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Chapter 391 This Is Concrete Evidence. The Heavenly Palace Really Exists!

On that day, the sky was slightly darker. The entire event was packed with people. The line that was queuing up for the show had filled the entire space. The people were even shoving and nudging each other to the entrance of the Eastern city, blocking up the gates of the city.

Some of them gave up and chose to watch the show from the City God Temple of the Fallen Town. Yet, when they arrived at the City God Temple, they realized it was also jam-packed with people. There was not even a tiny space for them to squeeze in.

It was a pity for the City God who brought a few of his underlings to control the order of the situation.

He was being kind by advising the crowd with a loud voice, "Everyone, please, stop pushing around. Listen to me, the projection this time is personally done by Houtu Empress, and it's very huge, just like the moon in the sky. You guys will be able to view it from any place in the Fallen Town. You all don't have to come to my temple and squeeze here to get a place." Amongst the crowd, a sudden shriek was heard all of a sudden, "I'm not buying it! Everyone, follow me and rush into the temple! Let's squeeze ourselves into the City God Temple!"

Then, a group of people started causing a commotion among the crowd. "Let's go!"

However, very soon, this group of people ceased their actions because the show that they had anticipated did not show up. Instead, they became mysteriously quiet. Even the people around them shifted their attention over to this group of people. They were staring hard at them, giving them goosebumps.

“Why are you guys looking at me? Rush into the temple! We need to act fast!”

“City God, this is the person who wants to squeeze into the City God Temple!”

“Over here, too. This person also wants to do the same thing.” “This guy, too!”

Then, people from a few spots started pointing out the culprits who were causing the commotion simultaneously. Besides, they were also putting up a disdainful expression and keeping their distance, causing that group of people to be terrified and feel utterly embarrassed.

The City God immediately waved his hand. “Someone drag this group of people out of here.”

The Onis who were hiding in the shadows showed up soon and led the group of people out of the scene.

The City God smiled with his eyes squinted and stood on top of the City God Temple. He then said, “Thank you, everyone. What I said earlier was indeed the truth. You guys will be able to see it from any location within the Fallen Town. So, there’s no need for you guys to squeeze around.”

The crowd immediately replied with a smile.

“City God, we all believe in your words.”

“Hehe, one look and we knew that group of people aren’t good people. They even thought of squeezing into the City God Temple till things went out of order. City God, you shouldn’t easily forgive them.”

“Naive! Does he think he’ll be able to influence our relationship with the City God? Do they think we’re fools by causing such a commotion?”

In the meantime.

Those Onis were escorting the souls of the group of people and arrived at Underworld. Black and White Impermanence had long ago been waiting there.

The Oni reported, “Sire, this group of people were already dead but their souls are still sealed in their physiques, just like a puppet. We’ve checked their corpses and realized their necks had markings of being bitten by some bugs.”

“I already know about this matter.” Bai Wuchang nodded his head, with his face darkened. “There are still a few places in the Immortal Realm where such a similar incident occurred as well. Who’s the one plotting a scheme in my Underworld?”.

Hei Wuchang put on a dark expression and said coldly, “It’s a problem if they’re plotting a scheme in the Underworld. I’m just afraid they’re targeting the expert, and if his mood is affected, that’s going to cause huge trouble!”

Bai Wuchang said with gratitude, “Thank god the expert reminded us to get into good terms with the crowd. From the crowd, we got to know that the City God has received good remarks. Or else, if there really was a commotion, it’ll be hard to resolve it.

“There’ll be more advantages than disadvantages if we heed to the expert’s advice.” Hei Wuchang burst into laughter. Then, he said seriously, “Send someone to reinforce the patrol, especially nearby the Fallen Town. don’t let a single bug slip through!” “Roger!”

In the Immortal Realm.

Apart from the huge crowd of people beneath, there were numerous sparkling stars in the sky. They looked like sparkling meteors flying through the night sky.

People were riding on jet clouds, and others riding along with their swords to the scene. Some even rode on spiritual boats and came to a halt mid-air, enjoying the show carefreely from the top.

As the first-ever entertainment activity within the Immortal Realm at such a grand scale, with also great Immortals participating in the act, it was beyond imagination just how much that show would be welcomed. Even those Elders who usually stayed within the caves also rushed out to attend the event.

There were some enemies who had not seen each other for thousands of years that bumped into each other once again at that moment. They immediately put on their fighting stances and brawled.

Apart from human beings, it also included the demon races.

At the East entrance of Fallen Town, the old Locust tree that was initially more than a human’s height started growing taller after its trunk trembled faintly. Very soon, its height was beyond 10 meters, and

there was a group of elderly and children of the Fallen Town sitting on the branches. They were all putting on a smiley face and were looking down curiously.

Then, the demons came to join the event as well.

Lord Demon had two demon servants flanking both his sides. They mingled amongst the human crowd and shouldered along with the group.

One of the demon servants was being cautious and looked at the surroundings. Then, he said softly, "Lord Demon, do you have any plans for this event?"

Lord Demon was stunned. "What plan?"

"The plan to conquer the human race!" The demon servant's eyes were sparkling, and he added, "This is a rare chance for us. There are so many humans right here. If they can all progress into demons, we'll gain tremendously."

"Since when do we have so many plans? This time, we're just here to watch the event, that's all."

Lord Demon frowned and was very unhappy. "Entertainment remains to be entertainment. Work is work. You've got to know the lines between them. Aren't you feeling even tired at all? Besides, there are so many powerhouses right here. I'd advised you two to be more careful about concealing yourself. If we're spotted, I'll definitely choose to run away, and I won't be able to save you two." It was at that moment, amongst the layers of clouds from far away, a few outlines suddenly showed up. In the meantime, a majestic aura like a waterfall came raining down. It was mainly targeting those groups of humans that were floating mid-air.

Xiao Chengfeng, Ao Cheng, Ao Yun, Pei An, and the others gradually revealed their figures mid-air. They all had straight faces and carried out their job to maintain peace.

Xiao Chengfeng faced the surroundings and expressed his respect, then said happily, "Attention everyone. I, Xiao Chengfeng, will be taking full responsibility for this year's public safety for the end-of-year event. Everyone, please spare me some face and not cause any trouble. To those who have personal grudges against others, please, back off a hundred thousand miles away and settle your issues outside. Also...no one's allowed to float mid-air within thousands of meters!"

Very soon, the lights from the surroundings went further away, one after another.

"Thank you. Thank you for everyone's cooperation!" Xiao Chengfeng suddenly felt proud and had a delighted expression. That was the peak moment of his entire lifetime. He then continued to add on, "If there's an accident, everyone, please shout out for my name at the very first instance. Please, recognize carefully, the Sword Immortal, Xiao Chengfeng. Three million sword Immortals from above have to be humble when they see me!"

At the most front row of the crowd, the person occupying the golden seat to enjoy the event, Li Nianfan, lifted his head to look at Xiao Chengfeng who was telling lies despite being awkward. He could not help but let the corner of his mouth curl into a smile.

The Jade Emperor who was beside him could not tolerate it and said while laughing, "Mr. Li, this friend of yours is quite interesting."

Li Nianfan said, "I guess trying to act smart is what a Sword Immortal's good at."

The Jade Emperor continued saying with a smile, "His spiritual cultivation's quite good as well. He could easily surpass the Heavenly Guards of my Heavenly Palace." Li Nianfan raised his brows. "Your Highness, are you already planning on developing the Heavenly Palace?" "Just as a precaution. I'll eventually need to accept talented people if I want to develop it," the Jade Emperor said with a smile. "This person really loves acting smart which in fact, is quite beneficial in building up the image of the Heavenly Palace."

Speaking of it, the Jade Emperor was facing Li Nianfan with utmost gratitude as he said, "Lately, this is all thanks to you, Mr. Li. It is as you had said. You've implanted a great image of the Heavenly Palace in the minds of all humans. In just more than one month, you've managed to spread the fame of the Heavenly Palace. Adding on to tonight's performance, it'll be pretty easy to make everyone believe in the existence of the Heavenly Palace!"

Within half a month, apart from arranging the performance schedule, Li Nianfan had also specifically arranged for other line ups. He intended to fill the hearts of all humans with the fame of the Heavenly Palace. With that, only the image of the Heavenly Palace would be embedded in their minds.

First of all, it would be about spreading some fiction regarding the Heavenly Palace. With the Xia Kingdom promoting it with all their means, stories of the Heavenly Palace would be well known by everyone. The characters within the Heavenly Palace were getting well known as well. Next up, they even allowed the dragons to display their ulterior skills under the name of the Heavenly Palace, and this allowed many mortals in many areas to 'coincidentally' notice their existence.

One event after another made everyone hold on to their breath as they witnessed it. Also, those stories, some of them were made up while some were modified according to true stories. However, all of them were very attractive and logical. Some even made the Jade Emperor, who was a person involved in the story, fail to identify which of them was fake.

Li Nianfan smiled and said, "Setting up the image of Heavenly Palace is very important."

The Jade Emperor put on a straight face and said sternly, "That's a given. Remember what's the slogan of my Heavenly Palace? 'The dominance of the heavens'. If I lose my face, then what's the meaning of being alive?"

Yet, at that moment, there was a babble of talk coming from behind the mortals...

"Why isn't the show starting? If I knew this would happen, I should've brought my Lotus Lantern that I've treasured along." "You're also reading Lotus Lantern? Chen Xiang really is too pitiful. His granduncle's the Jade Emperor, his uncle is God Jiro. Both of them are so powerful, yet they want to kill him."

"I know, right? These two people are too cruel. They're far worse than a beast!" Another person from beside added, "Let me tell you this, the book titled 'How To Cultivate by the Jade Emperor' is a great book to read. That book describes the Jade Emperor going through ninety-nine lifetimes of being a good person before becoming the Jade Emperor. However, in every life cycle he went through, he'd also wet his bed till the age of ten years old. Hahaha..."

"There's such a thing? Indeed the Jade Emperor. What a great skill of wetting his bed."

Li Nianfan remained silent. So did the Jade Emperor.

Both of them looked at each other. Jade Emperor let out a soft cough and with a usual expression, he waved his hand and said, "Actually, my temperament's quite tame. I don't emphasize my personal image. It's just a trivial matter." Li Nianfan praised while replying, "Your Highness, you're truly generous. You're very open-minded." Clatter!

At that moment, the stage straight ahead that was entirely carved from crystals suddenly flashed with an eye-catching ray. Following that, those Luminous Pearls surrounding the stage that was bigger than a human's head also started to beam brightly, casting rays in all directions.

Everyone's heart was beating fast. They were all looking forward to it and kept staring at it.

In the Underworld, there was a pearl placed in front of Meng Po. The situation of the stage was being reflected on it.

Her eyes glittered seriously, yet the corner of her mouth was curled into a smile. She raised her hands and made a gesture, casting a spell. Then, she pointed at the pearl.

It was just a brief moment, but those within the City God Temple were feeling scared. Then, in the sky above the City God Temple, a huge item appeared, floating in the air. It was displaying the image of the stage.

Du du du... The loud sound of conches suddenly appeared, and it hyped everyone up. It came with an indescribable force, making the crowd that was waiting for a long time suddenly feel energetic.

The sound of the conches was accompanied by a weird tempo, making those who heard it feel more hyped up. As for Li Nianfan, he was silently saying it within him, following the tempo, 'Surging tide of cross-strait, rise and fall with the waves...'

The magnificent opening song was able to immediately bring up the emotions, alerting everyone. 'Don't tell me this isn't as great as watching those pretty ladies dancing around?'

Following the music, a few figures of the Sea Race started to appear on stage. Apart from the pretty ladies from the Sea Race, there were also lots of strong men holding onto steel forks in their hands. They presented their strengths through their performance.

Even though they had watched it plenty of times during the rehearsal, the Jade Emperor and the few other people were still mesmerized when watching it. This performance...is way too interesting. Talented people indeed know a lot of skills. There are too many things that are worthwhile for us to learn from them. Instead of just being together, if we don't have a strong mentality, we'll be shameful because we're not as good as others, and ultimately, we'll isolate ourselves from the world.'

At that moment, regardless of the location, as long as it was within the area where the performance was being displayed, it was dead silent. At every corner of the City God Temple, the crowd that was watching were lifting their heads to watch the show with a blank face, as if they had opened up the door to a brand new world.

Each performance ended, one after another. Li Nianfan was also watching very seriously, enjoying the fruits of his hard work.

Without him realizing it, eight performances were done. When it was announced that the performances had come to an end, the crowd of people snapped out of it like being awakened from their dreams. Each of them had an expression as if they had yet to get enough of it.

No doubt, this year's end-of-year event would definitely be the most exciting one in the history of mortals. Also, it would be the most energetic event for the Immortal Realm and Immortal Land.

‘We were just starting to get into the good part, and it’s already finished?’ Just when everyone was feeling let down, a domineering voice of a lady was suddenly heard from the sky, “Weaver Girl, do you admit to your crime?”

Then, two bright lights appeared, forming a beam of light that accurately pointed at a designated corner amidst the crowd. It was just like a spotlight, and outlines of a male and female figure appeared.

The camera of the live broadcast also turned accordingly and fixated on the male and female.

Just when everyone was lost in their thoughts, wind and clouds suddenly gathered together. The wind was strong with the sound of a phoenix and tens of thousands of birds coming forth. A golden outline slowly appeared in the sky. The face was not visible yet, but a prestigious aura rushed over them, making everyone want to worship that outline. The Weaver Girl, who appeared to be Ziye, immediately got down on her knees. “Greetings from Weaver Girl to the Empress.”

“Hmph, how dare you. As a Goddess, to be in love with a mortal? You’re committing a grave crime, and you can’t be forgiven!” After saying that, she lifted her hand and waved. She immediately grabbed the Weaver Girl and headed to the sky. The Cowherd, who was transformed by Cheng Yi, immediately shrieked pitifully, “Weaver Girl!”

Li Nianfan was commenting deep in his heart. ‘This is aggravating. Their expressions are way too aggravating. I guess they won’t be able to obtain the S card.’

Moo!

Yet at that moment, an ox suddenly came rushing to them from far away. Its eyes were overflowing with tears. It was crying after being beaten up. “Cowherd, I’m that ox that you reared. I’ve already cultivated to become a demon. To repay my debts to you, please, hurry and ride me. We’ll chase after Weaver Girl!”

