longevity Pond, then one had to know exactly which direction to take. Otherwise, once you were lost in there, you could forget about ever coming out again.

Jiang Ning had a very deep understanding of formation lines now and knew how they worked. But the more he studied these lines, the more wary he became. But he also became very curious to find out who the person who created the technique manual was, and who came up with these formation lines.

Broken Soldier had grasped them after studying those lines. So who was the one who started all this in the first place?

If someone as powerful as Broken Soldier had become powerful from learning the technique and formation lines from the manual, then how terrifying must the person who created these things be? And if that person were still alive...

Jiang Ning dared not think any further. This question was way too frightening to think about.

"I'll go," said Jiang Ning.

"Big Boss!"

"That's settled then." Jiang Ning's word was final. "I need people to look after Donghai. Peter Pan is no longer able to do that, so all of you have to help me to guard this city."

Brother Gou opened his mouth but Jiang Ning shook his head and stopped him from saying anything.

"Don't forget, you don't only have Peter Pan's instructions to take good care of Jiang Yao. I also need you guys to help me protect and keep Donghai in check."

"All of you have been Donghai's guardian angels all these years, and this responsibility will only increase as your prowess increases. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Big Boss!" the wolves replied in unison.

They really wished they could go with Jiang Ning, but it was true that Donghai needed to be guarded. Peter Pan was now very weak and needed their protection as well. So if they left, then Donghai would lose their strongest line of defense.

They could not afford for anything to happen to Donghai.

This was Jiang Ning's home, so they couldn't let anything happen to it.

They knew very well that searching for the Longevity Pond was an extremely dangerous journey, so if one wasn't careful, one might die along the way. They were really very worried that Jiang Ning was going to do this all by himself.

But Jiang Ning's word had always been final, and he had never made them worry about him.

Brother Gou wasn't sure if he should say anything. He knew that Jiang Ning wouldn't listen to him no matter what he said.

Everyone else had gone back.

Brother Gou went to look for Jiang Ning himself.

"I want to go with you," he said very seriously.

"I already said that I can go by myself. It's more convenient for me to work alone. Besides, all of you work as a team. You're not very useful by yourself."

Jiang Ning turned him down again. He didn't want Brother Gou to take this risk with him.

He had an understanding of formation lines and was able to defend himself. If it was really too dangerous, he would just give up, but at least he wouldn't be trapped inside. It was different for the

## wolves though.

If they were really trapped inside, then even if he tried looking for them, he might not find them either.



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"But..." Brother Gou wanted to tell Jiang Ning that he had a family and many others close to his heart. These people needed him and didn't want anything to happen to Jiang Ning either.

But before he could say anything, Jiang Ning waved his hands and didn't let him go on.

"I've already decided."

It was impossible for Brother Gou to say anymore.

They had always listened to everything Jiang Ning said, but this time, he really wanted to defy his orders because he really didn't want anything bad to befall Jiang Ning.

Moreover, they had understudied Peter Pan for three years and had improved greatly precisely to become of greater assistance to Jiang Ning. Making them remain in Donghai was driving them insane.

But then they also knew that Jiang Ning was doing this for their own good. And that made the wolves feel even more ashamed of themselves.

They weren't children anymore, so how could they always make Jiang Ning be the one to stand in front of them and weather all the storms on their behalf?

"Alright then." Brother Gou gave up. He knew that nothing he said now would make a difference.

He watched as Jiang Ning left to make preparations, then returned to Peter Pan's room

and knocked on the door quietly.

"Come in." Peter Pan's voice was a little hoarse.

Brother Gou walked in. "Master."

Neither of them was used to this term of address, but Peter Pan didn't tell Brother Gou not to call him that either.

"What's wrong?" He glanced at Brother Gou. "He's not willing to let you boys go with him?"

Brother Gou nodded.

"Donghai needs us to guard it. If we go along, then there'll be nobody left to guard this city."

For the past three years, Peter Pan was here, so they didn't have to worry about anything. But now, Peter Pan's health was deteriorating at an alarming speed and his prowess was on the wane. He even had trouble protecting himself from enemies, never mind anybody else.

Jiang Ning had taken this into consideration, and that was why he wanted to make sure that highly skilled fighters were left behind to protect Donghai.

"Tsk," Peter Pan snorted. "This fellow is a really strange one. He always likes to shoulder everything on his own."

He glanced at Brother Gou. "What's there to be afraid of? I'm not dead yet."

"Give me a little time, I'll make some arrangements."

"Master?!" Brother Gou's heart trembled. "What are you going to do?"

"I can recover some energy to last me a while more. At least until all of you return from the Longevity Pond."

The look in Peter Pan's eyes was gentler now. He knew well that Jiang Ning was going to look for the pond because of him. He didn't like owing others, especially not Jiang Ning, but he also wanted to keep living.

He wanted to watch Jiang Yao grow up and protect his precious disciple. If he couldn't live much longer, then he would really have to bid Jiang Yao farewell.

If his health weren't so poor, he would have gone with Jiang Ning himself.

"Don't worry, I know myself best."

"I know that this fellow is going to look for the pond for my sake, and I'll remember this favor. But that's why I want to contribute too."

"If you want someone to help you with something, then you've got to prove that you're worthy of help first!" said Peter Pan.

"Yes, Master! Don't worry, we'll definitely find the Longevity Pond so that you can continue living." Brother Gou immediately straightened up.

"Yaoyao needs your protection too. She wouldn't bear to part with you."

The moment he mentioned Jiang Yao, Peter Pan immediately broke into a bright smile. His hopes and reason for living were all for the little girl's sake.

"Alright then. Let me take a rest. Go out."

"Ok." Brother Gou nodded and walked out.

Peter Pan took a deep breath, focused his energies and sat up.

"I've still got to use that method after all. Since I'm their Master, I've got to help my disciples out. I can't possibly just let my disciples help me, right?"

He laughed to himself as the glint in his eyes slowly lit up. They looked like two stars shining exceptionally brightly in the dark night.

Meanwhile.

Jiang Ning had begun to make preparations.

Everyone else knew about Peter Pan's situation, and they knew that if they didn't do anything, he was going to die very soon.



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Peter Pan was way too old and his body had already started degenerating. It seemed impossible for him to turn back time, but since Jiang Ning said that there was a chance to make it happen, everyone wanted to fight for that chance.

After spending three years together, everyone could see that the old man genuinely doted on Jiang Yao. Someone as kindhearted as Lin Yuzhen in particular, could see it clearly.

Besides her parents and grandparents, the next person who doted on Jiang Yao the most was Peter Pan. He never let her suffer any injustice or harm.

"Where's Yaoyao?" asked Jiang Ning.

"She's fallen asleep. She was so tired from crying." Lin Yuzhen sighed.

Jiang Yao had cried from being too upset. She was young, but there were certain aspects of life that she could understand.

When she saw how much Peter Pan had aged and weakened, Jiang Yao seemed to realize something. She was still shouting for her Master even in her sleep and couldn't stop crying. Lin Yuzhen was so heartbroken to see her like this.

"Is there really something we can do to save Peter Pan?" She looked at Jiang Ning. Her expression looked a little crestfallen.

"There's a chance," said Jiang Ning.

If he could find the Longevity Pond, then there was a chance. But he wasn't sure what would happen even if he found it, so he could only hope that everything would go smoothly.

"I'll give it a shot. Don't worry. If there's really nothing we can do, Peter Pan won't blame us for it."

"But Jiang Yao is still so young, and I really don't want her to be so sad."

Jiang Ning's heart ached when he recalled Jiang Yao's crying face.

"Then you have to be careful."

Lin Yuzhen was equally worried. Now that she had become a mother, she was even more worried about Jiang Ning and afraid that his life would be in danger.

Even though she knew that her husband was an unrivalled hero and an invincible God of War, he was still just a man, a husband and now, a father.

"Don't worry," laughed Jiang Ning as he pulled Lin Yuzhen into his arms. "Nothing will happen to me. Trust me."

