Chen Hao could make neither head nor tail of it after he listened to Master Ning Yuan's story.

But there seemed to be a voice in his mind telling him that there seemed to be some kind of secret involving spirit flowers.

Yet, he did not plan to voice out all of his doubts to Master Ning Yuan.

Master Ning Yuan was an ambitionless and plain man.

Nowadays, he had parted with the immaturity of his youth and let go of the hatred in his heart, only pouring his heart and soul into Buddhism.

He greatly respected Chen Hao for his act of saving more than a hundred babies so he would answer as best as he could should Chen Hao ask him anything.

Not only that, he even decided to write a letter to recommend Chen Hao to the Gu Family!

This saved Chen Hao a lot of unnecessary troubles.

Due to his connection with his teacher, Master Ning Yuan had some history with the Gu Family, even though they seldom made contact.

Upon receiving Master Ning Yuan's letter, Chen Hao thanked him again and left.

On the way back, Chen Hao pieced Master Ning Yuan's story with what happened recently in his head because he felt that there were too many suspicious points all over the place.

All this thinking made his head feel like it was about to burst.

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First off, it was certain that the disappearance of Tongxin was by the hands of the mysterious League of the Sun.

Tong Xin's disappearance was exactly the same as Chen Pingan's disappearance back then.

Without a doubt, The League of the Sun took both Chen Pingan and Su Tongxin.

From here, all the mysteries started.

Putting Tongxin aside, Chen Pingan shouldered the burden of thwarting the prophecy about the Chen Family's doom. Back then, he did everything he could to search for the other half of the jade pendant in the Fang Family but he was taken away by the League of the Sun before he could complete his goal.

As for grandfather, he was also affected by the prophecy about the Chen Family's doom. Taking the Sun Totem, he lived a hermit's life and had lain low since then.

The Sun Totem was tightly connected to the League of the Sun.

As for himself, he was prophesied to die by being ripped apart, hence fulfilling the prophecy of the Chen Family's doom.

Until now, there was still a person who hadn't revealed his identity but had helped him several times—the "Mystery Guy"!

He had led him to find the longevity coffin where Chen Hao found a God that looked just like him. Then, he had continued to give him guidance in the search for the lady in white.

Was he trying to tell Chen Hao that he could be saved by the lady in white and that God?

Could they thwart Chen Hao's deadly prophecy?

Finally, the Holy Water Ritual. This was the last piece of the puzzle of the League of the Sun.

If he was able to attend the Holy Water Ritual, he would be able to attain a lot of information that he couldn't access before.

But if he joined the Ritual, he might not be able to return.

Besides, Chen Hao needed an invitation to join.

Now that he had pieced all the puzzles together, Chen Hao discovered that all these events were closely linked with the League of the Sun!

The disappearance of Chen Pingan and Tongxin, the mystery guy, the Chen Family,

the Sun Totem, the recent appearance of the Gu Family, Yun Qing, that King of Nine Doors who he had never met and the incident of God descending from the heavens. Also, the missing Uncle Qin.

All were related to the League of the Sun.

As he thought about all this, Chen Hao exhaled heavily.

These things were like thunderclouds, enveloping him and making him unable to breathe.

It was even more like falling into a bottomless abyss where the deeper he fell and the more he struggled, the more mysteries that had to be solved!

But Chen Hao would not give up, even though he might end up dying.

He needed to give his family, Tongxin and himself an answer!

This League of the Sun seemed like an enormous mouth that devoured humans. With creepy eyes, it stared at Chen Hao as he walked towards it.

Yet Chen Hao would not be afraid!

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Three days later, Chen Hao and Tie Cheng began their journey.

The Ancient City was located inside a mountain and the region that the mountain was located in was a place named Thai City.

Tie Cheng had almost recovered from his injury.

Letter in hand and Tie Cheng in tow, Chen Hao arrived at Thai City at dusk on the same day.

"The sky is getting dark, are we still going into the mountain?"

Tie Cheng asked.

"Let's stop at a hotel first and we'll go into the mountain early next morning!"

Chen Hao gazed at the sky and at Thai City.

The place seemed to be a city built against

the mountain and it was surrounded by tall mountains that reached the sky.

In the city, Tie Cheng found a hotel and got two rooms.

After putting their luggage inside, the two went out to have dinner.

They ordered some local specialty dishes and returned to the hotel after their bellies were full with food and liquor.

Suddenly, they were stopped by the receptionist.

"Sirs, I'm very sorry!"

The receptionist came over with an apologetic smile.

"What's the matter?" Tie Cheng asked.

"The hotel is fully booked so we cancelled your rooms. Your luggage is here where they have been safely kept at the reception desk!"

They had already reserved rooms and had settled down.

But with no notification whatsoever, the hotel had taken the luggage of customers directly from the hotel room and evicted them from their rooms.

It was completely unreasonable.