Then, Cowherd rode the ox, rushing up into the sky as they chased after them. “You’re just a mortal, yet you have the courage to chase after us?” The Empress smiled coldly. She took off her hairpin and lifted her hand to wave. Her mana was endless. Under the attention of the crowd, that hairpin had become a galaxy. In the meantime, with the force of the stars spinning around them, the two stars were moving in the sky at a speed visible to the naked eye. At the two edges of the galaxy, Weaver Girl and Cowherd were both trapped in those two stars.

The stars that were held in the Empress’s hands were not accompanied by any elements of the performance. It was all a genuine act. Not only Li Nianfan was stunned, the mortals and the cultivators were also dumbfounded when they watched it play out.

That made their minds replay a single phrase, ‘This is concrete evidence. The Empress really exists in this world. The Heavenly Palace really exists!’

“You’ve committed a crime stated in Heaven’s laws. Today, I shall make the galaxy as a border, and entrapping the both of you forever in this area. You two will never meet again!”

Chapter 392 The Heavenly Spirits, Irritating Mosquitos

The Empress’s voice was very resonant and it echoed throughout the entire space. Adding on to the galaxy forming in the sky, it gave the mortals a very overwhelming feeling.

During this time, after being influenced by so many stories of the Heavenly Palace, everyone was starting to believe in the existence of the Heavenly Palace. At this moment, such an incident that took place in the form of a storytelling scene was embroidered deep in the hearts of the crowd.

Naturally, that was one of the considerations that Li Nianfan took.

‘If both the Jade Emperor and Empress were to just stand up and reveal their identities flat out, I don’t think anyone would buy it. Taking into account the Heavenly laws, the characters, and the stories that make up this incident will be much more persuasive. Besides, humans are naturally more inclined to such gossip and will rather choose to believe this incident is genuine.’

Broom!

At that moment, there was a weird commotion suddenly heard coming from the sky from far away. There was a golden light appearing out of the blue moon, shining throughout the entire sky. It was as if a star suddenly lightened up in the sky and was sparkling.

The Jade Emperor, who was initially sitting beside Li Nianfan, suddenly changed his expression drastically. He looked in the direction where the place suddenly went bright. He got agitated and perturbed. He faced Li Nianfan, paid respect, and said, “Mr. Li, I think there’s a reaction happening back in the Heavenly Palace. I’ve got to head back and have a look. I hereby take my leave.”

‘There really was a reaction?’

“They really became light?’

Li Nianfan had an astonished look and said with a smile, "This is good news. Your Highness, please, don't delay any further. Hurry and make your way back."

He thought deep in his heart that if the Heavenly Palace really succeeded in rebuilding, given his connections, he would be able to show up carefreely everywhere.

The Jade Emperor nodded his head. Then, he transformed into a gleam of light and vanished in a blink of an eye.

At that moment, in the Heavenly Palace.

The entire Heavenly Palace was shaking, and innumerable auspicious moments of extraordinary scenes kept showing up.

There were lots of rays of lights shooting up from the mortal realm to the sky, spreading to every corner.

The Empress, Ziye, and Cheng Yi had ended their show and had returned to the Heavenly Palace at the very first instance. Seeing such a scene made them unable to suppress the agitation they were having. They started running everywhere and opened up all the main entrances to the palace.

Those lights surrounded all the stone statues just like sunlight shining on the land.

The Jade Emperor revealed himself. He wore an anxious expression as he said, "What's the situation?"

"It seems a little bad."

The glint of agitation in the Empress's eyes seemed to have frozen up. She frowned, shook her head, and said, "Those halos surrounded the stone statues but it seems the two of them just can't fuse. Hence, there won't be any use to it."

The expression on the Jade Emperor also changed. However, his eyes became dark instead. He flipped his wrist and held onto a pagoda. That pagoda flew out and floated in the air. Halos were shining out of it in a certain direction!

Swoosh!

Red tides were starting to show up at the space which was initially empty. Then, a bloody red lotus blossomed, taking the shape of a shield, blocking the lights from the pagoda.

On top of the lotus, an outline of a Blood Shirt Taoist gradually showed up. He had a pair of mocking eyes and said with a hoarse voice, "Hao Tian, my friend who I haven't seen in a very long time. I don't think it's appropriate for you to make a move the moment we meet each other."

The Jade Emperor's expression became dark and said sternly, "Styx, this is the Heavenly Palace. It's not some random place where you can come and act atrociously. Better get the hell out of here!"

Styx Laozu burst into laughter and said mockingly, "Heavenly Palace? I almost didn't recognize it if you didn't mention it. Where are the Heavenly Soldiers and Heavenly Guards?"

His attention shifted over to the stone statues that were sealed, and he said with a smile, "Jade Emperor, Empress, you guys are way too naive. You guys won't succeed if you do all these because you guys lack the Heavenly Spirit!"

The Jade Emperor raised his brows and felt his heart sink to the bottom. "The Heavenly Spirit?"

"Hehe, I can't believe you're a disciple of Dao Zu when you don't even know about this."

Styx Laozu started bragging on his knowledge and said carefreely, "Of all the living things in this world, which of them doesn't take form from the Heavenly Spirit? The overwhelming presence like us were born along with the realm, and the demons were formed with the Spiritual Qi from the realm. Again for the humans, they're formed from the Nine Heaven Breathing Soil accumulated by Nuwa, adding on a layer of Heavenly Spirit. Everything needs the Heavenly Spirit!"

The Empress said, "How do you know about all these things?"

"Of course, I learned it from Nuwa on how to create humans when I created the Asuras." Styx Laozu smiled faintly. "But I, Styx, being born from the heavens, I'm naturally born with the Heavenly Spirit. Hence, I can create lives. Regarding this seal, I think you guys can just forget about breaking it. Hao Tian, you and I should join forces and make the Heaven and Earth realm in chaos again. Let my Asuras take over the humans. In the future, you'll still be able to be the Jade Emperor!"

The Jade Emperor's voice was deep and was still talking in a mockery manner, "Hehe, back in those years, you dreamed of learning from Nuwa Empress to create humans to become a Saint. After you failed at that, you're still dreaming of making the Asuras take over the humans and becoming the main protagonist in the Heaven and Earth realm, and then to take over the Saint's place?"

Styx Laozu's voice was accompanied by agitation, "This isn't just a dream but a very high possibility!" The Jade Emperor smiled coldly. "Hehe, a pile of tainted blood that forms into a living thing of disgust. Its very existence is not worth noting, and will never be the main protagonist."

Styx Laozu's expression became dark and his eyes gleamed with a murderous aura. "Hao Tian, do you still think things are just like how they used to be? Back in those days, I, Styx, could only stay low when the Saints were interfering. I didn't dare plot too many schemes. Right now, you're not even the emperor. You don't even have the right to talk to me on equal footing!"

The Jade Emperor's eyes were also filled with rage. Both of them were overwhelming each other with their auras, yet no one simply took any action rashly.

Ziye and Cheng Yi looked at the stone statues around and sighed. 'In the end...we still failed?'

Shrieeek!

Following the sound of the door being pushed open, eager footsteps and a babble of whispering were heard. Under such circumstances, it was ear-piercing.

The Jade Emperor and the rest of the gang immediately shifted their attention to the source of the sound. Each of them were startled and their eyes gleamed in a way that they found it hard to believe.

Ziye immediately raised her hand and covered her mouth. The tears in her eyes immediately flowed out. "Big Sister, you guys...am I in a dream?"

Five ladies in long dresses of a variety of colors were in a daze and were glancing at the surroundings. They were also dumbfounded when they saw the people coming to them.

They immediately greeted each other politely simultaneously, "Greetings to Your Highness, Empress."

The Jade Emperor and Empress were also flustered at the delightful incident that suddenly appeared. They could not help but say with a smile, "Great, great, great!"

"This is impossible!" Styx Laozu's eyes suddenly widened. He roared, finding it unbelievable, "Without the Heavenly Spirits, how did you guys recover?"

Suddenly, there was an outline of a white figure sticking out its head from the Palace of the Seven Princesses. Following that, the figure started hopping its way into the scene.

That outline was just the size of half a palm. It was a white little human, yet, it looked as if it had a soul in it. Under the gazes of the crowd, whose jaws were wide apart, the outline walked while somersaulting.

That outline was tiny yet it captured everyone's attention. All the lights that were coming from the mortal realm started surrounding the little man, following him into one of the palaces. Following that, they fused into a stone statue!

With the little man fusing into it, that stone statue was like snow from the winter encountering the sunlight from the summers. It started melting at a speed that the naked eyes could capture.

"This...this...this..."

Styx Laozu kept rubbing his eyes. Yet, he saw a white little man, one after another, slowly coming out from the door. It was as if they were even accompanied with children's laughter as they started hopping everywhere while heading to the Heavenly Palace.

"Flour?"

Styx Laozu felt as if his world had endured a shock. "This is impossible! What sort of flour is this that it can create Heavenly Spirits? Besides...these flour figures are even being steamed beforehand?"

The Empress and the Jade Emperor were delighted and their hearts were thumping hard.

Ziye was looking at the little men instead. Her face went bright pink and said, "Aren't these the ones that the expert gifted to me some time ago? I noticed that these puppets looked extraordinary and hence, I was always reluctant to eat them. I put them in the Palace of the Seven Princesses. So, it turns out... they're Heavenly Spirits."

Ziye was feeling utterly grateful deep in her heart. Thank god she was not into eating like Immortal Linzhu. At the very least, she was able to control herself, or else currently...there would be no use crying over spilled milk.

The expert indeed did things in a very calm manner. There were many aspects in the creation of the universe that would be missed if they did not pay close attention to them. 'Thank god, thank god!' "So that's how it works." The Jade Emperor nodded his head and could not help but give Ziye a thumbs up. "Zi, you have matured a lot. If this happened long ago, I'm afraid things would've been screwed up terribly!" Within that space, Styx Laozu's eyes squinted drastically. While he was lifting his hand, a bloody red outline shot toward one of the puppets. 'No matter how you guys obtained these Heavenly Spirits, I'll just have to destroy everything!'

"Hmph!"

The Jade Emperor snorted as he had taken precautions a long time ago. The lights from that pagoda shielded those puppets.

Dang!

A sound was heard and it blocked off that bloody light. It turned out to be a very long black sword.

It was the Heavenly Spiritual Treasure, the Yuan Tu.

“The situation of the Heaven and Earth realm has been set. Hao Tian, you’re going against the laws by rebuilding the Heavenly Palace. I advise you to stop whatever you’re doing!”

Styx Laozu’s eyes were gleaming with a murderous glint. He spoke in an eager tone. He then raised his hand again and Abi was lifted as well. Together with the Yuan Tu, they both transformed into two murderous bloody lights, charging toward the group of puppets and hunting them down. The Jade Emperor remained calm and faced the situation with a composed emotion. The pagoda above his head let out a few lights and it formed an ultimate defense.

The eyes of Styx Laozu revealed a fierce gleam. He flicked his wrist and a black long spear appeared. Suddenly, the sky became dark and the layer of murderous aura formed into black clouds, engulfing the entire scene.

That long spear pierced its way straight into the Jade Emperor’s pagoda, deflecting it a few meters away. The remaining wave of energy made the entire Heavenly Palace tremble like an earthquake, making the Seven Princesses unable to stand still.

Fortunately, it was at the Heavenly Palace. If it occurred in the mortal realm, perhaps everything within the tens of thousands of meters would have crumbled and turned into ashes.

After the first attack of the spear, Styx Laozu launched the second attack!

The Jade Emperor’s expression became darker. He always doubted how Styx Laozu was able to free himself. After witnessing the God Killing Spear, everything finally came to light.

It was an easy feat to break the seal with the strength of the God Killing Spear.

Compared to the very first attack of the spear, the second attack was fiercer. The starry sky was being split up, forming a black furrow.

Yet, at that moment, a painting scroll suddenly appeared before the long spear. It unraveled itself and the land of mountains suddenly took form, forming into a little world on its own, blocking off the attack. However, with the attack of the long spear, the little world was still destroyed into bits and immediately vanished. The Land of Mountains and Rivers Painting was sent flying away. At a corner, the Seven Princesses were giving their best shot to launch their attacks on Styx Laozu. However, those attacks that landed on the red lotus did not even cause the slightest damage to it.

With the defense of the Twelfth Ranked Bloody Lotus, adding on to the attack of the God Killing Spear, there was no way to counter them. Even during the times of the Saints, he was the top fighter only second to the Saint.

Even though it was Styx Laozu alone, with the Jade Emperor and Empress joining forces, they barely managed to defend against him. Styx Laozu threatened sternly, "Hao tian, if you insist on this, then don't blame it on me for starting a war against you guys and taking actions against the people of the Heavenly Palace!"

The Jade Emperor's expression changed drastically when he heard Styx Laozu's comment. He quickly said, "Zi, Cheng, you guys hurry and head toward the Immortal realm!"

Ziye and Cheng Yi dared not procrastinate. They brought along their siblings with them and headed to the Immortal realm. In the meantime, the crowd in the Immortal realm had gradually dispersed. They were still happily talking about the incident that occurred.

Two voices gradually appeared within the dark scenes. It was two old people with scrawny faces.

They looked in the direction of Li Nianfan. They licked their lips and then revealed a bloodthirsty smile.

“Remember, that man’s a Deluxe Merit Saint. Don’t ever touch him. As for other people’s blood...suck it till the very last drop!”

“Hehehe, the dragons, the phoenix, the nine-tailed fox, there’s just so much tasty blood. Today, I finally can enjoy a filling feast!”

“What do the dragons and phoenix even account of? When our ancestors ruled the world, we’ll be able to enjoy it to the max throughout the entire world!”

“Attack!”

Their figures transformed into two mosquitoes and rushed forth. Two of them were divided into four, and then eight mosquitoes. The group of mosquitoes rushed toward Li Nianfan.

Buzzing sounds were heard.

The ear-piercing sounds erupted during that quiet night, bringing along a mysterious wave and making those people who heard it become absent-minded, including the Immortals.

At that moment, a weird transformation was going on in the area. It became utterly slow and quiet. Even their thought processes had become slow, too.

A bloodlust that originated from a strong current took over the scene, bringing along a murderous intent that made everyone's blood freeze. "Daluo Golden Immortal!"