"Ok." Lin Yuzhen nodded, but she was still very worried inside.

She just didn't want Jiang Ning to feel too much pressure.

Jiang Ning made some simple preparations and

left. He was going by himself, so he didn't need to prepare too much.

The second spatial dimension was still within the mountain gate. Jiang Ning didn't want any battle to be fought in any other place, even until now.

He chose to drop by Fang Qiu's first.

Fang Qiu had also been making preparations during this time. After he heard that Jiang Ning was going into the mountain gate to open the passageway into the second spatial dimension and try to look for the Longevity Pond again, he knew that the day they had all been waiting for was here.

Over the last three years, he had been training himself every single day and pushed himself as hard as possible because he hoped that he could be of help to Jiang Ning when this day arrived.

But Jiang Ning didn't intend to bring him in either.

"Master, I can be of help to you," said Fang Qiu. "If you go in alone, I'd be really worried."

"You have responsibilities to fulfil," said Jiang Ning with a laugh. "Mount Zhongnan needs you. Guarding the outside of the mountain gate and to serve as its outermost layer of defense is the responsibility of the eight reclusive clans, so this place needs you more."

"But you need someone too!" Fang Qiu started getting jittery. "You didn't let Brother Gou and the rest go with you, but you're not going to let me go

either? I'm your disciple!"

"I know how dangerous the passageway can be. One more person means twice the strength! I might be able to help you!"

Fang Qiu really didn't want to watch Jiang Ning take such a big risk, especially since he was headed for such a dangerous and completely unknown destination. It was true that Jiang Ning was very highly skilled, but that passageway led to something that was only found in legends.

Peter Pan and the others had searched for the pond for several decades but couldn't find it. How much danger would Jiang Ning be in if he were to hunt for it himself?

"You have already helped me enough." Jiang Ning sighed. "Alright, that's quite enough."

"Master!"

"Don't forget, your father was also my Master. I promised him to take good care of you, so that's my responsibility too. So don't say anymore."

Jiang Ning shook his head and didn't want to go on. He looked towards the mountain gate and narrowed his eyes slightly. "Besides, Mr Lang has waited for me for so long, so I can't possibly disappoint him!"



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Jiang Ning had to save Peter Pan and he didn't have much time. Finding the Longevity Pond had become a necessary journey now.

He didn't want to see Jiang Yao so heartbroken. As a father, the one thing he could do was to make sure his child stayed happy and healthy. He was willing to pay any price to achieve this.

Fang Qiu's eyes were slightly bloodshot. He really wanted to go with Jiang Ning to help him and share the burden.

"You've already done a very good job," said Jiang Ning with a smile. "Doing a good job of what you are supposed to do is the best for all of us."

"Got it, Master."

Fang Qiu knew Jiang Ning well and knew that once he had decided, nothing he said would change his mind.

After he was done talking to Fang Qiu, Jiang Ning headed straight for the mountain gate.

"Master, I've always listened to you and I will listen to you in the future. But this time, I'm not going to listen," murmured Fang Qiu.

He turned to look into the distance. "Brother Gou, when are you guys coming? I'm still waiting!"

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A bright gleam flashed within the mountain gate.

Jiang Ning appeared from nowhere.

Liu Chuandao now lived right next to the mountain gate. He was slightly surprised when he noticed some movement, but it was just Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning had come a few times over the last three years just to ask him a few questions and went home after that. He never stayed for long inside the mountain gate.

Liu Chuandao knew that Jiang Ning was studying the secrets of the technique manual, but didn't know if Jiang Ning had managed to discover anything yet.

"You're here." Liu Chuandao looked at Jiang Ning. "What questions do you have for me today?"

He had put in a lot of effort to answer all of Jiang Ning's questions. If there was anything he didn't know, he would ask others in his sect. If his sect members didn't have any answers, he would go on to ask others.

He had run around a lot because of this, but he had helped Jiang Ning to answer a number of questions, so it was worth it.

"I don't have any questions to ask you this time."
Jiang Ning sat down at a stone table without
waiting to be asked and Liu Chuandao poured him
a cup of tea.

"Oh? So why are you here? I'm sure you're not here to casually visit me." He didn't think that

Jiang Ning would rather spend his time visiting an old man than play with his daughter.

"I'm going to enter the second spatial dimension to look for the Longevity Pond."

Liu Chuandao's hand stopped in midair and no tea came out of the teapot. He looked up at Jiang Ning. "What did you just say?"

Jiang Ning was going through the passageway to look for the Longevity Pond?!

That was going to be such a dangerous thing to do. They had talked about this before over the last three years. The last time they were already very lucky that nothing bad happened when they tricked Greedy Wolf into entering the dimension.

Setting up that trap was as good as walking on tightrope. Even Jiang Ning shuddered to think about it.

If he had gotten any of the formation lines wrong, the consequences were too severe to even imagine.

"Peter Pan's not going to make it." Jiang Ning sighed. "I have to save him."

Liu Chuandao didn't say anything.

He knew about Peter Pan and he guessed as much. After three years, the aging process for someone who was already very elderly would only go faster.

Nobody could fight the will of heaven, and nobody could win a fight against time.

But now, Jiang Ning was doing precisely these two things in order to save Peter Pan.

"As long as I can find the Longevity Pond, then he would have the chance to live a little longer. I don't know if he can attain immortality and I'm not concerned with that now."

Jiang Ning shook his head. He didn't really believe in such things in the first place. It was already incredulous to turn back time, and it was clearly defying the laws of nature.

It sounded like something from fantasy books, but Jiang Ning was willing to give it a shot.

After everything he had experienced all these years, his understanding of the world had changed completely. The appearance of the technique manual had already transformed everything Jiang Ning knew.

It had made him see much more, and much further.

"Do you have confidence?" Liu Chuandao finally spoke up after a long period of silence. "Also, you're going to do this alone?"



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Jiang Ning had come alone and hadn't brought anyone with him.

"I don't have confidence," replied Jiang Ning honestly.

In the past, Jiang Ning wouldn't have been worried even if he was going to a place he had never been to before. He believed in his prowess and believed that he could do anything that he put his mind to.

But this passageway was different. It was completely different. It was a completely unknown territory.

"But I'm not going alone." He glanced at Liu Chuandao. "There's still one more person."

Liu Chuandao looked behind him. There was nobody there.

"Don't tell me you want to bring me along?" He burst out laughing rather helplessly. He was just joking with Jiang Ning. His level of martial arts was pretty high, but it was nothing compared to Jiang Ning.

It was useless for Jiang Ning to bring him along.

Suddenly, Liu Chuandao's expression became very serious. A tinge of surprise flashed in his eyes along with some disbelief.

"Wait, you mean you..."

Jiang Ning nodded. "That's right."

He didn't say it out loud, but Liu Chuandao had guessed as much.

"Are you sure? This is akin to walking alongside a tiger! That's even more dangerous! That's even more dangerous than the road to finding the Longevity Pond!"

"I'm sure," said Jiang Ning. "This is the only way. I'm missing some information, but he knows those things. We have to work together in order to locate the Longevity Pond."

"As for what happens after we find the pond, we'll see about it when it happens."

Liu Chuandao was right to say that this was akin to walking alongside a tiger. But there was no other choice.

Jiang Ning drank his tea and stood up again.

"I've come to tell you that Fang Qiu and the others would definitely be worried about me going in by myself. When they come in, help me to block them from going any further."

The one who knew the people around himself the best was none other than Jiang Ning.

He knew what Fang Qiu and the wolves were thinking about. They were all going to secretly sneak past the mountain gate after he had come in first. That was really dangerous.

Jiang Ning knew that they had good intentions, but he still didn't want them to risk their lives with

him.

Liu Chuandao laughed bitterly.

Block them?

He didn't think he could really block any of them. He knew their temperament. Besides, he wanted to help Jiang Ning too. He didn't want Jiang Ning to face such perils all by himself either.

