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Chapter 451: Zero Arctic Domain, Important Information (1)

Yin Wuyou felt that this person who looked exactly like her great-grandmother was an imposter.

What a joke. The lifespan of a first-rank martial artist was only three to five hundred years, but Yin Yuzhu was the eldest daughter of the founding ancestor of Great Xia and lived more than a thousand years ago.

In other words, if she was still alive, she would probably be more than a thousand years old. How was that possible?

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“Try it,” Zhou Shu said. “What if we kill the wrong person?”

If they confirmed that Yin Yuzhu wasn't from the Yin family, then no matter who she was, Zhou Shu would immediately kill her.

This was the Demon Realm, the enemy's territory.

If he didn't kill an unidentified person who had come up and lied, was he supposed to keep her?

Yin Wuyou nodded solemnly and walked toward Yin Yuzhu.

After Yin Wuyou cultivated the God of War Catalog with Zhou Shu, her cultivation had long broken through to the first rank, equivalent to Yin Yuzhu's, so Zhou Shu wasn't worried that she would encounter danger.

Standing still, Zhou Shu saw Yin Wuyou walk up to Yin Yuzhu.

“Come.” Yin Wuyou's voice was a little cold.

A disdainful smile appeared on Yin Yuzhu's lips before she stretched out her right hand.

Yin Wuyou frowned, and a hint of displeasure flashed across her eyes. Then she reached out and held Yin Yuzhu's hand.

She closed her eyes, and a faint glow came over her.

A moment later, Yin Yuzhu's body actually lit up as well. The light on their bodies connected and transformed into a golden dragon that circled around the two women before entering Yin Yuzhu's body and disappearing.

The two women's clothes fluttered in the wind. Under the golden light, they looked like fairies who had descended to the mortal world.

The corners of Yin Yuzhu's mouth curled up slightly. “Eldest granddaughter, do you believe me now? Come, call me Great-Grandmother first.”

Yin Wuyou's expression turned ugly. She turned to look at Zhou Shu helplessly.

Zhou Shu reached out and pulled Yin Wuyou behind him. He stared at Yin Yuzhu with a cold expression.

Yin Yuzhu no longer looked panicked. She sized up Zhou Shu and said, "My eldest granddaughter lost her virginity to you, right? Are you my eldest granddaughter's husband then? Not bad, not bad."

She nodded slightly, acting like an elder.

The veins on Zhou Shu's forehead throbbed.

"Although you've proven that you have the Yin family's bloodline, it doesn't mean that you're Yin Yuzhu," Zhou Shu said coldly. "Even if you're Yin Yuzhu, it doesn't mean that you can put on the airs of an elder in front of me.

"Remember this. It's important."

Zhou Shu waved his hand. "Wang Xin, bring her back. Watch her and don't let her wander around!"

"Understood!" Wang Xin said loudly, joy flashing in the depths of his eyes.

Yin Yuzhu frowned. She wanted to say something, but Zhou Shu had already pulled Yin Wuyou back into the cave.

"M-Miss Yin, please." Wang Xin hesitated for a moment before coming to Yin Yuzhu's side and forcing an unnatural smile

Yin Yuzhu glanced at him, her eyes flickering.

"Let's go. Let great-grandmother see what you two are up to here," Yin Yuzhu said.

She was the first to follow Zhou Shu and Yin Wuyou into the bushes.

Wang Xin hurriedly followed. He didn't look a bit like a gentleman who didn't get close to women and only focused on the Martial Dao.

If Zhou Shu saw him like this, he would definitely remove his title as the strongest worker.

Mi Ziwen stood frozen for a moment. Then he carefully cleared the immediate area of tracks before returning to the karst cave.

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In the karst cave, which was also the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch, Zhou Shu, Yin Wuyou, Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Cao Chenyang, Tang Chengshi, Bai Qiancheng, Zhang Wuyuan, and the others were all present.

All the supreme generals of the Nine Nations had come.

They were about to go out and investigate the nearby terrain when Zhou Shu suddenly called them over solemnly. They were all puzzled.

Zhou Shu went straight to the point. "That's the situation. General Wang Xin saved a woman outside, and this woman called herself Yin Yuzhu. After our identification, she indeed has the bloodline of Great Xia.

"Now, let's discuss. Is this true?"

Everyone frowned. Most people didn't know the name Yin Yuzhu, but they had a good idea of the daughter of Great Xia's Emperor Xuan.

Emperor Xuan, the founder of Great Xia, was a figure from more than a thousand years ago. His daughter had to be more than a thousand years old.

"Even a first-rank martial artist can't live for a thousand years," Zhang Wuyuan said. "There must be a trick to this."

"That's right." Bai Qiancheng nodded. "If she can't explain why she can live for so long, I don't think we can trust her bloodline either."

"Your Highness, we're in a dangerous situation. We can't afford any unstable factors. My advice is, it's better to kill by mistake than to let her go!"

Bai Qiancheng's face was brimming with killing intent. As long as Zhou Shu agreed, he would immediately go out and kill that woman.

Yin Wuyou opened her mouth. Although she didn't want to believe that that woman was her great-grandmother, killing her just like that...

"Killing her is not the best idea." Wang Mu shook his head. "This person's appearance is too coincidental. Everyone, this is the Demon Realm!"

"Why is she here by such coincidence? Don't you think there's something wrong?"

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"Has our whereabouts been compromised? That's the important question!"

Everyone's expressions were solemn. This place was their base in the Demon Realm. If it was really discovered by the demons of the Demon Realm, it would definitely be a life and death crisis for them.

"Do you mean we should confine and question her?" Bai Qiancheng said in a deep voice. "I'm afraid it's not that simple."

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How could a first-rank expert be interrogated so easily?

"We can't kill her, and it's not appropriate to torture her for information," Meng Bai said seriously.

"Then, the best way is to watch her closely and slowly observe her."

He was in a more difficult position than Wang Mu and the others.

To Wang Mu, it didn't matter to him if they tortured or killed Yin Yuzhu. After all, she wasn't part of his nation's imperial family.

But Meng Bai was a subject of Great Xia, and this matter was closely related to him.

"Your Highness, I think the first thing to do is to find out why she's still alive," Meng Bai continued. "If she can't give a reasonable explanation for this, I think we can implement the suggestions of the generals. We can torture her to find out why she's here and then kill her!"

Meng Bai's eyes were also full of killing intent. Compared to the safety of the Ten Nations Alliance, the life of a woman was nothing.

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"Little Wang, you guys are really something. You actually found such a place."

While Zhou Shu and the others were discussing what to do with Yin Yuzhu, she was observing the cave excitedly with Wang Xin.

Wang Xin, a burly man, was now following Yin Yuzhu like a lackey. He looked very uncoordinated.

He forced a smile and said, "His Highness found this place."

"Little Wang, are you also from Great Xia?" Yin Yuzhu turned around and glanced at Wang Xin.

"No, I'm from Great Qin," Wang Xin said.

"Then, why do you call Great Xia's prince consort 'Your Highness'?" Yin Yuzhu was puzzled.

"Miss Yin, His Highness isn't the prince consort of Great Xia!" Wang Xin said seriously.

"He's not? Isn't that little girl Great Xia's princess? He has already taken her virginity. You're saying that he's not the prince consort of Great Xia?" Yin Yuzhu had an expression that said 'don't lie to me'.

"He's not." Wang Xin scratched his head. "His Highness is the King of the South of Great Xia and also the Side-by-side King of Great Qin. That's why I call him 'Your Highness'. By the way, he's also the Country Protector King of Great Liang, King Wu'an of Great Zhao, King Wei'lie of Great Han..."

Wang Xin counted with his fingers and said one by one.

Yin Yuzhu's mouth widened in shock. "He alone is a king of nine nations? Are you lying to me?"

"Of course not. His Highness isn't an ordinary man," Wang Xin said. "So, Miss Yin, don't put on airs in front of him. Otherwise, you'll be the one suffering."

