

Dragon King 221

Chapter 221: What Can Do I with You...

Like an ancient city, the huge Nine Dragon Palace hovered in the clouds.

Around it, there were no magnificent array formations or seven-colored light beams. However, flashes of black lightning bolts bounced around it, showing that it was full of energy.

Hao Ren rubbed his eyes to make sure it was not an illusion. Then, he looked around and found that other people on the bus were all doing their own things; chatting, texting, listening to their MP3s, oblivious to the 'ancient city' in the sky.

On the street, people quickened their steps, afraid that the rain would come at any minute. Some had umbrellas, and some carried their bags; no one looked up.

Suddenly, Hao Ren understood. It was like the stealth energy sphere that cultivators built before starting a fight; the Nine Dragon Palace had a natural energy sphere around it, making it invisible to ordinary people.

Only people who had reached Kan-level could see the huge Nine Dragon Palace.

Hao Ren withdrew his Nature Essence and looked up. Sure enough, there were only dark clouds in the sky which were, in fact, the result of the appearance of the Nine Dragon Palace. The huge palace had blocked the sun!

The bus arrived at the stop near LingZhao Middle School. Hao Ren got off the bus and found that the students had just been dismissed from school.

Probably due to the rain clouds in the sky, many cars were parked at the gate, waiting to pick up students. The most eye-catching vehicle was a dark grey Rolls-Royce Phantom.

It was parked right in front of the school gate!

Hao Ren glanced at the Rolls-Royce on his way to the school gate. The driver was a mid-aged man in his 40s; he had an imposing figure and was wearing a chauffeur's uniform and gloves, and there was a shallow scar on his face.

The chauffeur looked like a retired army officer, but Hao Ren lightly activated his Nature Essence and saw a mighty deep blue light!

Water elements! A member from one of the Four Ocean Dragon Clans!

Seeming to have sensed Hao Ren's probing gaze, the chauffeur glanced around and locked his eyes on Hao Ren.

Instantly, Hao Ren was immobilized as if he had fallen into an ice hole. The chauffeur looked at Hao Ren up and down before slowly moving his gaze away.

“Qian-level! This man is at least on Qian-level!” Hao Ren concluded because this man emitted an aura that was almost as strong as Zhao Yanzi’s Third Uncle’s.

“Why is a master cultivator acting as a chauffeur?!”

Hao Ren was wondering about it when a dashing figure walked into his sight.

Zeng Yitao, in a high-school uniform, walked out of the school gate!

Ignoring the amazed gazes of the middle-school girls, he got into the Rolls-Royce Phantom that was parked at the school gate.

“He... Is studying at LingZhao High School?”

Hao Ren’s heart lurched with an ominous feeling.

East Ocean University was not far from LingZhao Middle School, but the High School Department and the Middle School Department were only divided by an artificial lake!

The purpose of Zeng Yitao’s appearance in LingZhao High School was apparent.

“Uncle Black Wolf, let’s go,” Zeng Yitao lay down on the back seat and told the chauffeur, tossing his bag onto the spacious seat in the car.

Without a word, the man named Black Wolf started the Rolls-Royce Phantom smoothly.

He was sent by Oldman Zeng to protect the Crown Prince in East Ocean City. If Zeng Yitao didn’t suddenly want to come to study in East Ocean City, he would have been sent to track down Zhao Kuo and investigate if Zhao Kuo had indeed succeeded in passing the Heavenly Tribulation. If not, he was ordered to kill Zhao Kuo in the wilderness.

The dark grey Rolls-Royce Phantom drove off.

In her sky-blue middle-school uniform, Zhao Yanzi appeared at the gate. Little Ling was with her.

After saying goodbye to Little Ling, Zhao Yanzi stood at the gate and looked around on her tiptoes.

Hao Ren walked over immediately. “Hey!”

Seeing Hao Ren, Zhao Yanzi’s eyes brightened. Then, her face fell, and she said, “Who told you to come and pick me up?”

Hao Ren pursed his lips. “I was going to your home for dinner anyway, so I offered to pick you up on my way there.”

“Humph!” Zhao Yanzi unbuckled her backpack and tossed it into Hao Ren’s arms.

Hao Ren caught it and found it quite heavy. He carried it on his back and found that the straps were a bit tight for him.

“You’re disgusting.” Walking beside him, Zhao Yanzi wrinkled her nose in disgust when she saw Hao Ren carrying her pink school bag on his back.

"It's your bag you are disgusted about," Hao Ren said. He saw some middle-schoolers pointing at them, and he knew that they were taking him as Zhao Yanzi's boyfriend from City North First High School.

Ignoring him, Zhao Yanzi kept walking with her head lowered.

Hao Ren found something was not right with her flushed face, and he stopped and grabbed her arm.

He placed his palm on her forehead before Zhao Yanzi could stop him, and the nearby middle-schoolers began to whisper to each other when they saw this intimate act from him.

Hao Ren felt burning heat against his palm, so he stared at her and said, "You have a fever!"

"It's nothing!" Zhao Yanzi slapped down his arm and continued walking, but her steps were not stable; it felt like she was going to fall at any moment.

This was ridiculous! She should have gone back home to rest!

Hao Ren pulled her over and held her in his arms before walking to the sidewalk to hail a taxi.

A taxi stopped beside them. Hao Ren pulled the door open and pushed Zhao Yanzi onto the back seat.