"Alright then, I'll try my best."

He didn't refuse, because he couldn't anyway.

Jiang Ning nodded and left. Liu Chuandao could only sigh and wish Jiang Ning all the best.

It didn't seem like he could do anything else.

Jiang Ning left Qingshan Sect and headed north all the way till he reached the northern region.

He reached that lake once again and looked out at the calm surface of the water as he said, "It's been three years. You're getting impatient, aren't you? Looks like you made the right guess about me."

#### WOONG...

A violent ripple ran through the lake as the surface of the water began to roil furiously. The waters churned like it was boiling.

Eight huge chains emerged from the bottom of the lake as the bronze coffin came to the surface, splashing water in all directions.

# KA KA KA!

The lid of the coffin slowly slid to one side, making an ear piercing screeching noise. Anybody who saw this scene would feel all their hair stand on end.

Jiang Ning stood where he was. He didn't seem affected and his expression was calm. He was long used to this.

Actually, he had come to the northern region several times over the last three years to ask Greedy Wolf a number of questions. If Liu Chuandao heard about this, he might find it too hard to believe.

"Humph! I just knew you would come. I knew your weakness right from the start," a voice came from within the coffin. It was the voice of Greedy Wolf.

The Mr Lang of the past had already torn off his gentlemanly disguise and no longer needed to pretend.

### BAM!

The lid of the coffin was fully opened and Greedy Wolf sat up to meet with Jiang Ning's eyes across the lake. His eyes were as cloudy as ever, but they stared even more deeply into Jiang Ning's.

"There's no way you can run from repaying the kindness of others. This is exactly how sentimental characters like yourself will die."

# Greedy Wolf stood up and looked at Jiang Ning. "I've waited so long for you. How's it? Are you ready to beg me now?"



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Greedy Wolf laughed rather cheekily.

He knew that this day would definitely come.

Jiang Ning wasn't convinced by tough methods,
but he was a very sentimental man. Of course,
this could also turn out to be his greatest strength
at the same time.

But there were two sides to every coin. Greedy Wolf had realized this after the last time he failed.

He didn't understand Jiang Ning in the past, but now he did.

"It's a bit early to tell who will be begging who."
Jiang Ning looked at Greedy Wolf. "Did you think
you could see through me now?"

He shook his head.

Greedy Wolf walked out from the bronze coffin and stepped onto the surface of the lake. Ripples extended from beneath his feet as he headed straight for Jiang Ning.

"I have no interest in understanding you." He narrowed his eyes. "Since you're all ready to go, then don't waste anymore time."

"It's been three years. I've waited three years already, and I don't have that much time to spare. Even that stupid old man who refuses to die, Seven Kill, is also running out of time."

Greedy Wolf scoffed when he mentioned Seven Kill and looked like he didn't care about the old man at all.

Jiang Ning continued staring at him and didn't say anything.

The two of them had hailed from the same era. If Seven Kill were to die, Greedy Wolf would feel lonely too. But of course, that would be how Jiang Ning would have felt. If Greedy Wolf was the type who would feel lonely because of this, then he wouldn't have thought of all means and ways to kill Broken Soldier, then severely injure Seven Kill and cause him to lose his memory.

"You know this right? Even if we find the Longevity Pond, only one of us can use it. I won't let him use it." Greedy Wolf laughed coldly. "So that means, when we find it, you still have to think of a way to kill me, right?"

"That's right." Jiang Ning didn't try to hide this from him. "It's too hard to find the Longevity Pond without you, but once we find it, I must let Seven Kill use it. So if you want to fight me for it, I will have no choice but to kill you."

He went straight to the point.

Greedy Wolf had never met anyone like this before. Jiang Ning intended to kill him and told him straight in the face. Wasn't he afraid that he would kill him right there and then?

He laughed and didn't seem bothered at all.

Jiang Ning couldn't find the Longevity Pond by himself and needed him to go along. But similarly, he couldn't find the pond without Jiang Ning either. The two of them had to cooperate and

work together.

Once they found the pond, they would go back to being competitors and fight each other to the bitter end.

How very interesting.

"Then you have to be prepared that I might kill you anytime," scoffed Greedy Wolf.

He walked to one side with his hands folded behind his back. He had nothing but disdain for Jiang Ning's actions. Wasn't he being foolish for throwing his life away for another person?

This man was so foolish. To him, this was an action beyond stupidity.

Jiang Ning walked over to stand by his side. It was as if the two of them weren't archenemies, and weren't foes who were bent on wiping out the other in the near future. Instead, they looked like two old buddies who were going to fight a war side by side.

"Let's begin. Stop wasting time," said Greedy Wolf.

Jiang Ning raised his hands and started drawing lines in the air. Formation line after formation line fell to the ground like countless centipedes. When they started crawling at the same time, it would make anyone's hair stand on end.

In just a few moments, the ground suddenly shook and the scenery before their eyes changed in a split second, just like the last time.

The barren northern region had instantly transformed into a dense mountainous forest.

The sound of insects and birds could even be heard.

Both of them took a step forward at the same time and walked right in.

"You're really incredible." Greedy Wolf rarely complimented anybody, but he had to admit that Jiang Ning was truly gifted. He had studied these formation lines for years, but couldn't figure it out. He didn't even know where to start. Jiang Ning had only studied them for three years, and he could create passageways so easily already.

Perhaps Jiang Ning was even more incredible than he imagined.

He glanced at Jiang Ning. "Back then, Broken Soldier possessed the same gifting. It was too bad that he was a bit dumb."

He was implying that Jiang Ning was smarter than Broken Soldier.

Jiang Ning didn't think that Greedy Wolf was complimenting him.

"Lead the way." He didn't want to waste time on useless chatter.

Seven Kill couldn't hold out for that long, given his rate of deterioration. If he took too long, then it would be too late to save him even if he did really find the Longevity Pond.



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Greedy Wolf snorted coldly and started walking deeper into the forest without saying anything.

Jiang Ning followed behind him. He observed Greedy Wolf's directions while checking against the lines on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual to see if there was any problem with the route he was taking.

"This Greedy Wolf is really no simple man," thought Jiang Ning to himself.

Greedy Wolf was a powerful man not only because of his physical prowess, but even more so because of his knowledge of the world and the extent of his schemes. It was impossible to tell what this man was thinking, or what method he would use to fulfil the next necessary step.

The both of them were cooperating now, but Jiang Ning knew that this partnership could fall apart anytime. One of them might suddenly perish in the next second.

It was nerve-wracking and exciting!

"Even though the Longevity Pond has only appeared in legends and rumors, it has got to really exist. Otherwise, why would the Extreme Fist Technique Manual even exist? Surely whoever did this wasn't so bored as to come up with something so incredible just for fun, right?" thought Jiang Ning.

If someone did all this just to pass time, then this person was definitely way too bored.

The forest was extremely dense and the huge trees extended to the clouds.

As they walked through the forest, a thick and heavy feeling weighed on them from the sky.

This was the passageway to the Longevity Pond, and there was only one road through the forest. Jiang Ning could use the etches on the manual to figure the way out, but he still needed Greedy Wolf.

It was clear that Greedy Wolf had studied this in great detail. Even though he didn't understand the formation lines on the manual, he was still able to discern which way was the right direction to go.

"Why aren't you walking anymore?" asked Jiang Ning when he saw that Greedy Wolf had suddenly stopped in his footsteps.

"There's a fork in the road," said Greedy Wolf.

He looked in front to see only one passageway. It was already a rare sight for such a dense forest to have only one passageway, but Greedy Wolf said there were two passageways.

Jiang Ning looked closely and saw that it was indeed more than one passageway. There were two sets of formation lines that extended in two different directions.

"One leads to life and one leads to death." Greedy Wolf looked teasingly at Jiang Ning. "If you make a wrong choice, then you will most certainly meet your end. You can choose which way to go."