Before Wang Xin could finish speaking, he felt a gust of wind, and then Zhou Shu's figure appeared in front of them.

"Your Highness!" Wang Xin called.

Zhou Shu nodded, then his gaze landed on Yin Yuzhu. "Let me ask you a question. How did you survive until now?"

Yin Yuzhu sized up Zhou Shu curiously, her eyes flickering. "If I say that I don't know either, will you believe me?"

"Yes." Zhou Shu nodded. "And I'll send you on your way immediately."

Killing intent erupted from Zhou Shu's body, and the earth-grade Great Destroyer Sword was unsheathed.

Yin Yuzhu pouted. She already looked like a loli, so when she pouted, she looked even more like a little girl.

"It's no fun. You can't even take a joke," Yin Yuzhu muttered. Then she said. "It's fine even if I tell you.

"Back then, by chance, I once learned a divine ability called the Zero Arctic Domain. This divine ability can produce extreme coldness and freeze everything.

"Not long after I came to the Demon Realm, I was chased by demonic beasts and was seriously injured. Helpless, I used the Zero Arctic Domain to freeze myself to prevent my injuries from worsening.

"Before that, I didn't expect it either. When I froze myself, my body didn't seem affected by time and didn't seem to age.

"After that, every once in a while, I'd freeze myself for years or even decades. That's how I survived until now," Yin Yuzhu explained reasonably. "I was frozen for decades this time. When I opened my eyes, I saw you guys."

"Use your Zero Arctic Domain," Zhou Shu said solemnly.

"Now? At you?" Yin Yuzhu was puzzled.

"Come on!" Zhou Shu said coldly.

Yin Yuzhu harrumphed and no longer hesitated. She raised her hands, and her white jade-like palms were instantly covered in a layer of frost. An extremely cold aura enveloped Zhou Shu's entire body.

Zhou Shu didn't resist. Instead, he carefully sensed the cold aura.

The aura was extremely cold. In the blink of an eye, Zhou Shu felt his blood freeze, and even his spiritual essence seemed to freeze.

How domineering!

Zhou Shu's body trembled slightly. His spiritual essence and true qi surged, dispersing the cold in his body.

Flames suddenly surged from his hands. The Iron Smelting Hands Technique activated, and the high temperature quickly dispelled the cold in his body.

"It's enough," Zhou Shu said.

"Now do you believe me?" Yin Yuzhu retracted her hands. "My Zero Arctic Domain can extend people's lifespan and retain their youth. It has endless uses."

Zhou Shu was expressionless. He had more or less believed her.

After personally experiencing it, he was certain that this Zero Arctic Domain could indeed freeze the human body.

In theory, it could indeed delay the decline of people's vitality.

This reason was barely plausible.

Zhou Shu stared at Yin Yuzhu. After a long time, he slowly said, "Wang Xin, find her a room and let her stay there. The supplies will be as usual. If there's nothing, don't let her leave the room."

“Wait, what do you mean? Are you confining me?” Yin Yuzhu said angrily. “Do you know who I am? I’m your great-grandmother!”

“I’ll get Xiao Jianghe to cooperate with you.” Zhou Shu ignored Yin Yuzhu and looked at Wang Xin. “If she dares to leave her room, I’ll allow you to act first and report later.”

“Bastard!”

Zhou Shu had already walked far away, but he could still hear Yin Yuzhu’s furious voice.

After turning a corner, he bumped into Yin Wuyou, who was pacing back and forth anxiously.

Zhou Shu stepped forward and slapped Yin Wuyou’s butt.

“Are you still thinking about Yin Yuzhu?” Zhou Shu smiled.

“Zhou Shu!” Yin Wuyou was originally shocked. But when she saw that it was Zhou Shu, she immediately heaved a sigh of relief. “That person...”

“I didn’t kill her,” Zhou Shu said. “Don’t think too much. Whether she’s Yin Yuzhu or not, you don’t have to treat her like your great-grandmother. Just do what you have to do.

“Aside from being a bit older, she’s not all that remarkable, is she?”

“You mean she’s really my great-grandmother?” Yin Wuyou’s mouth was wide open in disbelief. “How did she do it? She’s already so old, but she still looks so young. She looks about the same age as me.”

“Cultivate the God of War Catalog well, and you will be able to stay young forever,” Zhou Shu said with a smile.

Yin Wuyou blushed slightly and wrapped her fingers around the corner of her clothes. Her voice was as soft as a mosquito. “Should we cultivate now?”

Zhou Shu’s heart burned, and he almost had a nosebleed.

Just as he was about to cultivate with Yin Wuyou on the spot, he suddenly heard footsteps behind him.

“Your Highness!” Wang Xin’s voice came from afar.

Zhou Shu said gloomily, “What are you shouting for? I’m here.”

Yin Wuyou was so embarrassed that she flew away to escape. Zhou Shu couldn’t stop her even if he wanted to.

“What are you doing? Didn’t I ask you to keep an eye on Yin Yuzhu? Why are you here?” Zhou Shu said angrily to Wang Xin.

Wang Xin was panting and didn’t notice Zhou Shu’s displeasure. He said, “Mi Ziwen is keeping an eye on her. Your Highness, Miss Yin said that she has important information for you!”

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“If you have something to say, say it quickly.” Zhou Shu looked at Yin Yuzhu angrily.

“I want to make a deal with you!” Yin Yuzhu didn’t care about Zhou Shu’s tone and stared at him seriously.

“Who do you think you are to do that?” Zhou Shu snorted coldly.

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“Because I’ve been in the Demon Realm for hundreds of years!” Yin Yuzhu said. “Based on my understanding of the Demon Realm, I know more than all of you combined!

“If you want to survive in the Demon Realm, I can help you!”

Her small face lifted slightly as she spoke. She looked confident.

Zhou Shu frowned and seriously sized up Yin Yuzhu. *That’s right. She looks like a loli, but she’s actually an old lady.*

An old lady who has lived for more than a thousand years! Although she’s been sleeping most of the time for the past thousand years, she must have been awake for at least a century or two, right?

Come to think of it, the time she’s lived in the Demon Realm might even be longer than the time she’s lived in the Ten Nations.

“We can still survive in the Demon Realm without you,” Zhou Shu said coldly.

Yin Yuzhu had lived in the Demon Realm for hundreds of years, but so what?

If Zhou Shu was willing, he could surpass Yin Yuzhu in this aspect at any moment.

Zhou Shu still had the Zhuang Zhou Butterfly Dream Technique!

If he went all out, he could enter the dream of any demonic beast at any time. His understanding of the Demon Realm would definitely increase then.

But if he did that, he’d be digging his own grave.

The Zhuang Zhou Butterfly Dream Technique wasn’t so easy to use.

“If you want to make a deal with me, you’ll have to show your worth first,” Zhou Shu continued.

“Isn’t it just about benefits?” Yin Yuzhu curled her lips in disdain. “I see that you people are miserable. I know that there’s a tribe of the Rat race not far from here. They like to hide things the most. If you eliminate them, it will probably be enough for you to eat for a while.”

“You think we can eat what rats eat?” Zhou Shu said.

“Are you stupid, or do you think I’m stupid?” Yin Yuzhu rolled her eyes. “The Rat race, not rats! Demonic beasts are different from ordinary beasts, okay?”

“What the Rat race eats might not be worse than what you eat. Besides, what’s the difference between you and ground rats if you hide in this hole?” She looked around in disgust. In this cave, there was nothing she wanted. It was extremely simple.

“Tell me first. What do you want?” Zhou Shu looked at Yin Yuzhu and knew that she wouldn’t easily reveal the location of the Rat race tribe.

“First of all, I’m not a prisoner. You can’t restrict my freedom.” Yin Yuzhu raised her slender fingers. “Second, you have to satisfy my needs.”

“Give up.” Without thinking, Zhou Shu got up and walked out.

“Wait!” Yin Yuzhu said angrily. “Why aren’t you playing by the rules? If the price isn’t suitable, bargain! I didn’t say that you couldn’t bargain!”