After telling the driver the address, Hao Ren turned to look at Zhao Yanzi in concern. At Hao Ren's steady gaze, Zhao Yanzi blushed and yelled stubbornly, "I'm fine!"

"You're not fine! Your body temperature is almost 39 degrees!" Hao Ren's face turned stern.

Zhao Yanzi pouted and didn't answer.

Ten minutes later, they reached Zhao Yanzi's home. Hao Ren walked her through the door and found that the house was empty. He asked, "Where are your parents?"

"They returned to the Dragon Palace with the elixir pills yesterday," Zhao Yanzi answered.

"Well..." Hao Ren sighed, "How about going to the hospital?"

"No!" Zhao Yanzi shook her head immediately.

"Where's the medicine box?" Hao Ren asked.

"What medicine box? We have no medicine in the house." Zhao Yanzi looked up at Hao Ren. Due to her fever, her gaze was weak.

Right. They never got sick. If Zhao Yanzi had not lost her Dragon Core, she would never have gotten sick. Hao Ren sighed again. With Zhao Yanzi's parents absent and her unwillingness to go to a hospital, he didn't think that it was a good idea to let her stay home while running a fever.

After a moment of consideration, he made a call to Lu Qing, but no one answered. He called Elder Sun, and the result was the same.

Obviously, as the core elders of East Ocean, they had been summoned back to the East Ocean Dragon Palace for a meeting.

Grandma was not in East Ocean City while his parents were also out of the city... Hao Ren rolled down the contact list on his cell phone and saw Su Han's phone number.

Su Han had a cell phone, though she rarely used it.

"I'm fine," while Hao Ren was busy looking for help, Zhao Yanzi was still yelling at him stubbornly. However, her tone was spiritless.

Chapter 222: Don't Be Stubborn

Hao Ren helped Zhao Yanzi to the sofa before dialing Su Han's number.

After several rings, the call was finally connected.

"What?" Su Han's cold voice came through the phone.

"Zi's sick. Can I take her to your place?" Hao Ren didn't waste time on greetings.

"Ok," Su Han gave him an emotionless answer. Obviously, sickness was not a big deal to her.

Having enlisted help from Su Han, Hao Ren draped a coat over Zhao Yanzi's shoulders before dragging her out of the house.

They took a taxi to the luxurious Flower City Complex. Hao Ren walked Zhao Yanzi to Su Han's door and rang the doorbell.

In her pale grey floral pajamas, Su Han opened the door.

Hao Ren helped Zhao Yanzi into Su Han's warm room and relaxed instantly.

"Could you get her some warm water? I'll go buy some medicine to help with her fever," Hao Ren said to Su Han after helping Zhao Yanzi to the sofa

"Medicine? Why not feed her two Essence Replenishment Pills?" Su Han asked before taking out two pale pink pills from her ring.

"Will they work?" Hao Ren looked at her doubtfully.

"I don't know." Su Han shook her head.

Hao Ren was speechless. After a second of silence, he said, "Just get her some water."

Then, he hurried to the door. "Where is the pharmacy around here?"

He regretted asking the moment he opened his mouth. Sure enough, from Su Han's confused look, he knew that she also had no clue.

Hao Ren walked out to find a pharmacy. Since Zi was not willing to go to a hospital, he would buy her some medicine. If her fever didn't decrease by midnight, he would take her to the hospital then.

It was now evening, and the sky had darkened. The huge Nine Dragon Palace still hovered in the sky.

Not familiar with the neighborhood, Hao Ren had to ask around before he found a pharmacy on a side street.

He bought some common medicine for cold and fever before hurrying back to Su Han's apartment.

The usually lively Zhao Yanzi was lying on the sofa with half-closed eyes, spiritless. Hao Ren opened the package of the pills and fed her the medicine with a glass of water.

Su Han stood beside them, observing and learning. Hao Ren and Zhao Yanzi came to her home and interrupted her cultivation, but she couldn't turn them away when Zhao Yanzi was sick.

After taking medicine, Zhao Yanzi began to doze off. She hadn't learned to take care of herself; she should have taken sick leave when she felt ill.

"Do you have a spare room?" Hao Ren turned to ask Su Han.

"The spare room is a workout room without a bed. Zi can sleep in my room," Su Han said.

"Ok!" Hao Ren bent down and carried Zhao Yanzi to Su Han's bedroom.

"I'm fine..." Zhao Yanzi murmured in her sleep.

Her flushed face and thick eyelashes made her look adorable and pitiful.

Tonight, her parents were both absent. Hao Ren wondered what would happen if she had been left at home alone. With a little pat on her forehead, he placed her onto Su Han's big bed and tucked her in.

He walked out of the room and found that Su Han was looking at him with a strange expression.

"What?" Hao Ren asked.

"Nothing." Su Han smiled slightly. "I just found out that you do care for her."

"She has never been sick before. After this fever, she will get a taste of being sick," Hao Ren said.

In her pale grey floral pajamas, Su Han leaned her head to one side and pondered. However, she had never been sick and couldn't imagine what sickness felt like.

"Without her Dragon Core, Zi has become a mortal girl. If you return the Dragon Core to her, she won't be sick again," not able to imagine the feeling of sickness, Su Han commented.