There was a playfulness in his eyes, as if he didn't care whether he lived or died, and just wanted to see what choice Jiang Ning would make.

Jiang Ning looked at the formation lines very carefully. The two sets of lines seemed almost the same. If he had arrived at this place three years ago, he wouldn't have noticed any difference.

But things had changed. He could now see exactly where the differences were easily.

There were indeed two passageways, one leading to life and the other to death. But regardless of which one they chose, neither would be smooth. From the way these formation lines were constructed, Jiang Ning knew that perhaps both of these roads led to death.

"I don't know how to choose either." He pulled a coin out from his pocket. "Why don't we let the heavens decide?"

He flipped the coin and caught it in between his palms and pointed to the two passageways ahead. "If it's heads, we'll choose this side. If it's tails, then the other side. How's that?"

Greedy Wolf stared right into Jiang Ning's eyes to check if he was joking. This was a very important juncture. How could he use such a childish method to make a decision?

"Are you sure about this?" He snorted. "If you make the wrong choice, you'd die!"

"I don't know how to choose." Jiang Ning shook his head. "If I knew how to make a choice, then why would I need you?"

"Either you choose, or we'll let the heavens decide. We'll see if the gods want us to find the Longevity Pond or not."

He shrugged and didn't seem to care either way.

Even though their lives were at stake, Jiang Ning didn't seem afraid at all. He was even more unbothered than Greedy Wolf.

Even if he were to die in the next moment, there wouldn't be the slightest bit of fear on Jiang Ning's face. His nonchalance and calmness wasn't a pretense. Greedy Wolf could see that.

The two of them just looked at each other. Greedy Wolf was trying to test Jiang Ning, but Jiang Ning just ignored it and threw the ball back into his court instead.

This wasn't a battle of fighting prowess. This was a battle of their mental strength.

One wrong move could become an irreversible mistake. And once the chance was lost, everything else was lost.



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Jiang Ning knew that Greedy Wolf was just testing him and wanted to know if there was anything different between the last time he came into the passageway and now. To put it simply, after not seeing Jiang Ning for three years, Greedy Wolf still didn't truly understand Jiang Ning and needed to find out more.

But there was no way Jiang Ning was going to let Greedy Wolf get his way so easily.

Greedy Wolf had been in deep sleep for the past three years, so nothing much would have changed about him. But he was still a force to be reckoned with.

He knew how terrifying Jiang Ning's gifting was, and was sure that Jiang Ning must have improved a lot over the past three years. Jiang Ning was already so powerful three years ago, and he would be even more terrifying now.

How was he going to deal with Jiang Ning if he didn't try to understand him more now?

But it was clear that Jiang Ning wasn't that stupid and wouldn't fall for Greedy Wolf's tricks so easily. Instead, he started to get a better grasp of what Greedy Wolf was capable of.

"You want me to choose?" Greedy Wolf snorted, turned to look at the passageways and stretched his hand out. "Then we'll go this way."

He pointed to one side.

Jiang Ning peered in the same direction and

didn't discover anything special about the two roads. Even though one supposedly led to life and the other to death, he couldn't tell which was which.

"Sure."

He didn't object because he couldn't anyway.

Greedy Wolf didn't say anymore and started walking. Jiang Ning followed him without a word.

Both of them had their own opinions on the matter, but neither would say them out loud.

Greedy Wolf could sense that this passageway was more dangerous, and it could very well be the one that led to death.

He had purposely chosen the more dangerous one to see what sort of reaction Jiang Ning would have. But in the end, Jiang Ning hadn't even flinched.

One walked in front and the other walked behind. The environment around them slowly began to change as the dense forest seemed to look more sinister now. The moisture level of the air had gone up significantly.

Jiang Ning walked along as he continued to observe the changes in the environment around him keenly and also kept watch on Greedy Wolf. They hadn't found the Longevity Pond yet and Greedy Wolf supposedly still needed him around, so he probably wouldn't do anything to harm him. But who knew what Greedy Wolf was thinking

## about?

He looked at his surroundings and his eyes were like an x-ray as they broke down everything to its very fundamentals. He used his understanding of formation lines to analyze how they were constructed.

"It's simply too complicated!" thought Jiang Ning in his heart.

It seemed like the formation lines on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual alone weren't enough to comprehend these.

"Could it be that the formation lines on the manual is only one part of it?"

If that was the case, then that would really be terrifying.

Jiang Ning didn't think further along this line of thought. It was not the time to think about such things.

He walked on very slowly, and Greedy Wolf walked equally slowly in front of him. Greedy Wolf was being just as cautious as Jiang Ning. After all, if one wasn't careful in a place like this, you could end up dead!

The two of them were very powerful, but they didn't dare to be careless either.

#### ROAAR!

Suddenly, they heard something that sounded like

the roar of a beast. Jiang Ning's expression altered slightly as he twitched his ears. He could sense that there were people coming their way.

That was certainly the sound of footsteps.

And there was more than one person!

Greedy Wolf had heard the footsteps too. His eyes narrowed as they glinted. He was a little shocked, but he was also gleeful.

"It really exists!" he couldn't help exclaiming. "Looks like we've gone down the right passageway!"

Jiang Ning glanced at him, then looked at all the figures that kept emerging from the forest. It was hard to imagine that there would be people in this passageway.

But there seemed to be something strange about them.

"Why are there people here?" he asked as he looked at Greedy Wolf. Greedy Wolf definitely knew the reason.

"They're all a bunch of dead people," said Greedy Wolf. "They are the undead!"

"The undead?" Jiang Ning was thoroughly shocked.

Good heavens.

He looked at them and noticed that they weren't

wearing clothes from the current era.

"This is a passageway to life and death. Because there's life, there's death. Otherwise, why would a Longevity Pond exist?"

Greedy Wolf was getting rather excited. Once he saw these undead people, he was sure that the Longevity Pond existed.

This passageway had control over one's life and death, and it was even a place where the dead could come to life.

The Longevity Pond was definitely in here!



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Suddenly, Greedy Wolf's eyes narrowed and he let out a creepy laugh. "I see someone I know."

These were such hair raising words.

Jiang Ning looked in the same direction and saw that the one right at the front of the numerous people before them had no expression on his face, but his empty looking eyes were looking at Greedy Wolf. It was as if he was also wondering if they knew each other.

"He's someone from my era, and was also a highly skilled fighter. He was a low profile man to begin with, and one day he just disappeared. So he actually found this passageway, but ended up dying here. What a pity."

Greedy Wolf didn't sound sympathetic at all.

He had no regard for anyone else but himself. Nobody's death was a loss to him.

"Stop reminiscing and tell me what's going on with these people." Jiang Ning didn't want to listen to Greedy Wolf say all these useless things. These undead people were getting closer to them, and he didn't think any of them were here to have a chat about the past with Greedy Wolf.

"They've all been infected with the air of death, and their souls have been sucked out, so they're nothing but zombies now. They're probably taking us as food now, so..." Greedy Wolf suddenly smashed a fist into the person he recognized. "So we've got to crush them all, otherwise they'll suck our bones dry!"

# BOOM!

The impact of the punch was explosive.

The man instantly shattered from Greedy Wolf's punch.

He burst open as easily as a piece of paper. The insides of his body were all dry.

ROAAAR...

Once the fight started, the rest of the undead suddenly started moving faster than before and headed straight for Greedy Wolf and Jiang Ning. There were so many of them, just the sight of them could make one's hair stand on end.

Jiang Ning didn't hesitate and started fighting them. Each punch sent one zombie flying.

The violent impact of his punches were so ferocious, it was even more explosive than Greedy Wolf's.

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

The undead were no match for the two of them, so it didn't take much for them to wipe out the entire group in front of them. Dried up bodies were strewn all over.

But more and more of them were coming out

from the forest. There were at least a hundred of them coming over!

"Exactly how many people have tried looking for this Longevity Pond?!" yelled Jiang Ning.