The receptionist knew this as well so her face was red.

"What? Cancelled? Where's your manager?"

Tie Cheng bellowed at the receptionist in anger.

The receptionist was so scared that she took a few steps backwards. Without her realizing, she looked at a corner of the lobby where there were a few bodyguards and a woman drinking tea.

"No need to yell at her. It was not her idea!"

Chen Hao glanced at the woman who was calmly drinking tea and roughly understood what had happened.

"I have two foreign friends who are coming over. This is the best hotel in Thai City so I made the receptionist cancel your rooms.

If you want to stay in a hotel, go somewhere else!" the woman on the sofa said coldly.

At the same time, she eyed Chen Hao and Tie Cheng with disdain.

"Who the hell are you? How dare you cancel our rooms? Who do you think you are, canceling our rooms like that?"

Tie Cheng angrily took a few steps towards the woman.

A smirk appeared on the woman's face.

Her bodyguards were already standing up and walking toward Tie Cheng.

"You brat, open your eyes wide and see. This is Miss Ximen, the eldest daughter of the Ximen Family. Do you want to get yourself killed?" one of the bodyguards hollered.

"I don't care which family you're from. Without our permission, how dare you enter our rooms?"

Tie Cheng clenched his fists and wanted to fight.

Hearing such insulting words from Tie Cheng, the bodyguards were ready for a fight too.

"Let it go, Tie Cheng. We're newcomers and it would be best if we don't cause trouble. Since Miss Ximen's friends are coming, we'll just leave!"

Although Chen Hao was angry, he was in no mood to fuss over such insignificant matters.

He patted Tie Cheng's shoulder before taking their luggage and turned to leave with Tie Cheng.

Bam!

Suddenly, a bodyguard kicked Chen Hao's luggage and it went airborne, crashing into the fish tank in the lobby.

The sound of glass shattering and water flowing echoed in the lobby.

"You want to leave?"



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"Kneel down and bow to Miss Ximen. If you manage to cheer her up, maybe she will have mercy on you!" the bodyguard commanded.

"Brother, know your limits and don't go overboard. We didn't mean to offend anyone, either!" Chen Hao appeased.

He then walked over and picked up the luggage that the bodyguard had kicked away before starting to leave.

"Hmph! Did I say you all could leave? Who was the one who was talking about Miss Dongmen or Miss Ximen just now? Da, shatter his teeth!"

The girl stood up icily.

Tie Cheng was seething as he struggled to swallow his rage.

Hearing the command, one of the bodyguards immediately kicked away the luggage that Chen Hao had picked up again.

"You're dead!" the four bodyguards snarled in unison.

As they spoke, they took out their batons and aimed them toward Chen Hao and Tie Cheng's heads.

"Hm?"

Chen Hao didn't feel like arguing with them.

However, these Ximen family members were far too overbearing and arrogant.

Regular people would not be able to withstand even one hit to the head from that baton.

They were forcing people to check out, and now they were hitting others and demanding that they bow down to them?

Any normal person would not be able to stand it.

"Fight!" Chen Hao ordered Tie Cheng.

Enraged, Tie Cheng had stopped holding back a long time ago.

Both of his arms swung forward and all four of the iron batons slammed onto them.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

All four of the batons shattered.

Their purlicues had been torn apart, too.

"What?" The four of them were stunned.

Even Miss Ximen was also a bit startled and stood up in shock.

The events that followed were a little more violent.

Tie Cheng held one bodyguard in each hand as if he were playing a game and beat them up until even their mothers wouldn't be able to recognize them.

"Ah!"

Only now did the girl feel fear. She was no longer as calm as she was before.

"You—you really dare to fight back? Don't you know where this is? Do you all have a death wish?" the girl screamed.

Chen Hao just walked over and picked the girl up by her collar before throwing her out of the door.

She landed in the large pool outside of the hotel.

Instantly, she became as drenched as a drowned rat.

"Arghh! You all are dead! Dead!" she screeched.

When she saw Tie Cheng starting to walk over, she was so scared that she ran off in a hurry without bothering to care about her underlings.

"F*ck, like we would be bullied by a little girl like you!" Tie Cheng cursed.

The people in the hotel had long since went completely silent.

"Give us back the hotel room that we were checked out of. If not, I'll demolish your hotel!" Chen Hao slammed the table as he shouted angrily.

"Yes, of course, immediately!"

The workers nodded fervently.

They couldn't afford to anger the Ximen family, but they couldn't anger these two

men in front of them, either.

They might as well do whatever they were told.

Chen Hao and Tie Cheng went upstairs after the room was reassigned.

When he thought about what had just happened, Chen Hao could only smile bitterly.

In his eyes, there was practically no such thing as big families any more.

When they arrived at their designated floor, the elevator doors opened..

Coincidentally, a group of people were waiting to go downstairs.