"Yeah." Hao Ren nodded. Although it was purely an accident that he swallowed Zhao Yanzi's Dragon Core, Zi's life energy had decreased by half without her Dragon Core, and she had become as weak as a mortal. From this perspective, Hao Ren had a responsibility to take good care of her.

Looking back into the bedroom, he saw that Zhao Yanzi was still asleep.

Su Han looked at Hao Ren and asked, "What's your answer to my plan from this morning?"

"I can't give you an answer right now," Hao Ren said. In fact, he wanted to consult with Zhao Guang and Zhao Hongyu about Su Han's plan tonight; but unexpectedly, they were not home, and Zi got sick.

"But the Nine Dragon Palace seems to be in the sky above East Ocean City," Hao Ren said after a moment of consideration. Since he could see it, he was sure that Su Han had seen it too.

"The reappearance of the Nine Dragon Palace in the mortal world will make people restless. After each opening, the Nine Dragon Palace would drop from Fifth Heaven to First Heaven. However, no one can predict where it will appear; maybe on a prairie, on a mountain valley, or above an ocean. This time, it

has appeared in the sky above East Ocean City. It seems that the city is now under the spotlight,” Su Han said.

Hao Ren frowned and guessed that the important thing the Lu sisters wanted to tell him was related to the Nine Dragon Palace since everyone with cultivation power could see the huge palace above East Ocean City.

“Did you say that you could enter the Nine Dragon Palace?” Hao Ren asked her.

“Right! In fact, many cultivators beside me can use their techniques to break through the defense array formations of the Nine Dragon Palace temporarily and enter the palace by force. This time, its appearance above East Ocean City spared me the trouble from using the intelligence network of the Inspectors to locate it,” Su Han said.

“But you will need a guide after breaking into the Nine Dragon Palace, right?” Hao Ren continued.

“Yes. The Four Ocean Dragon Palaces have direct control of the Nine Dragon Palace and keep its information as a top secret. Maybe the top-level people in the Inspector System possess the full information about the Nine Dragon Palace, but I, an ordinary Inspector, can’t get the map of the palace,” Su Han said slowly.

Hao Ren thought for a while and asked, “I’m from East Ocean. Are you asking me to betray East Ocean by pulling me into your scheme?”

“If you don’t want to go, I’ll find other people to go with me, though I trust you more. Besides, do you really think the other three Oceans will not make a move while the Nine Dragon Palace is in the mortal world?” Su Han stared at Hao Ren, and her tone was even and gentle.

Hao Ren thought about it and realized that she was right. The cultivation world was generally peaceful under the watch of the Inspectors. But in the face of opportunities, no party would back off.

The eight young elites from the Four Ocean Dragon Palaces were in fact scouts. The real competition started when the Nine Dragon Palace entered the mortal world!

Zhao Guang had asked Hao Ren about every detail he had gathered about the Nine Dragon Palace because East Ocean would organize their most powerful cultivators and break into the palace!

As to the battles inside the Nine Dragon Palace, it was beyond the range of responsibilities of the Inspectors.

“If I go with you, will it be only the two of us?” Hao Ren asked.

“Quality over quantity. Lu Linlin and Lu Lili can join us. If necessary, I’ll get another person into our group. Five people will have better odds of winning. As to East Ocean, I don’t know about their plans, but I don’t think they will let you join their group.” Su Han’s expression turned from cold to earnest.

“When do you plan to enter?” Hao Ren asked.

“Next week. The Nine Dragon Palace stays in the mortal world only for two weeks before returning to the void. Next week is the moment when the Nine Dragon Palace has the weakest defense, and we can break into it more easily,” Su Han said.

Hao Ren nodded but didn't tell her if he would join her. Even if he didn't go with her, Su Han would find other people to do the job.

The room was quiet and cozy. Hao Ren stood up quietly and walked into Su Han's bedroom, finding that Zhao Yanzi was still soundly asleep.

He placed his hand on her forehead and found that it was not as hot as before. Feeling a bit relieved, he picked up the quilt she had kicked off and tucked it around her before walking out of the bedroom.

Su Han sat in the living room and quietly watched what Hao Ren was doing.

"Sickness isn't a bad thing if the sick people can get such attention," she thought to herself.

"Oh, another thing. Today, when I went to Zhao Yanzi's school, I saw Zeng Yitao in LingZhao High School," Hao Ren told Su Han when he returned to the living room

"I know about this." Su Han nodded, but she didn't say anything else.

Hao Ren thought that Zeng Yitao had two purposes. One was that Zeng Yitao would have more opportunities to get close to Zhao Yanzi. The other and more important reason was that West Ocean could use the excuse of protecting the Crown Prince and move people of West Ocean into East Ocean City. It was a strategic move that meant to test the water.

East Ocean and West Ocean had not become public enemies yet, and the fact that the Crown Prince of West Ocean came to study in East Ocean City seemed to be a friendly gesture. If the East Ocean Dragon Clan interfered with the decision of the Crown Prince of West Ocean, it would reflect poorly on East Ocean.

Besides, if Zeng Yitao stayed here, he could find an opportunity to get back his Natal Dharma Treasure.

At this thought, Hao Ren took out the long spear he grabbed from Zeng Yitao from his hidden space. When the spear came out, Little White also came out since it was biting onto the spear.

It rolled on the carpet before jumping onto the sofa, hiding behind Hao Ren. It was instinctively fearful of Su Han who was a Qian-level Master.