"I don't know!" Greedy Wolf had no answer for Jiang Ning. He was rather surprised himself.

It only went to show how long the Longevity Pond had existed for. Perhaps there were already people searching for it before Greedy Wolf's time.

Jiang Ning scanned the undead coming their way and noticed that many of them were in very dated clothing. That proved that the people who had tried looking for the Longevity Pond spanned several eras.

"Looks like the Longevity Pond really exists."

Jiang Ning swung his fists hard and caused a man in armor to explode instantly.

Even his armor was shattered.

The metal pieces from his armor went back at least a few centuries.

"There are more and more of them!" Greedy Wolf became a little excited. "But if we don't leave this place soon, we'll end up just like them!"

He narrowed his eyes and looked into the distant forest. His expression fell when he saw a gray mist slowly wafting out.

If his guess was right, these people lost their souls and became the undead because they had come into contact with that mist.

"Hurry!" shouted Greedy Wolf. "If that mist hits us, we're doomed!"

A wary look appeared on his face and he didn't dare to linger either.

Jiang Ning looked up to see that Greedy Wolf had increased his speed of movement and was extremely agile. He minimized his contact with the undead and weaseled his way through the crowd. He had such incredible eyesight.

He glanced at Greedy Wolf and noticed that his eyes seemed somewhat different from before, but they returned to normal the next second.

Jiang Ning didn't say anything and just took note of this. He followed Greedy Wolf closely to pass through all the undead and leave this area.

#### ROAAAR!

The number of undead people kept increasing, and they could even hear the sound of their teeth grinding. It was so terrifying!



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It was as if one ran into army ants in the desert. The sound of their teeth grinding could really make one's scalp feel numb.

"Hurry! Let's go!" yelled Greedy Wolf loudly. Even he felt that these people were frightening.

He dodged them as quickly as possible and avoided any contact or fight with the undead. If they slowed him down in a fight, he would be in big trouble.

Jiang Ning followed behind him and felt rather shocked. The route that Greedy Wolf had taken and the way he nimbly avoided all the attacks from the undead was considered the easiest way out.

He had noticed that there was a glint in Greedy Wolf's eyes that kept flashing. His eyes seemed to be able to see his surroundings in its entirety before making the best judgment of the situation.

This wasn't just something he was gifted with.

Jiang Ning had seen his fair share of gifted people. But he had never seen anyone with such an ability. But since Greedy Wolf was one of the top three fighters of his time, he couldn't be any ordinary man either.

He followed Greedy Wolf closely and came out from the mess of undead people in no time.

There were still footsteps trying to chase after them, but the two men moved at speeds way too high for these dry and stiffened zombies to catch up with.

"Gosh, what a relief." Jiang Ning looked at Greedy Wolf. "I didn't think you were this formidable."

"Why? Have you underestimated me?"

His eyes looked the same as before and there was nothing different about them. "I wish you would continue to underestimate me."

Jiang Ning just smiled without saying anything.

Why would he have underestimated Greedy Wolf?

He had never underestimated Greedy Wolf. The reason why Greedy Wolf had become one of the top fighters of his time wasn't just his martial arts ability. It was also the extent and depths of his schemes.

This was a man who would rise to the top of society regardless of which era he was born in. Anyone who took him lightly would end up paying a high price for doing so. But it was clear that Jiang Ning wasn't going to make such a mistake.

"Once that mist touches you, it will suck your soul out and you'd become an undead. Nobody can escape it," said Greedy Wolf. "I really don't know who created this sort of mist. How very profound."

Jiang Ning remembered how Greedy Wolf had created the mist in the northern region the last time. His mist didn't have such damaging properties, but all the other sects sincerely

thought it did.

Since Greedy Wolf could come up with something like that, it meant that he did know a thing or two about the mist. Jiang Ning was sure of that.

It wasn't easy to see how much more powerful Greedy Wolf could really be in a fight. Now that they were moving through the forest together, Jiang Ning felt more and more strongly that it was truly difficult to predict or read Greedy Wolf.

Still waters really ran deep.

"Where do we go now?" asked Jiang Ning.

The forest ahead was just overgrown with trees and shrubs. There was no clear passageway.

Greedy Wolf glanced at him and said in an annoyed voice, "I'm the one who should be asking you that. If I could find the Longevity Pond all by myself, why would I need you?"

"I could say the exact same thing back to you," replied Jiang Ning.

If he could find it himself, he wouldn't have chosen to partner Greedy Wolf.

The two of them stared at each other, then scoffed at the same time.

Greedy Wolf didn't say anymore and just looked around at the forest before him. It was as if he just needed his eyes to analyze everything around him. But it didn't seem to produce any results.

"There are a number of trees here that aren't real," he said. "We've got to avoid all these smokescreens."

Greedy Wolf pointed at one of the trees. "Like that one over there. It's not a real tree."

Jiang Ning looked at that tree and used formation lines to analyze it. That tree was indeed a fake tree, and it was even hiding a trap that could kill them.

If they touched it by accident, their surroundings would change instantly and nobody would be able to escape from here.

He had made use of formation lines, but Greedy Wolf spotted it with just his eyes.

"Why don't you just tell me which way to go?" said Jiang Ning. "Even if you explained things to me, I wouldn't understand."

Greedy Wolf scoffed and knew what Jiang Ning was implying. He couldn't be bothered to even talk to Jiang Ning. Both of them were wily old foxes with their own opinions, and neither was going to come clean with the other.



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Greedy Wolf continued walking ahead and Jiang Ning followed in his exact footsteps.

He made sure that the weight of his steps, the direction and speed were identical to Greedy Wolf's. If Greedy Wolf wanted to kill Jiang Ning, then he would end up killing himself in the process. Besides, Greedy Wolf knew very well that Jiang Ning could discern the passageway too. It was too difficult to trick him.

Furthermore, until they found the Longevity Pond, he still needed Jiang Ning to stay alive.

The two of them covered a long distance but didn't run into any dangers at all. This was highly abnormal.

Greedy Wolf had chosen a road that was supposed to lead to death and he knew that the passageway wouldn't be too smooth. But now, besides running into the undead, they hadn't run into anything else.

He started to feel like something was amiss.

His footsteps slowed down and his expression became more and more serious.

"What's wrong?" asked Jiang Ning as he slowed down as well.

"Something's wrong," said Greedy Wolf. "Don't you think our journey here has been a little too smooth?"

"Maybe it's because you're really amazing and

you've avoided all the dangers lurking here." Jiang Ning looked at him.

Greedy Wolf scoffed. He didn't think Jiang Ning's compliment was genuine.

"You'd better keep a lookout. It's impossible for this passageway to be so smooth. If it were so simple, there wouldn't be such a large population of undead people." Greedy Wolf stopped walking. "I just sense something wrong somewhere. We've got to be careful."

Jiang Ning didn't speak anymore and continued to follow behind Greedy Wolf. If there was any danger ahead, Greedy Wolf would face it first since he was in front. He just needed to be on guard against Greedy Wolf at all times.

Greedy Wolf shared the same sentiments, but unfortunately Jiang Ning was more shameless about it and insisted on being at the back, which greatly annoyed Greedy Wolf.

He had no choice but to give in because he needed Jiang Ning to find the Longevity Pond. He knew that Jiang Ning had grasped the use of formation lines and that would definitely come in handy. Broken Soldier had grasped these formation lines back then and had been able to successfully enter this passageway and made it back out safely too.

But Broken Soldier had not been interested in the Longevity Pond at all. He only brought a bottle of the water out with him and hadn't used the pond itself.

Greedy Wolf simply couldn't understand why. He just felt that Broken Soldier was really stupid.

His footsteps were very slow as he continued walking deeper in to the forest. Jiang Ning was behind him and walking even more slowly. The careful look on his face made Greedy Wolf terribly pissed but he couldn't talk about it either.

Jiang Ning wasn't guarding himself against the surroundings. He was clearly guarding himself against Greedy Wolf!