“Give me the location of the Rat race tribe, and I’ll add fish for your daily meals. End of discussion,” Zhou Shu said coldly. “If you agree, then deal. If you don’t, then forget it.”

Yin Yuzhu’s eyes widened. She couldn’t figure out why this man in front of her was so shameless. He wasted his good looks!

Only one extra fish every day for such an important piece of information?

Do you take me for an inexperienced young lady?

“No, at least two! One steamed and one braised!” Yin Yuzhu said angrily.

“No. There’s only grilled fish,” Zhou Shu said. They were starting everything from scratch. The soldiers were making do with their meals, but she still wanted to specify the cooking method?

I don’t even get such treatment!

Yin Yuzhu panted heavily, her chest heaving violently. After a long time, she gritted her teeth and said, “Alright, deal!”

“A hundred and thirty kilometers southwest of the previous cave entrance, the Rat race lair is underground, and the entrance is... Remember this. Don’t blame me if you can’t find the place when the time comes,” Yin Yuzhu said casually before chasing him away.

Zhou Shu didn’t intend to stay with her for long. He instructed Wang Xin to watch over her and then headed straight for the army’s forging room.

“Your Highness.” Xiao Jianghe bowed respectfully when he saw Zhou Shu.

“Jianghe, there’s work to do,” Zhou Shu said. He originally wanted Xiao Jianghe to watch over Yin Yuzhu. But after thinking about it, it was best to send the Criminal Army to kill the Rat race.

The Criminal Army, which was former Great Wei soldiers, were the elites of Great Wei. In terms of individual strength, they were even stronger than Mi Ziwen’s Hundred Wars Armored Army.

Originally, the Hundred Wars Armored Army wore the Dark Cloud Armor and was stronger than the Criminal Army. But in the previous battle, the Hundred Wars Armored Army had suffered heavy casualties, and they had yet to recover.

Although the Criminal Army had also suffered many casualties, they still had six thousand people, accounting for a fifth of the Ten Nations Alliance.

“What are your orders, Your Highness?” Xiao Jianghe said seriously.

“There’s a demon tribe more than a hundred kilometers away. It’s the Rat race.

“According to the information, they’re not too strong. Take some men and eliminate them,” Zhou Shu instructed.

“Understood.” Xiao Jianghe got up to take action.

“Wait a minute.” Zhou Shu stopped him. “Don’t be anxious. I’m not done yet.

“Go find Deputy Pavilion Master Shi. There are still some Cosmic Bangles in the pavilion. You can all bring them with you to store the spoils of war.”

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Before leaving the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space, Zhou Shu had asked all the forgers to forge the Cosmic Bangles with all their might. In the end, they had managed to forge dozens of Cosmic Bangles.

When they rushed out of the encirclement, some of the generals with the Cosmic Bangles had died in battle, and these Cosmic Bangles couldn’t be retrieved.

After arriving at this camp, the originally distributed Cosmic Bangles were all collected back. After all, they were only temporarily lent to the soldier. Most of the Cosmic Bangles were public assets of the Huaxia Pavilion, and people would only be rewarded with a Cosmic Bangle if they made a contribution.

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According to the current rules of the Huaxia Pavilion, when someone needed a Cosmic Bangle, they could apply to borrow one. After all, it was much more convenient to use it to carry things.

“I understand. Do you have any other instructions, Your Highness?” Xiao Jianghe said.

Zhou Shu pondered for a moment. Ever since Xiao Jianghe had led the army to follow him, he had never fallen behind in battle. He had seen everything the Criminal Army did.

He was very satisfied with the Criminal Army.

“While the information says that this rat race is not strong, there is no guarantee that there will be no problem. Remember, the brothers’ safety is the priority,” Zhou Shu said solemnly. “Where there’s life, there’s hope. If something goes wrong, retreat first.

“I have some advice for you. Bear this in mind.

“When the enemy advances, I retreat. When the enemy is stationed, I disrupt them. When the enemy is tired, I fight. When the enemy retreats, I go after them!”

Xiao Jianghe’s expression turned solemn. The more he thought about these words, the more exquisite they became. His respect for Zhou Shu rose to another level.

As expected of His Highness. He keeps saying that he doesn't know how to lead troops to war, but his casual words are supreme military tactics.

"Thank you for your guidance, Your Highness!" Xiao Jianghe said sincerely.

"Alright, go. When you come back, I'll reward you heavily," Zhou Shu said with a smile.

Clap clap clap!

Xiao Jianghe had just left when Zhou Shu saw Meng Bai clapping his hands and walking over.

"When the enemy advances, I retreat. When the enemy is stationed, I disrupt them. When the enemy is tired, I fight. When the enemy retreats, I go after them!" Meng Bai sighed. "These words are the essence of guerrilla warfare.

"Unfortunately, Your Highness, your ambition is not to lead the army. Otherwise, the number one general of the Ten Nations would probably be you."

Meng Bai was filled with emotion. When he first met Zhou Shu, he had thought of taking him in as his disciple. But at the time, he was about to set off on an expedition and wanted to observe him before making a decision.

In the end, when he returned from the expedition, Zhou Shu had already become famous. He was no longer qualified to take him in as a disciple...

And then...

Zhou Shu rose to his current status one step at a time. Now, his status was already above Meng Bai's. It was too late for regrets.

Originally, he didn't really think about this anymore. But when he heard Zhou Shu's words, he felt a wave of regret.

Why did I put on airs back then?

If only I had managed to take him in as my disciple...

What a promising general. He has never led an army before, but he can already make such a statement about the essence of the art of war. If he focused on the art of war, wouldn't I, Meng Bai, have a successor?

The thought made him want to slap himself.

"Don't say that, Great General. I'm an amateur in the art of war." Zhou Shu shook his head. "I was just saying it casually. You can't take it seriously."

Meng Bai shook his head with a bitter smile. "Your Highness, your casual sayings can make countless people feel ashamed of themselves.

"When the enemy advances, I retreat. When the enemy is stationed, I disrupt them. When the enemy is tired, I fight. When the enemy retreats, I go after them!' These words can completely be regarded as the highest principle for us to settle down now."

Meng Bai continued, "It's a pity that you don't cultivate the art of war, Your Highness."

"It's no pity." Zhou Shu shook his head. "Just forging alone is enough. We don't lack generals now. Why would I waste my effort?"

Zhou Shu changed the topic. "What can I do for you, Great General?"

"I'm going out to scout the terrain, so I came to tell you, Your Highness," Meng Bai said. "General Wang and General Tang have already been mobilized. In the next few days, you'll have to watch over the camp."

"I'll be around. Don't worry."

This was the lair Yao Lian had chosen for himself. Not only were there no Demon Kings around, but there weren't even Great Demons.

Meng Bai and the others were all first-rank martial artists. As long as they were careful, they shouldn't encounter any accidents.

It was also a good thing for them to go out and familiarize themselves with the terrain. After all, they would have to take root here for a long time in the future. As generals, they definitely had to familiarize themselves with the terrain.

Meng Bai hesitated before asking, "Your Highness, I just heard you say that you want General Xiao to leave the camp. Is that really okay?"

"No problem," Zhou Shu said.

"That's good." Meng Bai nodded.

"Oh yes, I almost forgot." Zhou Shu stopped Meng Bai, who was about to leave. He touched his hair and said, "Great General, Deputy Pavilion Master Shi and I have set up a points system. All forgers in the camp can exchange points for secret forging formulas and forging techniques.

"I think the military also needs a reward system to increase the enthusiasm of the soldiers."

Meng Bai nodded. The situation of the Ten Nations Alliance was a little special. They still didn't know if they could return to the Ten Nations Continent alive. Even if they could, it would be troublesome for the various nations to decide the military merits.

Meng Bai, Wang Mu, and the others had long been discussing this matter. But they even had problems surviving now, so how could they provide any rewards?

"Your Highness, when we settle down, we will definitely work on this matter," Meng Bai said, "Now that we have nothing, the rewards—"

"Who says we have nothing left?" Zhou Shu asked. "There are many forging materials in the storeroom of the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch.

