

Bigshot 521

Chapter 521: Now That I'm Back, We Will Prosper

Who am I?

Was I not undefeatable?

I'm so strong now, how did someone kill me in seconds?

The rhino demon used its last remaining consciousness to ask itself.

Li Nianfan looked at the rhino demon and he felt strange. Afterall, this was the first demon that came right in his face.

How confident was this rhino in order to do so?

"Mr. Li, this world has changed. Not just the view, many beings have been changed." Fire Phoenix said, "This rhino demon had an opportunity to grow its ability, it became arrogant. It's normal for it to be overly-arrogant."

Daji added, "Its power was undefeatable in the previous times."

Li Nianfan nodded, he asked, "Is this related to the rain yesterday?"

Daji and Fire Phoenix exchanged a look, they nodded in unison, "Maybe."

"How interesting." Li Nianfan frowned and went quiet.

From the land to the plants, each of them was enlarged by different times. He did not expect the living beings to go through changes as well.

This felt as if...the Spiritual Qi had resumed?

However, this was already a mythical world! If the Spiritual Qi resumed, what did that mean? How surreal!

He was curious, could this turn into the Ancient Wild Era? With huge beasts walking around and filling up the skies?

There must have been many demons like this rhino demons. They were boosted with energy and felt good about themselves. They might be confused by the new world. It might get lively in the following times.

Let alone the others, Li Nianfan felt a sense of strangeness in this whole new world. The view was different, he wondered if there were new raw materials for food...

Li Nianfan waved it off, he said, "Although I don't know why, we don't have to care about the world. Daji, Fire Phoenix, let's get breakfast."

At the same time.

The demon race.

Inside the palace, the Lord Demon was kneeling before a black door. Behind him, there were many other demons.

They all called out in unison, "All of the demons would humbly ask God Demon to wake up, to hold up the demons and rule over the world!"

They repeated it thrice and bowed. The movement was very united and rehearsed.

This was a duty by now. it had become a routine they had every morning.

After all, they had been trying to wake him up for so long with no movement. They went from feeling hopeful in the beginning to perplexed and then helpless. They were now numb.

They would wake him up every morning more as a gesture.

Whether he woke up or not, it did not matter. They did not mean it anymore.

“Morning routine done. Free activities today.”

The Lord Demon patted his clothing and gradually stood up. He said, “Don’t mess things up outside. We’re not like how we were in the past, we must keep things low. Come back tomorrow at the same time to continue.”

All of them nodded. As they stood up and were ready to leave, the entire palace shook!

“Whoosh!”

The black door in the centre of the palace turned into a swirl. As if something was waking up, a pair of eyes gradually opened.

A powerful demonic Qi rushed out from the door. It let out a sound with thick black Qi condensing. A beast from the Eldritch World brought chills to everyone.

Power!

An immense terrifying pressure and power!

The demons felt the pressure. They were delighted and looked joyful.

“He woke up! Our God Demon woke up!”

“Nice! Our time has come!”

“Waa...God Demon, we have done so much for you, you’re finally awake!”

Lord Demon even cried and looked perplexed. He fell on his knees and said with excitement, “You’re finally back! Luckily we didn’t give up on you!”

“Vroom!”

Another violent shake. A black palm reached out from the door. The black Qi thickened. Many black lotuses opened up in the air. The Qi was everywhere and caused a shocking sight.

Following that, another hand reached out!

Two hands held on the door. In the next moment, a tall man walked out from the door.

Behind him, the black swirl was rolling. It was as if he walked out from the Ancient Times, his hair was black and puffy, there was a twisting horn on his head. There were some scales on his neck. He was wearing long sleeves made of countless black fur, floating in the air.

This was how the demons looked in the beginning.

The three thousand demons along Pangu back in the days were different. Even Pangu looked different from modern humans.

In the Chaos, lives had no limits. There were many races. Although the built-up looked similar, the looks could get very different. The skin, body, hair, features and others were different!

Demon's eyes glinted with a dark glow. His body was hard, his voice was like a bell resonating. He was very powerful as he laughed, "Ha-ha, I'm back."

The demons cried out in joy. Their eyes burning with excitement, "Welcome back, God Demon!"

God Demon was like a hill, his body was big and tall. He looked down at his crowd and scanned through. He made a sound, "Eh, that's all we've got? Where's Demon King?"

Lord Demon said with sadness in his eyes, "God Demon, Demon King has been sacrificed."

"Sacrificed?"

Lord Demon halted and then nodded, "Good, good. It seems that as I was asleep, you've all been working hard. Even the Demon King has sacrificed himself. Good job, he died a proud death! He died well!"

Lord Demon and the rest did not speak. They exchanged looks.

Proud their ass!

He was sitting at home, doing nothing and then he died. What a wasted death!

They did not even want to mention this kind of death out loud.

God demon said with anticipation, "You've all made so much sacrifice. It seems that my demons have been through a lot, you all must have done a lot with great success. According to my deal with Hongjun, the Absolute Era is done. How's the conquest getting on?"

“This...that...”

The Lord Demon stuttered. He said weakly, “Lord Demon, some unknown changes have happened with irresistible forces. The progress is getting more challenging.”

“Challenging? Irresistible forces?” God Demon’s face sank. He looked at his crowd with heavy faces and could not help feeling heavy. He waved it off and scoffed, “Whatever, let me see it myself! What is it that you cannot speak of? No matter what happened, now that I’m back, everything will be sorted out!”

With that said, he walked away impatiently. He could not wait to see how prosperous the demons had become.

And yet, as he walked, his frown deepened. He felt a gust of weariness and brokenness. The population had decreased, they were no longer as sharp and arrogant as they used to be. The demons had...gone down!

His pace quickened. As he walked out of the demon’s area, his pupils dilated. He had a look of disbelief.

“This, this land...”

His dark eyes are glinting. He was very shocked, he was dumbfounded!

“How could this be? Isn’t it an Absolute Era now? Why’s there so much Immortal Qi? So densely packed? The opposite end of the Absolute Era?”

He let out his divine consciousness, the more he watched, the more shocked he was.

“Why is my demons’ population so small now?”

He looked at the Lord Demon and his eyes turned cold, “What’s the matter? What’re you all doing?!”

This was too different from what he imagined. It was already scripted, how did it turn the other way round?

This was way too different!

He thought when he woke up this time, he could see his demons ruling the world. He even had his speech ready and yet...just this?

Lord Demon pursed his lips and sobbed, “God Demon, it’s bad for us! We’re getting targeted!”

Instantly, Lord Demon sobbed and told God Demon everything in a pitiable tone. He was crying and wailing, he seemed very sad.

“Vroom!”

God Demon let out a violent Qi instantly. He was shaking all over with his black hair flying in the air. He was powerful with deadly Qi.

“How could it be!”

His voice was like thunder, buzzing out loud. His dark eyes shot out like laser beams. He smiled coldly, “Hongjun! Hongjun must have trapped me! He disobeyed our promise! What a bastard!”

“However...that’s good. This world is now full of Immortal Qi everywhere. The laws are like mists. One’s ability is now more than a million times greater. Most importantly, the Qi are all newly made! I woke up at the right time! Countless opportunities are waiting for me and they will belong to my demons!”

“Don’t panic, now that I’m back, the demons will be baptized! Pass it on, come with me to find Hongjun! I want an explanation!”

Chapter 522: Merely Don’t Want To Work Hard Anymore

Knock. Knock. Knock.

“Is Lord Saint around?”

Nuwa, Yun Shu, Jade Emperor, and Empress stood politely outside the four-part architecture—waiting.

Click!

The door opened. Xiao Bai then looked out and scanned at the people with a glow from his eyes before saying, “Please come in.”

The crowd instantly stiffened their bodies upon seeing Xiao Bai and said, “Greetings to Lord Xiao Bai, thank you.”

One could only imagine how nervous they were if they had seen Xiao Bai’s performance last night. Xiao Bai looked like a serving robot but was also a mega bigshot!

If they had not come to the four-part architecture, they would not have known what being ‘low-key’ was!

They saw Li Nianfan tidying things as they entered the four-part architecture and greeted, “Lord Saint, sorry for visiting you without an invitation.”

Meanwhile, Li Nianfan was tidying up with Daji and Fire Phoenix as the entire four-part architecture was piled with small items. All of it was last night’s gifts from the guests. How generous of them! There were just too many! If the four-part architecture had not gotten bigger, they would not have been able to contain all of it!

Immortals were immortals! How generous! They had everything!

Li Nianfan said, "You didn't disturb me, come in and have a seat. My house is a little messy right now, let me tidy it up. Xiao Bai, bring some tea for the guests."

Jade Empress quickly said, "Thank you, Lord Saint. Please don't mind us."

The four of them sat nervously in their seats and could not help looking at the gifts. All of them were jolted with shocks in their eyes from just a look.

They could feel a huge Spiritual Qi moving from within the gifts. Its frequency was so high that even Nuwa and Yun Shu were shocked.

Furthermore, it was not coming from just one gift...all those gifts were similar!

However, the glow was internally contained as they were keeping things low.

Luckily, it was the expert's yard. Otherwise, those gifts would have attracted so much attention and been stolen if they were placed outside!

Those gifts were not from his guests but due to being washed by the rain since that area was at the heart of the rain last night. The rain would have leveled up and improved those gifts.

Nuwa could not help looking at Daji and Fire Phoenix as it crossed her mind.

They were beautiful and elegant. They looked formal and happy.

Of course, that was not the crux.

The crux was...the lack of Qi presence in Daji and Fire Phoenix. Their power had been contained. Other than their temperament, they looked just like two ordinary women!

They were of course not ordinary women! The fact that Nuwa could no longer see through them showed that...

Daji and Fire Phoenix had overpowered her!

In the past, Daji and Fire Phoenix would suppress their Qi but Nuwa could still clearly see them. However, she could not notice anything at that moment!

T-t-this...

Nuwa's heart dropped. She could not help biting her lips and asked softly, "Cultivator Yun Shu, can you see through Immortal Daji and Immortal Fire Phoenix's cultivation?"

Yun Shu shook her head with a similarly perplexed look.

Jade Emperor's eyes instantly widened and asked in disbelief, "Empress Nuwa and Empress Yun Shu, both of you really can't see through their cultivation?"

Nuwa sighed and sourly said, "Why would I lie? Their strength is now beyond ours!"

"Gasp..."

Jade Emperor and Empress gasped with buzzing heads and shaking hearts. They mumbled blankly, "Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals?!"

What was their cultivation before they slept together?

They just reached Daluo Golden Immortal not too long ago!

They had skipped Daluo Golden Immortal and Quasi-Saint's massive bottleneck in one go and went straight into Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal realm!

It was greater than an ordinary man turning into an Immortal! It was a hundred, a thousand... No, ten thousand times greater!