"Wait!" said Jiang Ning all of a sudden.

His expression shifted and became more solemn.

"Something's coming!"

Greedy Wolf was also on high alert.

A rustling noise came from afar. They didn't know what it was but it was coming at them at top speed!

"Is it those undead again?"

"No, it isn't!"

Just as he said that, a huge layer of black mist emerged from the depths of the forest. The smell of death in that mist made one's mood instantly depressed.

Jiang Ning and Greedy Wolf both shouted, "Let's go!"

Everything that this mist touched was instantly swallowed up. It was even more terrifying than the mist that turned humans into zombies.

At least the undead still had their bodies somewhat intact. Anything that touched this black mist would disappear into thin air.

The scariest part was that this black mist seemed to be alive and was sentient. The mist headed straight for Jiang Ning and Greedy Wolf, as if it was targeting the two men.

"Hurry up!" roared Greedy Wolf. He suddenly sped up and disappeared in an instant.

Jiang Ning cursed at him, but before he could get anywhere, the black mist instantly surrounded him from all directions.

He had no way to escape!

BAM!

He quickly threw a punch and used the force from the punch to create a gap in the mist. But before he could take a step forward, the mist covered the hole and surrounded Jiang Ning again. The mist seemed bent on swallowing Jiang Ning up!

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

Jiang Ning continued punching and punching to

force the black mist around him to go away, but he was still unable to get out.

"HAA!" He gave a low shout and threw a series of punches in quick succession before making another gap in the mist.



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"Come out! Hurry!" shouted Greedy Wolf.

But immediately after Jiang Ning's punch had created a gap, the mist quickly patched it up and didn't give Jiang Ning any chance to escape.

The black mist seemed to have intelligence and knew what Jiang Ning was trying to do, and that's why it quickly cut off Jiang Ning's escape route again and again.

## BAM!

Jiang Ning didn't stop punching. The black mist kept coming nearer and nearer to him from all directions, so the amount of space he had left was getting smaller and smaller.

He could already feel some of the black mist brush past him and corroded his clothes. It nearly touched him.

"Hurry up!" Greedy Wolf didn't think that this black mist would be so difficult to deal with. He had been lucky to dodge it, but there was no way he was going back in there to save Jiang Ning.

But if Jiang Ning died, then it would be hard for him to find the Longevity Pond.

Nobody knew what other strange things lay on the passageway ahead. Everything he had heard about was already terrifying enough. There were probably even more terrifying things in here, but nobody who saw those things had lived to tell the tale.

The undead and this black mist had proved that the road to the Longevity Pond was definitely no smooth road. It was more likely for one to die along the way instead.

He watched as Jiang Ning continued to be surrounded by the black mist and figured that Jiang Ning probably wouldn't be able to survive this. He started wondering if he ought to proceed further in, or to exit the passageway. But how was he going to do that?

That meant he would have to go back the way they came.

Suddenly, the black mist seemed to have been terrified by something. It let out a howl and started flying away, as if it had run into something very horrifying.

The mist was running away!

Greedy Wolf looked shocked and couldn't believe what he was seeing. The black mist was actually running away!

BAM!

A punch exploded.

The incredible wind caused by the impact of the punch made the air look whitish as it scattered the black mist in an instant.

AWW0000!

The mist sounded like the howl of a beast and it

sounded so terrified. Before Greedy Wolf could wrap his head around it, the black mist flew back where it came from and disappeared.

Jiang Ning took a deep breath as he remained standing there. His face was slightly red. It was clear that this last punch had consumed quite a bit of his energy.

His gaze was ferocious and a murderous aura filled the entire place.

Even Greedy Wolf couldn't help but feel somewhat fearful too.

"The black mist is alive," said Jiang Ning.

"How did you do that?" Greedy Wolf couldn't help but ask.

He couldn't think of how Jiang Ning could have possibly escaped that attack. He had even thought about how he was going to leave this passageway and look for another chance in the future.

But Jiang Ning had literally punched the black mist away.

And what was that about the black mist being alive?

Greedy Wolf had a bewildered expression on his face. He had studied all this for so many years, but there were still too many things in this passageway that he didn't understand.

"No idea." Jiang Ning shook his head. He wasn't lying.

He seriously had no idea. He just felt that the black mist had life in it. And after he was surrounded by the black mist, it didn't try to corrode him, but it tried to bite him into very tiny pieces.

He looked at Greedy Wolf. "You mean you didn't take a good look?"

Greedy Wolf's expression changed slightly upon hearing this and he scoffed. "You couldn't feel it, so how could I see it?"

He didn't say the word 'see' as loudly as the rest, as if he was trying not to use this word.

Jiang Ning didn't say anything. He just regulated his breathing, then started walking again.

It was best not to stick around in such a dangerous place.

Since Jiang Ning didn't go on talking, Greedy Wolf scoffed and caught up with Jiang Ning to keep going deeper into the forest.

It hadn't taken them too long to run into two crises, the undead and this black mist. Even Greedy Wolf, who was already mentally prepared for all these things, really didn't dare to take anything too lightly.

The passageway in the second spatial dimension was indeed fraught with danger. There were a lot

of records left behind in those legendary papers.

But everything recorded were the things that others had been through and survived it, so they weren't really all that dangerous.



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The truly terrifying things were the dangers that nobody knew about, because that meant that nobody had managed to survive those things.

After centuries and centuries of searching, as well as hundreds of valiant and intelligent men later, hadn't anybody successfully found the Longevity Pond?

Greedy Wolf didn't think this would go on forever. Someone would definitely find it someday, and that someone was going to be him!

The two of them continued treading carefully. Jiang Ning was now in front while Greedy Wolf was following behind him. Neither dared to let their guard down at any time and kept a close eye on everything around them. They were afraid to miss out any detail.

Jiang Ning looked at his surroundings and used formation lines to analyze them and chose the safest passageway ahead.

He no longer saw the flora and fauna as flowers and birds, but dozens of formation lines put together.

He began to slowly discover that these formation lines could be sorted into different types. With that in mind, Jiang Ning had an idea.

"This side," he walked as he pointed out the next direction. "Then this side."

"Two steps in this direction, take one step back, jump!"

Greedy Wolf had no idea what Jiang Ning was doing, but he had no choice but to follow. Nothing bad happened along the way and they didn't run into anything.

But Jiang Ning was taking a rather strange route, as if he was purposely trying to avoid something.

Finally, the two of them walked out of the forest. They couldn't help but take a deep breath to ease their earlier tension.

"We've finally come out of the forest." Jiang Ning looked into the distance. After coming out of the forest, they weren't faced with a new forest but a patch of land covered in rocks and stones.

Large and small boulders were found all over the vast land, with some boulders as high as three stories, and others as small as a fist. They were scattered all over, as if an explosive had blasted this place into rubble.

"What were you doing just now?" asked Greedy Wolf. "I could see that you seemed to be avoiding something. Was there something in that forest that I couldn't see?"

Jiang Ning turned to look at him. "And did you think I'd tell you?"

"Humph!" Greedy Wolf was displeased but he couldn't express it at all. It was true that he had asked a stupid question. Even if Jiang Ning knew the answer, he wouldn't tell him either. Jiang Ning was probably more than happy to kill him instead.

"If you beg me, I might just tell you," said Jiang Ning with a smile.

"Jiang Ning!" Greedy Wolf glared at him. "Please be serious! We are NOT friends, and I can tell you right now that once we find the Longevity Pond, you are definitely going to die. I am going to kill you with my own bare hands!"

"Oh, is that so?" Jiang Ning remained as nonchalant as before, while Greedy Wolf was hopping mad by now.

He had lived for so many years and had never come across someone with Jiang Ning's temperament before. Talking to Jiang Ning would really drive him to an early grave instead.

"You..." Greedy Wolf yelled, "I'm not joking with you!"

"I know." Jiang Ning nodded. "Didn't we already talk about this before?"