"Great General, feel free to set up the system. Don't worry about the rewards. I'm not bragging, but I still have some good things."

“You can use points to exchange for ranked weapons or even Cosmic Bangles.”

In Meng Bai’s opinion, points were just military merits. There were cases of this in the army, so it wasn’t difficult.

“I understand. I’ll discuss it with General Wang and the others later.”

“Alright, just contact Deputy Pavilion Master Shi directly.” Zhou Shu nodded. He still had some Essence Cleansing Pills and Breakthrough Pills on him, which could also enrich his reward vault.

In the Demon Realm, the strength of the Ten Nations Alliance was his strength, so it wasn’t the time to keep things secret.

And the forging of weapons had to be quickened...

After Meng Bai left, Zhou Shu thought for a moment and got up to go to the forging room that was being built.

The karst cave that Yao Lian had discovered was gigantic.

In order not to let the noise of the forging affect the soldiers’ rest, a place farther from the largest cave had been specially chosen.

Zhou Shu passed through a long passageway and came to a cave.

Shi Songtao, Li Chengliang, and the others were busy polishing the stone walls and installing the forging furnaces.

“Your Highness,” the forgers greeted when they saw Zhou Shu.

“Good work, everyone.” Zhou Shu waved his hand. “Is there anything I can help you with?”

“No,” Shi Songtao said. “Pavilion Master, this place is about to be completed. We will be able to start forging very soon.”

Shi Songtao spoke excitedly. Forging was what the Huaxia Pavilion was good at, and Shi Songtao felt a sense of accomplishment when he personally built the forging room.

“Your Highness, Deputy Pavilion Master Shi has already told us about the points system of the Huaxia Pavilion. I want to ask, can the Iron Smelting Hands Technique be exchanged with points?” Grand Craftsman Li Chengliang asked.

He had once seen Zhou Shu use the Iron Smelting Hands Technique, which made him extremely envious. No forger could refuse the temptation of forging with their bare hands.

If possible, Li Chengliang was even willing to use all his wealth, including all the secret forging formulas he had, to exchange for the cultivation method of the Iron Smelting Hands Technique.

Of course, he knew it might not be enough.

“Of course.” Zhou Shu nodded. “But I have to say this first. The Iron Smelting Hands Technique is extremely difficult to cultivate. It’s not something that ordinary people can master. I don’t recommend you exchange it.”

Everyone nodded, but it was obvious that they might not listen to Zhou Shu.

Before they met, everyone thought that they were one in a million geniuses. No one would think that they wouldn't be able to master the Iron Smelting Hands Technique.

Zhou Shu didn't say anything. As long as they accumulated enough points, he wouldn't refuse them to exchange for the Iron Smelting Hands Technique.

Zhou Shu coughed lightly and said, "I'm now issuing the first mission of the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch.

"I need five people to help me forge a weapon. The mission reward is ten points. Who is willing to accept the mission?"

Chapter 455: Water Frost Sword, Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain (1)

There were many ways to obtain points from the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch.

Forgers could obtain a certain amount of points for every weapon they forged.

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By contributing secret forging formulas to the Huaxia Pavilion, they could also obtain a certain amount of points.

Also, in situations like this, the Huaxia Pavilion would issue some missions periodically. Forgers could receive missions and obtain points after completing them.

If someone else issued a mission, they would naturally have to pay a platform fee to the pavilion. But Zhou Shu didn't have this problem.

"I'll do it!" Li Chengliang was the first to speak.

Although it sounded a little ridiculous for a Grand Craftsman to work for another forger, the forger he would work for was Zhou Shu. Moreover, he was thinking that when he accumulated enough points, he would exchange for the Iron Smelting Hands Technique. He naturally couldn't let go of this opportunity.

"And me!" Another Grand Craftsman raised his hand.

Before the Forging Masters could react, the five spots had been snatched up by the few Grand Craftsmen.

Even Shi Songtao retracted his hand awkwardly.

He was not capable enough to compete with Grand Craftsmen yet.

Looking at Zhou Shu, Shi Songtao sighed with emotion. Back then, there were only the two of them in the Huaxia Pavilion. Now, the people who assisted the pavilion master had to be at least a Grand Craftsman.

He had to hurry up and increase his forging ability. Otherwise, he wouldn't even have a chance to be an assistant!

He would miss a lot of opportunities!

He would be able to learn a lot from the pavilion master.

Zhou Shu was actually a little speechless. He just wanted to find someone to help him fuse the forging materials. Ordinary Forging Masters could do it.

There was no need for Grand Craftsmen to do anything at all.

Wasn't this overkill?

But since they had come forward, it would be hurtful if he refused them.

"Thank you, everyone." Zhou Shu smiled. There were benefits to having Grand Craftsmen as his assistants.

Their forging skills were more proficient than ordinary Forging Masters. This way, the efficiency of fusing forging materials would definitely be higher.

This would also greatly increase his forging efficiency.

The Huaxia Pavilion already had a unique forging process. From the smelting of materials to the formation of weapons and then to the fixing of the stars, it had basically been divided into many steps. Thus, many forgers could forge a weapon together.

In Zhou Shu's words, it was assembly line technology.

Shi Songtao and the others didn't understand what an assembly line was, but this method could indeed shorten the forging time and increase the efficiency of the forging.

Usually, it took months for a forger to forge a ranked weapon.

But with the combined efforts of multiple forgers, this time could be shortened by ten times.

Even Zhou Shu felt that it was a little extravagant for five Grand Craftsmen to help him.

All he had to do was tell them what he wanted for the materials, and these Grand Craftsmen would do his bidding with alacrity.

After all, they were Grand Craftsmen. Their forging skills were so good that it was impossible for them to make a mistake.

When Zhou Shu saw the five Grand Craftsmen had finished fusing the materials he had requested, his competitive spirit was aroused.

As the pavilion master of the Huaxia Pavilion, how could he lose to others in forging?

Boom!

A ball of flames rose between Zhou Shu's hands as he activated his Iron Smelting Hands Technique.

As time passed, under the fascinated gazes of the five Grand Craftsmen, a three-foot-long sword appeared in Zhou Shu's hand.

"Every time I watch you forge, I benefit greatly," Li Chengliang said emotionally. "I never thought that snow silver and kunwu stones could be used in this manner."

"That's right. Your Highness, your forging is really out of this world. It's unbelievable."

"Especially your star fixing method. I haven't been able to tell how you determine the star positions so far."

The forgers whispered among themselves.

As they discussed, everyone's gaze landed on the newly forged earth-grade sword in Zhou Shu's hand.

The body of the sword was slender and white and blue. At the ridge of the sword, there seemed to be two swords merged together. There was a symmetrical serrated pattern at the tip of the sword and a partial gap in the middle of the sword ridge. There were two sets of wavy gaps on the outside of each side of the sword. The middle of the two sets of gaps was in the shape of snowflakes, and there was also a symmetrical pattern beside each set of gaps.

The entire sword looked exceptionally beautiful, causing the Grand Craftsmen to sigh in admiration.

Buzz—

Zhou Shu shook his wrist slightly, and light flowed on the sword. Then snowflakes appeared on the sword at a visible speed.

Li Chengliang and the others felt the temperature in the air drop significantly. They couldn't help shivering.

"Your Highness, is there anything you can tell us about your sword?" Li Chengliang asked.

"Nothing. I just had a sudden inspiration and cast it." Zhou Shu retracted his spiritual essence and flicked the sword in satisfaction.

"Someone lived for a thousand years with an ice-type divine ability," Zhou Shu said. "This sword has ice elements. Although it might not be comparable to the Zero Arctic Domain, it's still very useful."

"Does this sword have a name?"

"Water Frost!"

Chapter 456: Water Frost Sword, Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain (2)

"Little Wang, get your king here. I want to make another deal with him!" A voice came from a cave in the Huaxia Pavilion's Demon Realm branch.