Damn it!

How shocking!

Was that even fair?

Nuwa and Yun Shu felt very bitter as they had worked hard for countless years and had to give up so much to reach their current state. However, the two of them merely slept for a night and had already superseded them! What was the point of cultivating?

It was unfair!

The Jade Emperor and Empress wanted to faint!

They had always wanted to become a Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal but it did not happen. They had tried everything to make a breakthrough and even wanted to self-cultivate for 100,000 years and yet...

There was no point comparing!

They had reached the realm many dared not to even dream of within only a single night! Was that even plausible? How outrageous! Was that the benefit of sleeping with a bigshot?

Was he still accepting new applicants?

They really did not want to work hard anymore...

The more Jade Empress thought about it, the angrier she was and immediately pinched the Jade Emperor.

“Just looking at them—you’re too weak!”

Meanwhile, Li Nianfan had finished tidying. He clapped his hands and smilingly walked over with a crystal ball. “Empress Yun Shu, thank you for sending me a television when I needed one.”

Yun Shu smiled. “It’s just an insignificant gift. It’s fine as long as you like it.”

“I like it. Right, what did all of you do this time? You’ve gained so much Deluxe Merits!”

Li Nianfan said as he waved. An ocean of Deluxe Merit rushed over not only to the four of them but also was being dispersed to their surroundings. He repaid their favors in one go!

Jade Emperor and the group quickly took out their treasures. Nuwa and Yun Shu took out the lotus and mirror. They would be able to upgrade them to the Heavenly Deluxe Treasures level with such an amount of Deluxe Merit! The crowd was flushing with excitement upon recalling how powerful they would become.

The crowd then thanked upon receiving everything, "Thank you, Lord Saint."

Li Nianfan was curious. "Are all of you related to the world's changes?"

The Jade Emperor looked at Li Nianfan and bit his tongue to say softly, "Cough cough, just very little."

Li Nianfan nodded and said, "You've changed the world and received a lot of Deluxe Merits! I woke up this morning and was shocked by this world's changes. It was shockingly beyond my imagination!"

The crowd was speechless upon looking at Li Nianfan's sincere eyes.

His acting was too professional.

'Bigshot, we beg you don't laugh at us. We're the ones who were shocked!'

Nuwa's mouth twitched and said, "The Eldritch World isn't only a few times larger than before—even the surroundings have been expanded. The size is now at least over a few hundred times bigger than before."

Li Nianfan gasped and shockingly said, "A few hundred times? So much? So there'll be lots of powerful beings from now on?"

He had no idea how big it was, but it must be very large!

A few hundred times bigger was indeed terrifying. Would he be able to walk around before his life ended?

"Many powerful beings would exist here, but don't worry as everything is within our control," reassured the Jade Emperor.

Li Nianfan nodded. Although he was shocked, he was not scared.

He was able to endure it since he had seen the world. Furthermore...the Eldritch World's expansion was really helpful to him.

Nature had been protecting him since he was the Deluxe Merit Saint. At that time, he could pick a few shields from his pile of gifts while Daji and Fire Phoenix protected him and countless figures supporting him—he could do anything without getting told off!

After learning of the situation, Li Nianfan looked at the television in his hands and asked, "Come and try out this new television model."

He sighed and turned around as he imagined something.

Instantly, the television lit up with a faint glow shooting out and a projection started being displayed in the air.

Li Nianfan frowned. He was both surprised and delighted. "Wow, it projects the image and it's even in 3D! How powerful!"

Things given by bigshots were indeed at a different level.

Nuwa and the crowd curiously looked at the image and wondered what the expert was playing.

Meanwhile, the projection jumped and a white flame started burning in the air.

The flame was airy and unrealistic.

"Wow!"

The crowd felt a gust of chills as the explosive power landed on their shoulders. It made them feel heavy and fearful.

“T-this...is the Heavenly Flame!?” Nuwa and Yun Shu widened their eyes before crying out in unison with rapid breaths.

The Heavenly Flame was a chaos flame from the Chaos. It was as powerful as the Heavens—way beyond the ordinary flame.

There were three types of flames. The Sun consisted of real flames made from Heavenly Flame in the Eldritch World that contained laws and was less powerful in comparison to the Heavenly Flame.

The Heavenly Flame was very desirable as it was way more precious than forging a new world. It was because that type of flame contained the complete Flame Laws!

Once one got hold of it and learned well, one could become as powerful as the Heavens upon complete understanding!

It was like copying the model answers instead of doing self-research!

The number of laws was as many as flame types with each containing different laws. Any complete law was priceless and undoubtedly powerful!

It was a Heavenly Realm Flame! The flame was more important than life itself for a Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal. The outcome was way beyond anyone's imagination once it appeared!

Nuwa gulped and asked with a shaking voice, "Lord Saint, I wonder...what's this flame called?"

"Why would it have a name when I simply imagined it?"

Li Nianfan smiled and waved it off. "This is a special flame made of extreme frost and heat. It's different from ordinary flames and contains frost other than heat, so I truly wonder about its existence."

Nuwa and the rest speechlessly exchanged looks.

They were unsure whether the flame existed, but they could feel there was a complete and massive path within that flame!

It was a possible path of cultivation!

The Expert simply imagined a...Flaming Path?

Meanwhile, the image jolted and the white flame disappeared. It was replaced by a liquid-like green flame.

The green liquid flame spread out in the air as those flames were expanding. It gave one the feeling it could die out at any time as layers of mist rose.

However, it was different from the fragility of life as the flames contained destruction and wildness.

Nuwa and the rest adorably parted their mouths while staring blankly.

Another Flaming Path?!

The flames changed again before they could react.

It was transparent and shapeless with only a sense of Qi.

One could only feel it with one's core. One's power would weaken vaguely upon touching it—causing the core to feel a burning pain.

It...was another Flaming Path!

Next, the flames changed colors again.

Silver, red, green...

Every flame resembled a completed Flaming Path!

Nuwa and the crowd's mouths were left open throughout the period with none ever once thought to close it. Their bodies turned into statues and heads buzzing.

Those were paths!

In all honesty, each path required countless geniuses to discover and would normally take years to materialize.

Many people got lost when chasing after a path not knowing how to proceed and ended up feeling worse than death.

Most took the wrong path with no idea it was wrong.

However, the Expert simply projected paths after paths to the crowd as though it was a movie...

What would those flame cultivators feel when they saw it?

They would cry...

Chapter 523: The Expert's Joy—An Era of Gaming

There were so many possible paths with each difficult for one to traverse. The journey of finding a path was vague. One could not move further if one entered the wrong path and might even end up committing many sins.

In the case of Flaming Path, some people went after 'heat' while others were after 'light'. Some went after arrogance and some focused on the body, core, or anything imaginable!

However, not many could reach the main Path because they only sought after the surface layer. Although it was strong, such would not form the main path as it was not extreme, hence one needed guidance.

For example, Styx went for the Killing Path but was unsure of how to kill, who to kill, or how many to kill. By the time he realized, he had already gone too far and that was it.

Understanding the Path... Understanding...

It was too superficial. Gifts, opportunities, and hard work could not determine much as many roads were blocked which led to countless geniuses gone crazy.

Despite that, the Expert already exhibited more than ten Flaming Paths just moments ago...

It was not something Nuwa and the group could understand as they merely saw the possibilities behind those paths and had no idea about the cultivation process. However, that was already very precious.

Considering...they were able to see a good outcome, it was equivalent to a correct goal. Such was better than having an uncertain goal.

It could save them from taking the wrong paths—a priceless inspiration.

Li Nianfan saw the shocked crowd and found it interesting. He had a smile on his lips.

All of them were fascinated by those flames?

His mind still had all kinds of fascinating imaginations. He might not be as good at cultivating, but his imagination was way better than them!

There were all kinds of demons, spells, and imaginable things in movies back in his previous realm. He was certain that even the Jade Emperor and Empress had not seen them were he to project all of it for them to see.

However, he had to admit the television was a good item as it could project one's imagination with a 3D effect. It was more shocking than him telling them the story.

Of course, Nuwa and the crowd would be dumbfounded if they knew about his thoughts.

There was no way of materializing what he imagined!

Was there a television that could materialize things? It was merely his imagination and that could not be materialized!

It was similar to the television's previous owner. Even though he was undefeatable, there was a giant who could destroy his world which eventually destroyed him...

Those cool flames were unable to be materialized!

Li Nianfan curiously asked, "Empress Nuwa, have you not seen any of these flames?"

Nuwa shook her head and added, "No, not in the Eldritch World. However, they might exist in the Chaos. Now that the world has changed, there might..."

She abruptly halted halfway with her words as her pupils dilated and body shook. She suddenly thought of a possibility.

Vroom!

Meanwhile, thunder could be heard as a terrifying Qi spread out and formed a gigantic black swirl in the sky.

There were flashes of lightning from within the black swirl that lashed down from the sky and spread to their surroundings. They looked like a silver dragon ready to destroy the world.

Thereafter, the swirling changed and moved to reveal another swirl.

More areas were affected as one could even see it from the four-part architecture.

Yun Shu's eyes sank and frowned. "Two very powerful cultivators are fighting."

She exchanged a look with Nuwa and both of them frowned.

It was lucky the world had been elevated to contain such a level of fighting!

Otherwise, that level of combat would have caused a lot of casualties and even destroyed their world. It was a fight between two Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals!

“Someone’s fighting again?”

Li Nianfan looked over and could not help sighing, “As expected, the Eldritch World is never peaceful. Will it be more chaotic in the future?”

Jade Emperor nodded and said with a serious tone, “To be honest, other stronger figures might be attracted now that the world has been elevated. This is just the beginning.”

Li Nianfan could not help shaking his head. “This isn’t good news.”

However, he had anticipated such as there was no way to hide from it.

The so-called fight started because of a treasure. A fight would surely break out if ten cultivators wanted to get that one treasure.

Nuwa said, “Don’t worry, Lord Saint. We’ll go over and have a look. We’ll calm this down.”

Daji said, “Mr. Li, I’d like to go over as well.”

Li Nianfan waved it off. “Whatever, be careful and come back earlier.”

After that, he asked Xiao Bai to organize the gifts with him.

Daji and the group walked out of the four-part architecture without stopping as they rushed toward the battlefield.

On the way there, Nuwa could not help but licked her lips and asked, “Immortal Daji and Immortal Fire Phoenix, are both of you...Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal now?”

Daji nodded and happily smiled while feeling her core. “Yeah, Master has given me a lot. Unfortunately, I can only absorb so much with my current realm.”

They were already so powerful after absorbing ‘so much’?

How unfair!

Nuwa’s heart sank as she had asked for it herself. Why did she ask? It ended up giving them a chance to brag.