The spear was no longer golden; it had faded into a silver color. The five coiling dragons on the body of the spear looked fierce with their claws and fangs.

Hao Ren transferred some Nature Essence into his hand. The moment his hand touched the spear, it turned from silver to gold, emitting a powerful pressure.

Hao Ren increased the Nature Essence in his hand, and the spear began to hum and buzz while its entire body turned into a dazzling golden color. The tip of the spear shook slightly as if it was ready to stab enemies at any moment.

Whoosh! Hao Ren slashed it out in the living room.

Chapter 223: Too Many!

Boom!

A beam of golden light shot from the tip of the spear.

Hao Ren didn't expect that the spear was able to release his sword energy. He tried to withdraw it, but it was too late.

With a bang, the golden light beam broke the decorative glass in the living room and dashed toward an exquisite china on the shelf!

Su Han shot out her white jade sword immediately and blocked the golden beam.

Looking at the broken glass on the ground, Hao Ren was embarrassed and immediately put away the spear. "Ugh... I didn't expect it would be so powerful. I'll pay you for the broken glass."

Su Han gave him a dirty look. "I'll ask Lu Qing, and he will send for help to fix it." She looked at the long spear in Hao Ren's hand. "A wonderful dharma treasure. It's made of the rare Purple Gold Bamboo which is between metal and wood but none of them; it is indestructible. Where did you get it?"

"It's Zeng Yitao's natal dharma treasure. I grabbed it from him," Hao Ren said.

Su Han was a bit surprised. Although she was not familiar with west ocean, she knew Zeng Yitao, the Crown Prince of West Ocean, was at least Zhen Level. She was surprised that Hao Ren could grab a natal dharma treasure from him.

Hao Ren withdrew his Nature Essence and swung the spear, finding it was indeed magnificent. He looked back at Zhao Yanzi in the bedroom and was relieved that she had not been woken up by the noise of the broken glass.

He had stabbed it casually, and it sent out a powerful surge of sword energy. If not for the restriction of five-elemental dharma treasures in the Nine Dragon Palace, Hao Ren would not have been a match for Zeng Yitao who was a Zhen Level cultivator equipped with natal dharma treasures.

This golden spear could be concealed in the body and would slide out from the palm when faced with an enemy. Hao Ren found it quite dashing just imagining such a scene.

"Your martial arts skills are poor. You need more practice." Su Han reached out and grabbed the long spear from his hands.

Holding it in her hands, the golden spear revealed both gold and silver lights. This offensive dharma treasure used by Su Han would be hundreds, even thousands of times more powerful than when Zeng Yitao used it.

Hao Ren went to the kitchen and got out the broom to clean the floor which was covered in broken pieces of glass. If Su Han had not intercepted the golden beam with her natal dharma treasure, it would have pierced a big hole in the wall of the apartment. If that happened, they would have been able to enjoy the scenic view outside while sitting in the living room...

"Well, it's good to be the Crown Prince of West Ocean since he could get such rare materials for weapons." After Hao Ren cleaned up the broken glass, Su Han tossed the heavy golden spear back to him.

She sounded envious. Even though she was a master of the Qian Level, her natal dharma treasure was only a sword made of Tianluo Godly Jade which was good but definitely not as good as Purple Gold Bamboo.

Only at Zhen Level, Zeng Yitao was in possession of his own natal dharma treasure made with a whole piece of Purple Gold Bamboo which was a rare treasure itself.

With such a spear, a cultivator of the Zhen Level could release the power of Gen Level. That was why Hao Ren could shoot out such a powerful beam of sword energy with a slight circulation of his Nature Essence.

Putting the long spear into his hidden space, Hao Ren found that Little White was sitting on the sofa and looking at him expectantly.

“Is this little guy playing cute?”

Not able to resist Little White’s watery eyes and pitiable expression, Hao Ren tossed an Essence Replenishment Pill at it.

Little White jumped up joyously, catching the pink pill with its mouth.

Without tasting it, Little White swallowed the pill. It rolled on the sofa with satisfaction and finally laid on its back contentedly.

“Little White, Little White, where is your dignity as a lion?” Hao Ren walked over and slapped it on its belly.

Little White shrieked and jumped up. Then, it climbed onto Hao Ren’s lap and dozed off.

Su Han slowly walked into her cultivation room. She sat down on the mat and began to cultivate.

The second morning, Zhao Yanzi opened her eyes drowsily and found Hao Ren with Little White in his arms sleeping on the recliner.

Her body was still listless, but the dizziness was gone. Seeing the glass of water and medicine on the bedside table, Zhao Yanzi was a little touched.

Ruff! Ruff!

Seeing Zhao Yanzi was awake, Little White lifted its head and suddenly growled joyously.

It wiggled in Hao Ren’s arms and woke him up.

“Hey! Little White!” Zhao Yanzi opened her arms for Little White.

Little White kicked Hao Ren and jumped toward Zhao Yanzi. The momentum almost pushed Hao Ren to the ground together with the chair.

“Damn Little White! It is unfaithfulness in the face of a beautiful girl!” Hao Ren cursed while he steadied himself. He walked to Zhao Yanzi and felt her forehead.

In a daze, Zhao Yanzi watched while he felt her forehead and her face flush. Seeing her flushed face, Hao Ren thought she was still feverish. He picked up the glass of water and pills. “Take two more pills.”