"Natural Beasts!"

Daji and the others had very serious expressions on their faces. They released all the powers within them to a point that their eyes had turned into a deep blue color.

On top of Li Nianfan's shoulder, the Fire Phoenix gently extended its wings and there was a glint of fire emerging in her eyes. In the sky, the Seven Princesses who had witnessed the entire scene had expressions that changed for the worst. They increased their speed of landing on the land. Their long dresses flapped violently as they descended to the ground.

Cheng Yi and Ziyue kept urging deep within their hearts, 'Hurry, hurry! We can't let this group of mosquitoes disturb the expert!' A buzzing sound was heard again!

Following then, the eyes of the group of mosquitoes had become bloody red as well. It became even more aggressive and more bloodthirsty.

'We're near, we're coming now!'

Whiff....

Suddenly, without any prior warning, something was sprayed at the group of mosquitoes. Those mosquitoes then circled in the air for a few rounds before dropping to the ground.

There were only two mosquitoes who barely hovered in the air. 'Dizzy. My head's spinning. Toxins. I think I'm...being poisoned.'

"Darn it. I was just starting to have a nice dream, and these irritating mosquitoes started showing up? What are you guys buzzing around for?"

Li Nianfan was holding onto an insecticide spray. He frowned slightly. Then, he said, astonished, "Oh my, these two mosquitoes have a tough life force. This insecticide of mine is known to kill all bugs and cockroaches with just a single spray, yet they managed to survive it."

Then, he lifted his hands again.

Whiff...

After spraying for some time, those two mosquitoes, along with the wind, slowly dropped to the ground, peacefully.

Chapter 393 All I Did Was To be Obsequious To Someone Else At The Right Timing

“The world has suddenly become quiet and peaceful.”

Li Nianfan felt utterly at ease. He slowly kept the bottle of insecticide and gave the item a five-star rating. ‘It’s indeed a good thing, high-quality stuff!’

Daji and the rest closed their mouths that were slightly opened and took in a deep breath while composing their emotions.

Initially, they were mentally prepared to be engaged in a deadly battle. After all, those two were the Natural Beasts from the Daluo Golden Immortal realms! Natural Beasts could be classified as beasts of the same generation of dragons and phoenixes. When the realm was being formed, there would naturally be a bright side and a dark side. The Natural Beasts were born following the great disasters on land. They were naturally cruel and were also overwhelming

Daji, the Fire Phoenix, and the forces from the surroundings were at most just from the Taiyi Golden Immortal realms. If they were to be engaged in a deadly battle, the chances of them emerging as victors were slim.

‘Mosquitoes...are difficult to handle.’

In the meantime, they did not hope for Li Nianfan to take any action. After all, the experts were very clear with the position they set for themselves. They would not take any action. With them being the Deluxe Merit Saints, they were not the slightest bit worried that others might attack them. They were just purely like guests looking at others from high above.

Despite feeling a pinch in their hearts, they were not so full of themselves to think that they had what it took to make the expert make an exception for them and that he would be willing to reveal some extraordinary skills. Yet, never would they expect that the situation that was presented before them would be cleared off so easily. 'He just randomly took an item and sprayed it once or twice. The opponents couldn't even defend against it and ended up just dropping onto the ground, dead.'

Daji said curiously, "Sir, what did you use to spray at the mosquitoes earlier?"

"It's just an insecticide. It's not some great item. The only effect it has is that it possesses a great destructive force against bugs."

Li Nianfan casually said, "These items were being piled up in the storeroom. It won't be used on usual days but lately, I realized there have been just way too many mosquitoes. Besides, I even took into consideration that I'll be disturbed by the mosquitos when I'm enjoying the show in an open area during the night. Hence, I thought I might as well bring it along. I didn't realize it would really come in handy."

'Again, it's the storeroom...'

Daji and the Fire Phoenix looked at each other.

'It really is an awesome storeroom. The items in it were being piled up by the expert like trash. Occasionally, he would just take out an item and that would be enough to stun the entire world. In the sky, the Seven Princesses who were initially still trying to land on the ground at high speed were petrified. They were frozen mid-air.'

Especially the other five princesses, apart from Cheng Yi and Ziye. Their mouths formed an 'O' shape as if they had bumped into a ghost.

'Did the generation change after we've been sealed up for so many years? Why do I get the feeling that I can't seem to grasp the situation?'

Big Sister, who was wearing a red dress, glared at the scene. She snapped out of it suddenly and said, "Oh my god! After being sealed up for so long, I can't believe that my vision has deteriorated. I mistook the two mosquitoes from earlier as the Natural Beasts of the Daluo Golden Immortals. It really spooked me."

The fourth princess who was wearing a long green dress was blinking her eyes. She said, "I'm sorry, Big Sister. I think those two were indeed Natural Beasts." Big Sister was slightly stunned and added, "Then, it's still because my vision has deteriorated. I can't believe that the stuff that was being sprayed feels ordinary."

Ly's eyes continued to glitter. "About that... the stuff that was sprayed was indeed very ordinary..."

Big Sister felt like her mind was in a mess. She rearranged her statement before blurting it out, "A mortal holding onto an ordinary spray was able to defeat a Natural Beast from the Daluo Golden Immortal realm?"

The third princess, Huang, nodded her head. "I think, it's...that's the truth."

"Alright, enough talking!" Cheng spoke up. After the astonishment she had at the very beginning, she felt that it was just something that happened in their mindset.

She said cautiously, "That man's the expert who helped you guys get rid of the seals. Also, it's all thanks to this expert that the Emperor and Empress were able to escape! Using the spray to kill the Natural Beasts is only a basic operation. You guys should recompose yourself and later, make sure you don't simply go around speaking carefreely!"

"He's so awesome." The fifth princess, Qing, was astonished. Then, she said, "Suddenly, I find him very handsome!"

"Better mind your language!" Ziye quickly tapped Qing. "Better behave yourself when you're in front of the expert!"

The sixth princess, Lan, could not help but shrink her neck as she took two steps back. She said with a weak tone, "Seventh Sister, why don't you guys go ahead. With such an overwhelming being around, I... I'm afraid..."

Li Nianfan took a deep breath and said, "The expert is just right ahead of us. If you return now, it's going to show how impolite you are. Let us all go and greet him. Remember, mind your image!"

After saying it, the seven people, with their colorful dresses swaying gracefully and with stances of fairies landing in the Immortal realm, flew toward Li Nianfan.

They were really eye-catching. Seven long dresses of a variety of colors, auras that solely belonged to the fairies, cold and gorgeous faces that always looked composed, soon attracted Li Nianfan's attention.

The seven of them landed along with the breeze, and said simultaneously, "Hong, Cheng, Huang... Greetings to Mr. Li."

Li Nianfan saw Cheng Yi and Ziye and he knew what had happened. "They must be here to report good news.' Hence, he said with a smile, "Congratulations to the Seven Princesses for breaking through the seal. This is great news."

He gazed at the Seven Princesses with a critical gaze. He had no comments for their appearance. Each of them had their advantages in their appearance. Besides, they were easily recognizable and could easily identify them according to the color of the dresses that they wore. At that moment, they were facing him with a smiley face and they were all glancing at him curiously.

Amongst them, there were two who left quite an impression on Li Nianfan. One of them was Huang, who was wearing a yellow dress. Her eyes were glittering as if they were very lively. When she noticed Li Nianfan looking in her direction, she even purposely batted her eyelids a few times. She had a very active personality. The other one was Lan. She came in later than the rest of them and was utterly cautious. She looked like a little girl who went outdoors following her elder sisters.

The wonderful experience of being surrounded by Seven Princesses should not be notified to other people.

Cheng Yi bowed and said with gratitude, "We still have to thank Mr. Li. If it wasn't for you, I'm afraid it would've been the end for us."

Li Nianfan waved his hand and said, "To tell the truth, I didn't help out much. I didn't even think that the solution of changing into lights would really be effective. I've learned something as well."

Cheng Yi and Ziyue noticed that he did not mention the fact of him kneading the dough puppets. They got the expert's hint and did not speak anymore.

Ziyue said sincerely, "No matter what happened, this time, Mr. Li has indeed helped us, the Heavenly Palace, a lot. You're the savior to us, the Heavenly Palace!"

Li Nianfan smiled and said, "It was all by a coincidence. As long as the Heavenly Palace has recovered."

Cheng Yi knew she should stop. She bowed and said with respect, "It's getting late. We shall not interrupt Mr. Li taking your rest. Once we've settled the issues with the Heavenly Palace, we'll come and pay our visit to express our gratitude."

Li Nianfan clasped his hands together in respect. "If that's the case, then fellow princesses, I hereby take my leave."

On the other hand, Styx Laozu retrieved his spear and stood upright. Seeing that he could not do any harm to the Jade Emperor and Empress, he blurted out a few ruthless lines and then left the scene.

His expression was dark, and soon, he arrived at a commotion. Further ahead, there was black fog. At that moment, the black fog was trembling, obviously displaying that it was in a foul mood.

Styx Laozu was feeling rather unpleasant within himself and snorted, "My Mosquito friend, what's wrong with you? I didn't ask for you to interfere when I'm brawling with Hao Tian and the Empress, but why is it that you seem to suffer a greater injury than me?"

The black fog gradually dispersed and within it came a slim outline of a figure draped with a black cloak over it. However, the black hat that it was wearing was concealing its face. Only the pair of eyes that were glowing a bloody red could be seen, along with the sharp teeth poking out from its mouth.

"The other two young mosquitoes that I formed are dead as well, and they both died in a very ridiculous manner!"

Her voice was clear and deep, accompanied by a sense of disbelief. "I witnessed their death. They were dead when that Deluxe Merit Saint used that weird spray and sprayed them to death. They died immediately without even struggling."

Before she went to bed, she even purposely used up her blood to cultivate three young mosquitoes. She even made them grow stronger. She never thought that she would wake up from slumber only to find the three young mosquitoes dead without even making any contribution. 'I really have lost a lot.'

Styx Laozu raised his brows. "That spray must be at least a prestigious Heavenly Spiritual Treasure to be able to kill two Daluo Golden Immortals instantly. How is it that I haven't heard of such a treasure before?"

"That spray's very unusual. It was as if its very existence was to use it against me. It's very terrifying." The Mosquito Taoist was terrified. Under the cloak, her eyes kept glittering. That was also one of the reasons she did not dare to rashly take any actions. She was afraid she would just drop dead as such...

“You just lost a few of your lackeys. No big deal to it.” Styx Laozu casually waved his hand. Then, he added, “Actually, in this mission, my intention was just to probe around. The Heavenly Palace being able to stand tall on its own was also beyond my expectation. It’s obvious that apart from Jade Emperor and Empress, there are other factors to it. I’m afraid that person’s Spiritual Cultivation is much higher than ours.”

The Mosquito Taoist said coldly, “Your probing cost me my only two young mosquitos!”

“This is also not what I wanted to happen.” Styx Laozu paused for a moment and then started boasting, “This plan is definitely perfect as it included the Heavenly Palace, the Underworld, the dragons, and the phoenix. If it proceeds smoothly, it will bestow a great deal of damage to them, and even if the plan fails to work out, we get to know our enemies’ abilities. We can probe around and see if there are other factors behind the scene that will influence the outcome of the battle.”

The Mosquito Taoist said, “Hmph, so what are you preparing to do next?”

“Right now with the Heavenly Palace being reborn, many of the seals in the Heaven and Earth dimension will for sure be broken anytime. I believe there will be lots of people who can’t tolerate the loneliness and be reincarnated. When that time arrives, I’ll take the initiative to help out more people to be reborn, join forces with many others, and strengthen myself!”

Styx Laozu giggled and continued saying, “There are lots of people who do not wish for the Heavenly Palace to be reestablished. I’ll just need to instigate them from within. A miracle is bound to happen. That time, we’ll just have to sit around and wait to collect our reward. Isn’t that a perfect plan?”

In the Heavenly Palace, at Lingxiao Palace.

The Jade Emperor and Empress were continuously greeting the Immortals who just woke up.

They felt as if they were just snapped out of their dreams. After a brief moment of being in a daze, they were all astonished.

Then, all of them started saying politely, "Greetings from us to Your Highness and the Empress."

The Jade Emperor lifted his hand slightly and said sternly, "Everyone, you can skip the formalities."

"Thank you, Your Highness."

An old man with white hair was holding a horsetail whisk in his hand. On his forehead was a star that was shining. He immediately said, "You're being too kind, Your Highness. After so many years have passed, you still haven't forgotten a trivial Immortal like me. You're willing to take actions that defy Heaven's laws and break the seal for my sake. How should I repay you? I'm starting to feel guilty!"

As he was speaking, he was feeling utterly touched. He wiped off the tears at the corner of his eyes.

The other Immortals dared not procrastinate and immediately burst into tears and said sincerely, "Your Highness, you must have put in lots of effort to save us all. We'll all remember what you've done for us in our hearts forever and are willing to offer our lives to you!"

The Jade Emperor sat on the throne and looked at all the Immortals who had confused expressions on their faces and were feeling utterly guilty.

'You all have overly praised me.

'I didn't put in lots of effort. All I did was to be respectful to someone else during the right timing.

'I'm afraid this might sound like a joke.'

He retained his expression and said, "Everyone, you all don't have to behave in such a way. This time, you were able to recover thanks to an expert. This person's a very important person to me, and even more so, an important person to the Heavenly Palace!"

"There's such a person in this world?" Taibai Jinxing was shocked and quickly answered, "Then, what are we waiting for? Hurry up and invite this person into the palace and give him a rank!"

"Mind your words. Despite this person preferring to keep a low profile, this person appears to have a much higher status than me. Obviously, it's not a good idea to give him a position. I've thought of how I should deal with this."

The Jade Emperor's expression was serious as he said sternly, "Let me tell you all. From now onward, all of you should treat this expert with the utmost respect. The slightest disrespect will not be tolerated!"

“We will all heed your command!” All the Immortals exchanged looks with each other, feeling suspicious.

The Jade Emperor waved his hand and then opened up his palms. He faced the sky and said, “Alright, right now, the Heavenly Palace requires lots of helpers. I need to reestablish the official positions in the palace and redo the orders of Heavenly Palace! I hereby boldly summon... Tiandi Seal!”