"Miss Yin, His Highness is in seclusion forging. If there's nothing important, no one can disturb him." Wang Xin's voice sounded.

“Forging, forging, is there no end to forging?” Yin Yuzhu said unhappily. “Is this how you treat your great-grandmother? Little Wang, let me tell you, I know your Great Qin’s ancestors. Aren’t you afraid that I’ll complain about you?”

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“No...” Wang Xin said weakly. “He’s been dead for hundreds of years...”

Yin Yuzhu: “...”

She sat on the edge of the bed, fuming.

“Little Wang, do you want to get stronger?” Yin Yuzhu rolled her eyes and looked at Wang Xin.

“Yes, I do.” Wang Xin said honestly. “My cultivation has been improving very quickly recently. It shouldn’t be long before I can break through to the first rank of the Martial Dao.”

Wang Xin didn’t know why, but when he faced Yin Yuzhu, he really wanted to say a few more words. This was completely opposite from his normal personality.

“Is a first-rank martial artist very strong?” Yin Yuzhu said disdainfully. “I’m a first-rank martial artist, but I was still imprisoned.”

Yin Yuzhu said resentfully. “If I was stronger and could hang that Zhou brat up and beat him up, would you still dare to treat me like this?”

“His Highness is very strong. Even Great Demons are not his match,” Wang Xin said. “If I could have one percent of his strength, I would be satisfied.”

“To think you’re so big-sized,” Yin Yuzhu said disdainfully. “Is that all you’ve got?”

“Little Wang, I have a cultivation technique that can make you stronger quickly. Do you want to learn it?” Yin Yuzhu’s voice was filled with temptation.

Wang Xin was stunned and nodded subconsciously.

“If you want to learn, you have to promise me one thing,” Yin Yuzhu continued.

“What is it?” Wang Xin asked blankly.

“I want to walk around. It’s so stuffy in this room,” Yin Yuzhu said. “If you’re worried, you can follow me.”

“This...” A conflicted expression appeared on Wang Xin’s face.

“I’m not a bad person. Don’t you trust me?” Yin Yuzhu said.

“It’s not that. His Highness instructed me—”

“His Highness, His Highness, are you a man? You keep talking about His Highness. Don’t you have any opinions of your own?” Yin Yuzhu said angrily. “I really misjudged you!”

Wang Xin’s face flushed red. As a masculine man who had almost never interacted with women, how could he withstand such provocation?!

“That’s not true! I’ll allow it!” Wang Xin said loudly. “Don’t you just want to walk around? Where do you want to go? I’ll accompany you!”

The corners of Yin Yuzhu’s mouth curled up slightly, and a sly look flashed across her eyes.

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When Zhou Shu walked out of the forging room, he immediately saw Xiao Jianghe waiting outside.

“You’re back.” Zhou Shu smiled in surprise. “The operation went well?”

Although he had the help of five Grand Craftsmen, it still took him five days to forge the Water Frost Sword.

Five days was enough for Xiao Jianghe to kill his way back and forth.

“I didn’t disappoint you!” Xiao Jianghe cupped his hands. “Your Highness, we followed your instructions and successfully killed the rat demons. We obtained countless supplies.

“I’ve already handed the supplies to Deputy Pavilion Master Shi for inventory. Those rat demons were also killed.”

Xiao Jianghe said calmly, “I did some preparatory measures. No one should discover that we did it in a short period of time.”

“I trust you to do your job.” Zhou Shu patted Xiao Jianghe’s shoulder and asked, “How are our casualties?”

“A dozen soldiers died, and some suffered minor injuries,” Xiao Jianghe said. He said it casually, but this battle was actually not easy.

Only a dozen people had died, which was already a remarkable result.

“Everyone did a good job,” Zhou Shu said. “Go and get some Essence Cleansing Pill from Deputy Pavilion Master Shi. You’ll be rewarded based on your contributions.”

“Yes,” Xiao Jianghe said. “Your Highness, I also found some human remains in the rat demon’s nest.”

This was the reason why Xiao Jianghe had been waiting for Zhou Shu outside the forging room.

He took something from the Cosmic Bangle on his wrist. “This is what I found on the human remains. Please take a look, Your Highness.”

Xiao Jianghe held the thing with both hands and handed it to Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu casually took it. It was a palm-sized square bronze plate. It looked a little like the Divine Constable Bureau’s waist token, but it was heavier than the waist token, and the patterns on it were more detailed and complicated.

Zhou Shu held it in his hand and carefully observed it. After a moment, he suddenly realized that the patterns on the square bronze plate seemed to form several words.

“This is...?” Zhou Shu looked surprised. He finally recognized the words that formed the pattern on the square bronze plate. He couldn’t help but read them softly, “Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?”

“Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain? What does that mean?” Xiao Jianghe was puzzled.

When he’d gotten the square bronze medal, he had only instinctively thought it might be valuable, but he didn’t know exactly what it would do.

He had also carefully observed it, but he couldn’t tell that there were words on it!

As expected of His Highness.

“I don’t know either.” Zhou Shu shook his head. “This bronze plate should be an identity token. Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, it might be a sect or the name of a place...”

Zhou Shu’s heart skipped a beat. Unfortunately, ever since the Longevity Sword had blocked the first-rank demonic beasts, it had been in hibernation, and Elder Shi didn’t appear.

Speaking of which, although Yin Yuzhu claimed to have lived for more than a thousand years, she was nothing compared to the Longevity Sword, Shi Changsheng.

The Longevity Sword, Shi Changsheng, was an old monster who had lived for countless years. This square bronze plate seemed to mean something, and he would probably be the only one who could recognize it.

“Did you find anything else?” Zhou Shu asked as he continued to study the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain bronze plate.

“There’s nothing else.” Xiao Jianghe shook his head.

Click—

Before Xiao Jianghe could finish speaking, the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain bronze plate in Zhou Shu’s hand suddenly let out a crisp crack.

Xiao Jianghe looked over and saw that Zhou Shu was also surprised.

The Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain bronze plate actually split into two from the middle!

“Don’t look at me. I didn’t break it,” Zhou Shu said casually. He really didn’t do anything to the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain bronze plate!

It was because he had touched some mechanism that caused it to split apart.

“Such a heavy bronze plate was actually hollow.” Zhou Shu raised the two halves of the bronze plate. Between them was a hollow space!

There was a white cloth stuffed into the small space inside.

Zhou Shu reached out and pulled out the cloth.

The rolled-up cloth was actually three-feet-square big when opened.

It was covered in black lines, and it was marked in red on some parts.

“This is a map?” Zhou Shu was surprised. “Is this a map to the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?”

The map on the white cloth looked very detailed, but Zhou Shu recognized every word on it. But when combined, he had never heard of it.

Even when he was on the Ten Nations Continent, Zhou Shu didn’t know much about the places in the Ten Nations, let alone the places marked on the map.

Zhou Shu looked up at Xiao Jianghe. Xiao Jianghe was from the Ten Nations and was knowledgeable. He should know more about the Ten Nations Continents than him.

Xiao Jianghe shook his head. He couldn’t recognize where this map was either.

“Have Great General Meng and the others returned? Aren’t they mapping the surrounding terrain? Let them all come and take a look. They might recognize where this place is.”

Zhou Shu rubbed his chin and pondered. “If this place isn’t far away, we can explore it. This Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain sounds like it’s very valuable.”

Chapter 457: Legend: The Origin of Ranked Weapons (1)

In the meeting hall, Meng Bai and the others were checking the map drawn on the white cloth.

Li Chengliang, who came to the gathering, suddenly asked, “Your Highness, are you sure it’s the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain?”

Because they weren’t discussing military tactics, Zhou Shu had called all the elders in the camp over.

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Li Chengliang and the other Grand Craftsmen were knowledgeable. When they were young, they might have even gone around looking for forging materials. They might even be able to recognize the places on the map.

“It’s indeed the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain. Grand Craftsman Li, have you heard of this place?” Zhou Shu looked at Li Chengliang.