“No!” Zhao Yanzi pouted.

“Listen!” Hao Ren gave her a hard look.

Seeing his determined expression, Zhao Yanzi relented and took the pills and water glass obediently. She raised her head and swallowed the pills.

Her obedience surprised Hao Ren.

“Are you satisfied now?” Zhao Yanzi glared at Hao Ren, and her fierce look convinced Hao Ren that she had recovered.

Despite that, Hao Ren needed proof of her recovery. He took out a thermometer he bought in the pharmacy yesterday. “Let me take your temperature.”

Zhao Yanzi pouted, but at Hao Ren’s mild but determined look, she took the thermometer reluctantly and put it into her mouth.

Hao Ren sat beside the bed and looked at her like a supervisor.

A few minutes later, she took out the thermometer from her mouth and handed it to Hao Ren. Then she noticed it had her drool on it; she was ashamed, but it was too late for her to rub it off.

Hao Ren didn’t seem to mind it; he looked carefully at the mark on the thermometer. “Well, 38 degrees. The fever has abated a bit but not completely. Today, you stay here and rest.”

“You...” Zhao Yanzi couldn’t bear it anymore. “When did you become my supervisor?”

“Your parents are not here, and it’s my responsibility to supervise, no, to take care of you.” Hao Ren put away the thermometer. “Remember to take your temperature at noon. If you’re still feverish, take some more pills.”

Zhao Yanzi looked at him in a daze. She wanted to retort but found there was not enough strength in her. Her heart suddenly felt warm.

“And this is some herbal powder; remember to take it, too.” Hao Ren picked up a green packet of medicine and poured its content into her water glass.

“You’re annoying! Ok, I’ll take it!” Seeing Hao Ren had become such a nag, Zhao Yanzi didn’t bother to argue with him. She took the glass and poured the medicine into her mouth.

“Cough!” Suddenly, she choked, and some water spewed from her nose.

Hao Ren immediately leaned over to take the water glass from her hand, patting her on the back. “Are you ok?”

While he was wiping water from her mouth, Zhao Yanzi looked at him strangely. Without warning, she bit lightly on Hao Ren’s neck.

The wet feeling was more of a kiss than a bite.

With the water glass in his hand, Hao Ren looked at her in surprise.

"It's nothing. Just a thank-you for taking care of me." Zhao Yanzi looked away.

Ugh... Hao Ren touched his neck and stood up, confused. "I... will go and buy you some breakfast."

Seeing Little White's greedy and expectant gaze on him, Hao Ren sighed and tossed an Essence Replenishment Pill at it.

Little White jumped up joyously and swallowed it.

"Well... It seemed the stock of a dozen Essence Replenishment Pills would quickly run out at this speed."

Zhao Yanzi pulled up the quilt and laid back in bed. Little White jumped up happily and snuggled into the quilt, too.

With the water glass in his hand, Hao Ren stood there while his heart raced.

Exhaling deeply, he touched his neck subconsciously. With his eyes on Zhao Yanzi who lay in the quilt motionlessly, he backed out of the bedroom.

When he walked into the living room, he smelled a delicious scent. Following the smell, he found that Su Han was making breakfast in an apron!

Looking at her cold and earnest expression, Hao Ren became nervous and suspected that she was cultivating a difficult technique. He walked over and saw that she was, in fact, frying eggs!

And the eggs had been burned!

At Hao Ren's approach, Su Han immediately dumped the two burned eggs into the garbage can. However, from the corner of his eyes, Hao Ren saw six to seven burned eggs in the garbage can.

Su Han coughed slightly. "Zi is awake?"

Obviously, she was trying to distract him from the burned eggs. Not wanting to embarrass her, he nodded. "She woke up a moment ago. If you have no class today, would you stay home and take care of her?"

"Ok." Su Han gripped the pan which had begun to smoke.

"I'll... go downstairs to buy some breakfast." Hao Ren walked to the door. It dawned on him that none of them had eaten anything last night, and his stomach grumbled in complaint. The only one with a full stomach among the four of them was Little White who had eaten two Essence Replenishment Pills.

"I can't let Little White eat all day and do nothing." He yelled at the direction of the bedroom, "Little White!"

Little White jumped out of the bedroom and trotted to follow Hao Ren.

Su Han took the opportunity to turn off the gas and put away the pan. Then, she walked to the windows.

She pulled open the curtains, and the sky entered their sight.

It was like a painting of a fantasy world. The frame of the window was the frame of the painting, and in the frame was the Nine Dragon Palace hovered in the dark clouds 1,000 meters high in the sky.

“Take a closer look,” tucking a streak of hair behind her ear, Su Han said.

Hao Ren activated his Nature Essence to its full force and looked hard. Suddenly, he saw countless cultivators, like dragonflies after a shower, flying on swords in colorful stealth energy spheres toward the Nine Dragon Palace, which looked like an upside-down mountain in the air!

Chapter 224: Coming for the Treasures

“How come there are so many of them?” Hao Ren looked at the sky in surprise.

Zhao Yanzi’s birthday party had gathered most of the water-elemental cultivators, but they were outnumbered by the group Hao Ren saw around the Nine Dragon Palace.

He estimated more than 500 cultivators were hovering around the Nine Dragon Palace.