She pursed her lips and asked in a serious tone, “I thought of a possibility when I saw the Expert showing those flames. Do you think...those flames might appear in our new Eldritch World?”

Jade Emperor and the group were shocked upon hearing her words. Their eyes were beaming.

“What you’re saying is that...the Expert can create those flames?” Jade Empress’s voice was very shaky while her scalp felt itchy.

It was the Flaming Path! If one got hold of them, one would only take one day and succeed in almost no time!

The creation of those flames was equivalent to developing a shockingly powerful cultivator. The Expert’s power was indeed beyond imagination.

“It’s very possible.”

Yun Shu gasped and felt awakened as she said in shock, “No wonder when the Expert was projecting the show, I felt those flames aren’t only a 3D projection. They seem to be...alive! The Expert created an Area of Gods which would result in bringing forth the Fighting Era! What was there to fight about? All kinds of opportunities of course! The Expert could simply create many opportunities for them to fight for! This would make sense!”

“I finally understand!”

A glint shone from the Jade Emperor’s eyes as he said with a serious tone, “The Expert has helped our world too much, but...it would be boring to keep giving us opportunities. The Fighting Era might come across as an interesting game to the Expert. He’s the ultimate gift-giver!”

Nuwa nodded seriously. “You’re right. The Expert has been protecting our world. We have been getting too many opportunities through the backdoor. We cannot expect the Expert to keep helping us and have to guard our world by winning this battle!”

Jade Empress had an idea and looked at Fire Phoenix. “Immortal Fire Phoenix, since you cultivate flames these flames would help you greatly if they are real! We will bring them over for you!”

“Thank you but no need.” Fire Phoenix shook her head as her red hair flew in the air along with her red gown as though her body was in flames. Her eyes seemed sacred as her stunningly red lips curled up into a smile and gently said, “All of you should fight for the opportunities given by Master. I don’t need them.”

She lifted her hand to feel her core upon saying that.

Jade Emperor and the rest twitched their mouths as their eyelids jumped.

They were reminded of how those were merely some type of flames while she had over tens of thousands of such flames in her...

How triggering!

They put their thoughts aside and tried their best to calm down—attempting to forget about it.

They must not think about such a demotivating matter...

Daji said, "We'll only stay by the Master's side to live in peace and won't get involved in other matters."

At the same time.

Somewhere above the sky.

A black-colored Demon God held onto a Godly Gun and glared at a man in green robes in front of him. He scoffed coldly, "Cultivator Hongjun! You're so unreasonable! Why won't you admit that you broke our promise!"

Chapter 524: Two Faces And A Cracked Demon God

Above the massive sky.

Two powerful and threatening figures could be seen moving. The unleashed residual powers from each wave and kick would cause rivers to dry up and disintegrate many other things into dust.

Qi kept coming through from every direction—making the surrounding spaces twisted as the terrifying Immortal Qi turned into a boiling ocean.

They were shocked as the world was several times more powerful than the Eldritch World. In the past, they had to move into the Chaos for a fight.

The earlier destruction they caused would have destroyed the previous Eldritch World. They would have flattened the world and caused space to collapse—destroying the world!

However, the space was still stable without any cracks despite the ground being destroyed. It was able to withstand the residual impact. Such resilient areas were very inviting for Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals to duel!

Hongjun waved it off and seriously said, “Luohou, calm down. I really don’t have anything to admit! In all honesty, I just woke up not too long ago, hence this has nothing to do with me.”

“Nonsense!” Luohou smiled coldly. He had seen through and groaned in a low voice, “Cultivator Hongjun, how could I not see through your tricks? This is all within your calculations! I shouldn’t have trusted you back then! Tell me! What did you do to turn the Eldritch World into this? What’s your plan?”

“Luohou, you should know that I can’t possibly do this.” Hongjun frowned. He too was feeling bitter and shocked as he helplessly said, “Furthermore...I used my body as the Path, so I’ve now been separated from the Heavens when I woke up...”

Who could he complain to?

He was also a victim!

All of them mysteriously fell asleep back then just like Luohou. It was normal for them to sleep for a few years since it was nothing in comparison to their lifespan. Who would have thought the world had transgressed with such massive changes by the time they awakened!

Perhaps the Eldritch World had been going through some unusual evolutions that placed them to sleep!

Luohou was furious and groaned in a low voice, "I don't care! You promised me back then to cast my demons as the main characters of the world! You and I will share the Eldritch World and seek the Truth! When I woke up earlier, I realized my demons aren't stronger but are being bullied instead! You have to give me an explanation!"

"Casting the demons as main characters?"

A suspicious voice was heard as Daji and the other five gradually appeared in mid-air and concurrently looked at Luohou and Hongjun.

Daji scoffed coldly, "The Absolute Era was your plan?"

Luohou and Hongjun were shocked as they looked with a glint in their eyes at the group of people.

"Jade Emperor, Jade Empress, and Nuwa? All of you here?"

Hongjun's pupils dilated as he looked at their group in shock.

At that moment, Nuwa was no longer releasing the Qi of a Saint but a...Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal!

The Jade Emperor and Jade Empress had become a lot stronger! Both of them were close to becoming Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal!

On the other hand, Yun Shu and the other two's Qi were shocking!

T-this...

He was dumbfounded.

He was secretly joyful when he initially woke up and noticed the world's changes.

It was because he thought he was still the most powerful being in the world. The current changes in the Eldritch World were beneficial for him and he should be able to enjoy everything with his strength.

However, it was unexpected that he ended up being surrounded by a group of powerful beings including those he once knew...

It did not feel good at all!

Luohou was just as shocked as Hongjun and felt heavy-hearted.

In truth, he came to Hongjun not only for revenge since the demons were merely his tools. The crux was that their world had changed with way more opportunities than before!

Even though he wanted to take revenge on Hongjun, his true purpose was to monopolize more opportunities by getting Hongjun to stay away!

However...everything was not going according to plan as there were other characters involved...

Hongjun asked Nuwa, "What's the matter?"

The Jade Emperor beside her asked, "Daozu, why don't you answer Immortal Daji's question first?"

Meanwhile, he signaled to Daozu with a look.

Hongjun dared not to waste any time and said after a moment, "We did intend to bring about the Absolute Era. However, we did not have a choice as I've used my body as the path and merged with it, hence it would be beneficial for me if the world weaken..."

Therefore, Hongjun had been leading the Eldritch World according to his plan by secretly cultivating and developing Saints—trying to fill up the void in the world.

However, he did not expect Luohou—who lost to him—had not died back then. Instead, he had stayed hidden in the Bloody Sea and waited for his recovery to make a comeback!

Furthermore, he was unwilling to compromise that time round!

He would leak the Eldritch World's location if Hongjun refused to share the world with him to the Chaos. Many figures would then approach that world and attempt to take over it!

Therefore, Hongjun had no choice and did not step in when Luohou destroyed Buddhism.

Luohou cultivated the Killing Path and wanted to use demons to kill all humans upon the Absolute Era's arrival. Once that was completed, he could then upgrade his power.

Luohou scoffed coldly from feeling insecure and wanted to leave, "Damn! You make it sound good, that you and your path merge into one while all you wanted was to use the Law Pangu left behind to upgrade your power! I don't want to stay here anymore since we don't get along from cultivating different paths."

Daji's face remained expressionless and said in a calm voice, "Master doesn't like demons. Don't go yet since we've just met!" Her white gown fluttered in the air as her figure vanished from the spot and reappeared before Louhou with a single step.

“Haha, there are many who don’t like demons! Who can stop me from going where I want in this world?” Luohou laughed wildly as wild killing intent lashed out from his eyes. He then growled, “You may be powerful but you don’t have the right to stop me yet! Get out of my sight!”

His weapons flashed with a glint in the dark as terrifying Qi gathered into a long black dragon and stabbed toward Daji as he spoke!

Daji raised her hand as ice crystals gathered in front of her and formed an ice wall.

Crack!

The long spear penetrated the wall as ice fragments shattered and flew outward in all directions with the spear’s sharp edge pointing at Daji’s face.

Daji remained in the same spot with her emotionless beautiful eyes.

Such calmness further irritated Luohou. His pupils dilated as his killing intent reached its peak to the extent that even the wind was growling.

“You’re asking for death! My Godly Killing Spear is meant for killing! Nobody can stop it! You are overestimating yourself from having that ice wall!” Luohou was furious as he gathered his full power and increased his strength!

The energy he lashed out turned into a whirlwind and collided with the mountain behind Daji into nothingness. The surrounding hundred miles of terrain had been flattened!

However, her ice wall was still able to block such unimaginable power—disallowing it to pierce through!

Regardless of Luohou's attempts at using his full strength, his power was blocked by that wall and he could not even penetrate it!

The God Killing Spear's tip was soon covered with a layer of frost without him realizing it.

How could that be!?

Luohou's eyes widened while his heart shivered from complete helplessness. A sense of powerlessness was overwhelming him.

Crack!

More layers of frost spread on his spear.

Luohou quickly reacted and did not hesitate to let go of the God Killing Spear before turning around to escape.

“You can’t escape since I’ve said so!” Daji’s eyes were cold as she gently raised her delicate hand. The frosty spear suddenly turned around and pointed at Luohou as though it received an order.

The long frosted spear shot out according to her finger pointing!

It left behind a trail of beautiful but terrifying frost.

One could feel that terrifying sense of power. Luohou’s face changed and he felt an itch in his scalp. He could only retaliate with spells since his Rank Twelve Deluxe Merit Black Lotus had gone missing alongside the Lord Demon!

The long spear moved forward and penetrated through his spell with an unstoppable Qi!

On the other side, Fire Phoenix was getting impatient and flexed her red wings behind her. Her body turned into a fiery flame before she vanished.

The crowd felt dumbfounded as flames suddenly appeared in Luohou’s stomach by the time they reacted!

A layer of flame rose from his body as he groaned. In the blink of an eye, his entire body had turned into ashes and evaporated.

Hongjun stared with widened eyes as he watched the entire event right in front of him and cautiously gasped.

Had Luohou just evaporated in just three breaths?

Luohou and himself were not unfamiliar with the strength of Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals as they had refined their paths for countless years. Even though Daji and Fire Phoenix had joined forces, it was still very terrifying.

They could kill him as well since they could kill Luohou!

Hongjun's face turned green and shivered.

The Jade Emperor and Jade Empress could not help smiling upon seeing Hognjun's reaction—finding it amusing.

'Daozu had not expected this, eh?'

It was just Luohou. He had not seen Lord Dog fight yet. A single paw of his could crush more than 10 Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals to death as though it was merely playing!

Hongjun shivered and smiled, "Jade Emperor and Jade Empress, why don't you introduce me to these two super powerful and beautiful Immortals?"

