"Sir, what is that map about?" Master Ghost could not help but ask after noticing Chen Hao's facial expression.

"There are two maps in total. One of them shows the location of the entrance to the Border Realm, whereas the other shows a realm situated in between the Border Realm and the surface of earth. A mark was made on the second map, and it seems like this is the location of the Origin Herb!"

This surprised Chen Hao the most.

Logically speaking, the search for the Origin Herb was as hard as searching for a grain of sand amidst the ocean.

However, among Chen Diancang's possessions, the location of the Origin Herb was marked.

Chen Hao was delighted by the discovery.

He began to sympathize with Chen Diancang. It never occurred to him that the traps and plans that he had cracked his brain so hard to come up with had all turned into Chen Hao's advantages.

It seemed like Chen Diancang had already gotten hold of the location of the Origin Herb. With the herb, Chen Diancang would be able to breakthrough to the state of Immortality. With the Essence of Nine Cycles from Chen Hao, he would be able to achieve greater heights in his cultivation.

However, there was one thing that he had missed out.

Even if he had executed the Dragon Massacre Formation, he was still not able to beat Chen Hao.

No wonder he was filled with such indignation moments before his death.

"Sir, this looks like the legendary Ring of Na!"

Xiao Cangsheng took an ancient and plainlooking ring from a corner.

After taking a look at it, Chen Hao confirmed that it was a magical tool originating from the ancient times as mentioned by Ziyan—the Ring of Na.

"It seems like Chen Diancang has obtained many treasures!"

Chen Hao examined the Ring of Na carefully.

"Sir, do you know how to use this? I've only seen it in some ancient books," asked Xiao Cangsheng in befuddlement.

The corner of Chen Hao's mouth curled upward. "It's not difficult at all!"

Using some of his spiritual sense, a connection was formed between the two instantly.

Inside the Ring of Na, there was a vast space of around two hundred square meters. Moreover, Chen Diancang had stored countless treasures inside this space.

Using his spiritual sense, Chen Hao scanned the space inside the ring.

Most of the storage consisted of precious and valuable herbs, some of which had even gone extinct.

# Keep!

His spiritual sense reacted, and the ancient scroll in his hands transformed

into a ray of light and was thereafter stored inside the Ring of Na.

Xiao Cangsheng was impressed by this.

The body of the Celestial War God was stored inside the Ring of Na by Chen Hao too. One day, he would return his body to Ziyan.

"I intend to set up a formation to preserve this place using the energy from the Dragon Blood Jade. Master Ghost, please send some men from Xuanyang Palace to secure this place!" instructed Chen Hao after everything was settled.

"I've got it."

"I will be helping Tongxin recover her memory next, as her memory was completely removed because of certain drugs that someone has used on her. In the long run, her body will suffer great damage if we don't heal her. Therefore, I will need the three of you to take care of the matters of Yexuan Palace in this period of time," said Chen Hao.

Of course, he would finish the Chen Cultivator Family which was without a

leader currently.

Now, Chen Hao had found the Vital Spirit Source and the rest of Chen Diancang's treasure.

On top of that, some of his precious herbs were of great help to Su Tongxin in regaining her memory.

Naturally, South Yue, who had just lost its source of support, desperately wished for the King of North Realm to make his entrance into the country. Therefore, the area surrounding the Dragon Pagoda was agreed to be set as a restricted area which belonged to the Xuanyang Palace as long as Chen Hao promised to secure the safety of South Yue.

This turned out to be a great bargain for Chen Hao.

The matter regarding the Vital Spirit Source was of pivotal importance. It would easily attract the attention of forces from everywhere, and they would start vying for it.

In order to avoid being disturbed, Chen Hao decided to conceal this piece of

information.

Other than utilizing the Vital Spirit Source himself, Chen Hao planned to prepare a kind of herbal infusion that contained the Vital Spirit Source for the men of Yexuan Palace to assist them with their cultivation.

In the blink of an eye, five years had passed in this state.

At the moment, a castle-like building had already been erected at the original site of the Dragon Pagoda in South Yue.

The outside of the castle was heavily guarded by troops as well as highly-skilled Cultivators.

No one dared to approach within a radius of one hundred miles of the castle.

"Is Sir still in there?"

Ten stern-looking elderly men stood in two lines outside a mysterious stone cave, which was the core area.

They were whispering among themselves.

One of the elderly men was pacing to and fro with both of his hands placed behind his back.

"Elder Xiao, can you please stop walking around? I'm getting dizzy!" Elder Lin Jiu could not help but shake his head with a bitter smile

The other eight of them started criticizing Xiao Cangsheng while pointing at him.

Among the eight elders, some of them had left Xuanyang Palace to accompany Chen Hao in his cultivation, and they too grew stronger as time went by.

Some of them were highly-skilled fighters who later on joined forces with Chen Hao.