"Chen Hao!" one of the youngsters in that group happily called out to Chen Hao once he saw him.

Chen Hao raised his head to look and was a little taken aback.

"Xiaofei? What are you doing here?"

This person was none other than Bai

Xiaofei.

There were both girls and boys in the group Bai Xiaofei was with.

Chen Hao couldn't help but throw an extra glance at them. All of them emanated a slight hint of Inner Energy.

Clearly, they were all fellow practitioners.

"I only just reached this morning. Chen Hao, what are you doing here? Are you here for training, too?" Bai Xiaofei asked in delight.

"What training?" Chen Hao asked, confused.

"Ahem!"

At that moment, a girl by Bai Xiaofei's side cleared her throat coldly.

Obviously, she was signalling Bai Xiaofei to stop talking.

"This is a good senior of mine. We need to discuss some things. You guys go ahead!" Bai Xiaofei said to the others.

Chen Hao had actually wanted to greet them properly. They were Bai Xiaofei's friends after all.

However, no one in the crowd spared Chen Hao a second glance and none of them seemed to have any intention of greeting Chen Hao back.

All of them entered the elevator immediately.

"Who are they? Are they from the military region?" Chen Hao asked curiously once they reached his room.

The 'training' that Bai Xiaofei had mentioned had especially piqued Chen Hao's interest.

"Not all of them. They're martial arts professionals from all around the country and were recommended to come here by the Martial Arts Association. Some professionals are from our military region. This time, there are professionals from overseas, too!" Bai Xiaofei explained.

"There's joint training going on here?" Chen Hao asked.

Bai Xiaofei lowered his voice and said, "No, we're going to be trained by a secret clan. Every year, there are very few places allocated for both the military region and the Martial Arts Association. The soldiers of the military region have outstanding abilities, and that's the result of joining the training! I may be the weakest one there, but luckily, I managed to secure one of the spots!" Bai Xiaofei said, smiling.

"Could it be that you all are going to the Gu family?" Chen Hao seemed to realize something.

Based on what Master Ning Yuan had said, apart from the Gu family, what other mysterious clans could there be?

Bai Xiaofei was taken aback. "Chen Hao, you know about the Gu family, too?"

Chen Hao smiled wryly as he nodded.

"Yes, it is in fact the Gu family. Before this, I would never have had the chance to experience something like this. I also just recently discovered how many secrets this world is hiding from us, and the Gu family is one of those secrets! Who knows how many powerful people they've trained? I

was only able to pass the selection and get the spot because of the breathing techniques you taught me last time. In just a few days, my physique improved greatly!"

Bai Xiaofei flexed his muscles.

After helping Bai Xiaofei catch those thieves last time, Chen Hao did teach some of his techniques to Bai Xiaofei.

Having an excellent physique was very useful for him in the military region.

Originally, these things were considered highly confidential, and Bai Xiaofei wasn't allowed to speak of it.

However, Ba Xiaofei had long since known about Young Master Chen's capabilities, and that was why he didn't feel the need to hide anything from him.

"Right, Chen Hao, what did you come here for?" Bai Xiaofei asked.

"Our purposes are pretty similar. I came to find the Gu family, too!" Chen Hao told him honestly with a smile. At that moment, Bai Xiaofei's phone started ringing.

He pressed 'accept'.

Instantly, a girl's scolding voice could be heard. "Hmph! Bai Xiaofei, didn't you say you would take me out to play when you came to Thai City? I've brought my good friends along and we've been waiting downstairs for you for a really long time. Why haven't you come down yet?"

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"Okay, okay, let's talk later!" Bai Xiaofei immediately hung up the phone.

"Hehe, that was one of my university classmates. When she found out that I'm in Thai City, she purposely reached out and asked if I wanted to hang out. Tonight, there will be a celebration in Thai City, and she wanted to take me along to the celebration and have some fun!" Bai Xiaofei explained.

Chen Hao and Tie Cheng exchanged glances and a smile. Who knew what this fellow was going to be up to next?

"That's right, Chen Hao, we haven't hung out in so long. The last time we met, you were so busy. Why don't we all go out and have some fun, then go meet the Gu family together tomorrow?" Bai Xiaofei asked expectantly.

Honestly, Chen Hao didn't want to go.
However, after seeing the excited
expression on his good friend's face, Chen
Hao didn't have the heart to turn him
down.

It was true that after graduating from university, they hadn't had the chance to get drinks or have fun together.

"Alright, let's go have some fun together!" Chen Hao said with a smile.

At the ground floor of the hotel, next to the bus stop.

Four or five cutely-dressed girls were chatting while clutching their handbags.

"Hmph! He'll come downstairs in awhile. Really! Just wait and see how I'm going to teach him a lesson. Luckily, he said there were two other handsome guys coming with him. Do keep a close eye on them

later, ladies. First come first serve!" one of the girls with her hair in a ponytail said laughingly.



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