"They're Immortal Daji and Immortal Fire Phoenix." Jade Emperor paused before continuing, "The Eldritch World's changes were caused by their husband."

Hongjun was very shocked. However, it did not stop him from bootlicking as he opened his mouth and said, "I knew it! There must be an expert behind who elevated the Eldritch World! We not only survived the catastrophe but even gained a lot from it! These two Immortals' husband is so awesome! It's so magical! Please allow me to express my admiration to your husband."

He raised his hands with a solemn face as he sincerely bowed at Daji and Fire Phoenix.

Thereafter he continued, "Both of you have my admiration for being so powerful and done a great favor by killing someone like Luohou. Please allow me to worship you!"

He bowed again after speaking.

Jade Emperor, Jade Empress, and Nuwa were all rendered speechless.

Hongjun had always placed himself high above the rest as the mysterious and well-respected Daozu. He had remained that way for countless years and never behaved as such.

Damn it! Who would have thought he was such a good bootlicker!

So, it seems that Daozu's true nature was such.

Everyone had two faces and behind their reputable public image was merely a bootlicker...

The essence of the world was bootlicking each other.

At the same time.

In another part of the world...

Lord Demon led the demons to wait for their Demon God's return.

They were filled with anticipation and could almost see their bright future calling out to them.

Suddenly, the Demon God's statue cracked.

It cracked...

The crowd stared blankly and could not believe the sight. They rubbed their eyes in unison and looked again...

A burning flame exploded from a crack in his heart.

“The Demon God is...dead?”

“It’s... It’s not possible?”

Damn it!

Such an abrupt death was worse than their previous Lord Demon!

The demons must have been targeted! Such a way of dying was too unreasonable! Nothing was going smoothly since the beginning.

No, that was not the only issue as everything had been progressing wrongly!

How could they live on?

Lord Demon collapsed. "This world is too dangerous. It's too difficult...for demons!"

"No, I need to start hiding!"

Chapter 525: Hongjun's Name Change. Powerful Cultivators From Everywhere

At the Heavenly Palace.

The Jade Emperor and Goddess Nuwa discussed with Hongjun on what they knew. "Daozu, that's what happened."

They were impressed by Hongjun. They respected him in their hearts, which was why they called him Daozu. It was naturally because of his teachings that benefitted the development of the Eldritch World. He did a lot for the living beings of the Eldritch World.

It was ridiculous to say he did it merely for self-improvement.

Was he not allowed to gain some rewards for good deeds? The world was just. One could do good deeds without getting any rewards. However, if one requested for someone to do so, it would be considered unfair.

In retrospect, it was better to name a price for good deeds.

“Mind your words! What do you mean Daozu? I’m not Daozu!”

Hongjun instantly scolded, “Don’t call me that ever again! I did what I did because I was going along with Pangu’s transformation of the realm. I tried to improve myself, to have a breakthrough as a Realm Cultivator. That’s why I kept trying to improve the Eldritch World. That’s all.

“Compared to the expert, I’m nothing. Don’t call me Daozu ever again. I don’t deserve it!”

How could he call himself Daozu in front of the expert? Moreover... The Eldritch World had changed. There were weird phenomena in the Chaos that could attract powerful beings. They would fight for the benefit of the world. There would be all sorts of powerful cultivators by then.

Imagine if a powerful cultivator arrived at the Eldritch World. They would yell, ‘Who’s the most powerful cultivator here?’

‘It’s Daozu!’

‘Daozu? Alright! Bring him here. I want to fight him alone!’

Yikes—

‘Too scary.’

Hongjun shuddered. He thought it was problematic. “Oh, yeah. I have to change my name, too. From now on, I’m not Hongjun. Just call me Cultivator Junjun.”

‘This name’s subtle, cute, and humble. It sounds so wholesome and non-threatening. Perfect name for me.’

The Jade Emperor and the Empress stared at him with wide eyes. It was as if that was the first time they knew Hongjun. They felt a mix of emotions.

‘What the hell? Only Daozu can make us feel so awkward.’

They always had a question in mind. Why did Hongjun alone survive when Pangu split the realms for the three-thousand Demon Gods? How did he become the ultimate winner in the end?

They...finally understood.

‘Expert. He’s an expert.’

The Empress said, “Hong... Cultivator Junjun. That’s the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. It’s also where the expert’s staying in the Heavenly Palace.”

“I already know. The door’s shut, but I can feel the aura from within. It’s holy and majestic. It’s just a hint, but it nourishes the Heavenly Palace. It benefits you all.”

Cultivator Junjun saluted and bowed at the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. “I must bow to the expert’s place.”

He felt helpless, too. He was envious of the Jade Emperor and the Empress.

Cultivator Junjun had the utmost respect for Li Nianfan when he heard their stories. Especially the part where they got to eat Chaos Spiritual Fruits. He salivated and gulped. ‘Forget the Chaos Spiritual Fruit, at least let me have a sip of Chaos Spiritual Water!

‘Give me one drop!’

He was Daozu for countless years, but he had never tried it. His ex-students, the Jade Emperor and the Empress, had a blast eating it. They improved so much. They were almost Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals.

His face was as sour as a lemon.

‘Why was I in a slumber?’

'I missed out on such a huge opportunity to kiss up to the expert. This is the most painful thing in life!'

Suddenly, Chang'e and the Seven Princesses chatted merrily as they walked toward the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint. They were in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. They were very colorful and beautiful in their floaty dresses. They were graceful, gorgeous, and blinding.

The Empress immediately scolded, "Hong, how can you enter the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint without permission?"

The Princesses were frightened like deers in headlights. They hurriedly bowed and greeted, "Empress, Emperor."

The big sister, Hong, said, "Empress, Lord Xiao Bai gave us orders last night. There are some leftover beverages in the palace. He told us to clean it up today."

'Leftover beverages?

'Really?!'

The Jade Emperor and the others were instantly intrigued.

Cultivator Junjun suddenly had spiked eyebrows and a spiked beard. He was flushed from excitement. "Let me do it!"

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Time passed.

A month had slipped by in the blink of an eye.

Li Nianfan was living a peaceful, happy life with Daji and the others in the four-part architecture.

He was in his honeymoon period, so he was naturally delighted.

However, he could still feel the changes in the realm without going out.

Big flying Demons would fly by from time to time. Daji would shoot them down. They were made into poultry.

Li Nianfan thought it was convenient. It was like food delivery.

Meanwhile, somewhere on the Fallen Immortal Mountain.

An elder with white robes and white hair suddenly groaned. He shuddered. His right arm was instantly covered in a layer of white frost!

He had four students behind him—two guys and two girls. They said at the same time, “Master, are you alright?”

The elder slowly opened his eyes. He looked shocked. He shook his head and said, “The Godly area’s indeed dangerous. I tried to get closer to the area by manipulating a big flying Demon. I was turned to an icicle before I could take a closer look. I even felt it backfiring on me. The message was clear... Horror, fear, and power.

“Something exists on that mountain. We can’t mess with it. Let’s seek for another mountain to set up our sect.”

A Bengal Tiger with golden wings at the side spat fire to unfreeze the elder.

The elder patted the tiger on the head. He said, “Thank God I didn’t send you there. Otherwise, this would’ve ended badly.”

Their cultivation was related to the Demons.

They had a contract bond with the Demons. They were lifelong allies. They called it the Familiar Demon. They were naturally precious to them.

The elder forced a Demon to do his bidding earlier with a Manipulation Spell. It was the best way to reduce risk.

A young lady said, "But Master, you said this mountain's extraordinary. It looks like a Dragon and it's an excellent place. We've lost so many Demons already. How about we wait for my grandpa's arrival...?"

"We just got here. It's best not to make enemies right away. They're probably warning us to stay away. We should look for another place. Safety first."

The elder chuckled and said, "How many times do I have to tell you? Try to avoid confrontation as much as you can. Don't be boastful. A feisty personality won't get you anywhere. Let's go."

In the midst of the Chaos.

Several figures went straight toward the Eldritch World.

"The Chaos created a new world and the aura has risen like a tide in this Area of the Gods. I can't believe we searched for the Area of the Gods for so long to no avail, but a new Area of the Gods was formed in the Chaos."

"It's indeed the Area of the Gods. The Immortal Qi is ten times more intense than any world I've been to!"

“I sense it, too. The smell of so many opportunities...”

Boom!

A powerful aura rolled in. The golden light shone like a galaxy as it formed a path. Then, three Magical Beasts with ox heads, jet-black bodies, and golden fur rode in on a luxurious palanquin.

“That’s the Saintly Sovereign of the Saintly Kingdom!” somebody recognized him and exclaimed.

“He’s here? I heard that he single-handedly created the Saintly Kingdom. He overpowered all the sects. He ruled over Humans, Demons, and Immortals!”

“I heard that he can create realms. He’s a Realm Cultivator. However, he’s been looking for opportunities in the Chaos. I can’t believe he’s targeting the Area of the Gods, too.”

Just when everyone was shocked, they sensed another rising aura.

The aura was grey and creepy. They heard the moans and cries of a million ghosts. A huge skull figure was formed.

It seemed to be formed by intense smoke.

Two ghastly green eyes emitted Ghost Fire. It was intimidating to look at. They were frightened and cold.

Everyone looked petrified. They hurriedly backed off.

“That’s the Ghastly Ghost King! Why’s he here? He’s that terrifying existence that once turned an entire world to the Area of the Ghosts!”

“I thought we had the upper hand because the Area of the Gods just appeared. I can’t believe so many people showed up. Did they all come out from their worlds?”

“All the elites and powerful cultivators are swarming in like bees. The Area of the Gods truly lives up to its name!”

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Chapter 526: A Horrifyingly Thick Bolt of Lightning

When various powerful cultivators received the news, they all swarmed towards the Area of the Gods.

A figure appeared in the Chaos with a notebook in hand. An elder stood next to him with respect.

The figure flipped the notebook. He had a flickering gaze. He scoffed, "The Legendary Demon Sect, the Saintly Kingdom, the White Cloud Sect, the Dustfall Mountain Sect... There are eight sects here from the Twelve Chaos Sects! These annoying cultivators, I'll kill them eventually!"

"The Heavenly Palace, the Underworld, the Demons, and the Human Sovereign... Are these the original forces in the Area of the Gods? They seem so non-threatening."

He continued to flip the page. Then, he closed the book.

He asked, "Do you know how the three senior members died?"

"My Lord, I went to a world that one of them created. It's called the Yunhuang World. I found out that the three senior members went to capture a Dog!"

"A Realm Cultivator Dog?"

The elder nodded. He said sternly, "And the Dog seems to be very powerful!"

The figure groaned for a moment. He frowned and said, "The Ministry can't do things in public at this point."

He meant that the Ministry would send out more experts to capture the Dog, but there were too many powerful forces to worry about.