"Only one person can use the Longevity Pond at one time. If you don't kill me, you won't get the chance to use it." He looked at Greedy Wolf. "But there's no point in saying all this now too, since you won't kill me. If you kill me now, you won't find the pond, right?"

Greedy Wolf shook his head and didn't want to waste his saliva on Jiang Ning anymore.

He was more afraid that he would die being too angry with Jiang Ning before he even caught a glimpse of the Longevity Pond. They were supposed to be foes and their cooperation was only temporary. They would always be enemies!

One was definitely going to die by the other's hand sooner or later.

"How do we continue from here?" asked Jiang Ning.

"Why are you asking me?" Greedy Wolf snorted. "You're the one leading the way now! I'm following behind you!"

"Aren't you afraid that I might suddenly leave you behind and look for the pond myself?"

Greedy Wolf took a deep breath as his back heaved in anger. He opened his mouth and pointed at Jiang Ning because he really wanted to curse at the younger man, but he stopped himself in the end.

"Fine, I'll walk in front!"



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Greedy Wolf stomped his feet and continued walking ahead.

Talking to someone like Jiang Ning was a mistake to begin with. The more he said, the angrier he felt.

Greedy Wolf thought that Jiang Ning was just a gifted man with a high level of martial arts. But now he knew that Jiang Ning's mouth was also a weapon of sorts. No wonder the group of men who had been awakened by him three years ago had been convinced so quickly by Jiang Ning.

Now Greedy Wolf was in front, while Jiang Ning followed behind him.

He looked around at the rocks and stones around him and had a weird feeling about them. These rocks seemed to be alive too, like the black mist earlier.

But how could that be possible?

"You'd better watch out, there's something creepy about this place," said Jiang Ning.

"I know," snapped Greedy Wolf in annoyance.

He hated it when others made useless remarks. Of course he knew he had to be careful.

In fact, he was definitely more careful than Jiang Ning because he was a cautious person to begin with. On top of that, he was now partnering Jiang Ning. If he didn't remain on high alert at all times, his life would be in great danger.

The two of them continued this way with one in front and one behind as they walked through the boulders. Greedy Wolf turned to walk behind a large boulder, and by the time Jiang Ning reached the same spot, Greedy Wolf had disappeared.

"Where are you?" yelled Jiang Ning.

"I'm right in front of you," came a voice from the front. But it was very soft and sounded like something was blocking the sound.

"Where?" asked Jiang Ning again. This time, he didn't get any reply.

He carefully looked in front to find that there was nobody there at all. But there wasn't anybody behind him either.

Jiang Ning didn't dwell too much on it. He immediately sprang up and stood on the large boulder in front of him. But he still couldn't see where Greedy Wolf had gone after looking around.

What was this bastard up to?

After they had entered this patch of boulders, they couldn't see very far in front. Jiang Ning thought of jumping from boulder to boulder, only to find that these boulders were very slippery. If he wasn't careful, he would slip and fall back down.

He tried hard to steady himself, but he couldn't even remain standing on the boulder for long. There was no other choice but to jump back onto the ground.

Once he landed on the ground, he looked up to see boulders. No matter where he turned, he was surrounded by nothing but boulders.

It was as if he had entered a maze made from boulders.

"Looks like we've run into some trouble again."
Jiang Ning figured it out quickly. It wasn't Greedy
Wolf who was playing tricks on him. These
boulders themselves were in a maze formation.

He immediately started to look at and analyze the boulders before him to see if he could find a pattern among their formation lines. After focusing, he noticed that the patterns of every boulder was different. Some of them reflected light, and some were a different shape depending on which angle you looked at it from.

It was both magical and weird at the same time.

"It's really a maze." Jiang Ning walked around a few times to find himself back at the same place again. It was as if he was stuck in a room with no doors.

He thought of making a marking on the rocks to show where he had walked previously, but after slashing at the rocks with his knife, he couldn't even make a scratch in the rocks. These rocks were way too hard.

Jiang Ning had no choice but to keep walking while remembering where he last walked. He even remembered the feeling his body had as he walked.

There was no way for him to discern which way he ought to walk from the environment, so he had to use the feeling within his body instead.

After trying several times like this, he still ended up in the same place.

Jiang Ning didn't become anxious and became calmer instead. In fact, he seemed to be enjoying himself.

"So that's how it is..."

A smile actually appeared on his face!

Meanwhile.

Greedy Wolf looked around in confusion at his surroundings. Jiang Ning had disappeared a long time ago.

After that last question from Jiang Ning, he didn't hear Jiang Ning's voice anymore.

At first, he too, thought that Jiang Ning was playing a prank on him. But it didn't take him long to realize that he was now seriously stuck in a maze made from these boulders.

"So these rocks have cut off all sound and are trying to play tricks on my eyes? Humph, did you think that would be able to fool me?"

Greedy Wolf narrowed his eyes and there was a complete change in the way he looked at those boulders.



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Greedy Wolf's eyes gave off a terrifying gleam. Anyone looking at him from the front would probably be frightened to death!

His eyes were simply too terrifying.

He actually had polycoria. He had two pupils in the same eye.

The movement of the two pupils would probably terrify most.

Greedy Wolf's eyes swept over the boulders as if he could see through anything that was merely an illusion. All these attempts to fool his vision were useless on him.

He started walking, then stopped when he reached a fork. After analyzing each side carefully, he would make a decision.

After some time, he felt like he was able to see a broader view of things. He could sense that he was about to walk out of this boulder maze soon.

"Humph, Jiang Ning will probably get stuck here," said Greedy Wolf. "I'll walk out first, then think of a way to look for him."

If he didn't still need Jiang Ning for the rest of the journey, he would have been more than happy to let Jiang Ning get trapped in this maze forever and die here.

After taking a few more turns, Greedy Wolf saw the forest in the distance. He had made it out of the maze.

The route he had taken earlier was the only correct one and he had memorized it. Even if he had to do it again, he would still be able to come out of it. The next thing he had to do was to find Jiang Ning.

He would be doing Jiang Ning a favor, and he was going to make sure Jiang Ning repaid him for it.

Just when Greedy Wolf was about to re-enter the maze, he saw Jiang Ning saunter right out with his hands folded behind his back.

He looked as though he was just taking a stroll in the park. He walked and looked around him, nodding from time to time and muttering to himself.

"You're out?" Greedy Wolf looked surprised. He almost couldn't believe it.

Jiang Ning glanced at him. "Is it very hard to walk out of there?"

Greedy Wolf was stunned by this reaction. "That was a boulder maze formation. It's not difficult for one to get stuck in there forever without coming out. How did you manage to get through it?"

"Then how did YOU get out?" asked Jiang Ning in return.

Greedy Wolf stared straight at Jiang Ning before scoffing. "I have my own means."

"Same here. I've got my own means too."

Greedy Wolf didn't want to speak anymore.

He had underestimated Jiang Ning. What was this man made of? He had been nearly swallowed whole by the black mist earlier, but managed to escape it anyway. And now, he had gotten through this boulder maze all by himself.

He didn't think that Jiang Ning shared the same gifting as he did, and could also see through illusions and break everything down to its fundamentals.

"Don't look at me like that. If I hadn't come out, you mean you were going to save me?" Jiang Ning laughed cheekily.

"Dream on!" Greedy Wolf sneered. "If you're dead, then nobody would fight with me for the Longevity Pond. You think I'd save you? HA!"

"We've already made it this far, so without you, I can still find the Longevity Pond. I don't care if you're dead or alive!"

Jiang Ning didn't say anything. His expression had changed dramatically.

Greedy Wolf's expression changed too. He spun around to look around him before looking down at the ground that was slowly starting to tremble.

"Oh no!"

The boulders in the distance started moving and shaking wildly, like they had come alive!

"Let's go!" roared Greedy Wolf.

But after he took that first step, he stopped and stood with his back facing Jiang Ning's back. He watched as the boulders came flying towards them from all directions.