“There are more coming so get used to the sight. You’d better go and buy breakfast,” Su Han said coolly.

“Ok...” Hao Ren took a deep breath before taking Little White out of Su Han’s apartment.

Anyway, if anything happened, there were masters like Su Han who would handle it. Besides, the Nine Dragon Palace didn’t belong to East Ocean, and such a scene repeated itself every fifty years. It was nothing to be surprised about.

Walking a “lion” in the morning was a luxury that not everyone could afford. Little White had returned to its original magnificent form. It was quite a sight to walk such a huge “dog.”

On the way, Labradors, Great Pyrenees, golden retrievers, Dalmatians all gave ways to Little White.

Little White walked majestically with its head high, temporarily forgetting its cute and adorable ways.

The girls who were on their way to school all gathered around it, admiring its snow-white silky fur with surprise and envy.

They were not afraid of the big version Little White. Instead, they offered their own breakfast, such as sausages and bread, to it.

Little White accepted all their food, swallowing the delicacies happily. In exchange, it let the girls touch and hug it.

Hao Ren was surprised that the girls liked Little White regardless of its size. He began to envy this creature.

With a full belly, Little White wagged its big tail and followed Hao Ren to a nearby restaurant.

He bought three packs of pork and vegetable wontons. After a moment of consideration, he purchased two bags of frozen dumplings for Su Han and Zhao Yanzi for lunch.

Hao Ren was about to return to Su Han’s apartment with Little White when a white light flashed, and a middle-aged man in a Taoist robe appeared, cupping his hands at him. “Are you a disciple of the Sky Mountain Sect?”

Hao Ren stared at him in surprise while Little White stood beside him with wide eyes.

When Hao Ren didn't answer, he continued, "Are you a young disciple of the Yuan Generation? I'm a good friend of your master, Lu Gaoyang. I'll take you back!"

Hao Ren looked at him in mounting astonishment and shook his head.

"You are not a disciple of the Sky Mountain Sect?" The man was confused. He backed up several steps and murmured, "Strange. You obviously have five-element essence root and even have a snow lion with you. Am I wrong about you?"

He didn't dare to stay long. Staring at Hao Ren for a few seconds, he vanished.

Baffled, Hao Ren looked at Little White by his side, and Little White looked back at him in confusion.

Snow lion; Sky Mountain Sect... Suddenly, Hao Ren understood.

Was it possible those cultivators around the Nine Dragon Palace were not all from Dragon Tribe?

The Nine Dragon Palace had dropped from Fifth Heaven to First Heaven, and according to Zhao Hongyu, the ancient cultivation sects were living in Fifth Heaven and above.

The Nine Dragon Palace was concealed in Fifth Heaven, which meant that the cultivation sects living on Fifth Heaven had been coveting it for a long time!

With three packs of wontons and two bags of frozen dumplings in hands, Hao Ren hurried back to Su Han's apartment.

Zhao Yanzi was already up, though still tired. At the sight of Zhao Yanzi, Little White immediately shrunk to its mini size before jumping into her arms.

It purred adorably and rubbed its furry head against Zhao Yanzi's chest.

Hao Ren picked up a piece of candy and threw it at Little White's head to stop its behavior.

"The three packs of wontons are breakfast, and the two bags of dumplings are your lunch." Hao Ren turned to Su Han. "Can you cook the dumplings?"

Su Han gave him a dirty look. Although she hadn't learned to fry eggs, she could cook dumplings since it was quite similar to cooking instant noodles.

Her faked anger revealed another side of her that was rarely seen in public.

"Su Han, the cultivators who are trying to break into the Nine Dragon Palace are not all from the Dragon Tribe, right?" Hao Ren continued to ask.

"As a primeval palace, the Nine Dragon Palace is not the private property of the four ocean dragon palaces. The other clans don't want to offend them by pointing it out due to the great power of the four ocean dragon palaces and the fact that they know the ways of opening the palace. As to the cultivation sects, they are here to fish in troubled waters," Su Han said, eating a warm wonton.

Zhao Yanzi blinked, not understanding what they were talking about.

However, Hao Ren had his own interest in Sky Mountain Sect which was the expert in growing seven-colored snow lotuses. They probably know how to grow the 10,000-year snow lotus.

“But the cultivation sects don’t dare to mess around under Fifth Heaven, and they don’t even dare to land on the ground. Otherwise, they will break the rules and can’t make a fuss if they are killed on land,” Su Han continued as if to comfort him.

Hao Ren nodded, understanding why the middle-aged cultivator had come and gone in such a hurry. If he stayed too long on land, he would be in danger.

Fifth Heaven was the dividing line. The human cultivators and their sects lived above it, and the dragon cultivators governed the land and ocean under the Fifth Heaven. Of course, it was not a strict restriction. The powerful ones like Zhao Kuo could still push the boundary and fly up into Seventh Heaven as long as he didn’t break the rules of the Heaven. However, if they reached Eighth Heaven, they may activate powerful Heaven Tribulation.

Only the gold-elemental dragon cultivators, which were the smallest group among the Dragon Tribe, could reach Eighth Heaven. The privilege was given to them because one of their elders had passed the Heavenly Tribulation and become a Heavenly Dragon in the past hundreds of years.

Hao Ren finished his bowl of wantons. He stood up to say goodbye to Su Han.