“We have to keep an eye on the Area of the Gods. There will be a lot of extraordinary Demons. Capture them. Also... If we run into anyone from the Legendary Demon Sect, try to capture them alive!”

“Don’t worry, my Lord. I’ll do my best. I won’t let you down!”

There were a lot of small worlds in the Chaos. Forces, clans, and sects were complicated and diverse. They all swarmed towards the Area of the Gods to look for opportunities.

However, they had an unspoken bond between them. They were all cultivators. So, unless there were some issues, they would refrain from fighting. They seemed to be peaceful at the moment.

“The Underworld? Reincarnation? How ridiculous! I can’t believe that the Ghost Realm would have such lowly ways. The Ghosts are in desperate need of my help!”

The Ghastly Ghost King stood on top of a hill with his eyes shut. Creepy Ghost aura surrounded him like dreadful cloud rings. Then, he turned to smoke and moved!

Grey aura was emitted wherever he passed by. It was a unique kind of deadly gas. The deadly gas was filled with rage, contempt, hatred, desperation, pain, and destruction.

Meanwhile, at a small village.

A woman was struggling in the water. Gradually, she could no longer move her limbs. Her eyes were filled with despair. She gradually stopped struggling as her life faded away.

Her hatred and rage gradually died down as she died. However, an undetected grey aura slowly floated towards her.

The soul of the woman floated out from her body. She turned around. She dazedly looked at her body. There was confusion in her eyes.

“Am I dead?”

“That’s right, you’re dead! You were murdered by an evil couple! Your husband cheated on you and abandoned you. Then, he and his lover pushed you into the river to drown. You want revenge!”

“I want revenge?”

“That’s right! You want revenge! You want them to die in the most painful way!”

“But... I should go reincarnate.”

“Reincarnate? That’s nothing but tricks. All your life experiences and trauma will be gone with a bowl of Meng Po Soup. Will you still be you? Who will avenge you? Do you want to watch that cheating couple live happily ever after?

“They killed you, but they’ll be happier than ever. Nobody cares about your death. Nobody will blame them. Everyone will congratulate them. You don’t deserve this. You’re the only person who can stand up for yourself!”

The woman’s ghost had red teary eyes. Her long hair flowed with the wind. She said with a hint of hatred, “You’re right, I have to avenge myself!”

“That’s the spirit. The best revenge is the one you serve yourself. Go, avenge yourself!”

In another forest, a few gardeners were carrying a dead body to the middle of nowhere.

They did not look surprised at all. Another woman was killed by their young master.

A gentle grey aura came over.

The ghost that stood next to the body instantly had a twisted expression. Endless hatred turned to creepy winds. The trees and leaves shook with the wind. The gardeners instantly felt a chill go down their spines. They shivered.

“How can you treat me like this? I want revenge! And to those who stood by and watched, those who ignored my screams for help, they’re accomplices, too. They also need to die!”

“Haha, that’s right. That’s humanity for you. Kill them! Destroy them! Make them pay, make them regret it. Let the whole world feel your pain!”

The Ghastly Ghost King passed by like a master manipulator. He enjoyed the hatred of the dead.

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The appearance of the Area of the Gods was naturally a good thing for the Eldritch World. The Humans were stronger. They had a higher chance of becoming Immortals. It was also very beneficial for the cultivators.

However, they were more pressured because there were powerful beings everywhere.

They were initially pleased to have breakthroughs. However, they became more afraid.

They had to admit a painful fact. ‘I see that having a breakthrough doesn’t mean I’m stronger. The world’s stronger. I didn’t quite catch up to the improvement of the world...’

In other words, they were weak losers.

The Heavenly Palace deservedly became the main spotlight.

A lot of newcomers chose to be in contact with the Heavenly Palace first. Of course, the Jade Emperor and the Empress were against it.

However, they had to open the gates and welcome them with a smile, no matter how unwilling they were.

They were not as powerful as the outsiders. So, they could only allow them to do so.

Clang!

Suddenly, a muscular and buff cultivator crushed the cup in his hand. The buff cultivator had a long whip for a nose and he had a black face. He spat out his beverage. He demanded with a cold voice, "Do you think I'm a beggar? I'm a ruler in the Chaos. How can you welcome me with this nonsense?!"

"How dare you?!"

Yang Jing and Juling Shen menacingly surrounded him with a bunch of Heavenly Soldiers.

However, the buff Elephant cultivator squinted. He yelled, "Scram!"

The single word was terrifyingly powerful. The power was irresistible. The Heavenly Soldiers were instantly knocked backward.

The buff cultivator laughed and said, "Haha, so weak. Don't embarrass yourselves!"

"Calm down, cultivator."

Cultivator Junjun gently waved. He disengaged the power of the buff cultivator. He said, "This wine's the best wine of the Heavenly Palace. I'm truly sorry about that."

The buff cultivator sneered, "This is the Area of the Gods. There are opportunities and treasures everywhere. Right? Is this the best wine you can get? You must be bluffing!"

Cultivator Junjun said calmly, "Cultivator, you know that the Area of the Gods just appeared. To be honest with you, this land was previously flawed."

The Jade Emperor and the Empress quietly stood behind him.

They were naturally very angry. However, they forced themselves to endure it. A lot of cultivators would love to cause havoc if they lost control.

As for the food and wine, they knew what they were doing. Unless they had brain damage, they would never serve the fruits and wine of the expert. They did not even want to mention the expert. That was something they all agreed on.

It was like a golden touch. No one would brag about that to the public.

‘Do you want to drink beautiful wine? Do you deserve it?’

“Nonsense!” The buff cultivator stared with wide eyes. He yelled, “Tell me then. How did a flawed world become the Area of the Gods? Are you telling me that there were no rare treasures in the transformation process? I suggest you bring them out!”

The other cultivators simultaneously put down their wine glasses. They stared at the Jade Emperor and the others with glaring eyes.

They naturally wished that someone would start trouble. In that case, they could figure out the Heavenly Palace. If the Heavenly Palace hid treasures, they could gain benefits without the fight. It was a worthy deal and they were happy to take it.

Cultivator Junjun looked sincere. He said innocently, “We’re not as powerful. As for rare treasures, we haven’t found anything yet.”

The buff cultivator squinted. He stared at Cultivator Junjun. Then, he looked at the Heavenly Palace. He sneered, "This is a nice place you got here! I just arrived. Don't you think you should give me a palace?"

Cultivator Junjun shook his head and said, "That's not appropriate, cultivator. Only Heavenly Palace Immortals can stay at the Heavenly Palace."

"You have no right to reject me! If you don't have enough rooms, that's an easy fix. I'll kill until I have a room!"

The buff cultivator laughed coldly. He stepped out and started to pick his palace. Then, he laid eyes on the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint.

"This palace is facing the stars and it's pretty high up. It's nice. Where's the owner of this palace? Tell him to meet me!"

The Jade Emperor and the others blocked the buff cultivator. They said with seriousness, "Cultivator, this is the Deluxe Merit Saint of our Eldritch World. He won't come out to see you."

"Deluxe Merit Saint? He's nothing to me! How arrogant!"

The buff cultivator sneered and scoffed, "I see that you're all so nervous. Perhaps there's a hidden secret? Open the door. I want to go inside!"

Cultivator Junjun did not look happy at all. “Cultivator, enough. Conflict won’t be good for anybody here!”

Goddess Nuwa and Yun Shu activated their powers at the side.

They could discard their pride and allow them to enter the Heavenly Palace. However, the palace of the expert was extremely sacred. They had to defend it!

The other outsider cultivators simultaneously activated their powers. They were pressuring everyone from the Heavenly Palace.

“It’s only a palace. Open the doors and show us.”

“What? You don’t dare to?”

“Perhaps there’s a hidden secret? This is troublesome for us!”

Goddess Nuwa and the others felt their hearts sink. They felt pressured but they did not want to back off.

Suddenly, the long nose of the buff cultivator stiffened without a warning. His soft nose suddenly became as hard as a baton. A strong water pillar was also ejaculated in an instant!

The target was the door of the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint!

Then, there was an attack from a Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal!

He attacked within a second to be fast but it was still very powerful. Also, it was too quick to stop it.

Everyone watched the water pillar hit the door.

The Jade Emperor and the others were nervous. The others were excited.

However, the strong attack did not push the door open.

Not only was the door not opened, but it also remained untouched. It was not affected at all.

Everyone went silent. They had odd looks.

‘Seriously?’

'You're so incompetent.'

The buff cultivator blushed. He looked at the door. The knocker was still dangling...

It proved that he was there.

He was instantly humiliated. He felt made fun of.

Before he could be angry, a huge sense of danger overcame him. His body went cold as his hair stood on ends. He was oddly nervous and he could not breathe.

'Danger!

'My life's in danger!

'I'm going to die!'

He was blinded by a bright light the moment he had those thoughts. A blinding white light shone upon him and covered him entirely!

The light beam was a horrifyingly thick bolt of lightning!

Chapter 527: The Lucky Li Nianfan. Ruthless Hongjun

Kaboom!

The deafening thunder made their ears buzz, ringing loudly.

They were dumbfounded, shocked by the outrageously thick lightning bolt.

There was a saying, 'swift and skinny like a lightning bolt'. The saying was false because apparently, lightning bolts could be thick, too.

The lightning bolt drowned the buff man like a tidal wave. Everyone could only see white, plus a small shadow of the buff man. They literally felt thunderstruck.

'So thick. This is too much. I can't handle this.'

"Argh—"

Then, they heard a painful scream.

“Chaos... Chaos Thunderbolt?!”

The others felt the hint of the aura and they were petrified. They backed off.

They could not believe their eyes.

The Area of the Gods was created by the Chaos Thunderbolt. ‘But... How is it possible that we just witnessed another Chaos Thunderbolt?!’

‘That’s a Chaos Thunderbolt!’

If Natural Punishment was the highest form of punishment, then being punished by the Chaos Thunderbolt was a Chaos Natural Punishment. It was terrifying!

After all... It was something that could split the Chaos apart!

It could easily kill a Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal. It was something that even Realm Cultivators were afraid of.

They all seemed frozen in place. The powerful rumbling of the thunder kept going.

Gradually... They smelled something burnt.

Everyone slowly recovered from being blinded as the lightning bolt faded away. The strong buff cultivator was no longer there. The replacement was a huge black Elephant that laid peacefully on the floor. His body was smoking with charred flesh. He looked burnt.

“Yikes—”

The outsiders gasped at the same time and backed away again. They were petrified.

The buff cultivator was reckless and arrogant for a reason. He was not a weak cultivator amongst Chaos Daluo Golden Immortals. He could even be a leader, too.

The outsiders were not his allies, but in a way, they were with him. They were all there to diminish the power of the Heavenly Palace. They were there to figure out the truth.