A hush befell the scene.

The Jade Emperor’s palms hovered above him, yet there was no reply.

The scene took an awkward turn.

As the saying went, ‘a king would have to be acknowledged by the gods, and the gods would naturally need to be acknowledged by the heavens’. Despite the Jade Emperor gaining the position of a god, only by placing the seal could his position be officially recognized, and only then would he obtain the acknowledgment and blessings of Heaven. However...the Heavenly Palace was almost vanishing, and the Tiandi Seal was gone. ‘Wouldn’t the Heavenly Palace be the same as any ordinary powerful sect?’

None of the Immortals spoke a word and they had all lowered their heads. It was as if they knew nothing and chose to be an ostrich.

“Well...” Currently, in the Jade Emperor’s heart, he could not help but feel embarrassed. “This is bad. Do you think it’s time for the Jade Emperor to announce the dismissal of the Heavenly Palace?”

The Empress was standing beside him and a thought suddenly popped up in her mind. She whispered, "Jade Emperor, why don't you try using the expert's fame?"

The Jade Emperor's expression became slightly serious and after hesitating for a very long time. He gradually got up from the throne. With much caution, he bowed in the direction of the Fallen Immortal Mountain. "I, Hao Tian, am helpless. Today, I hereby boldly use the name of Mr. Li. Please, forgive my actions."

Following that, he returned to his seat and said with a straight face, "I hereby, with the name of Li Nianfan who is the Deluxe Merit Saint of the Immortal Realm, summon the Tiandi Seal!"

Broom!

A thunderbolt suddenly appeared in the sky. The lightning that took the shape of a zigzag struck through the heavens. The Immortal Realm trembled at the same time. Following that, a ray of light shot out from the confusion from far away, forming a seal that fused between the brows of the Jade Emperor!

"This...really is happening?"

The Immortals below the stage were stunned seeing the scene and could no longer act like an ostrich. They felt as if they were in a dream. Yet, all the Jade Emperor did was to announce a certain person's name, and the Tiandi Seal immediately revealed itself. 'This... won't it make him feel dissatisfied?'

It was as if a citizen was rushing to present a gift to an honorable person, not bothering whether or not the latter would even appreciate the gift as he thought that giving a present would be better than not doing it. 'Who the hell is this person? Is his name really that influential?'

Taibai Jinxing felt his body trembling. He said with a shaky voice, "Your... Highness, if I may boldly ask...is this person the expert...that you just mentioned earlier?" The Jade Emperor looked at everyone's surprised reaction. His mouth curled into a smile and said while nodding his head, "That's right."

"Slurp...a big shot. What a big shot!"

"Scary. This is just way too creepy!"

"No wonder he's able to break our seals. To be honest, I've already guessed that with just the Jade Emperor's abilities, this seal would never be able to break..."

"I've got the same thinking as you."

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The Jade Emperor was stunned. He let out a soft cough and said seriously, "To all the Immortals, no one should cause a commotion in the Heavenly Palace!"

At that moment, everyone stopped talking.

Taibai Jinxing quickly helped to settle the awkwardness and said, “Your Highness, everyone couldn’t help but talk a bit longer as their seals were just disabled and it’s been a long time since they talked. Please, don’t blame it on them, Your Highness.”

The Jade Emperor waved his hand and then said cautiously, “Forget it. Right now, the most important thing is to choose a palace for the expert. Does anyone here have a better plan?”

He was also feeling troubled. He would definitely present the expert a gift but what to give and how it was presented should be considered seriously. It was indeed a difficult problem.

There were lots of Immortal Palaces in the Heavenly Palace. He would give the best one, but... All the nice Immortal Palaces were occupied, just like the Jade Emperor’s Taiwei Yuqing Palace and the Empress’ Yao Chi for example.

“This...”

All the Immortals had noticed it as well and were all grinding their brain juices, trying to think of a solution.

Taibai Jinxing suggested, “There’s a vacancy at the Tianhuang Dadi. Why not change the Ziwei Palace to the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint?”

The Jade Emperor frowned and gave it a thought. "I'm afraid this action might not be appropriate, but...this is the only way out of it."

Giving a second-hand palace as a gift was not a very good idea. Besides, changing the palace abruptly would not be a good idea regardless of its relationship with others or logical wise. The most important thing was that...the Heavenly Palace itself would not permit it.

The Jade Emperor let out a long sigh and said, feeling troubled, "I didn't expect there'd be a day when an Immortal Palace from the Heavenly Palace can't be given as a gift!"

He thought back to the four-part architecture the expert had back in the Immortal Realm. 'That's his way of having a luxurious and low-profile life. It's much better than the Heavenly Palace. When comparing the both of them, the Heavenly Palace only has a luxurious outer surface. Apart from being able to sparkle, there's no other function and it lacks a lot compared to the other.'

Broom!

At that moment, the entire Heavenly Palace shook and an abnormal phenomenon rushed through the clouds, bringing along the shadows of a dragon and a phoenix rising in the sky. There was also the sound of a crane, making that light appear like a pillar. Amidst the chaos from far, there were layers of purple aura suddenly blasting out. It gathered at a certain point in the Heavenly Palace!

It was a good sign.

Even the Zixiao Palace was suddenly covered in fog. Then, it was shaking aggressively as if being struck by an earthquake.

‘What’s going on here? Is the Heavenly Palace experiencing an earthquake?’

This never happened before.

All the Immortals flew and anxiously left the Zixiao Palace.

Not far away, beside the astronomical observatory which was initially deserted, something could be seen bulging outward. The entire territory of the Heavenly Palace was expanded and a new piece of land was formed.

Then, the surface of the land started to undergo some changes. Under the observation of the crowd who were all dumbfounded, something seemed to be growing out of the initially flat surface.

The star on Taibai Jinxing’s forehead was starting to glow out of shock. His white hair stood up as he glanced at the scene before him, finding it hard to believe. He started doubting his life. “This...this...this is...”

The other Immortals were also stunned. They all felt as if an electric current had coursed through their insides all the way to their heads. They were utterly terrified as they stuttered, “Heavenly... Heavenly Palace, it...it grew a new Immortal Palace on its own?!”

The Heavenly Palace used to be a Demon Palace, and it was a treasure born alongside the entire realm. The palace was ruled by Heavenly Guards while the demons helped build the Heavenly Palace. The

palace's main buildings amounted to 108 buildings, which was a heavenly figure, equivalent to the rules of Heaven and Earth.

'Yet at this moment...it's changing?'

'It just changed like that?'

'In such a casual way, with no hesitation? It just changed without a tempo?'

In no time, a palace appeared in front of everyone. It was different from the other Immortal Palaces which were made of golden bricks and roof tiles. This palace had a purple roof, a harmonious purple color. It was the most honorable color of the prehistoric era. Naturally, no words could describe this level of prestige.

Besides that, the jades and crystals used to make up the pillars had all sorts of auspicious pictures crafted onto them. It even had the halos of a beast displayed. Judging from the artwork itself, it was a few times better than the other Immortal Palaces.

Comparing it to others, the other Immortal Palaces seemed like they were just a protocol while that palace was built with more sincere effort...

"Wow..."

Many of the Immortals widened their mouths simultaneously. Their jaws were about to touch the ground.

Finally, at the highest point of the Immortal Palace, a door plaque with a purple background was floating in the air. There were five big golden words imprinted on it, 'Palace of Deluxe Merit Saint'.

"This...this...is awesome!"

The Immortals could not describe the feelings they currently had. They never thought that as soon as their seals were disabled, their perspectives of the world would change drastically because of the shock.

The Jade Emperor looked at the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint blankly. He clenched his teeth and said guiltily, "You, too, know how to get on other's good terms!"

The Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint was located next to the astronomical observatory. Staying in that palace would enable one to see the stars outside as well as the houses in the Immortal Realm. Beside it, the water flowing in the Star River could be seen with the stars sparkling in it.

That was the protected landscape of the Heavenly Palace. Yet...it made an exception and built another palace!

Apart from that, all the other Immortal Palaces only had one or two stories. Yet, the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint had three stories, with the top floor being a spot for him to enjoy the scenery.

Standing on top of it could allow one to glance at the Star River as well as the Immortal Palaces in the Heavenly Palace.

Taibai Jinxing's mind went blank. He kept muttering to himself as he walked with trembling footsteps, "The Heavenly Palace obviously put in a lot of effort just to provide the expert with a nice Immortal Palace."

"Hold it right there! What are you doing?"

Following that stern voice, a gigantic outline blocked Taibai Jinxing. He said seriously, "Please, stay away from the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. Please, be more than five hundred meters away to enjoy the scene. No one's allowed to go near it!"

Taibai Jinxing frowned. "What do you mean by that, Juling Shen?"

"The Deluxe Merit Saint has yet to move in. I'm in charge of protecting this area. Back off. Hurry up and back off. Don't soil this place!"

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The next morning.

Li Nianfan had a good night's sleep. The moment he opened his eyes, he immediately saw seven Immortals standing in a line at the doorway. Immediately, he put on a smile and said, "Morning, Seven Princesses."

The Seven Princesses said together, "Good morning, Mr. Li."

"Xiao Bai, go and steam some more steamed bread."

Li Nianfan greeted, "Since you guys are here, let's have breakfast together."

"Thank...thank you, Mr. Li" Cheng Yi felt embarrassed.

They all rushed over earlier in the morning, thinking of inviting Li Nianfan over to the Heavenly Palace. She did not think too much about it. 'This whole thing makes me think that I'm here to request for a meal...'

"It'll be weird if you're being this polite. Everyone, please, have a seat." Li Nianfan smiled. "I'll go brush my teeth. Please, excuse me for a moment."

Then, something that made Li Nianfan feel awkward happened.

Seven pairs of big gorgeous eyes were staring curiously at him while he was brushing his teeth. That feeling of excitement... He could not comment much on it and could not express it. It took him lots of effort just to finish brushing his teeth during such a difficult time.

When he arrived at the dining table, Daji and Dragin had come over as well. The steamed bread had been placed neatly and presented in front of everyone. Apart from that, there was porridge and a plate of salted vegetables.

Li Nianfan said, "The breakfast is rather simple. I hope everyone can tolerate it."

Cheng Yi kept shaking her head. "No worries. This is good enough!"

They picked up the steamed bread before them. The texture was very soft and their eyes glinted with mixed feelings.

'These steamed bread... Heavenly Spirits!'

'Isn't it because of the dough puppets that we were all able to free ourselves? How can we bring ourselves to eat them?!'

While they were having those thoughts, they all opened their mouths simultaneously and took a bite.

'Mmm, this tastes good...'

Li Nianfan smiled and said, "I guess there must be something that brings the Seven Princesses over here this early in the morning, right?"

"It's like this, Mr. Li."

Big Sister, Hong, was still biting onto a big piece of steamed bread. She quickly took a sip of the porridge. Then, she shrunk her neck and with much effort, she swallowed the steam bread and said, "Mr. Li has contributed a lot to the Heavenly Palace and you're a Deluxe Merit Saint. According to your status, you should be the Deluxe Merit Saint of the Immortal Realm. We have arranged an Immortal Palace for you in the Heavenly Palace. So, we purposely came here to invite you over to have a look."

"Deluxe Merit Saint? Me?"

Li Nianfan was dumbfounded and stunned, but also thrilled. 'They even prepared an Immortal Palace for me?'

"I know that the Jade Emperor wanted to thank me, but I'm just a mortal. It'd be a waste for me to ask for an Immortal Palace."

Cheng Yi quickly advised with caution, "Mr. Li, this isn't just a simple expression of gratitude. This is what a Deluxe Merit Saint should get."

Li Nianfan kept quiet for some time and then said with a smile, "The Jade Emperor really is generous."

Of course, he knew merits were important, so was status!

However, he only had merits and no cultivation. In the eyes of an outsider, it was worthless. However, being generous was one matter. For the Jade Emperor to do such a thing, most of the reason behind it was because he had taken their relationship into consideration.

'If only my merits can influence other people or have good capabilities. Then, my status would be very different.'

That thought flashed in Li Nianfan's mind. Yet, he blurted out, "Deal! It's hard for me to reject such a tremendous offer. I shall head over to the Heavenly Palace. I might as well take a look at the Heavenly Palace after its recovery."

Chapter 395 I Am Such a Shameless Deluxe Merit Saint

At the Heavenly Palace.

The usual desertedness was gone. The lights were up and running. The workers were significantly lesser than before the catastrophe but they could manage. They started to work.

A few surviving guards held weapons and guarded the Heavenly River.

However, upon closer inspection, one would realize that they were all glancing toward the Southern Sky Gate from time to time. The guards and chancellors were all distracted.

Suddenly, a buff giant carrying a white jade pillar slowly walked over. He said in a hoarse voice, “Don’t gather here at the Southern Sky Gate. Can you afford to disturb the Deluxe Merit Saint?”

An Immortal with a red hat on had to ask, “Juling Shen, how can you say that about us? If I recall correctly, you’ve already walked back and forth six times with this pillar, right? What are you doing? Morning exercise?”

He wore a hat and had a pencil mustache. He also had red silk clothes that hugged his slightly chubby figure. His puffy stomach had a yellow word printed on it, ‘Food’. He looked like a friendly fatty.

Juling Shen felt exposed. He was instantly angry from embarrassment. “God of Cookery, aren’t you supposed to be studying recipes in the kitchen? What are you doing here so early in the morning? You aren’t doing your job!” The God of Cookery fiddled with his pencil mustache. “Says you! Hurry up and install the pillar of the Southern Sky Gate. Why are you going in circles?!”

Suddenly, a guard rushed in to report. His helmet was lopsided because he rushed too fast. He quickly said, “Stop talking! The Deluxe Merit Saint’s here!”

“In your positions!”

Everyone immediately looked alive. They automatically rehearsed the scripts they had prepared for themselves.

A golden light slowly appeared from the faraway horizon. The golden light was utterly bright, as if it was the shiniest spot in the realm. It grew larger while everyone watched.

Slowly, Li Nianfan landed, stepping off the Deluxe Merit Cloud with the Seven Princesses surrounding him.

The Southern Sky Gate was still the same. Half of it was damaged. It seemed like no one repaired it yet. He landed at the door and saw a buff guy with bushy eyebrows. He walked over with a sky pillar. Then, he put the pillar aside with a loud thud. He silently wiped the sweat off his forehead.