In the past five years, many highly-skilled fighters had joined the force of the King of North Realm, growing it by a huge extent.

The Ten Elders of the Xuanyang Palace had therefore emerged.

Working for the King of North Realm, they were both his top fighters and his capable assistants.

"Stop fighting!"

Everyone showed their respect as soon as a tired and old voice was heard.

"Master Ghost!"

The Ten Elders gave him a slight bow.

At the sight of the gorgeous lady who was walking beside Master Ghost, the ten men showed even more respect with bated breath.

"Miss Su!" addressed the ten men.

The gorgeous lady was none other than Su Tongxin.

Under Chen Hao's meticulous care and treatment for the past five years, Su Tongxin had already recovered 70% to 80% of her memory.

If it wasn't for the incessant intrusions by external forces throughout the five years, they might have already gotten married.

"Sir has been taking care of Miss Su for the past few years in order to help Miss Su recover her memory. The two of them had

even returned to Jinling City and stayed for a brief period of three years. Today is the day Sir will come out of his one year's cultivation in seclusion. With all of your flippant attitude, you might just risk suffering Sir's rage!"

"Also, don't forget the incident whereby Miss Su was nearly abducted by the men from the Border Realm a year ago!" warned Master Ghost.

Panic-stricken, the Ten Elders acceded to his instructions.

A year ago, Chen Hao had decided to go into seclusion in order to better handle powerful enemies from all kinds of forces.

At the same time, the Qin Family from the Border Realm had instructed their family on the surface of earth to kidnap Miss Su Tongxin.

Miss Su was able to stay safe thanks to the Ten Elders who fought hard with their lives.

It was common to see forces in the Border Realm sending some of their men to build a family on the surface of the earth in

order to have their own influence on the matters that happened on earth.

Cultivators in the King of Kings tier who colluded with the forces in the Border Realm and were willing to become their puppets like Chen Diancang were not uncommon.

The rest of the forces also knew about Chen Hao's grudges and got hold of the news about the Vital Spirit Source in the end two years ago.

Therefore, disputes broke out frequently throughout the past few years.

#### Bam!

At that moment, the green-colored stone gate at the entrance of the underground palace trembled slightly all of a sudden.

Thereafter, the stone gate slowly opened.

All of them quieted down.

As for Su Tongxin, she too looked toward the stone gate with her slightly blushed, gorgeous face.

She was extremely excited.

Mr. Chen... was about to come out from seclusion!



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#### Bam!

Following a deafening sound, the stone gate was finally opened, and Chen Hao slowly made his way out from the inside.

Although five years had passed, he still looked the same.

If anything had changed, it was his demeanor.

Now, he was exuding an air of superiority.

"Sir!"

Everyone else bowed at 90 degrees to Chen Hao.

"Yes."

Chen Hao nodded his head slightly and turned to look at Su Tongxin.

"Chen Hao, you're finally out!" exclaimed Su Tongxin gladly.

"Yes. I had to increase the rate of my cultivation, or else I won't be able to handle the incessant attacks from the People's Palace and those fighters of the King of Kings!" said Chen Hao.

"Sir, you are giving off a very extraordinary aura. Have you achieved the state of Eighth Tier of the King of Kings after the cultivation this time?" asked Xiao Cangsheng in shock after noticing the change in Chen Hao.

"Yes. Because of the Vital Spirit Source, I've already achieved the Eighth Tier half a year ago. However, I will not be able to improve further for the remaining eight years."

As the Ninth Tier was the most advanced level of a stage, it had never been an easy task to achieve it. Even for Chen Hao, it would be an arduous task to make a breakthrough to the Ninth Tier.

After making great effort in improving his cultivation for the second half of the year, Chen Hao realized how hard it was to achieve the state of Ninth Tier of the King of Kings.

Most of the time, Chen Hao had qualms about himself, where he seriously doubted his own capability.

Back then, he would get some sort of response from his cultivation regardless of whether he managed to make a breakthrough or not.

However, during the process to make the breakthrough from the Eighth Tier to the Ninth Tier, every one of his attempts at cultivating led to no avail and no effect.

Chen Hao was getting anxious because of that.

Initially, when Chen Hao obtained the map with the location of the Origin Herb, he planned to look for it after achieving the Ninth Tier. He hoped that one day, he would achieve the legendary state of Immortality.

By then, Chen Hao would finally have the real authority to make a decision before the entire People's Palace.

However, his cultivation of the past one year brought him back to reality.

Making a breakthrough to the Ninth Tier was already an extremely grueling process. He felt hopeless, not to even mention achieving the legendary state of

Immortality.

"Did anything happen during the period of my seclusion?" asked Chen Hao.

Hearing this, all The Ten Elders held their heads low.

At last, Master Ghost spoke up. "Sir, the Qin Family from the Border Realm sent some of their men here to bring Miss Su back a year ago. What's more, they threatened that if you c-continue..."