However, the buff cultivator probably did not expect that his ejaculation on the door would turn him into barbequed meat.

It was too out of the blue. He died too unexpectedly.

‘This...this...’

They had to look at the Jade Emperor and the others.

The Jade Emperor and the others looked calm, as if they already saw it coming. They kind of looked mysterious, too. It was like they were saying, 'He deserved it.'

Truthfully, they were also shocked. They did not expect that the expert upgraded again. The Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint upgraded its Natural Punishment to Chaos Thunderbolt.

'Awesome.'

However, they were used to it. They were able to adapt in a short time.

The Jade Emperor sighed. He looked at them with pity and said, "We told you so. You cannot trespass the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint, but you wouldn't listen. Can't you try to stay alive?"

Somebody asked with uneasiness, "What happened? Why did it attract the Chaos Thunderbolt?"

Goddess Nuwa smiled and said, "We told you. Right? The Deluxe Merit Saint. Try to process that title, everyone!"

Somebody gasped. They asked with a trembling voice, “Does the Deluxe Merit Saint own the Area of the Gods? Is it possible to have a Deluxe Merit Saint in the Area of the Gods?”

“It’s not entirely impossible. But there are no previous records of this.” Somebody frowned and said, “I can’t believe that the Deluxe Merit Saint from the Area of the Gods can use a Chaos Thunderbolt as Natural Punishment.”

“We can’t mess with him. We can’t mess with him at all.”

“More importantly... That buff Elephant cultivator hit the door. Right? Hitting the door counts as trespassing, too?”

“It’s probably a special case in the Area of the Gods. We just... Can’t mess with him.”

Everyone was petrified. They looked at the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint and shuddered. They felt a chill go down their spines. It was too scary.

At that moment, they were no longer powerful cultivators. They became a bunch of ordinary cultivators that were scared of sudden thunderbolts that would fall from the sky. They were scared of being electrocuted.

The Jade Emperor genuinely said, “To be honest, we were trying to protect you just now. Why can’t you understand our kindness? Who else wants to forcefully enter the place? Feel free to try for yourselves.”

“Fine. Since it’s the Palace of the Deluxe Merit Saint, we shall obey the rules. We came here to get familiar with you locals. From today onward, our Tianluo Sect will be in the Area of the Gods!”

“That’s right. We already drank the wine. From now on, let’s do things based on our capabilities. Let’s look after one another.”

“Farewell!”

The Jade Emperor and the others waved them farewell. “Safe travels, everyone. Come again next time.”

The Empress went serious after sending off the unwelcome guests. She looked at the dead body of the Elephant and said, “Hurry up. Don’t delay. Send this meat to the expert!”

Soon, the presence of the Deluxe Merit Saint in the Area of the Gods caused a huge buzz.

“What?! The Area of the Gods was not created by the Chaos? How did someone get the Deluxe Merit Flesh?”

“Not sure, but according to reliable sources and accurate theories, the Area of the Gods is a new world created by the Eldritch World, and the Deluxe Merit Saint belongs to the Eldritch World.”

“So... The Deluxe Merit Saint of the Eldritch World’s also the Deluxe Merit Saint of the Area of the Gods?”

“That’s right. It’s the most sound theory.”

“Gosh! That guy’s so freaking lucky. If that’s the case, is he protected by the Chaos Thunderbolt? Who would dare mess with him?!”

“Sigh. Anything’s possible in the Chaos. No one truly understands the Area of the Gods. All I can say is, he’s a lucky one chosen by the Chaos.”

“He straight-up hit the jackpot! So lucky! I’m so envious that I’m going to cry. Boohoo...”

“Damn, luck beats hard work? I’m going to have a freaking breakdown!”

Most were jealous and envious. However, a lot of them were extremely horrified.

“Hitting a door activates the Deluxe Merit Flesh, too? Is that even possible? Is that fair?”

“He’s a curse! A bad omen! Avoid him as much as you can.”

“Be careful from now on, everyone. If you offend the Deluxe Merit Saint, don’t blame me for banishing you from our sect!”

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Meanwhile, the Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun carried that huge black Elephant to the Fallen Immortal Mountain.

Cultivator Junjun was nervous about his first visit.

They arrived at the door of the four-part architecture. He hurriedly adjusted his clothes. Then, he looked at the Jade Emperor and said, "Jade Emperor, go and knock on the door. You must be tired from carrying the Elephant. Leave it to me."

Then, he snatched the black Elephant from the shoulders of the Jade Emperor without a second thought. He placed it on his shoulders. He looked like he was travel-worn in the blink of an eye.

The Jade Emperor was dumbfounded.

Knock knock.

"Is the Deluxe Merit Saint at home?"

Li Nianfan could be heard from within, “Yes. Push the door open and come in.”

Creak.

The Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun carefully stepped into the room. Chaos Spiritual Qi washed over Cultivator Junjun. He instantly shut his eyes and enjoyed the moment.

‘Is this the scent of a bigshot?’

“Yo, just come and visit. Why did you bring a gift for me?”

Li Nianfan immediately saw the huge black Elephant. Then, he saw a scrawny old man with a white beard underneath the Elephant. It was very visually impactful because of the ratio contrast.

However, the elder looked strong. He smiled at Li Nianfan.

“I wonder, you’re...?”

“Lord Saint, I’m Cultivator Junjun. Sorry for the uninvited visit.”

Cultivator Junjun said, "This Elephant tried to start a fight at the Heavenly Palace. We can't let good meat go to waste, so we came here to give it to you, Lord Saint."

"Haha, thanks."

Li Nianfan laughed. He complimented, "Such a buff Elephant. The meat must be rare and delicious. You're right, it would've been such a waste! You made the right choice to bring it here. Place it on an empty spot."

"Oh, alright!"

Cultivator Junjun nodded. Then, he took out a Jade Piece and passed it to Li Nianfan. He smiled and said, "I didn't make it to your wedding, Lord Saint. I truly am sorry about that. Please, don't reject my belated wedding gift."

The knowledgeable Jade Emperor looked at the Jade Piece and had to stop breathing. His face froze up.

'The Fortune Jade Piece!

'That's the Fortune Jade Piece!

'This is Hongjun's personal treasure! It's also his origin treasure as a cultivator!'

It was a Chaos Spiritual Treasure. It was a flawed Chaos Spiritual Treasure.

However, it was one of the best treasures of the Eldritch World for sure.

Most importantly, the Three Thousand Wisdom was recorded there. It was like a cheat item for cultivators. It was more valuable than any treasure!

Of course, at the four-part architecture of the expert, he was not shocked at how valuable the Jade Piece was. He was more shocked at Cultivator Junjun.

‘He just gave away his personal treasure without blinking. Truly the Master. So ruthless!

‘No wonder this ruthless cultivator’s so successful.’

Li Nianfan curiously looked at the Fortune Jade Piece.. He instantly had a weird look. He said in a surprised tone, “Is this... A disk?”

Chapter 528: Wisdom Evolution. Honeymoon Plan

“Good eye, Lord Saint.”

Cultivator Junjun looked normal. He also kissed up to the expert. He said, "I think this item's kind of rare, so I came here to give it to you, Lord Saint."

"It's indeed rare. I can't believe that I can see this thing here."

Li Nianfan nodded. He took the disk and inspected it.

The disk was the same as disks in his past realm, but it was slightly larger. It was a flat, round disk with a round hole at the center.

The color was Jade white. It reflected the sunlight with a holographic sheen.

'Huh?'

Li Nianfan noticed something. He gently glided his fingers across the disk's surface. He felt patterns on it. He looked closer and saw subtle engraved patterns on the disk.

It seemed to be a mountain, and it seemed to be scenery with people in it...

He had to take out the television.

He asked curiously, "Cultivator Junjun, is this disk related to the television?"

"This...this..."

Cultivator Junjun instantly froze up. He stopped breathing as his mind ran in circles. He panicked at the sudden question.

'Should I answer yes, or should I answer no?

'This is such a deep question. Is the expert testing me?

'I am not prepared at all!

'If I answer incorrectly, will the expert be disappointed?'

He did not dare let Li Nianfan wait for the answer. He forced himself to say, "May... Maybe."

"I thought so, too."

Li Nianfan nodded. Then, he placed the disk on the table. He placed the television in the round hole of the disk...

It was a perfect fit.

Buzz!

The Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun felt a slight buzz in the air. It was not only sounds, it was more like the rhythm of Wisdom. They instantly went blank the moment they heard it.

Then, they looked at the television again. They widened their eyes in disbelief at the same time.

‘Some... Something happened.’

At that moment, the television shined. Then, the alight projection was projected into the air. Li Nianfan was very familiar with it. ‘The opening of a 3D movie.’

However, he did not need to imagine the scenes. The television was playing on its own. “Awesome. The disk works.”

Li Nianfan was pleasantly surprised. He hurriedly called Daji and the Fire Phoenix. “Daji, Fire Phoenix, I discovered a treasure. Come over here and watch.”

Cultivator Junjun and the Jade Emperor held their breaths. They stared at it without blinking. Every cell in their bodies were leaping with excitement. They had goosebumps.

‘This is the Fortune Disk that contains the Three Thousand Wisdom. What will the television play?’

They had a feeling that they were about to witness a Godly miracle. They were about to witness a life-changing opportunity!

Finally, the visuals slowly appeared.

Everything was jet-black.

“This...this is...”

The darkness grew and covered everything. It became the endless Chaos.

Stars swirled and the galaxy moved. Time was non-existent in a place like that. It was as if a moment had passed, or perhaps several billion years had passed.

They sensed a hint of aura from the silent universe.

They thought they would see life from the movement of the aura. However... It was not.

It was the aura of Wisdom.

The aura was weak at first. It drifted in the Chaos with nowhere to go.

Suddenly, the aura grew larger and expanded. A sound was born.

Drip drop! Drip drop!

It was the sound of water. A single drop of water contained the possibility of every living being ever. The aura of Wisdom was extremely intense.

Then, there were thunderstorms, flames, and frost...

The aura of Wisdom swirled in the Chaos. It gave birth, destroyed, annihilated...

Everything repeated itself. Wisdom kept improving itself.

The Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun were mesmerized. They had forgotten everything. They were immersed in the universe. They felt the power of the world wash over them like a baptism.

However, they were too puny. They felt like a drop of water amidst a huge sea. Any wave could drown them, forcing them to return to the sea.

Just when they were mesmerized, the feeling suddenly stopped out of nowhere. They snapped back to reality. Their backs were drenched with cold sweat.

‘Thank God, I almost lost myself in the endless Wisdom. I almost merged into Wisdom.’

The Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun sighed in relief. Their hair stood on ends and they were still terrified.

‘Did the expert save us from the verge of death?’