The buff guy turned around. He acted like it was a 'coincidence'. "Hey, the Seven Princesses are back. This must be the Deluxe Merit Saint. I'm Juling Shen, nice to meet

you."

"So, you're Juling Shen. Hello."

Li Nianfan looked at the giant baldie in front of him. He was a legendary cannon fodder. Then, Li Nianfan asked, "Are you...fixing the Southern Sky Gate?"

"You're so observant, Saint. You could tell instantly."

Juling Shen instantly grinned. Then, he lifted and carried the giant pillar again. He started to put it in place. He looked like a serious hard worker.

Li Nianfan nodded his head and complimented, "Truly, Juling Shen, you have such great strength."

"That's an over compliment, Saint. You're the one who saved the entire Heavenly Palace. You're our savior. I only do the heavy lifting like moving stuff, it's nothing much."

Juling Shen prepared and rehearsed that speech for a long time so it sounded sincere. "If you ever need someone to move things, you can just come to me, Saint. I don't have a lot of hobbies, but I do like this job!"

Li Nianfan felt his passion. He smiled and said, "Thanks."

'Friendly guy. What a friendly Juling Shen.'

The other Immortals instantly felt awkward. They thought to themselves, 'I have to know how to act if I want to be successful in this realm!

'Sigh, what do I need my dignity for? What a burden!'

Suddenly, a red chubby figure flew in with hot buns in his hands. He sounded caring as he said, "Juling Shen, you worked all morning, you must be exhausted. Hurry up and eat some breakfast for some energy."

Juling Shen was startled for a moment. Then, he hurriedly said in a touched voice, "Really... Thank you so much!"

The God of Cookery sounded gentle. They had an intense bromance. "Hurry up and eat, don't be courteous."

'Friendly. What a friendly Heavenly Palace!'

Li Nianfan liked the Heavenly Palace even more.

Suddenly, the God of Cookery 'coincidentally' noticed Li Nianfan. He greeted, "I'm the God of Cookery. Greetings to the Deluxe Merit Saint."

Li Nianfan smiled and said, "Truly the God of Cookery. These are nice buns." The God of Cookery immediately said, "No, no. I've heard about your cooking, Deluxe Merit Saint. I can only hope to achieve your level."

Li Nianfan felt like he found someone with a common hobby. He said, "Haha, we should cook together sometimes."

The God of Cookery instantly looked energetic. He was astounded by the pleasant surprise. He kept nodding. "Of course, for sure!" The others looked at the God of Cookery with envy. The God of Cookery won the lottery just by that sentence. He was so lucky.

Juling Shen at the side looked jealous, too. 'Why just the God of Cookery? Can't you carry pillars with me, too?'

"Mr. Li, please, follow us. Your palace is next to the observatory from last time." Hong led the way. She was wearing a red dress. She sneakily glared at the nearby Immortals to warn them to behave themselves.

Li Nianfan saw a different Heavenly Palace. The energy was not the same as usual. Immortals flew by from time to time and they all seemed busy. However, they would stop by to greet them with friendliness when they saw Li Nianfan and the others.

Moreover, the Heavenly Palace became shinier. It looked good and there was more background music. A halo phenomenon accompanied the sounds of the rivers and fountains. It was much more high-class and beautiful.

Soon, they were at the observatory. Li Nianfan instantly saw something else constructed in the building. The purple rooftop was completely different from the other palaces. It was unique and visually impactful. The palace was three levels high and it seemed to be emitting halos. More importantly, it did not have any buildings and obstructions around it. It was right at the edge of the observatory, as if it was blended into the vast universe.

It felt like... A building made in the stars. It was mysterious, dreamy, and noble.

If the building was in the past realm, it would be equivalent to a bungalow made in the center of the national forest protection area.

‘How luxurious!’

Li Nianfan could see the sign of the palace as they got closer. ‘Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint’.

He raised his eyebrow. He said, “I remember the last time I came here, there wasn’t any building here, right?” Cheng smiled and replied, “Mr. Li, we prepared this palace for you. Naturally, we built you a new one.”

Meanwhile, the Jade Emperor and Empress walked in from afar. They smiled at Li Nianfan and said, “Mr. Li.”

“Emperor, Empress,” saluted Li Nianfan. Then, he had to say with sentimentality, “You guys are too kind. What did I do to deserve a specially built Immortal Palace here?”

‘You overestimated us, expert. You should be asking ‘what did we do to deserve this?’ instead.

‘The Heavenly Palace is made for you!’

The Empress smiled and replied, "Mr. Li, you're the Deluxe Merit Saint. Our Heavenly Palace was able to be revived mostly because of you. You deserve this Immortal Palace."

Li Nianfan still shook his head. "It's inappropriate."

The Jade Emperor instantly felt his heart skip a beat. He went pale and hurriedly asked, "Mr. Li, are you unsatisfied with anything?" "It's good here. But it's too good, I feel guilty accepting it." Li Nianfan looked at the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. He paused and said, "I'm able to become the Deluxe Merit Saint based on pure luck. Helping the Heavenly Palace is a total coincidence, too. You really don't have to do this, Emperor and Empress."

The Jade Emperor and Empress noticed how genuine Li Nianfan looked. They moved their mouths but no words came out.

'We would've believed you if we didn't know that you forcefully robbed Deluxe Merit from the realm, and became the Deluxe Merit Saint on a whim. We would've believed what you just said if we didn't see you knead the puppet dough into a Heavenly Spirit. 'Expert, your acting's too realistic. You... You're making it hard for us to go along with

it!

'Sigh, being around the expert isn't an easy job after all. It's so testing to the mind.'

The Seven Princesses were flustered. They were panicking and did not know what to do.

“That... Mr. Li.” The Jade Emperor had to force himself to say something at important moments. “You’re the Deluxe Merit Saint. That’s the truth. No matter what, you truly are the Deluxe Merit Saint. Please, don’t reject us.”

“This...” Li Nianfan noticed that the Jade Emperor seemed to be tearing up. His genuine reaction made it hard to reject. He could only nod and say, “Alright.”

Then, he helplessly shook his head and softly sighed. “You guys... I’m feeling embarrassed. I have the title of the Deluxe Merit Saint but I couldn’t do anything. My Deluxe Merit Flesh is just a means of protection. It’s not beneficial to others. Look at Juling Shen, at least he’s carrying pillars. I am useless apart from having Deluxe Merit. I’m just an ordinary man, I can’t do anything.”

The Jade Emperor and the other looked at each other. They saw a bitter smile on each other’s faces. The corners of their mouths kept twitching, too. ‘Listen to that, is that the words of a person? He’s killing us!

However, it was very fortunate that the expert accepted their offer.

Juling Shen who finished fixing the Southern Sky Gate came rushing in from afar. He was about to be near the expert so he could kiss up to him.

He suddenly heard the expert say his name. He instantly jolted. At first, he was in disbelief. It was daunting. Then, he was overjoyed. He grinned and smiled from ear to ear.

“The expert said my name? The expert must be complimenting me! At least the expert remembered my name! That’s good! That’s good news! This is the peak of my life. My life starts from this moment.”

The Jade Emperor did not dare to delay. He announced with seriousness, “Everyone, bear witness today. Mr. Li Nianfan’s the first ever Deluxe Merit Saint of the realm. The Deluxe Merit Saint shall be respected by all!”

Buzz!

As the Jade Emperor said that, a seal of the realm flickered in between his brows. A row of words leaped out and projected in the air, then blended into the realm. It was like a figure of the holy orders. It was kind of like the official approval of the realm.

Li Nianfan was astounded at the sight. The orders formed by the Jade Emperor were much more high-end than the orders made in the Immortal Realm. He learned something new.

‘From now on, I’m a chancellor, right? And I appear to be some higher level...chancellor?’

The Jade Emperor saluted and congratulated, “Greetings from Hao Tian to the Deluxe Merit Saint!”

The surrounding Immortals did not dare to delay. They greeted in a formal tone, “Greetings to the Deluxe Merit Saint!” “Alright. It’s just a title. A real Deluxe Merit Saint would have actual abilities.”

Li Nianfan waved it off. However, he then raised his eyebrow. There was a golden light in his eyes. He stared at the Jade Emperor and was curious about something.

The Jade Emperor tensed up. He asked anxiously, “Mr. Li, what... What’s going on?”

“Don’t move,” said Li Nianfan. Then, he lifted his hand. Endless Deluxe Merit golden light poured out from his body. The intense golden light covered the place like a sea. It blinded everyone. They could hardly breathe.

They felt like a bunch of beggars that suddenly saw a billion dollars. It was an unimaginable sight.

‘I’m able to look at so much Deluxe Merits, this life is worth it!’

Then, they stared at them. They were dumbfounded. Li Nianfan slightly pointed at the Jade Emperor.

Deluxe Merit instantly flowed towards the Jade Emperor like tap water. Some of it flowed towards the Empress. A smaller part of it flowed towards the dumbfounded Ziye and Cheng Yi.

The four of them looked at the pouring Deluxe Merit and felt thirsty. Their hearts were pounding at the highest rate and their pulses stopped ‘Deluxe Merit!’

‘Oh my Lord, the expert rewarded us with Deluxe Merit!’

Ziye and Cheng Yi did not know how to react. They screamed internally.

‘Happiness came too suddenly!’

Suddenly, they heard the Empress’s rushed voice, “Quick! Stop being in a daze. Hurry up and use the Deluxe Merits to make Immortal Items!”

Ziye and Cheng Yi snapped out of it.

Ziye hurriedly took off her hairpin. She transferred the Deluxe Merit to it. Cheng Yi transferred the Deluxe Merit to her orange ribbon that flowed in the wind.

The Jade Emperor held a three-foot-long sword. The Empress had a golden bracelet. She directed the golden Deluxe Merit light on it to create a weapon.

They were irrecoverably excited. They were flushed from excitement and could not control their smiles.

‘The expert’s too awesome. He blessed us with Deluxe Merit just because he wanted to! So capricious! The Deluxe Merit was too important. It had too many functions. A huge amount of Deluxe Merit was required to become a Saint. There were three common uses for Deluxe Merit. Firstly, it could improve powers. However, it was the most wasteful use for Deluxe Merit. They would only use it to improve their powers if they had to. Deluxe Merit was too hard to gain and there were many other ways to improve powers.

Secondly, it could create a Deluxe Merit Body. The cost was expensive, and one would need to come up with ways to keep collecting Deluxe Merit. It was too difficult to achieve. A Deluxe Merit Body was not the same as a Deluxe Merit Flesh. However, once succeeded, it was a great defensive shield. It would be their first choice if they wanted their lives to be protected at all costs.

Thirdly, Deluxe Merit could create weapons!

It was the most functional use for Deluxe Merit, and it was also highly effective. Immortal Items were like the second in command for cultivators. It was too important to them. Once Deluxe Merit was merged with their items, the items would greatly improve and become a Deluxe Merit Treasure. If there was enough Deluxe Merit, it might even become a Deluxe Merit Ultimate Treasure. The power would be indescribable. They might even kill without the karma! They could perversely have zero consequences for their powers!

The Abi and Yuan Tu swords of Styx Laozu were Deluxe Merit Ultimate Treasure. They could kill people without karma. It was terrifying. Previously, the Jade Emperor and the Empress were defeated by the Styx Laozu because their weapons were weaker than his. However... Their items were finally improved. They were utterly excited.

The surrounding Immortals stared with envy. They watched closely and almost drooled.

Li Nianfan naturally noticed their reactions. He looked conflicted.

He felt kind of guilty.

Actually... The Jade Emperor and Empress earned the Deluxe Merit because they rebuilt the Heavenly Palace. The Heavenly Palace rewarded them the Deluxe Merit. However... He accidentally pointed at them with his finger. Causing them to think that he blessed them with the Deluxe Merit.

In other words, he merely helped them to point it out. They were mistakenly grateful to him. And...if he wanted to, he could even take away their Deluxe Merit...

‘Holy cow!

‘I am such a shameless Deluxe Merit Saint...’

Chapter 396 I Am Useful After All

The more excited the Jade Emperor and the Empress were, the guiltier Li Nianfan felt.

‘What’s our slogan? No agent fees.

‘The Jade Emperor and Empress don’t know about this slogan. Otherwise...it’d be troublesome.

‘Whatever. We’re all friends here, I won’t take away their Deluxe Merit...’

Soon, the phenomenon went away. However, everyone could not snap out of it. The Jade Emperor and Empress were excited. Those who did not earn the Deluxe Merit were more excited than they were. They were oddly proud! They were inspired by their heroes in front of them!

The Empress and the others genuinely thanked Li Nianfan. Their voices were shaky. "Thank you, Deluxe Merit Saint."

Li Nianfan waved it off. He smiled and replied, "Haha, no need to thank me. You guys rebuilt the Heavenly Palace, this is what you deserve."

Li Nianfan told the truth but they interpreted it differently.

'What kind of generosity is this? He blessed us with Deluxe Merit but made it sound so casual. Who else could do that in this realm?'

They finally understood why the expert decided to become the Deluxe Merit Saint. 'Did he really become the Deluxe Merit Saint to protect himself? Obviously not, he was doing it for us!

"The glory of the realms was hidden because of the Absolute Era, Deluxe Merit was nowhere to be seen. The expert must've been annoyed so he robbed the Deluxe Merit from the realm to share it with all of us! We...don't deserve it!'

The Jade Emperor and Empress looked at each other. They were both touched. They said with seriousness, "Mr. Li, say less! We understand!"

Cheng Yi at the side chimed in, “Mr. Li, you blessed us with such precious Deluxe Merit. It’s so wonderful, we should thank you.” “Cough, there’s no need for that.”

Li Nianfan scratched his nose. He said, “I’m not trying to brag or anything. I just feel that Deluxe Merit is nothing to me. I can grow Deluxe Merit even when I give it away. It would be a waste to keep Deluxe Merit. I can give you all a set of Deluxe Merits if you want.”

‘Grow Deluxe Merit?’

‘What does it mean?’

Everyone was mystified. It was a simple sentence but their minds could not handle it. They went blank as their hearts thumped. They almost choked.

‘It’s too cruel. What a cruel sentence!’

‘What are we supposed to say in a situation like this? What facial expressions should we respond with?’