"Looks like we can't go anywhere now."

Jiang Ning's expression was grim. He didn't expect these boulders to be alive too. They were just as sentient as the black mist earlier. What was going on?

They were on the road to finding the Longevity Pond, so there was both life and death involved. Those who were once living had become non-living, while those that were supposed to be non-living things seemed to be alive. What on earth was happening?

"They're coming!"

Jiang Ning steeled himself and his expression grew solemn. A boulder was flying at high speed towards him, so he quickly shifted to one side to avoid it without using his fists.

BAM!

The rock ended up crashing right through a Chinese fir tree, causing the huge tree to collapse.

BAM!

## BAM!

## More and more of them came hurtling towards him, blocking all of Jiang Ning's roads off!



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The rocks were flying too quickly!

They were even faster than bullets.

Jiang Ning's reaction was equally fast, so he managed to avoid all the rocks that had come his way, but he was still a little terrified by these rocks.

His body was strong, but if one of these rocks hit him, it would definitely go right through him.

"Run!" shouted Greedy Wolf.

Jiang Ning felt like cursing him.

He would have escaped if he could.

But he ended up cursing anyway when he realized that every single boulder was flying towards him, and none of them were headed for Greedy Wolf.

Had these rocks decided that they only wanted to kill him?!

Jiang Ning had to dodge left and right to avoid the attacks from the boulders, while Greedy Wolf just stood to the side with a look of surprise on his face.

He thought that these boulders had come alive and was going to kill both of them. But to his surprise, all of them headed straight for Jiang Ning and completely ignored him.

He stood there without moving, but not a single rock headed his way.

"Find some way to get out of there!" yelled Greedy Wolf. He became a little gleeful now. "Looks like even these boulders don't like you very much!"

After walking for so long, he finally had his moment of joy in seeing Jiang Ning suffer.

"Think of something!" shouted Jiang Ning. "If I die, you won't be able to find the Longevity Pond!"

The number of rocks coming at him were getting too numerous for him to handle soon. They seemed enough to blot out the sky.

Unlike the black mist earlier, there was no way Jiang Ning could smash these boulders away. These boulders were way too hard, so his fists would probably break if he tried.

He couldn't fight these boulders at all.

Jiang Ning had already increased his speed to its maximum as he dodged all the oncoming rocks. But they were coming in denser and denser quantities, so it was getting more and more difficult to dodge them.

"Why are you still standing there?!" he roared when he saw that Greedy Wolf wasn't budging. "Don't you want to find the Longevity Pond?"

Greedy Wolf scoffed. It was true that he felt pretty happy just watching a bunch of rocks attack Jiang Ning like this and he could just continue watching if he wanted to. But he knew that if Jiang Ning died, then he might have trouble leaving this place too.

And he'd never find the Longevity Pond.

He turned to look at the endless stream of boulders. His eyes gleamed and his double pupils appeared again.

That sharp gaze seemed able to see through everything.

He realized that all these boulders seemed to have really come alive. But they were non-living things in the first place, so how could there be any life in them? Or at least, his eyes didn't detect any sign of life in these rocks.

"This is a formation!" yelled Greedy Wolf. "Is there something on yourself that activated this formation?"

He stared at Jiang Ning.

What could have activated this formation?

Jiang Ning had never come in here before, so he didn't have anything that could possibly activate the formation here.

He looked at Greedy Wolf and tried to think of whether he had anything on him that was different from Greedy Wolf, but there didn't seem to be any difference.

## BAM!

A gigantic rock came flying over and Jiang Ning had no choice but to swing a fist out. The intense impact of the punch smashed the rock to pieces.

But it also sent Jiang Ning a sharp pain.

"That's hard!" exclaimed Jiang Ning.

His fists were so strong that he wouldn't have hesitated even if he was faced with iron and steel. But these rocks were even harder than metal, so even though his fists were pretty hard themselves, he could still feel the pain.

"Just tell me how to break this formation!" he yelled.

Greedy Wolf shook his head. "I don't know anything about formations. If I did, I wouldn't need you."

Jiang Ning didn't know what to say now.

This old man could really bear grudges.

But...wait a minute.

A formation?

What about formation lines?

Jiang Ning adjusted his breathing as he watched how the rocks fell and the ever changing projectile of the rocks. His eyes slowly lit up.

"They're really just formation lines," thought Jiang Ning. "This Greedy Wolf is really quite the expert."

He looked towards Greedy Wolf just in time to see Greedy Wolf's polycoria!



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For one moment, Jiang Ning nearly stopped breathing. What eyes were those?

He thought he had seen wrongly. But after looking a little harder, he realized that he was right. The man had polycoria!

Jiang Ning had heard of such a condition before but never thought he would run into someone with it. In ancient times, these people were considered a bad omen. He didn't think these people truly existed.

But Greedy Wolf was precisely one of them.

Legend had it such eyes were able to see many things that others weren't able to. Their eyesight was superb and came with certain supernatural powers. It was very likely that Greedy Wolf had used such eyes to hypnotize others to do his bidding.

Jiang Ning was rather surprised by all of this, but this was really not the time to think about these things.

He had to find a way to survive this first.

His fist sent another boulder flying, then suddenly lowered himself as he slid across the ground to avoid some of the largest boulders before jumping onto another rock and turning himself sharply.

That was the one small gap he saw.

Out of all the formation lines coming at him, this

was the only empty spot.

The moment Jiang Ning steadied himself, he lifted a hand and smashed his terrifying fist into the rock he was standing on.

"Explode NOW!" A weak white light glowed from between his fingers as he unleashed that punch and smashed that boulder to pieces.

The boulder broke into several pieces and flew in all directions.

BAM!

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One of them flew towards Greedy Wolf, but his second pupil had seen it coming already. He turned his head slightly and the rock flew right past his ear and went through the tree behind him.

Once that particular boulder had been broken, the other rocks suddenly lost its source of energy and stopped moving.

The entire place suddenly fell silent, except for the sound of Jiang Ning panting.

Jiang Ning remained on high alert as he looked around him to check if the formation that made the rocks fly was still in operation. When he saw that the formation lines had stabilized, he breathed a sigh of relief.

This formation had been created by formation lines, and that boulder he smashed was the eye of the formation.

Destroying the eye of the formation was as good as destroying the power source of the formation. It would make it impossible for the formation to work, and that's why the boulders stopped moving.

Jiang Ning didn't expect his guess to be correct. But everything that happened had confirmed his guess.

These battles were like using his own life to conduct experiments with formation lines.

"It looks like you've grasped these formation lines pretty well." Greedy Wolf glanced at Jiang Ning warily. The more he understood about Jiang Ning, the more guarded he had to be. "You've understood all the formation lines on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual, haven't you?"

Without that, Jiang Ning wouldn't have dared to enter this passageway so easily.

"Well, your double pupils are something to marvel at too."

Greedy Wolf narrowed his eyes. His second pupils had appeared several times and hid themselves again, but he knew he couldn't hide this fact from Jiang Ning for long.

Both of them had been constantly testing and observing each other the whole way in hope of

understanding what the other was capable of.

Now that he could see how much Jiang Ning knew about formation lines, Jiang Ning would also know about his polycoria.

But neither of these were their biggest trump cards.

"I saved you," said Greedy Wolf. "So I hope you'd remember it. You always remember favors, don't you?"

"I've saved you before too," said Jiang Ning. "So we're even."

He turned back to look at the rocks. It was simply mind boggling to think who could have created such a formation involving so many gigantic boulders. If one didn't know anything about formation lines or how to understand them, one would become minced meat in no time.

This second spatial dimension passageway was really terrifying. Finding that Longevity Pond was no easy journey. The slightest misstep could result in death.

Jiang Ning took a deep breath to regulate his breathing. He was very strong and had a lot of stamina, but these repeated near-death experiences were really taking its toll on his physical and mental energies.

"The road ahead will only be more dangerous."



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