“If it really is the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, I might have heard of it,” Li Chengliang said with a serious expression. “Your Highness, have you heard of the legend of ranked weapons?”

“The legend of ranked weapons?” Zhou Shu shook his head. He didn’t have a professional forging background. Although he had already made up for his lack of forging foundation, he didn’t know much about the legends and history.

“At the beginning of ancient times, there were no weapons in this world. Or rather, there were no ranked weapons,” Li Chengliang said. “At that time, the human race was weak and far from being a match for the demons. It was not until one day that an ancient mighty figure observed the Heavenly Dao and created ranked weapons. From then on, the human race had the possibility of competing against the demons.”

Li Chengliang sighed. Although ranked weapons could make up for the innate difference between humans and demons to a certain extent, after so many years, humans were still far inferior to the Demon Realm.

“Legend has it that the first ranked weapon in the world was from the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain!” Li Chengliang said in a deep voice.

This was the first time most of the people present had heard this legend, and they all looked surprised.

“So, you suspect that this Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is actually the descendant of the mighty being who first created ranked weapons?” Meng Bai asked solemnly.

“That’s possible.” Li Chengliang nodded. “And there’s another unconfirmed rumor.

“It’s rumored that the Heavenly Mountain Villa that developed the armament manuals is also related to that mighty being.

“I suspect that this Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is also related to the Heavenly Mountain Villa.”

Li Chengliang voiced his guess.

His guess stunned them all.

Even Zhou Shu was surprised. He had thought that he had only discovered the address of an ancient sect. If he was lucky, he might be able to discover something good.

Unexpectedly, the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was actually related to the Heavenly Mountain Villa.

Zhou Shu had heard the name Heavenly Mountain Villa for a long time. But apart from the armament manuals, he really had no substantial contact with it.

“If it’s related to the Heavenly Mountain Villa, things will be easy. Don’t we still have the World Wayfarer of the Heavenly Mountain Villa here?” Zhou Shu said. “Someone go get Sun Gongping.”

Sun Gongping hadn’t joined their gathering.

A soldier at the door answered and left. A moment later, Sun Gongping’s voice sounded at the door. “Old Zhou, why are you looking for me? I’m still busy.”

Before Sun Gongping arrived, his voice had already arrived.

Hearing him call Zhou Shu Old Zhou—other than Meng Bai and those familiar with Sun Gongping—Bai Qiancheng, Zhang Wuyuan, and even Tang Chengshi frowned slightly.

Sun Gongping crossed the threshold. Seeing that there were so many people, he scratched his head awkwardly.

“All the generals are here.” He greeted everyone with a smile. “What can I do for you, Your Highness?”

In front of outsiders, Sun Gongping still showed Zhou Shu some respect.

“You don’t have to be so polite. Just call me Uncle,” Zhou Shu joked.

Everyone laughed, and Sun Gongping rolled his eyes.

“Okay, back to business.” Zhou Shu smiled and let Sun Gongping take a seat. “Aren’t you the World Wayfarer of the Heavenly Mountain Villa? Look at this. Do you recognize it?”

Zhou Shu threw the reconstituted square bronze plate to Sun Gongping.

Sun Gongping caught the square bronze plate with both hands and asked curiously, “What is this?”

He raised the square bronze plate high and examined it against the light shining from above.

Seeing his reaction, everyone knew that they had wasted their time.

No matter how he looked at it, he didn’t seem to recognize the bronze plate.

“Your Highness, we’ve studied this map.” Meng Bai and the others simply ignored Sun Gongping and turned to Zhou Shu. “The place recorded on the map is not in any nation on the Ten Nations Continent.”

“Are you sure, Great General?” Although Zhou Shu had expected this, he still frowned.

“Yes.” Meng Bai nodded solemnly. “According to the scale of this map, the place recorded here is thousands of square kilometers. It’s impossible for us not to recognize such a large place on the Ten Nations Continent.”

Meng Bai was not arrogant. Apart from the generals of the various nations, the others were all Grand Craftsmen.

They had either led armies to war or traveled the world to search for ores.

If it was a small area, it might have been possible that they had never been there. But a place that was thousands of square kilometers was impossible for so many of them not to have seen before.

“If this place is not on the Ten Nations Continent, it could be the Demon Realm.”

Zhou Shu pondered. He thought of someone.

Yin Yuzhu!

Yin Yuzhu had lived in the Demon Realm for hundreds or thousands of years, and she seemed to know the nearby terrain very well.

Chapter 458: Legend: The Origin of Ranked Weapons (2)

Will she recognize the place? Zhou Shu shook his head. Whether she recognized it or not, he had no intention of letting her participate.

This woman was mysterious and unpredictable. The bronze plate from the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain had been found in the rat demon’s nest, and this woman had told him about the rat demon’s nest.

Who knew if this woman did it on purpose?

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It wasn't that Zhou Shu was paranoid, but it was too much of a coincidence. He felt that there was a problem.

This was the Demon Realm. Every decision concerned the life and death of everyone. Zhou Shu had to be careful.

"I remember now!" Sun Gongping suddenly shouted, startling everyone.

"What do you remember?" Zhou Shu and the others all looked over.

"I've seen this pattern before." Sun Gongping pointed at the patterns on the square bronze plate.

"When I was appointed as the World Wayfarer of the Heavenly Mountain Villa, I stepped on a white jade floor.

"The lines on that floor back then were almost identical to this one."

Sun Gongping said excitedly, "This token should be the identification of the World Wayfarer of the Heavenly Mountain Villa. Your Highness, where did you get it? Did the Heavenly Mountain Villa send someone to deliver it to me?"

Zhou Shu and the others rolled their eyes.

Sun Gongping thought too much!

How did it become that someone had sent it to him?

"No," Zhou Shu said bluntly. "This token is the spoils of war that General Xiao Jianghe brought back. Its owner has already been gnawed by rat demons until only a pile of bones is left."

Sun Gongping subconsciously shivered. When he looked at the square bronze plate again, his eyes were full of disdain. *That senior was too pathetic. He was actually gnawed into bones by rat demons.*

"It seems that this Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is really related to the Heavenly Mountain Villa." Zhou Shu took the square bronze plate from Sun Gongping and examined the patterns on it. "For thousands of years, no one has ever known the location of the Heavenly Mountain Villa. Could it be that we accidentally found it?"

"It shouldn't be, Your Highness," Li Chengliang said blankly. "Why is the Heavenly Mountain Villa in the Demon Realm?"

To forgers, the Heavenly Mountain Villa was no different from a holy land. When he thought about how this place was not in the Ten Nations Continent but in the Demon Realm, Li Chengliang found it difficult to accept.

Could it be that the armament manuals they had always respected were actually done by demons from the Demon Realm?

It was hard to accept.

“It might not be in the Demon Realm.” Zhou Shu pondered. “Have you forgotten about the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space?”

The Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space was neither on the Ten Nations Continent nor in the Demon Realm. It was independent.

Li Chengliang and the others didn’t know that the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space had an alias, the Zhuling Grotto-Heaven, but it didn’t stop them from understanding what Zhou Shu meant.

“If this Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain is also an independent space similar to the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space, could this bronze plate be the proof of entry and exit?” Meng Bai’s eyes glittered. “If we can find it, can we return to the Ten Nations Continent from there?”

Although they had a place to stay in the Demon Realm for the time being, to them, the Ten Nations Continent was their home.

Everything they were doing now was so that they could one day return to the Ten Nations.

They had come to the Demon Realm from the Ten Nations Continent through the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space. If the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was like the Ten Nations Martial Arts Tournament space, didn’t that mean it could also lead to the Ten Nations Continent?

Everyone perked up and looked at Zhou Shu.

Zhou Shu shook his head. “Whether it works that way or not, this is just our guess. We still need to verify it.

“Even if it’s true, it won’t be easy to find the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain, not to mention whether we can get in or not. Everyone has seen this map, but we have no idea where it is.”

Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, and the others froze. That’s right. They didn’t know where the place indicated by the map was.

“Don’t be discouraged, everyone.” Zhou Shu smiled.