Everyone felt numb in the face. They could not control their faces anymore.

'That's Deluxe Merit! Even Saints would be very careful with Deluxe Merit. How can the expert...grow Deluxe Merit?'

'I see... Being weak and puny limited my imagination.'

No one knew what to say to that. The Third Princess, Huang, blinked. She asked skittishly, "Um... Saint, can I have Deluxe Merit?" Li Nianfan looked at her. He shook his head, "Sorry, I don't see yours."

"Huang, stop messing around!" the Empress scolded. "What do you think Deluxe Merit is? It's only earned by people who helped the realm, you can't have it! You don't deserve it! You can't ask for it!"

The Jade Emperor winced at that. He also scolded in a low voice, "Huang, you shouldn't ask questions from now on. Quiet!" 'Deluxe Merit could be ours if the expert is willing to give it to us. How could she ask for it? So immature!

"No worries." Li Nianfan softly coughed. He slightly looked up and searched amongst everyone. However, he did not notice Deluxe Merit on everyone. It was just as the Empress said. Not everyone could have Deluxe Merit. Helping a granny across the street was not sufficient enough to earn Deluxe Merit. Deluxe Merit was earned mainly through their meaning for the realm.

Every Immortal jolted. They hurriedly stood up straight. They were terribly hopeful.

Suddenly, Li Nianfan raised his eyebrows. He smiled and said, "Juling Shen, come over here."

“Me... Me?” Juling Shen was puzzled. He saw that Li Nianfan nodded so he anxiously walked over. His buff body walked over with tiny steps. He was trying hard to control his footsteps.

He bafflingly asked, “Saint, do I have Deluxe Merit?”

Li Nianfan did not say anything. He lifted his finger and a strand of golden Deluxe Merit light slowly went toward Juling Shen. The size of the strand was not different from the Jade Emperor’s. It was even thicker than Ziyé’s. However... Deluxe Merit was Deluxe Merit, everyone was jealous!

Juling Shen had wide, coin-like eyes. He was utterly excited. He was mystified by the sudden gift. He hurriedly took his two axes from his waist to create weapons with the Deluxe Merit.

His ax was an ordinary Deluxe Spiritual Treasure. However, after improving it with Deluxe Merit, it was improved tenfold on all attributes. It was almost as powerful as an Ultimate Spiritual Treasure.

Juling Shen inspected his two axes and almost dropped his jaw from laughing. Fortunately, he knew how to behave. He calmed down and thanked, “Thanks, Deluxe Merit Saint.”

Li Nianfan casually waved it off, “Credits go to you for fixing the Southern Sky Gate. No need to thank me.”

‘Fixing...the Southern Sky Gate?

That counts too?!'

Even the Jade Emperor was taken aback. He glared and thought to himself, 'Damn! I should have gone to fix it, too. What a lucky guy!'

Juling Shen had his mouth wide open. He slapped his chest and said, "Lord Saint, I'm not trying to brag but I'm a professional at that! If you need me to do the heavy work, I'll handle it! Don't be courteous with me, feel free to request it!"

Li Nianfan nodded. Then, he turned around and looked at the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. He said, "Who would've thought that I'd have abilities like that with the Deluxe Merit Saint title? It's interesting. Seems like I'm not completely useless after all." The Jade Emperor sneakily wiped the cold sweat off his forehead. The expert sure loves to joke.' He smiled apologetically and said, "You're useful and you're crucial!"

"So, this Immortal Palace of yours..."

The Jade Emperor hurriedly gestured and said, "Stop joking, Saint. This is your Immortal Palace. You truly deserve it. Please, please, feel free to enter!"

"Thanks, Jade Emperor," saluted Li Nianfan. He walked towards the palace.

Li Nianfan would be lying if he said he disliked the Immortal Palace. It was the place for Immortals and he could see the vast universe from there. It would be amazing to stay there.

He walked into the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. The interior design was luxurious and opulent.

Everything was prepared for him. He could just check-in and stay there. The position of the rooms was nice, the ventilation was good. The Heavenly River could be seen passing through. He could see everything through the windows. There was an observatory in the attic, too. He could tell that the view during the nighttime would be tremendously majestic and beautiful.

‘Everyone wanted lake view rooms or sea view rooms in my past realm. So, this should be considered as...a star gazing room? Or perhaps...a Heavenly River view room?’

Nanan and Dragin already started to play around in the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint.

The Jade Emperor did not want to disturb them any longer. He said goodbye and left with everyone else.

As they walked out from the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint, the Jade Emperor and Empress sighed in relief at the same time. They could finally relax. They were excited, anxious, shocked, and terrified.

The Jade Emperor said, “Phew—the expert finally accepted the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint.”

The Empress asked the question in her mind, “Jade Emperor, the Deluxe Merit Saint title could sense and give Deluxe Merit to other people?”

“Ha, you haven’t realized it yet. What happened to your usual intelligence?” The Jade Emperor smiled bitterly and shook his head. Then, he said, “How’s that possible? The Deluxe Merit Saint is a custom title we created for the expert. There has never been a Deluxe Merit Saint before. How could it have such a powerful ability?”

“Then...then...”

“Think carefully of what the expert said.”

The Jade Emperor paused and reminded, “The expert said, his Deluxe Merit isn’t beneficial to others. He felt like his Deluxe Merit Saint title was useless, it was nothing to him.”

The Empress widened her eyes. She said with disbelief, “So... The expert purely added the ability for himself?”

“What do you think?” The Jade Emperor sounded shocked. “For someone of his level, what can’t he do? He could create a Deluxe Merit Saint ability at will. Does he even need a reason to do that?”

The Empress had to nod, “You make a lot of sense.”

Cheng Yi groaned for a moment. She said, “Emperor, Empress, I think we’ve pleased the expert. That’s why he was willing to let us have Deluxe Merit.”

The Jade Emperor and the Empress fell in deep thought. “Oh?”

Cheng Yi analyzed, “The expert must be pleased with the title and the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. But he wants to be honorable and well-deserving of it. So, he wouldn’t have a title that was an empty front. He was in a good mood and decided to bless us on a whim and call it an ability. At the same time, he’s rewarding us.”

“You’re...right!”

The Jade Emperor was joyous. “The expert does things based on his mood. We coincidentally made him happy. We did that because of luck. We’re so lucky! If we gave up halfway, we would’ve missed out on this giant opportunity. This must also be a test of the expert.”

The Empress took a deep breath. She said, “No matter what, it’s a huge blessing from the expert. He blessed us with Deluxe Merit. We have to work harder! The reconstruction of the Heavenly Palace needs to be back on track, and we also have to quickly rebuild the three realms so that we can please the expert.”

The Jade Emperor nodded. “True. There are a lot of things that need to be done at the Heavenly Palace. Work hard, everybody!”

Chapter 397 I Have Never Been This Rich While Hugging You Guys

At the Immortal Realm, Fallen Immortal Mountain.

A few clouds floated by slowly in the air. Then, they landed at the four-part architecture.

Xiao Bai stood at the pavilion. Xiao Bai slightly bowed and said, "Welcome home, Master."

Li Nianfan looked around and asked curiously, "Xiao Bai, why is it only you at the house? Where's Blackie?"

"Went out to play, still not back yet."

Li Nianfan frowned. "I've neglected Blackie. Let Blackie have fun, as long as Blackie doesn't run into Demons."

He thought about it and realized he was always busy. He always left Blackie alone at home. However...it could not be helped. He was around a lot of Immortal bigshots. He could not let an ordinary dog accompany him. It was slightly inappropriate. "This metal gnocchi can speak!" exclaimed Juling Shen behind Li Nianfan. He looked at Xiao Bai with disbelief. He exclaimed, "Awesome, this metal piece has a conscience and it has shiny eyes. Unbelievable."

Xiao Bai turned to look at Juling Shen and said, "Buff guy, I'm a robot."

Juling Shen scratched his head. "You're not a robot. You're more like a robotic Demon."

"Juling Shen, please, shut your big mouth." Taibai Jinxing at the side softly coughed. If he could, he would slap Juling Shen twice on the face. 'Why are you talking nonsense? Who cares if Xiao Bai's a robot

or a demon? Xiao Bai's someone important to the expert. How can you bear the consequences? You won't live long like this.'

Then, he looked at Li Nianfan and said, "Saint, feel free to order us around if you need anything to be moved."

Li Nianfan smiled and said, "It's just some daily household items. I don't need your help, I can just put them in the System Space and move it."

"Saint, how can that be?" Taibai Jinxing waved his horsetail whisk and said with seriousness. "You're officially moving. People who move would hire other people to move their stuff. It's tradition."

Juling Shen also nodded. He flexed his muscles and said, "Yeah, Saint. Don't be courteous with us, it's my hobby to help others move."

"Alright." Li Nianfan helplessly shook his head.

He was not surprised that Taibai Jinxing and Juling Shen were so friendly. His position was like an employer. He felt like he was not as powerful as someone with high status, but anyone sane would try to befriend him.

Xiao Bai at the side asked, "Master, you're moving? Are you bringing Xiao Bai?"

Li Nianfan casually replied, "I'm not moving. I have a new house. I'll stay over there occasionally."

He smiled and let Taibai Jinxing wait for a moment. He went to open the door of the storage room and walked in. Taibai Jinxing and Juling Shen stood outside the door. They silently observed everything in the four-part architecture. The house full of Spiritual Treasure astounded them. However, the thing that caught their attention the most was the Air Purifier and the Water Purifier.

Juling Shen carefully put his head closer to the Air Purifier. He inhaled the mist and instantly felt energized. His powers slightly improved!

Although it was slight, it was still incredible. Juling Shen felt like he could do nothing all day and just inhale the air from the Air Purifier. It was way better than his cultivation.

If he had one Air Purifier with him, his powers would be through the roof.

He was awestruck. "This is pure Immortal Qi. The effect is as good as an Immortal Dan!"

Taibai Jinxing was calm. He said quietly, "The Water Purifier could filter water into Spiritual Water, too. These two items could transform ordinary elements into Immortal elements. I'm sure they're Ultimate Heavenly Spiritual Treasures. Alright, stop freaking out. Can you bear the consequences if you displease the expert?"

However, after a moment, he was stumped. Li Nianfan walked out from the storage room with a Water Purifier and an Air Purifier.

Taibai Jinxing thought he was seeing things. He rubbed his eyes and looked at Li Nianfan. Then, he looked at the misting purifiers in his hand. He felt puzzled.

He could not help but ask, baffled, "Saint, why... Do you have two of those?"

"Is it weird that I have two of these?" Li Nianfan thought it was funny. "Aren't these like chairs and tables? It's just daily household items, it's not worth a lot. I have a lot of these inside. I would have left them stacked in there if I wasn't moving."

Taibai Jinxing's mouth was open. No sound came out.

'Can we have a normal conversation?'

He screamed internally.

'That's an Ultimate Heavenly Spiritual Treasure. Not worth a lot? You have a lot of these?'

'You can count the amount of Ultimate Heavenly Spiritual Treasures you have? Did you manufacture it?'

Taibai Jinxing gradually calmed down and kept a poker face. He did not move.

Clang. Things were getting thrown out by Li Nianfan from the storage room. Pots, pans, ladles, bowls, and kitchen utensils. Each of them shined beautifully. 'Heavenly Spiritual Treasures! They're Superior Heavenly Spiritual Treasures!'

They...were either in a box or simply placed on the floor. They were thrown out like garbage.

"This... So many treasures! Can I even count them?"

Taibai Jinxing was stunned. Juling Shen rolled his eyes while his jaw was on the ground. He was thunderstruck.

He silently took the two axes on his waist and hid them away.

It was too embarrassing of a comparison!

His mind went off and he suddenly wanted to cry.

Not long ago, he was glad that the Saint blessed and rewarded him with Deluxe Merit. He was happy that his axes were improved. Back then...he was a happy guy. He was so excited that he showed off with his axes in front of everybody.

However, his two axes were just Inferior Deluxe Merit Treasures. He looked at the set of knives tossed out by the expert. 'From the small fruit knife to the big knife, which one isn't a Superior Heavenly Spiritual Treasure?

'So embarrassing!

'I'm sorry, I didn't know I was so poor.'

Taibai Jinxing at the side also silently put away his horsetail whisk.

The treasure he most valued was inferior to kitchen utensils. He felt... painfully jealous.

"Alright, almost done. I'll leave it like that first."

Li Nianfan walked out of the storage room and wiped his hands. Then, he said, "Oh yeah, Xiao Bai, prepare a hundred grams of fruits for me in the backyard. I'll bring some for convenience."

"Yes, my noble Master." Xiao Bai immediately went to the backyard.

Taibai Jinxing and Juling Shen learned something new from that.

'Spiritual Fruits can be calculated with grams. And it's...a hundred grams.'

Li Nianfan packed some eggs, jellos, and wine.

He was finally done packing after half an hour. "Alright. Xiao Bai, look after the house. I'll come back anytime," ordered Li Nianfan. They headed to the Heavenly Palace carrying luggage and bags.

Taibai Jinxing, Juling Shen, and two guards carried his things with caution. They did not dare to neglect it. They looked intensely serious as their hearts pounded. They held on tight.

'You might not believe it but I'm hugging a bunch of Heavenly Spiritual Treasures. I have a satchel of Spiritual Fruits on my back, too. I'm the cheapest thing on me right now.'

'I have never been this rich while hugging you

guys.'

Li Nianfan saw that the old man, Taibai Jinxing, was covered with bags. He felt bad but Taibai Jinxing insisted on carrying it for him so he let it be.

He was bored on the road. Li Nianfan asked curiously, "Oh yeah, Brother Chancellor, I noticed recently that the Immortals of the Heavenly Palace have been very busy. What are you all doing?"

“Saint, you don’t know this. All these years, the world revolved around the realms. A lot of places lack management. Moreover, there were a lot of Demons in the three realms. Powerful Demons caused havoc everywhere. We’re in desperate need of staff to defeat them.”

Taibai Jinxing paused, then said, “We need staff at the Heavenly Palace, too. The Emperor’s recruiting. At the same time, we’re also searching for guards or generals that survived.”

“I see, you guys are indeed busy.” Li Nianfan nodded. It seemed like the Heavenly Palace had a thousand tasks to do.