Zhao Yanzi fidgeted in her seat at the dinner table, but she finally stood up and walked Hao Ren to the door with Su Han. With a blush, she avoided looking at Hao Ren.

“It was just a kiss!” Thinking of her previous bold talks and her current bashfulness, Hao Ren couldn’t help grinning.

“You take your rest here for the day. If you parents don’t come back, you can live here for a few days,” Hao Ren instructed.

Su Han glanced at Hao Ren, amazed that he was making the arrangements without consulting her first. However, despite the slight disturbance it would bring to her cultivation, she liked Zhao Yanzi and didn’t mind her living here while she was sick, and her parents were absent.

“I’ll come and see you when I’m free in the evening,” looking at Zhao Yanzi standing at the door with her head lowered and hands clasped, Hao Ren told her.

“I don’t want you to come and see me!” Zhao Yanzi lifted her head abruptly, baring her little canine teeth.

“Little White, what are you doing?” Little White was still moving around Zhao Yanzi’s feet. Hao Ren bent down and picked it up by its ears before tossing it into his hidden space.

“I’m off now!” Hao Ren walked to the elevator without looking back.

Chapter 225: Let’s Fight!

Walking out of the apartment complex to the nearby bus stop, Hao Ren looked up and could still see the Nine Dragon Palace hovering in the air and the many cultivators flying on swords.

Out of sight, out of mind. He withdrew his Nature Essence and looked up again. This time he saw nothing but dark clouds as if it would rain at any moment.

He got on the bus, and it was still early when it arrived at East Ocean University. The bus stopped at the north gate of the school, and he had to cross the entire campus to reach the southern dorm area.

It was quiet on campus in the morning. Near the north gate was the pink dorm buildings for the girls mostly from Business Program and Foreign Language Program. The University placed the students of the liberal arts in the dorm buildings inside the campus while the students of science and technology lived in dorm buildings outside of the school.

He was crossing a small forest filled with birds singing and flower fragrances when he heard sounds of “He” and “Ha” from a distant meadow.

He turned his head and saw the guys from the Taekwondo Club was practicing on the meadow. Wearing taekwondo suits, their uniformed kicking and punching movements looked quite dashing.

Practicing on the meadow in the center of the girl’s dorm buildings in the early morning; their intention was obvious.

“Everyone! Look sharp! Don’t embarrass yourself in front of the girls!” A man who looked like their captain was lecturing them.

Hao Ren watched them practice as he passed by.

“Su Han said my martial arts skill is poor. Maybe I should find a place to learn some techniques. But the clubs in the school look quite lame...” Hao Ren thought to himself.

Seeing Hao Ren watching them, the captain yelled at him, “Hey, you want to join our Taekwondo Club?”

Hao Ren shook his head and passed through the meadow.

Meanwhile, a guy from the club reminded the captain, “Boss, that guy is the boyfriend of Lu Linlin and Lu Lili. He once defeated Huang Xujie.”

“Really?!” The captain of Taekwondo Club looked after Hao Ren’s back in surprise.

The sky was still cloudy. Among the students walking to different academic buildings for class, Hao Ren looked quite ordinary with his books in hand.

However, he felt the atmosphere was a bit different today. Some girls and guys gathered together whispering to each other.

At first look, they were just students chatting with each other. But upon a closer look, Hao Ren found that they all had some blue or yellow lights around them.

It meant that they were not talking about the news in their daily lives or the activities in the school or anything related to their studies. They were talking about the Nine Dragon Palace in the sky!

The Dragon Tribe members had merged into the mortal world, and there were many young cultivators in East Ocean University. They each had their own groups of common background to trade information.

“Hey! What are you doing?” Xie Yujia appeared beside him and gave him a little punch.

“Oh! Nothing.” Hao Ren looked away from the students and smiled at Xie Yujia in embarrassment.

“You have been quite mysterious recently,” Xie Yujia glanced at him and said.

“No. I’ve been busy,” said Hao Ren.

“What are you busy doing?” Xie Yujia asked.

“I want to work for a designing studio that does architectural work, and I’ve been studying stuff related to it,” Hao Ren said casually.

He glanced at Xie Yujia again and found she was even more beautiful than the day before. The most noticeable part was her skin which was so smooth and resilient that it looked like a boiled egg where the shell had been newly peeled. She could be a model for a skincare product commercial.

“What skincare products are you using?” Hao Ren blurted out.

“Skincare products?” Xie Yujia looked at him in confusion. “I don’t use any. As usual, I wash my face with a facial cleanser before bedtime in the night and after getting up in the morning.”

“Oh...” Hao Ren stared at her face. “But your skin looks so much better than before.”

“So, does yours. Your complexion has improved a lot in the past month,” Xie Yujia said.

“You’ve been checking me out?” Hao Ren asked without thinking.

She froze for a moment before widening her eyes. Nodding, she said, “Yeah. Kind of.”

“By the way, the clubs of Haishi University have come to our school today, and there will be several friendly matches between the clubs of the two schools. Will you go watch?” Xie Yujia asked.

“What matches?”

“Badminton, table tennis, tennis, and others. But I think the Taekwondo competition will be the most fun to watch.” She checked her watch. “How about going over and having a look?”

Looking at her eager face, Hao Ren thought for a second. “Ok. Let’s go and have a look.”

“Good!” Xie Yujia parked her bike at the roadside. “It’s not far from here by foot.”