“Come on. Isn’t this the Evolution of the Universe? This is so boring!”

Li Nianfan held the disk. He shook his head. “It’s a shame. I was quite curious. I got excited for nothing.”

‘Bo—Boring?’

Cultivator Junjun and the Jade Emperor had to twitch their mouths. They could not describe how they felt at the moment.

‘That’s the Three Thousand Wisdom, man!’

The expert projected the Three Thousand Wisdom with the Fortune Disk and the television. He thought it was... Boring?!

Any hint of Wisdom in there would make cultivators go nuts!

‘Is this the difference between me and a bigshot?’

Cultivator Junjun was irrecoverably shocked. He was mentally prepared to visit the expert but he still could not handle it. The expert was too powerful beyond his understanding.

He spent all his years of effort on the Fortune Disk but could only achieve a tiny bit of Wisdom.

He was also pleased with every hint of Wisdom he achieved. In recollection, he was so ashamed that he wanted to dig a hole and bury himself in it.

They called the Fortune Disk a cheating item for cultivators. However, it was not only a cheating item when it was used by the expert. It became an invincible hacking item.

For example, Cultivator Junjun wanted Wisdom like a thirsty person wanted water. However, he spent a whole lot of time squeezing out a drop of water. Li Nianfan casually tossed out an entire sea.

It was not the issue of quenching his thirst. It was simply too much to handle. He almost drowned in the intensity.

Cultivator Junjun looked at Li Nianfan with gratitude. He heavily sighed and thought to himself, 'The expert immersed me in a sea of Wisdom, then pulled me out at a crucial moment. This had surpassed my gratefulness for resurrection. I can't repay his kindness at all!'

The Jade Emperor was more than confused.

He blinked.

'Did I just...have a breakthrough?'

He looked at the disk. 'Am I a certified Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal?'

It was an once-in-a-lifetime blessing. It was unimaginable.

'The Empress will cry from envious regret if she knows about this when I get back...'

"Oh yeah. I haven't served tea for you guys yet."

Li Nianfan told Daji, "Daji, serve some tea and fruit platters."

Daji softly nodded. "Yes."

Cultivator Junjun hurriedly said, "Lord Saint, no need to be so courteous."

He meant it.

They were already blessed by the expert with one visit. Even his shameless self was too embarrassed to gain more benefits.

He gave him the Fortune Disk. However, the expert gave him something more. It was overloaded.

The expert was so generous that they were ashamed!

The Jade Emperor asked curiously, “Lord Saint, what’s Xiao Bai doing?”

From the moment they entered the four-part architecture, Xiao Bai had been busy. There was a lot of rare and weird equipment in the yard. The oil pot was bubbling away, too. Xiao Bai was distractingly busy.

“Making some snacks and candy.”

Li Nianfan smiled. Then, he casually said, “Actually, we’re planning a trip. We’re going to bring some snacks for the road.”

Li Nianfan had been planning for a honeymoon trip after the wedding. However, it was postponed because of bad timing. He planned to continue with the honeymoon trip when he felt like things were more under control.

As for the snacks and candy, it was purely made for Daji and Fire Phoenix.

He did not have high standards for snacks. So, he was too lazy to make it himself.

However, he started to make snacks for Daji and the Fire Phoenix. He wanted to let them taste something new and different. After all, he was the type to spoil his wives.

The Jade Emperor asked, "Lord Saint, you're going out?"

Li Nianfan nodded. He smiled and said, "You guys came at the right time. I was just about to ask about the situation outside."

"The Eldritch World changed drastically. There are a lot of powerful cultivators coming in from the Chaos. The Eldritch World is now known as the Area of the Gods."

The Jade Emperor groaned for a moment. He continued to say, "Now, a lot of forces are rooting in the Area of the Gods. They had set up cultivation sects and clans. At the same time, there are a lot of troubles. Lord Saint, if you want to know more about that, I'll order someone to gather all related information in the shortest time possible."

Li Nianfan did not try to be courteous. He saluted and said, "Thanks for the help then, Emperor."

The Jade Emperor hurriedly waved it off, "You're too kind, Lord Saint. It's nothing much."

Li Nianfan said, "Oh yeah. I have another question. I hope you can answer me honestly, Emperor."

The Jade Emperor instantly straightened up. "Feel free to ask, Lord Saint."

"I want to confirm something. Now that the world has shifted, is my Deluxe Merit Flesh getting stronger, too? I wonder if I still have my self-defense powers?"

Li Nianfan cared about that a lot. After all, it was one of his most important powers. He would be more at ease during the trip if he could confirm it.

‘Self-defense?’

The Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun had to look at the half-charred black Elephant at the same time.

‘Are you serious?’

‘You even have a Chaos Thunderbolt. The Chaos Daluo Golden Immortal that was electrocuted to death is still peacefully lying there!’

‘Isn’t your self-defense powers too over the top?’

The Jade Emperor and Cultivator Junjun finally knew why the black Elephant existed. The Elephant existed just so they could answer that question of the expert!

Chapter 529: Some People Are Still at the Starting Line, but I Had Reached the Finishing Line

Half a month had passed in the blink of an eye.

The Jade Emperor used the entire workforce of the Heavenly Palace and finally listed out a descriptive Area of the Gods situation.

A map was also attached but it was very messy. Big forces and cities were marked, along with information on the cities.

With the information, Li Nianfan had a clearer understanding of the Area of the Gods. It was quite helpful.

At the same time, he was sentimental about the changes of the Eldritch World.

"I can't believe so many forces joined us. It's getting crowded."

'The Legendary Demon Sect that cultivates with the Demons. The Witchcraft Sect in the South Hill Maze. The Empaths that cultivate Human Emotions, and all sorts of Demons and Magical Beasts...'

Of course, there was a lot of havoc, too.

As the old saying went, 'There's little common ground between people with different principles.' There was also another saying, 'Hundreds of flowers that bloom together, die together.'

Whether the battles were between good and evil, or battles between their own kind, battles were bound to happen at any given moment in the Area of the Gods. It would definitely be interesting.

Li Nianfan smiled and said, "Good. Everything's ready. We're good to go."

The Jade Emperor said, "Lord Saint, if you run into any trouble, just say the word. Someone from the Heavenly Palace will get there as soon as possible."

"Alright. I won't be courteous then," Li Nianfan laughed and casually said.

Deep down, he knew that he would not run into any trouble.

Daji and Fire Phoenix were with him. No one would dare get close to them.

Also, he had the defense Immortal Item on. His life was insured. Moreover, he could activate his Deluxe Merit Flesh. He did not think he was invincible, but no one would dare mess with him.

He had to check out the bustling Area of the Gods.

When he arrived at the Eldritch World, he wanted to check out the different world. The Eldritch World once again shifted and changed. He had also improved. It was a waste not to travel and experience different cultures.

The Jade Emperor followed Li Nianfan to the door of the four-part architecture.

As they almost said their farewells, Li Nianfan suddenly asked with curiosity, “Oh yeah. Emperor, you guys must be busy lately?”

“Sigh. Don’t even mention it.”

The Jade Emperor looked troubled and worried. They were not only busy, they were busier than ever.

Various forces had risen in the realms. They had Ghost troubles, Demon troubles, and evil forces. In a short amount of time, havoc rained down on them and peaked like crazy. Various powerful forces were dying to make a move. Some were also scheming in secrecy.

Most importantly, no powerful sects cared about the Heavenly Palace.

The Jade Emperor felt like it was déjà vu.

It was just like when the Heavenly Palace first started. The religious sects, Humans, Dragons, Demons, and all the others ignored the Heavenly Palace.

Of course, things were much more complex than before because there were too many sects and Orthodoxies.

The Heavenly Palace was responsible for managing the three realms. Even the Jade Emperor wanted to laugh at how ridiculous it was.

They could never manage the Area of the Gods with their capabilities. It was the Area of the Gods. They could only try to do their best.

The Jade Emperor thought of something. He said, "To be honest, Lord Saint. The Heavenly Palace set up a new Orthodoxy, called the White Jade Capital. Lady Luo Shiyu suggested the name. She was inspired by one of your poems, Lord Saint."

"Majestic White Jade Capital. Twelve towers and five city gates. I'm not ordinary. I leadeth an Immortal life. It was an old poem. I can't believe that Luo Shiyu still remembers that." Li Nianfan had to chuckle. He sounded like he missed the old times.

Back then, Nanan insisted on cultivating. He gave her a poem to encourage her. The girl was an extraordinary cultivator. She was probably exploring in the Area of the Gods.

The Jade Emperor spoke from the heart, "The poem's fantastic. Only you can recite it well, Lord Saint. It's unforgettable."

"I was just following the artistic culture. Alright. It's time to say farewell."

Li Nianfan saluted the Jade Emperor and said, "Emperor, this is our farewell. If you don't mind, you can tell Xiao Bai to hand you some candy. We have a lot of candy at home. Think of it as my wedding candy. I hope everyone can try it."

The Jade Emperor was overjoyed. He hurriedly said with excitement, "Hey, of course, I don't mind. I don't mind at all. Thanks, Lord Saint!"

It was super nice to work for the expert. Every visit and occasional help would end up with huge rewards. It was unimaginable.

The powerful forces in the Area of the Gods would fight. They fought hard for the occasional opportunities. The Jade Emperor wanted to laugh.

'You guys are at the starting line, but I'm already at the finish line.

'Why aren't we the same? It's because the bigshots we bootlick aren't the same.'

The Jade Emperor merrily went off to take some candy from Xiao Bai. Li Nianfan walked down the mountain with Daji and Fire Phoenix.

Just like usual, Fire Phoenix turned into a little red bird and rested on his shoulder.

The trip truly felt convenient.

The mountains were much higher. The nearby Fallen Town was far away from the Fallen Immortal Mountain. He wondered where it was.

Li Nianfan picked an estimated direction for Fallen Town and rode on clouds.

They were flying fast, but they still flew for an hour. There was no sight of any cities. They saw a Passageway at the bottom of their feet. So, they landed on the Passageway and walked.

It was clear that they went off in the wrong direction. They flew to a further area.

However, the three of them were out for a trip. They did not have a goal, so they did not mind it that much.

Since there was a Passageway, it meant that there was a village or a town nearby. There would at least be some residents. Li Nianfan was about to ask someone for directions.

Clop! Clop!

Soon, they heard horses galloping. Then, they saw a leisure horse carriage.

The horse rider was an old man. He had a horsewhip in hand, occasionally whipping the two horses that pulled the carriage. They stumbled forward on the uneven Passageway.

He did not expect to see people on the Passageway, so he naturally looked at Li Nianfan with curiosity. His eyes almost popped out from his skull as he stared. He almost fell from the horse carriage. The old man hurriedly shook his head and looked away. He did not dare to look anymore.