He continued to ask curiously, “Who did you guys hire so far?”

It should be easy to hire people to work for the Heavenly Palace.

“Sigh, it’s too difficult!”

Taibai Jinxing frowned. The star on his forehead was slightly scrunched from his frowning. He sighed and said, “The Heavenly Palace isn’t the same nowadays. In the past, we could attract staff with Flat Peaches. But even so, those who are capable aren’t that willing to join us. The Heavenly Palace has fallen, and it’s not as famous as it once was! We can only hire those with average cultivation and capabilities.”

“Really?”

Li Nianfan raised his eyebrow. However, it was normal once he thought about it.

To ordinary people, the Heavenly Palace was too high-end and mysterious. However, in the eyes of bigshots, the Heavenly Palace was not worth their time. Joining the Heavenly Palace meant restricting their freedom. Big shots naturally would not want to.

Chapter 398 Dingshen Armor, Most Suitable Choice

Li Nianfan carefully thought about it and realized the phenomenon always existed.

The Heavenly Palace also could not hire anyone when they first started. They especially could not get experts to join them. Powerful experts were lovers of freedom. They were powerful and blessed by the realm and they were more into religion and education. No one cared about the Heavenly Palace.

Therefore, the Jade Emperor ranted to Hongjun. He said that he needed assistance. In the end, it caused...the Investiture of the Gods!

The war was as bad as the catastrophe. A lot of Immortals became Chancellors of the Heavenly Palace. The Heavenly Palace was instantly filled with staff.

However, the Immortals of the Heavenly Palace were not all hard workers. For example, Nezha. She was like a top spy in the Heavenly Palace. She helped whoever was against the Heavenly Palace. Also, God Jiro. He would not listen to orders and would fight anyone powerful just to embarrass the Jade Emperor.

Those who were inferior to a Daluo Golden Immortal would be nicer because they relied on the Flat Peaches to extend their lives. However, they were also schemers. Most of them did their jobs with minimum effort. Some of them were spies working for other forces.

The Jade Emperor...seemed to have a hard job.

Li Nianfan had to look at the buff guy at the side. He was smiling while carrying the items.

Juling Shen seemed to be the most loyal worker in the entire Heavenly Palace. He was a nice himbo but he was usually the cannon fodder character. No matter how powerful the enemies were, he would defend the Heavenly Palace by charging at them...and getting beaten up.

Flat Peaches were gone. He could tell that the Heavenly Palace would not be successful in recruiting staff.

Most importantly, the people from the era were not aware. They did not realize the

Li Nianfan asked curiously, "What's the Jade Emperor going to do?" "We have three strategies so far."

Taibai Jinxing did not try to hide it. He said, "First, we gather the old staff of the Heavenly Palace. Second, we communicate with the Underworld and search for the guards or generals' lost souls. Third, we recruit new members. Ghost Immortals, Human Immortals, and even Earth Immortals could try out. If we don't have powerful candidates, we'll train the weak cultivators and go from there."

Li Nianfan nodded. "The strategy of playing it safe. This truly can't be rushed."

Li Nianfan thought to himself, 'The Heavenly Palace thinks too much. The Underworld's also understaffed. They won't allow Ghost Immortals to be candidates. Human Immortals are Humans that are immortalized. They could accept them. Earth Immortals are mostly mountain Demons. Normally, they could be in charge of the lands and the mountains. Those who perform well could be promoted into the Heavenly Palace.'

Taibai Jinxing sighed and said, "It's hard to get good candidates!"

Li Nianfan thought of Xiao Chengfeng and Ye Liuyun. He had to say, "I can recommend some friends to the Heavenly Palace. But it's up to you guys on whether they can join or not."

Taibai Jinxing was instantly overjoyed. He said, "Saint, it'd be best if you could recommend some people to us. I'll personally invite them over to join us."

They arrived at the Southern Sky Gate while chatting.

They were carrying a lot of bags which instantly attracted the attention of the

the Deluxe Merit Saint to move. However, they did not expect so much stuff.

More importantly, the stuff in question looked like daily household items, but they were all Spiritual Treasures!

It was too terrifying, it showed them a whole new world.

“A rich guy moved in. A rich guy moved into our Heavenly Palace!”

The Immortals stared and remembered the shocking sight. “All the treasures combined in the entire Heavenly Palace aren’t even worth his set of daily items. He just increased the value of the Heavenly Palace!”

“From my calculations, everyone in the Heavenly Palace is at the wealth level where we averagely have a Superior Heavenly Spiritual Treasure.”

“Nonsense. My only set of Deluxe Spiritual Treasure would be leveled out. I have nothing now! Woe is me!”

Everyone watched them with complex gazes. Li Nianfan and the others slowly returned to the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint.

Li Nianfan did not expect that the Jade Emperor and Empress would be in the room. He also did not expect that they would be playing cards with Dragin and Nanan. They were blushing, too. It seemed like they were having fun.

The four of them looked awkward when they saw that Li Nianfan had returned. They unwillingly stopped.

The Jade Emperor and Empress hurriedly stood up. They straightened up and looked serious.

Juling Shen and Taibai Jinxing had their heads buried in the bags. They pretended like they did not see or know anything. Li Nianfan told Nanan and Dragin, "You two. No self-awareness once the Fire Phoenix is gone."

The Fire Phoenix was a Phoenix, and she was not fond of the Heavenly Palace. She said she was going to rule the Demons so she said goodbye and left. It was her ambition. Li Nianfan naturally did not stop her.

However, Daji and the little fox also followed her. The little fox was a Nine-Tailed Fox so it would be normal for her to follow the Fire Phoenix. Daji also followed her. Li Nianfan could only say that their sisterly bond was close.

'Last time, they were ambushed by the Kirins. It must be terribly difficult to rule the Demons. I hope everything goes well.'

Li Nianfan reminded them to be careful when they left, and if they ran into any situation, they should come to the Heavenly Palace. He was a person of status and connection at the Heavenly Palace, so it would be easy to protect them.

"Alright, leave the things here." Li Nianfan smiled at Juling Shen and the others. "Sorry for the trouble." "You're too courteous, Saint. This is just a small task." Everyone unwillingly put down the things. To be honest, this is the peak moment of my life. I wonder if I'll have the chance to touch treasure again.'

Taibai Jinxing and Juling Shen were suddenly aware of the Jade Emperor and Empress. They bowed and greeted, "Greetings to the Emperor and Empress."

The Jade Emperor waved it off with satisfaction, "Yeah, go on." He looked at the daily household items that Li Nianfan brought and winced. His eyes uncontrollably teared up.

'So luxurious. I've been with the Buddha and I've never seen such luxury.'

He suddenly felt...embarrassed for the things he prepared. He did not want to give it to Li Nianfan anymore.

However, he needed to. He could not do nothing

The Jade Emperor forced himself to flip his wrist. Out came a thin crystal-like armor. He smiled and said, "Saint, you've just become a part of the Heavenly Palace so you need a decent Immortal Item. This is the Dingshen Armor. It's made from an essential material. The four elements were used to create it. The defense of this armor is fantastic once you wear it. Please, don't mind it, Saint."

He said it casually but it did not change the fact that the armor was a Deluxe Spiritual Treasure.

The Jade Emperor and Empress considered it for a long while.

They felt like it was their best choice as a gift.

The expert was still an 'ordinary man', so he did not need weapons if he did not have any powers. However... The expert was wary of his safety, so they had to give him a defense armor suitable for ordinary people! Therefore, they searched the whole Heavenly Palace and found the Dingshen Armor. It was considered an automatic defense type of armor.

The armor was a precious treasure. However, compared to the daily household items, it was whack.

'No one pulls up with lousy gifts like I do...'

"Good item!"

Li Nianfan was overjoyed. Even his face was slightly flushed from excitement. He laughed and said, "Thank you, Emperor. This item's too good. I've been lacking this, thank you so much."

He was always concerned for his safety even though he had the Deluxe Merit Flesh. The Deluxe Merit Flesh was a slow defense. 'What use is the Deluxe Merit Flesh if it only reacts after I've been hurt? I can't rely on others to protect me all the time. This armor's too important.'

He felt protected with the armor. He was invincible and felt like he could go anywhere.

'The Jade Emperor's truly the Jade Emperor. He has endless treasures, any one of them's beneficial to me. Good, good!'

He did not expect that he would be bribed by others with gifts one day. It felt...very good.

The Jade Emperor noticed Li Nianfan was overjoyed. He sighed in relief and said awkwardly, "As long as you like it, Saint. You gave us so much Deluxe Merit, this armor's nothing."

"The expert's so odd. He has so much Heavenly Spiritual Treasure but he needs to pretend like he's happy. He's such a good actor, other people can never..."

'This must be the legendary method-acting.'

Li Nianfan accepted the armor. He had to be concerned with the situation of the Heavenly Palace, so he asked, "Emperor, did you find any survivors of the past Heavenly Palace Immortals?"

"It's not that easy." The Jade Emperor shook his head and sighed. "The Heavenly Palace is responsible for supervising the three realms. We need too many staff, but right now...we're severely understaffed. It's hard!"

The Empress also nodded and said, "Yeah, I even sent out Cheng and the others to help out as best as they could."

Li Nianfan pouted. 'Yeah, right. Weren't you guys playing cards just now?'

He asked, "Did you contact the Sea Race or the Underworld?"

If he remembered correctly, the Sea Race and the Underworld were special departments of the Heavenly Palace. They were important roles in the three realms, after all.

Li Nianfan was planning to check if they had Deluxe Merit on them so he could reward them.

The Jade Emperor nodded and said, "Of course. There are a lot of ghosts in the Underworld, and the Sea Race is bustling, too. I'm going to borrow some of their staff resources to help out at the Heavenly Palace."

Li Nianfan looked at the Jade Emperor weirdly and thought to himself, 'Where did you get that confidence from? You think the Sea Race and the Underworld would help you out? According to my knowledge, they're both understaffed, too.'

Suddenly, Taibai Jinxing who left earlier came running back. His long white beard swayed from side to side, "Saint, Emperor, Empress, the people of the Underworld and the Sea are here."

The Jade Emperor smiled and said, "Right on

Li Nianfan nodded, "Yes, I want to meet my old friends."

Taibai Jinxing looked troubled. He quietly said, "But, Emperor, um... The Sea Race is being carried in..."

Chapter 399 Sea Problem, Bluff

Carried in?

Li Nianfan and the Jade Emperor were taken aback. Then, they walked out together.

Li Nianfan first thought of the internal fights. Maybe the Southern Sea Dragons used that Dragon Soul Pearl and fought them?

It was highly possible. Ao Cheng was most likely the side that was defeated.

He arrived at the Lingxiao Palace with the Jade Emperor.

A lot of Immortals were there to watch and gossip. Black and White Impermanence stood at the center of the palace. Ao Cheng stood at their side. He was fine, but Ao Yun silently laid on a stretcher. He looked terrible and he was drooling blood. He looked terribly injured.

'Ao Yun's hurt again? 'Huh? Why did I say 'again'? "Brother Ao Cheng, Brother Ao Cheng..." Ao Yun laid there struggling to speak. He was using his last breath to talk.

Ao Cheng looked serious. He said, "Brother Yun, say it. I'm listening, I'm here with you."

"Help me get...get..." Ao Yun panted and pointed at Black and White Impermanence. "Help me get away from them. They're waiting for me to die."

Black and White Impermanence alarmingly moved away. "You and your bloody mouth. How dare you accuse us?"

Suddenly, Taibai Jinxing shouted to remind everyone, "Cough. Greetings from Taibai Jinxing to the Emperor and Empress."

Black and White Impermanence and Ao Cheng all snapped out of it. They bowed and said, "Greetings to the Emperor and Empress."

Then, they saw Li Nianfan. They smiled and saluted, "Mr. Li."

Juling Shen glared and scolded them, "What's with that attitude? This is our Deluxe Merit Saint. How impolite! Greet the Saint properly!"

Li Nianfan was pleased with Juling Shen. It was no fun hyping himself up on his own. He needed a hype man. Juling Shen created the perfect setup for his appearance. He smiled and casually said, "Hey, We're old friends here. Nevermind. The Deluxe Merit Saint is just a title."

He casually waved while he said that. A golden Deluxe Merit light immediately covered Black and White Impermanence and the others. They were soaked in the golden streams of Deluxe Merit.

Black and White Impermanence, Ao Cheng, and Ao Yun were taken aback. They were irrecoverably shocked. The pleasant surprise came out of nowhere. Then, they were overjoyed. They hurriedly accepted it. They were also kind of confused. "Deluxe Merit Saint... Saint?"

Li Nianfan casually replied, "I became the Deluxe Merit Saint. It appears that I can sense and give out Deluxe Merit. It's quite an interesting trick."

'Interesting trick?'

Black and White Impermanence and Ao Cheng felt their hearts thump. They were shocked, fearful, respectful, and confused. They placed all their emotions aside. 'Just bootlick! We know how it goes!'

They went serious and bowed at Li Nianfan with respect. They said in a genuine tone, "Thank you for the reward, Saint. We were ignorant just now. Please, forgive us, Saint."

"Quick, help me up."

Ao Yun struggled to the floor. "So I can bow to the Saint."

“Relax. We’re old friends. We don’t need to do all the courtesy stuff,” laughed Li Nianfan. Then, he said, “You guys deserve the credits for helping to rebuild the Heavenly Palace. Plus, I can sense your usual Deluxe Merit. You deserved it, I just helped you get it.”

“The generous Saint.”

“O’ wise Saint.”

Black and White Impermanence and Ao Cheng inhaled, they looked like they were about to kiss up to Li Nianfan. Li Nianfan hurriedly stopped them, “Let’s get back to business.”

They stopped being bootlickers.

“Emperor, please, help us!”

Ao Cheng quickly stepped forward. He became totally different. He instantly teared up and cried, “My brother, Ao Yun, was the ruler of the Western Sea. He barely survived when the Western Sea was destroyed. He recently just started to heal from his wound. He felt better so he planned to go back and check out the Western Sea. Who knew that... The Western Sea had been colonized by an Evil Dragon. It also injured him. If my Brother Yun was bad at escaping, he would’ve been killed!”

“Boohoo—” Ao Yun sobbed hard at the side. He seemed to be hinting at something.