Master Ghost hesitated at the end.

"Continue doing what?" challenged Chen Hao with a frown.

The Qin Family from the Border Realm was the family that gave Tongxin a shelter back then.

The Qin Family was very powerful in the Border Realm. For all these years, they had provided support to numerous forces on earth.

If it wasn't for Chen Diancang who had colluded with them secretly, it was unknown when he would be able to locate

Tongxin.

Naturally, he could not avoid interacting with the Qin Family all these years.

The force behind the Qin Family was the League of the Sun.

This was what Chen Hao was afraid of the most.

Therefore, he had to improve his cultivation as soon as possible.

After all, he was still a much weaker fighter than them.

"They said, if you continue to be so persistent, you will no longer be interacting with the Qin Family on earth. Instead, they will send over a really highly-skilled fighter to take your life!" reported Master Ghost frankly.

"I've got it!" Chen Hao knitted his brows together.

Noticing Chen Hao's expression, Master Ghost wished to continue but stopped on second thought. With great effort, he held his tongue.

As for Su Tongxin, she too lowered her head in self-reproach.

However, the subtle change in their facial expressions still attracted Chen Hao's attention.

"Are the men from the People's Place here to look for trouble again?" asked Chen Hao.

"They visit here frequently, but we've already gotten used to it!"

"How about my parents and my sister?" inquired Chen Hao with a frown.

"Hmm..."

Master Ghost's wrinkled face went frozen and pale at once.

The Ten Elders all bowed down and held their heads low. They didn't even dare to breathe.

As for Su Tongxin, two streams of tears started to flow down her face at the moment.

She covered her mouth and started

sobbing.

"Why? What on earth happened?" yelled Chen Hao.

The Ten Elders directly knelt down.

Su Tongxin was crying even louder.

Gulping, Master Ghost continued, "A year ago, we had a huge fight with the Qin Family from the surface of earth. At that time, even some of the men of the Qin Family from the Border Realm had barged in! We could not fight them at all. They wanted to take Miss Tongxin away and kill you! They threatened to carry out a massacre on the town if we did not offer Miss Su to them within three days."

"What happened next?" Chen Hao's eyes were slightly reddened.

"The Qin Family from the Border Realm paid no regard at all to the agreement they had reached with the People's Palace, and they killed many members of the Chen family. Young Master Yonghao had his eyes dug out and his tongue cut off because he had an argument with them!"

"Elder Lin Jiu also had one of his arms chopped off by them!"

Chen Hao was deeply shaken.

"Yonghao..."

He thought of his godbrother who finally had the chance to enjoy life after suffering a great deal by living together with him. However, he was now reduced to his current state because of himself.

As for Lin Jiu...

Chen Hao looked in the direction of Lin Jiu.

Only then did he realize that one of Lin Jiu's arms had long disappeared.

Tears started to well up in Chen Hao's eyes as he grabbed hold of Liu Jiu's empty sleeves.

He stared at Lin Jiu in a daze.

"Cough, cough. Sir, don't forget that I am a left-hander. It's fine for them to chop off my right hand as I feel even more comfortable without it!" said Lin Jiu with his eyes tinge

d with a layer of moisture.

Chen Hao started to sob.

He turned around and stared at Master Ghost sternly. "What else?"

"At the time, we had already hidden Miss Su somewhere but this was unknown to her. I knew that they were not only here to bring Miss Su away, but also to rob our Vital Spirit Source on behalf of the Qin Family. They would support the Qin Family to be crowned as the King of the North Realm, and they wanted to kill you! Therefore, everyone from the Yexuan Palace never revealed your location to them even though they might have gotten killed!"

"However, as a warning to you, they first attacked Young Master Yonghao and then your family. They broke both of your parents' legs and tied them up with metal chains. Also, they abducted Miss Chen Xiao and said they would force her to serve as a slave to the Qin Family from the Border Realm for a hundred years!"

"What did you say?!"

Chen Hao let out a deafening roar.

His body was buzzing with vital energy and his eyes were filled with murderous intent.

"Sir, it was me who made the decision to keep this from you. It's because they would have killed you if you had appeared. By then, everything would be finished. Everyone would be killed by the Qin Family, and they would be crowned as the King of North Realm. Throughout the past few years, we have made numerous contributions to the People's Palace. Although we have disputes with them from time to time, they decided to step forward and mediate the conflict. They allowed us a year's time so that you could bring Miss Su back after a year and accept your death! Only then will the Chen Family members get to live!" Master Ghost knelt down on the floor and burst out crying.

Despite being livid, Chen Hao knew that it was the best possible outcome.
Otherwise, each and every one of them would have been slaughtered by the Qin Family.

By then, the number of people who would

have died for him would be countless.

But then, his sister... and his family members!

Chen Hao clenched both of his fists tightly as he thought about them...



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