‘She’s too pretty. Is she a Goddess from Heaven?’

The horse carriage got closer. Li Nianfan saluted and asked, “Sir, can you stop the horse carriage for a moment?”

Neigh!

The old man tugged on the ropes, but he had his head down. He asked, “Young man, are you trying to hitchhike?”

“Sir, what are you...?”

The old man hurriedly said, “Young man, your lady’s too pretty to look at. I can’t live peacefully anymore if I keep looking at her.”

Li Nianfan had to laugh awkwardly.

Truthfully, he already tried to tone it down. He told Fire Phoenix to transform into a little red bird, and he told Daji to dress more plainly. She also used makeup to look more approachable, but she was still intimidatingly gorgeous. It could not be helped.

Li Nianfan asked, "Sir, I want to ask. How do we get to Fallen Town?"

"Fallen Town? That's so far away."

The old man was taken aback. He said, "I've been to Fallen Town multiple times before the Area of the Gods. But now, a lot of locations have shifted. The distance between places has also become further. You can't reach there without spending half a month."

"I see..."

Li Nianfan mumbled to himself. Then, he said in an indifferent tone, "Can you give us a ride to the nearest town? Money isn't a problem."

The old man smiled earnestly, "Of course. Hop in, young man."

Li Nianfan and Daji got on the carriage. The horses kept going.

'This young man's so lucky. He married a lady as beautiful as a Goddess', the old man thought to himself as he steered the carriage. He was incredibly envious. He thought about his own wife and felt bitter.

'But, ordinary people can't handle such a pretty wife.'

He comforted himself. He felt internally stirred on the way. The horses kept going until they reached an intersection.

The elder used his whip. He was familiar with the place. His instinct was to head into one of the roads. Suddenly, he tugged on the ropes. He stopped the carriage on a whim.

After a short moment, he made some sort of decision. He pulled the ropes and steered the carriage onto the other road...

Chapter 530: Am I the Prettiest Lady in the Village

"The road he chose has Ghost energy."

Daji gave Li Nianfan a shoulder massage in the horse carriage. She said, "He seems to be struggling and frightened."

"Ghost energy?"

Li Nianfan slightly arched his eyebrow. He asked curiously, “Is the rider going to hurt us? Can you girls defeat this Ghost energy?”

Daji replied, “It’s a puny Ghost. Don’t worry, Sister Fire Phoenix and I are here. No one can put you in danger.”

Li Nianfan smiled with relief. He thought it was interesting. “Whatever then. Let’s see it as an adventure.”

He was not ashamed of being protected by his wives at all. ‘Only youngsters don’t understand the benefits of having dominant wives.’

Moreover, his dominant wives were truly beautiful. It was all-around beneficial...

Clop! Clop!

The horses kept going. There were no other sounds on the way. Soon, they reached a milestone. The milestone was engraved with two words, ‘Qingshan Village’.

There were always towns near villages. A city would always be built in the center, while villages were built around the city. Most of the Immortal Realm was constructed like that. It was popularized by the Xia Kingdom. After all, Humans were social beings. They lived in a community, especially in the Immortal Realm. There were not a lot of villages that were on their own.

The horse carriage stopped in front of the milestone. The old man was a bit dazed. He fell into some sort of hesitation. He shouted at the horse carriage, "Young man, Qingshan Village is upfront. Shall we head inside?"

Li Nianfan replied, "Continue onward."

"Alright."

The old man instantly looked less troubled. He sighed in relief and felt less guilty.

'You're the one who said we should head in. Don't blame me if anything happens.'

The horse carriage moved past the milestone.

Li Nianfan opened the curtains and looked outside. He saw a lively river with green mossy grass along the way. There were a lot of trees, too. The environment looked quite nice.

They could see rows of houses in the direction that they were moving. There were a lot of shadowy figures, too. It looked like a cursed village.

Li Nianfan thought something was creepy. There were a lot of people gathering in front of the village gates.

Moreover, they were mostly ladies.

They all looked beautiful.

The ladies all looked up like they were searching for their husbands.

Someone was guarding the village gates, too, but the guards ignored the passersby. Li Nianfan wondered what they were there for.

The old man had a slightly trembling voice as he said, "Young... Young man, we're here."

Li Nianfan got off the carriage with Daji. He casually said, "Thanks, how much?"

"Ah! So pretty!"

The crowd at the village gates suddenly squealed and screamed, especially the ladies. Previously, they looked troubled and worried.

However, they were suddenly cheerful. They were flushed with excitement. They stared at Daji without blinking as if they were obsessed.

If the ladies were reacting like that toward Li Nianfan, he would be very pleased. However, they were reacting like that toward Daji. It was very odd.

Li Nianfan had to frown. He silently hid Daji behind him. 'Compliment me instead.'

"No, no need to pay!"

The old man still had his head down. This time, it was because he did not dare to look at Li Nianfan.

He went to the guards at the gates and was mysteriously rewarded with an expensive sack of silver.

"Farewell, young man."

The old man hurriedly left on the horse carriage before Li Nianfan could ask him anything.

Li Nianfan and Daji walked to the guards. He asked curiously, "Did that old man just accept a sack of rewards?"

The leader of the guards was a middle-aged man. He looked at the two of them with mixed emotions. He nodded and replied, "That's right. It's the reward for bringing you guys here."

The nearby ladies looked at Daji with excitement, but the nearby guys looked at Daji with sympathy.

A man came up to them and said, "Pal, bring your wife to our village for a good meal. Feel free to eat. It's free."

Li Nianfan frowned. He thought it was out of the blue. Suddenly, he heard a lady's voice coming from behind—

"I heard that there's a reward of ten silvers if we bring a beautiful woman here, and we can eat for free. Is it true?"

He turned around. He saw a lady in a pastel green chiffon dress. She had shoulder-length hair. There was a Huadian on her forehead which made her more attractive.

She had very few clothes on. A breeze went by and blew her chiffon dress up. Her long, snow-white legs were revealed. She also had a red silk belt tied on her skinny waist.

A young man stood behind the lady. He was troubled and disturbed by what the lady said.

The siblings walked to the guards. The lady said, "Give me the silver then."

The guard was kind of dumbfounded. He gave her the sack of silver. "Here."

The lady took the sack of silver and inspected it. She satisfyingly chuckled.

Li Nianfan was weirded out. "Free money for beautiful ladies? Really?"

That was discrimination in looks and discrimination in gender.

"What? This is life-risking money!"

The lady pouted. The ordinary Li Nianfan was not as attractive as Daji. The lady was instantly distracted by Daji.

She smirked and mysteriously said, "I don't mind telling you this. In Qingshan Village, the most beautiful woman in the village will die every three days!"

Li Nianfan was slightly taken aback. "The most beautiful woman will die?"

"Yikes. Scary, right?"

The lady shook her head. She smiled and said, "That bunch of women all felt like they were beautiful. So, they were worried that they'd be the next one to die. But, when they saw this lady over here, they naturally sighed in relief. They were cheering because at least someone's more beautiful than them."

"I see."

Li Nianfan nodded. No wonder the ladies were so excited but the men looked sympathetic.

'As long as beautiful women keep coming into the village, the women villagers don't have to die. No wonder they rather give out free money.

'In other words, Daji and I have been swindled by the old man? How treacherous.'

The lady continued, "But it's fine now because I'm here. Her curse naturally transferred to me."

The young man said without a second thought, "Sis, I don't think the curse transferred at all."

Bam!

The young man instantly had a swollen head. He felt dizzy from the bruises.

The lady stopped. She said calmly, "Excuse me, my little brother likes to talk nonsense. Please, forgive him."

'Is that nonsense?

'It's clearly the truth!

Everyone looked at her fists and swallowed their words. 'Forget it. The truth is in our hearts. There's no use saying it out loud.'

"Guys, let's have a meal together. I'm buying," the lady laughed. She acted generously, but in reality, it was a free meal anyway.

The four of them went to eat at a restaurant.

The villagers knew what would happen to Daji, so they were very friendly and polite toward her. They served her the best wine and food.

It was a promise of the entire village, together with the sympathy and guilt toward the dead.

Through conversation, Li Nianfan found out the names of the siblings, Qin Chuyue and Qin Yun. He also found out some information on Qingshan Village.

It used to be an ordinary village until a month ago. They had Ghosts after the death of one lady.

Qin Yun looked serious. He said, "According to what we know, this dead lady was naturally ugly, which was why she was rejected and bullied by everyone. No man would like her. She had a lot of loneliness, pain, grief, and hatred in her heart.

"She committed suicide a month ago! According to someone who saw the body, the lady died horrifically. She used a knife to carve her chin into a V-shaped face while she was alive. She also sliced her eyes and nose. It was a horrifying sight!"

Li Nianfan sighed heavily. "So, she turned into a Ghost to seek revenge?"

Qin Yun nodded. "Apparently. Otherwise, she wouldn't target the pretty ones."

Qin Chuyue smiled and said, "She'll strike tonight. I carefully compared our looks, this lady and I are equally as beautiful. For safety measures, you guys should stay close to me. I'll fight this Ghost! Leave it to me!"

Li Nianfan and Daji looked at each other. They smiled and said, "No problem."

The night was dead silent.

The villagers generously let them stay at a spacious and luxurious villa.

Li Nianfan and the others did not sleep. They all waited in the living room with the candles on.

Qin Chuyue was the only one who was busy. She had a Bi disk and a bell. She also stuck stickers of ritual runes everywhere. From the looks of it, she seemed to be a professional. Li Nianfan felt that it was very interesting to see something that looked like it was from a horror movie.

He had never seen anything like that before in the Immortal Realm. 'Perhaps the siblings are outsiders?'

The night gradually turned dark.

Whoosh—

The wind blew.

Candlelight started to sway with the wind. Lights flickered like they could go out at any moment.

The yard door that was shut suddenly shook. Then, there was a loud creak sound! The door was wide open!

It was pitch-black outside. Nothing was there. A sudden strong wind blew out the candlelight. The room was fully dark. The moonlight could not reach them.

“Being ugly is a sin!

“I’ll kill you.

“Your eyes are mine.

“Your nose is mine.

“Your whole face is mine!”

The voice was as chilling as the cold wind. It echoed and sent shivers down their spines.

Qin Chuyue cast a spell.

Flames instantly appeared. She ignited the rune papers and cast away the darkness.

A white shadowy figure suddenly appeared outside the yard door. She slowly floated inside.

“She came to look for me!”

Qin Chuyue looked serious. She instantly ran out.

However, the white shadowy figure did not look at her at all. She floated right past her.

Qin Chuyue blocked her again.

“Tell me now. Am I the prettiest lady in the village?”

The white shadowy figure steered away from her.. She coldly said, “Clearly not.”