“We can’t let this matter affect our plan. Everyone, let’s follow what we have planned. Generals, aren’t you drawing a topographic map? We can expand this range bit by bit. Perhaps one day, the place we expand will overlap with this map.

“Won’t we be able to find this Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain by then?”

Everyone smiled bitterly. This was true, but who knew if the place indicated by this map was in the Demon Realm?

Even if it was in the Demon Realm, so what?

The Demon Realm was extremely vast, ten times larger than the Ten Nations Continent. It was impossible for them to figure out the terrain of the entire Demon Realm.

Most likely, they wouldn’t be able to find the place indicated on this map even if they lived here for a century or two.

But as Zhou Shu had said, the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain was an unexpected gain to begin with, and they hadn't counted on it to begin with. According to the original plan, it was only wise to play it safe.

"Have you all forgotten about me, the World Wayfarer of the Heavenly Mountain Villa? If you want to find the Heavenly Mountain Villa, ask me," Sun Gongping suddenly said.

"Ask you? Do you know where it is?" Zhou Shu said angrily.

What World Wayfarer of the Heavenly Mountain Villa? It was just a name he used to amuse himself. He didn't even meet a single person from the Heavenly Mountain Villa.

They had only asked him to deliver something. At best, he had acted as a messenger.

"I don't know," Sun Gongping said bluntly.

"Then, aren't you talking nonsense?" Zhou Shu said in annoyance.

"Although I don't know where the Heavenly Mountain Villa is, I can contact them," Sun Gongping said.

Everyone was stunned, then their faces lit up.

"Why didn't you say something as important as that earlier!" Meng Bai asked solemnly.

"You didn't ask me," Sun Gongping said innocently.

He was indeed a second-generation official in Great Xia, but Sun Gongping was really inconspicuous in the current Ten Nations Alliance.

Meng Bai, Wang Mu, Bai Qiancheng, Tang Chengshi, Cao Chenyang, and even Zhang Wuyuan were all big shots who could cause an earthquake just by stomping their feet.

Even Li Chengliang, a Grand Craftsman, had a status that Sun Gongping couldn't compare to.

Mi Ziwen, Wang Xin, and the others had been reduced to marginal figures, let alone Sun Gongping and Yang Hong, who were not even at the second rank.

No one paid too much attention to Sun Gongping. This was true. Even Zhou Shu didn't know what Sun Gongping was busy with recently.

Zhou Shu looked at Sun Gongping and asked seriously, "Can you really get in touch with the people from the Heavenly Mountain Villa?"

He knew Sun Gongping well. He had always liked to exaggerate, and it was best to take his words with a pinch of salt.

He doubted Sun Gongping's words.

"Hehe." Sun Gongping chuckled. "Most likely."

The moment he said this, everyone rolled their eyes. They were happy for nothing!

“Sun Gongping, this is no place for you to fool around!” Meng Bai berated him unhappily. He was old friends with Sun Gongping’s father and was also the teacher of Sun Gongping’s uncle, Mi Ziwen. Naturally, he had the status to reprimand him.

“I’m not fooling around.” Sun Gongping was not afraid. “As the saying goes, the smart have their own brilliant plans.

“Think about it. What does the Heavenly Mountain Villa do? They’re the ones who update the armament manuals.”

Sun Gongping continued, “There are so many weapons in the world. How do they know that every weapon exists? In my opinion, they must have some special method to monitor the existence of weapons. It’s just like how Great Xia has a heavenly imperial astronomer responsible for monitoring the weather.

“Since the Heavenly Mountain Villa can monitor all the weapons in the world, why can’t we contact them through weapons?”

“Send a message with a weapon?”

There was a slight pause, and the Grand Craftsmen exchanged glances.

This idea was whimsical...

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They had really never considered this possibility before.

In the past, everyone was thinking about how to rank higher on the armament manuals. Who would think of using the armament manuals to send a message?

Is it possible? Zhou Shu rubbed his chin, his face thoughtful. “Go on.”

“Isn’t it simple? The Heavenly Mountain Villa monitors all the weapons in the world. Let’s forge a sword and call it the ‘Heavenly Mountain Villa, I want to talk to you’ sword. Isn’t that enough?” Sun Gongping said very casually.

Zhou Shu’s face darkened. He thought that Sun Gongping would have some brilliant plan, but was this it?

Indeed, he couldn’t expect too much from him!

“And then what? Wait for the Heavenly Mountain Villa to contact us? What if they don’t?” Zhou Shu said in annoyance.

Everyone was speechless. *Did His Highness really seriously consider that idea?*

Why does it sound like Sun Gongping is fooling around again?

It would be strange if the Heavenly Mountain Villa paid any attention to you!

'Heavenly Mountain Villa, I want to talk to you', what a joke.

"Don't look like that. I'm telling you. I've thought about it seriously." Sun Gongping looked at everyone. "If someone else did this, the Heavenly Mountain Villa might not care, but Old Zhou is different.

"Have you forgotten that it was the Heavenly Mountain Villa who handed me the imperial edicts of the various nations?"

Sun Gongping said seriously, "What does this mean? It means that they treat Old Zhou as the savior of the Ten Nations Continent.

"If Old Zhou wants to see them, they'll definitely give him face."

Sun Gongping's gaze swept over the few Grand Craftsmen with a look that said, 'None of you have that ability.'

This infuriated the Grand Craftsmen.

"If they were willing to see me, they wouldn't have to send the imperial edicts through you," Zhou Shu said angrily. "They could have sent the imperial edicts directly to me, but they didn't. This means that they don't want to see me."

Everyone nodded in agreement. If it was so easy for the Heavenly Mountain Villa to appear, they would have already taken the initiative to appear on the Ten Nations Continent.

But until today, no one from the Heavenly Mountain Villa had appeared in front of them.

"How will we know if we don't try?" Sun Gongping said, "There's no harm in trying."

"Who told you there's no loss? Do you think weapons are so easy to forge? The forging materials are all precious," Zhou Shu said.

"Forget it. Let's put aside the matter of the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain for now. Let's get down to business. I'll think about it again later." Zhou Shu waved his hand.

Before he could finish, a head popped out of the doorway.

"What are you talking about?" A clear and gentle voice sounded, and then a graceful figure jumped in.

"Is there anything I can do to help?" the visitor continued.

Zhou Shu's face sank. "Wang Xin!"

A tall man appeared behind the slender figure. It was none other than Wang Xin.

"Wang Xin!" Wang Mu shouted angrily, his expression dark.

"Why are you scolding Little Wang? I was the one who wanted to walk around. He couldn't stop me," Yin Yuzhu said unhappily. "Haven't you all learned to respect the old and cherish the young?"

"I'm your ancestor!" Yin Yuzhu placed her hands behind her back and said proudly, "Even the founding ancestors of your nations don't dare to be so rude to me."

"If I hear another word of nonsense, I'll throw you out. Do you believe me?" Zhou Shu said coldly.

“Sure. Just throw me out. I don’t want to be here. I’m like a ground rat.” Yin Yuzhu’s eyes lit up, seemingly saying, ‘Hurry up and throw me out.’

“Wang Xin, bring her down!” Wang Mu couldn’t help reprimanding him. It would be embarrassing if he couldn’t even keep an eye on this grandson of his.

To think that I had even nurtured him as my successor in the past. Compared to His Highness, he is useless!

“Miss Yin, let’s go back.” Wang Xin came to Yin Yuzhu’s side and whispered.

Seeing how careful Wang Xin was with Yin Yuzhu, Wang Mu was so angry that he wanted to beat him up. *You bastard, have you never seen a woman before?*

“Why should I go back?” Yin Yuzhu said. “It’s not like I can’t be seen in public.

“I can go wherever I want. Hit me if you can.” Yin Yuzhu looked at Zhou Shu provocatively.

Zhou Shu laughed in anger as his spiritual essence surged. Who was the person who made such a request last time?

Zhou Shu had always been happy to satisfy people’s requests. So what if she was a woman? She still had to be beaten up!