“Yeah, I know.” Ao Cheng understood his hint. He said, outraged, “Once...once again, the Dragon Killer Poison Bug is planted in my Brother Yun’s body. This is the second time my Brother Yun got poisoned. Poor him...”

“Evil Dragon dares to be so reckless?” The Jade Emperor frowned. He asked, “Ao Cheng, have you gone to settle such a problem?”

Ao Cheng looked awkward. He said, “According to Brother Yun, the Evil Dragon’s hiding in the deep sea. The Evil Dragon has been there for who-knows-how-many years, it also has Spiritual Treasures and several Demon minions. I’m afraid Daluo Golden Immortals can’t defeat it. So, I came here to the Heavenly Palace to request for help, Emperor. Please, help the Sea kind.”

“Of course. We can’t let this be!” The Jade Emperor looked calm but serious. He sounded sure but he was not feeling confident.

There were no generals in the Heavenly Palace that were Daluo Golden Immortals. Apart from the Jade Emperor and the Empress, the other Immortals were mostly civil servants. They could not handle it.

He looked at Black and White Impermanence and said, “The Underworld should be fine, right?”

Black Impermanence replied, “Emperor, there’s havoc at the Styx. The Asura kind are constantly causing troubles. Also, there are a lot of evil spirits being born in the Immortal Realm. The Underworld...is understaffed!”

White Impermanence requested, “Emperor, we were hoping that you could lend us some staff resources.”

“Borrow our staff?” said the Jade Emperor in a high-pitched voice. He did not expect that at all.

‘What? I was planning to go Dragons and the Underworld. I haven’t asked yet and they’ve already requested for backup.’ Li Nianfan showed an expectant smile at the side.

“You saw it, too. The Western Sea’s in trouble, the Heavenly Palace is in urgent need of staff. Please, don’t mention this request anymore.”

The Jade Emperor waved it off. Then, he said, “The Underworld’s the home for the dead. There are tons of talented people there. Use that time wisely to train some ghost staff.”

Ao Cheng asked at the side, “I wonder, Emperor. When are you going to help us?”

“It’s just defeating an Evil Dragon. We only need three days to deal with this problem!” The Jade Emperor said with confidence. “Ao Cheng, return and be ready with an army. My guards will meet with the Sea Race. We’ll kill the Evil Dragon once and for all!”

Li Nianfan silently watched the Jade Emperor bluff. He did not say anything.

“Three days? You won’t even be ready in thirty days.’

He was clear on the situation of the Heavenly Palace. They lacked generals and guards. They were going to lose the battle.

If the Heavenly Palace pulled up with a small army of people, it would be too funny. However... He could understand what the Jade Emperor was thinking.

The Heavenly Palace ran into a problem like that when it first started. He could not look too helpless, especially in front of the Dragons and the workers of the Underworld. He had to keep the Heavenly Palace's image up.

Ao Cheng did not doubt him. He immediately said, "Alright, I'll go back and get ready. We must avenge my Brother Yun!"

Then, he carried Ao Yun and was ready to leave.

"Ow!" Ao Yun struggled in agony. He wanted to live. He panted, "Brother Ao Cheng, me. Save me!"

"Oh yeah, I almost forgot."

Ao Cheng put the stretcher down. He saluted at Li Nianfan and said, "Saint, please save Brother Yun...like last time."

“Barbeque again?”

Li Nianfan looked at the severed arm and felt bad for him. It was too pitiful, what a tragic fate.

“What body part do you choose?”

Ao Yun thought about it on the way here. He was flushed like he was pushing something out. Then, with a ‘spurt’, out came a tail from his butt. He lied there lifelessly because he was injured.

Ao Yun looked like he was in agony. He said with a tragic voice, “I can’t lose another limb, take my tail...”

“Okay,” nodded Li Nianfan. He was about to take out the seasoning.

“Wait.” Ao Yun struggled to speak. He alarmingly looked at the surrounding crowd, “Take me somewhere with no one around. I don’t want anyone to smell my tail. I don’t want it to get eaten...”

The next day.

Li Nianfan stood at the attic of the palace. He did not look at the view. Instead, he was looking at the busy Immortals.

They were busy because they were preparing for battle. They were all sent out to distribute flyers no matter what their positions were. They tried their best to recruit people into the Heavenly Palace.

Juling Shen was training the guards. They were hardworking. Suddenly, Li Nianfan saw that the Jade Emperor was heading his way. So, he went downstairs. Li Nianfan smiled and asked, "Emperor, how are the preparations?"

"Don't even mention it." The Jade Emperor waved it off and sighed. "So far, we only have one general in the entire Heavenly Palace, Juling Shen. He's only a Taiyi Golden Immortal. We have seven Golden Immortals. The Tian Immortals and Real Immortals come up to less than five hundred in total."

He could not say the statistics out loud. How poor. Li Nianfan comforted him, "The Absolute Era made this incredibly hard. Times are different now, it's not that bad."

The Jade Emperor said, "Saint, you don't need to comfort me. Too few people responded to my Heavenly Palace. Now that it's the Absolute Era, powerful forces will only increase. I have to show them the power of the Heavenly Palace with this battle!"

He paused. Then, he said, "To be honest, Saint, I already thought of a strategy for this."

Li Nianfan was startled.

The Jade Emperor cast a spell and out came some of his conscience. Then, an intense power started to flow into the conscience. It gradually grew into a Human form under the light.

The Jade Emperor groaned and went pale. The Human figure transformed into a stranger, a middle-aged man who was sitting crossed-legged in front of Li Nianfan.

Chapter 400 The Self-Compliment of Emperor Hao Tian

The middle-aged man had a squared face. His brows and eyes were sharp. He wore white clothes and had his hair tied up with a hairpin. He looked like a cultivator. Li Nianfan had to admit, he was kind of handsome.

“An avatar?”

Li Nianfan was slightly taken aback. The middle-aged man did not look like the Jade Emperor at all but it was clearly a type of Clone Spell.

He noticed that the Jade Emperor had turned pale. He felt like it was not easy to do the Clone Spell.

‘Wukong can make a lot of clones just by plucking his fur, right? This is afterward ‘I have to ask because I don’t understand.’

Li Nianfan asked, “Is it hard to clone yourself?”

“This isn’t a normal clone. I separated a part of myself into an avatar. This is my Daluo Golden Immortal self.”

The Jade Emperor was about to boast like he usually would. However, he thought about the expert and realized there was nothing to boast about. The expert could probably make multiple clones with his will. He instantly humbled himself.

“This clone is an avatar that has the powers of the original person. The more powerful it is, the more affected the original person will be.”

The Jade Emperor paused and said, “If I clone myself normally and train the avatar to become a Daluo Golden Immortal, it wouldn’t affect me as much. However, that would take a lot of time. It’s too slow and it’s unnecessary. It’d be meaningless.”

The Jade Emperor was almost a Saint. He could separate a third of himself as his avatar. However, the risk was high. If the avatar was killed, it would be a huge loss for him.

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They were being attacked by the Styx Laozu. The Jade Emperor obviously would not be so boastful just to risk his life. If he did everything himself, he would be easily defeated by others.

“I see,” nodded Li Nianfan.

The Jade Emperor was irritated. “Just an Evil Dragon. It’s more than enough to defeat it with my clone. Too bad the Heavenly Palace is understaffed. Otherwise, I wouldn’t need to do it myself, right?”

He said that but Li Nianfan noticed his eyes lit up and sparkled. He was sighing but secretly, he was excited.

It was clear that...he could not wait to go outside and play.

The Jade Emperor told his clone, "From now on, your name's Taoist Taihua. Follow the instructions I gave you, go."

"I'll be going now." Taoist Taihua nodded at the two of them. Then, he got up and quietly flew out of the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint.

Li Nianfan raised his eyebrow. 'From the looks of it... It kind of feels scripted?'

As expected, he heard a commotion outside after a short while of drinking tea.

Then, Juling Shen could be heard at the Southern Sky Gate. "Who are you? How dare you trespass the Southern Sky Gate. Hurry up and leave, otherwise, I won't be so polite anymore!" "I came here because I heard that the Heavenly Palace is recruiting. May I know what Chancellor positions are available?"

Juling Shen replied, "Ha, you? You wish to become a Chancellor when you just got here? Let's talk if you can take my ax attacks!"

“You are not a worthy opponent.”

“What did you say? How dare you instigate me? Argh, take this!”

Then, fighting noises ensued.

Li Nianfan could imagine a defeated Juling Shen just from the noise.

Li Nianfan and the Jade Emperor looked at each other and slowly left the palace. They headed towards the Southern Sky Gate.

Taoist Taihua had a long sword behind him. He did not even use it. He conquered Juling Shen casually by pressing him down on the ground with his hand. He smiled calmly.

Juling Shen laid on the ground, stunned.

He suddenly saw Li Nianfan and the Jade Emperor. Motivation instantly overcame him. He stood up and picked up his ax on the floor. He looked menacing as he said, “That was my careless mistake. Let’s battle again!

“Argh!”

His eyes were like coins. His giant body expanded and grew 16-feet-tall. His ax grew larger, too. He attacked Taoist Taihua!

His ax was powerful because of the Deluxe Merit. It could easily break Defense Spells. It was amazing.

“Only I can fight in the entire Heavenly Palace. Plus, I have the axes because of the Deluxe Merit Saint. I’m truly the invincible one of the Heavenly Palace.” Juling Shen thought too much. He was bruised and defeated afterwards.

“Saint, it’s my time to shine. Excuse me.”

The Jade Emperor whispered to Li Nianfan. Then, he went serious. His voice was like the rumbling thunder. He asked piously, “What happened here? This is the Heavenly Palace. How dare you cause a scene here?!”

“I’m Taoist Taihua. Greetings to the Jade Emperor.”

“What’s your business here?”

Then, Li Nianfan was stunned by what happened next.

Taoist Taihua and the Jade Emperor went back and forth to compliment each other. One complimented the Heavenly Palace and the Jade Emperor, the other complimented how great Taoist Taihua was.

Li Nianfan looked at the Jade Emperor, then he looked at Taoist Taihua. He realized that they both looked so natural. It was not awkward at all. They seemed to be getting better at acting, too.

‘Awesome!’

A new height for complimenting himself. I learn something new every day.

‘I think it should be called... self-complimenting.’

He kind of knew what the Jade Emperor had been doing all those years of being sealed. The exquisite acting technique was impossible without years of training.

Finally, Taoist Taihua ran out of compliments. He started to switch the topic and said, “Emperor, please, allow me to join the Heavenly Palace and bring peace to the three realms!”

“Nice!” the Jade Emperor shouted and complimented. “The Heavenly Palace needs talents like you! Here are your orders, Taoist Taihua!”

“Yes!”

“There’s a problem in the sea. I give you the temporary title of Lord Taoist Taihua. Lead three thousand guards to settle this problem. Once done, you’ll be rewarded!”

The Jade Emperor flicked his wrist and out came the three-foot-long sword. He said in a clear and loud voice, “This sword is the Sun Sword. It’s made from the essence of sun fire. I shall give this to you today to defend yourself against evil and to attack the Demons!”

Taoist Taihua was so touched that he teared up. He said, “Thanks for the trust, Emperor. I’ll do my best or die trying!” ‘I have goosebumps from watching this duo act.’

Every Immortal could tell something was off. They carefully observed. They did not know that Taoist Taihua was the clone of the Jade Emperor but they assumed they knew each other. They thought Taoist Taihua had connections.

Except for Juling Shen.

He held his axes and laid on the floor. He was scratching his head, looking puzzled.

‘What’s going on?’

‘New guy was able to lead an army to battle because they complimented each other?’

‘What does the Heavenly Palace need me for then?’

The Jade Emperor said, “Juling Shen, you’re the second-in-command, help Taoist Taihua.”

Juling Shen felt crossed. He said pitifully, “I... Yes!”

Gradually, everyone left. Juling Shen felt hurt. He clenched his jaw and went to train the guards. He was planning to find his ground again and become invincible!

Li Nianfan had nothing to do. He suddenly remembered that he had not checked out how the Immortals manage the realms. He instantly felt curious and was going to observe.

He had no goal in mind. He just walked along the halls and looked at the names of the Heavenly Palaces. If he was interested, he would go in and visit.

The breeze felt nice when he was walking on white clouds. Li Nianfan stopped and saw the Palace of the Finance Gods in front of him. He smiled and walked inside.

The palace was huge. There were no guards or students. It was empty inside. Most palaces were like that.

He kept walking and saw two people interacting with a mirror. Conversations could be heard.

The two people wore orange clothes. There was a golden Ingot on the back and a golden coin at the front. Li Nianfan did not expect the tacky costume.

He refrained from laughing. He did not make a sound either. He stopped walking and floated over slowly on a cloud.

He had to try out the Dingshen Armor. According to the Jade Emperor, the Dingshen Armor could also hide his presence and aura. Li Nianfan wanted to try it out.

He had been floating around those two for a while. He had to admit...the Dingshen Armor was awesome!

'I'm an ordinary man flying around these Immortals. Don't they notice me?

'Cool. Awesome armor!'

Perhaps those two were too distracted by the 'television', too. Li Nianfan silently looked at the mirror. It seemed like they were looking at the Immortal Realm in the mirror.

The main character of the visuals was a middle-aged man. He looked cynical and arrogant as he was walking along the streets.

When he passed another middle-aged man, they bumped into each other. Then, he sneakily stole the wallet. "Haha, he did it again. That was the eighteenth time!"

One of the guys in the tacky costume laughed. He was very excited.

The other one hurriedly picked up a brush and wet it with his tongue. Then, he quickly took note, "Stole twenty-eight silver dollars in total. Take note. He won't be reincarnated as a person in the next life."

"Hmph, he's considered lucky. If he caused death because he stole silver, he'd be in Hell!" "Come on. Switch the channel."

They were both entertained. They were so into it that they still had not noticed Li Nianfan.

Cough!

Li Nianfan had no choice but to expose himself.

The two of them jumped. They went pale when they saw Li Nianfan. They almost slumped to the ground. They shivered after a while of being stunned. They hurriedly said with trembling voices, "Greetings from Cao Bao and Xiao Shen to the Deluxe Merit Saint."

They were extremely nervous. Their limbs were cold.

'How did such a bigshot appear to supervise our little palace? We aren't ready. This is so freaking shocking.'