Meng Bai stood up and stood in front of Zhou Shu and Yin Yuzhu. No matter what, Yin Yuzhu was the daughter of the founder of Great Xia. Meng Bai couldn’t just watch Zhou Shu beat her up in public.

Great Xia would lose all face.

As for beating her up behind his back, this wasn’t a problem...

“Miss Yin, this is the place where we hold our discussions. Ordinary people can’t enter casually.”

Yin Yuzhu’s identity was special, so even Meng Bai didn’t know how to address her. He could only address her as a young lady like Wang Xin.

“Am I an ordinary person?” Yin Yuzhu replied seriously.

Meng Bai: “...”

Chapter 460: A Fox Cannot Hide Its Tail (2)

“See, Great General Meng? Some people are simply shameless.” Zhou Shu sneered. “Get out of the way. This woman deserves a beating.”

“Do you despise women?” Yin Yuzhu said angrily.

Zhou Shu sneered. *Does she think this is the era of women’s rights of my previous life?*

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Would I be afraid of you?

Boom!

Zhou Shu's aura exploded. He was about to teach Yin Yuzhu a lesson.

Yin Yuzhu shrank and hid behind Meng Bai.

"Someone, look! Someone is going to hit a woman! Someone is going to hit an old man!" Yin Yuzhu shouted.

"Shut up!" Zhou Shu raised his hand to slash out a sword beam.

Helpless, Meng Bai could only draw his sword and block Zhou Shu's sword beam.

"Miss Yin, if you continue to mess around, I won't help you anymore," Meng Bai asked solemnly.

"How am I messing around? You are the ones being unreasonable, okay?" Yin Yuzhu said. "I was just passing by and came in to take a look. What did I do?"

Her aggrieved look softened the hearts of the experienced veterans.

"Your Highness, forget it. The uninitiated are not to blame," Li Chengliang persuaded.

"That's right, Your Highness. We didn't discuss any classified information. It's okay as long as she doesn't do it again." Wang Mu also spoke up.

Zhou Shu snorted. He had naturally discovered the problem. Yin Yuzhu seemed to have a special magic that made people involuntarily like her.

Of course, this was a trait all beautiful women had.

Yin Yuzhu was extremely beautiful and charming. She was indeed a temptation for men.

But there was something wrong about having so many older men pleading for her.

A cold glint flashed across Zhou Shu's eyes. He cultivated the Visualization of the Five Mountains' True Form, so his mind was powerful and condensed, so he wasn't affected. He stared at Yin Yuzhu and said coldly, "Put away your charm technique. If you casually use it again, I'll kill you with a single strike!"

Meng Bai, Wang Mu, and the others felt a chill in their hearts. *Charm technique?*

They jolted back to their senses and looked at Yin Yuzhu with fear.

Of course, they had heard of things like charm techniques. But they were all first-rank martial artists with firm hearts, and ordinary charm techniques couldn't affect them at all.

They had actually been unknowingly affected and developed a liking for Yin Yuzhu. If Yin Yuzhu wanted to do anything bad, it would be dangerous.

Fortunately, the king was here!

Yin Yuzhu giggled. "I don't know any charm techniques. I'm born beautiful. Why do you care? It's fine if you don't want me to stay. I'll just leave."

While speaking, Yin Yuzhu placed her hands behind her back and walked out. Just as she was about to walk out, her gaze suddenly landed on the map drawn on the white cloth beside Meng Bai.

“You’re quite fast. You drew a map of the Demon Realm so quickly?” Yin Yuzhu said casually. “You drew it wrongly. The terrain around here doesn’t look like that.

“That’s not right. This looks like a map of that place. How did you draw it? Have you been there? That’s impossible.”

Yin Yuzhu seemed to be muttering to herself.

But everyone was highly ranked in the Martial Dao, so how could they not hear her voice?

Does she know this place? Everyone’s brows drew together.

“Stop right there!” Zhou Shu shouted.

Previously, he had thought of asking Yin Yuzhu about it. But later on, he felt that it was too much of a coincidence and didn’t trust her.

Since Yin Yuzhu had ‘coincidentally’ come here and seen the map, Zhou Shu naturally wouldn’t let her go.

Now, he was 70% to 80% sure that Yin Yuzhu had planned everything from the rat demon’s nest to Xiao Jianghe discovering the Red Water Heaven of Dan Mountain bronze plate to Yin Yuzhu coincidentally seeing the map!

He sneered to himself. *If so many coincidences happen at the same time, then it can’t be a coincidence.*

He wanted to see what Yin Yuzhu was up to.

“Must I stop just because you tell me to? Show me some respect.” Yin Yuzhu snorted without turning her head. “I won’t stop. What can you do?”

“Then forget it. Just go,” Zhou Shu said.

Yin Yuzhu froze in midair.

After a full breath, she stomped her foot. “I’m not letting you trick me into leaving!”

Zhou Shu sneered. *Aren’t you just trying to let us know where this map is? It would be strange if you left.*

“Burn this map, Great General. We don’t know where it is anyway. There’s no point in keeping it,” Zhou Shu said.

Meng Bai and the others were stunned. Although they did not know where the location on the map was now, it did not mean that they wouldn’t know in the future.

Seeing that Meng Bai was really about to burn the map, Yin Yuzhu said casually, “You can’t find the place? Ask me. I’ve lived in the Demon Realm for more than a thousand years. I know many places.”

Her expression was casual, as if she was just showing off her knowledge.

But they were no fools.

Almost instantly, everyone realized that Yin Yuzhu seemed to be doing it on purpose.

Yin Yuzhu didn't seem to know how awkward her acting was and continued to pretend that she didn't care. "You are really outrageous. You're avoiding it just because it's troublesome? You should think of a way to resolve it.

"Burning the map just because you don't know where the place on the map is?

"You're useless!"

"Great General Meng, ignore those who don't matter. Burn it," Zhou Shu said calmly.

Meng Bai nodded.

"Wait, let me see this map. I think I know this place." Yin Yuzhu was a little anxious. She reached out to snatch the map from Meng Bai's hand.

Meng Bai's acting skills also exploded. He pretended to dodge, but Yin Yuzhu snatched the map.

Yin Yuzhu only glanced at the map and said casually, "Hmph, I thought it was something amazing. Why didn't you ask me earlier?"

"A bunch of grown men, you only know to shut yourselves in," Yin Yuzhu said disdainfully. "If your knowledge is inferior to others, just admit it. It's not embarrassing that you're inferior to me in this aspect. After all, I'm several times older than you."

Everyone was speechless. *Hurry up. With your acting skills, you've lived for centuries in vain.*

Everyone can tell you're after this map.

No one said anything, not even Zhou Shu. Everyone looked at Yin Yuzhu.

Yin Yuzhu also realized that the atmosphere was a little awkward, but she didn't know what was wrong. She coughed lightly and said proudly, "Even ordinary demonic beasts might not know about this place. Only I, who have been in the Demon Realm for hundreds of years, have passed by this place by chance."

Yin Yuzhu's voice echoed in the meeting hall. Everyone curled their lips. *She indeed revealed her true colors.*

We'd never believe you weren't after this map.

The only person in the group who didn't understand what was going on was Wang Xin.

He was originally standing behind Yin Yuzhu like a lackey, but he had already been pulled behind Wang Mu's back and was feeling depressed.

"Do any of you know where this place is?" Yin Yuzhu asked.

There was complete silence. At this moment, a crow should be squawking as it flew by, which would be more appropriate for the occasion...

Yin Yuzhu wasn't an ordinary person. She looked around arrogantly and said, "I know you definitely don't know. It's fine. It's not embarrassing. After all, there aren't many people who are as knowledgeable as me.

"I'll broaden your horizons today."

Yin Yuzhu wasn't afraid of the awkward atmosphere and continued, "This place isn't far from here, but ordinary people won't be able to reach it because the demonic beasts who have been there are already dead.

"If you want to go there, beg me. In the entire Demon Realm, only I know how to find it safely."