“Class President, you’ve been in a good mood lately,” Hao Ren said abruptly while walking.

“I’ve always been like this. By the way, how is Grandma?”

“She’s fine, and she is still staying in Zhejiang. Oh, how is the old lady who lives near your home?”

“I borrowed some books about acupoints massaging. I learned some techniques from the book and tried them on the old grandma. She seems a lot better lately,” Xie Yujia said, walking with elegant ease.

She turned to look at him. "When your grandma comes back, I can give her a massage. She will find it relaxing."

"Ok. Thank you for your kindness, Class President," Hao Ren said.

Xie Yujia glanced at him and bit her lip, feeling he sounded aloof by always calling her Class President.

They chatted all the way to the stadium.

The gym was crowded. Each club had their designated area in the gym. Hao Ren saw Huang Xujie's Rock Climbing Club was among them, but they had no competition today since Haishi University had no Rock Climbing Club.

The members of the East Ocean University Taekwondo Club were sitting on the west side of a square court, and the black-clothed members of Haishi University Taekwondo Club sat opposite to them across the court.

"It's about to begin!" Pulling Hao Ren after her, Xie Yujia quickened her steps, found a good spot and sat down.

Hao Ren saw Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were sitting among the members of the East Ocean University Taekwondo Club.

"Gongzi!" They waved at Hao Ren.

Hao Ren smiled at them, knowing they were here to make up the numbers since the girls were not allowed in the formal competition.

"They are close to you," sitting beside Hao Ren, Xie Yujia said with a little jealousy.

"They love to have fun, but they are good girls." Hao Ren defended them.

On the court, the two clubs each sent a member for the first competition. They bowed to each other before taking their positions.

The participant of East Ocean University wore a white suit while his opponent wore a black suit.

"Hey!" The participant of East Ocean University made the first kick.

Hao Ren had always thought the fighting sports clubs at school were only pretentious flourishes. He didn't want to go with Zhou Liren to play online games in the internet-café. Otherwise, he wouldn't have come here to watch the competition.

Bang!

While Hao Ren was mulling over these thoughts, the participant from East Ocean University suddenly flew out of the court.

The participant from Haishi University was still holding the posture of a high kick while his defeated opponent was struggling up from the smooth floor, one hand holding his chest.

"That kick was vicious," Xie Yujia whispered.

Hao Ren nodded, thinking the winner was too vicious for a club friendly match.

When they were talking, another pair of rivals stepped up.

“The taekwondo clubs of East Ocean University and Haishi University have been rivals. In the grading games last year, they almost got into a fight. You just watch, sparks will fly in today’s friendly competition.”

The guys sitting a row behind Hao Ren and Xie Yujia were talking among themselves.

Hao Ren turned to glance at them before looking at the court below. Sure enough, both teams fidgeted uncomfortably due to the vicious kick. The participants of East Ocean University were especially resentful; they clenched their fists, looking as if they wished to rush up and engage in a group fight.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

On the court, the opponents’ feet collided three times successively with each other.

Obviously, they were using their full force, and the three kicks were quite powerful.

Leg Sweep! The participant of Haishi University changed his strategy abruptly, and his rival from East Ocean University was caught unprepared and fell to the ground with a thud.

Although the mat cushioned the fall, it was still painful.

The participant of Haishi University bowed slightly and got off the court.

“The third!” the Taekwondo Club captain of East Ocean University yelled. Although the members had played more than they trained in the club, the captain was angry when their rivals butchered his members in the so-called friendly game.

The East Ocean University participant in a white suit stepped up and faced his opponent in a black suit.

After three to four rounds, the East Ocean University participant fell.

“They suck!” The guys sitting behind Xie Yujia and Hao Ren began talking again.

Xie Yujia turned her head and gave them a dirty look, thinking, “It’s easier to talk than do; you guys can go up and see if you can defeat them!”

Bang! Another East Ocean University participant fell to the ground.

Mortified, the Taekwondo Club captain of East Ocean University stepped up in person.

Haishi University sent a big guy of six feet. He stomped up onto the court.

The captain was tall and manly. He had gotten some serious training in taekwondo for several years and was quite good at it.

However, the captain was sent flying by a kick from the elite participant from Haishi University.

With their captain down, the Taekwondo Club of East Ocean University was completely defeated, and the morale of the club dropped and hit rock bottom.

Among all the club activities in the gym, the competition involving physical combats received the most attention.

“Zhang Xiang, your members have been doing nothing but pursuing girls, right?” the club captain of Haishi University wearing a black belt stood up and insulted the Taekwondo Club captain of East Ocean University.

Zhang Xiang stood up and glared at him, speechless. The Taekwondo Club of Haishi University was a high-level team which had entered national competitions. Anyway, Zhang Xiang was quite courageous to lead his club members to fight them in the so-called friendly match even though he had known they were no match for their rivals.

However, Haishi University team had been a bit too overbearing in this away game, beating the weak opponents with such ferocity and insulting the host team after the game was over.

“Who said East Ocean University sucked? We haven’t fought yet!” Lu Linlin and Lu Lili in the last row stood up abruptly.

Chapter 226: Battle!!!

Seeing two girls wearing Taekwondo uniforms standing up, the Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University was shocked at first but then laughed out loud, “Is there really no one from East Ocean University? You need girls to make up the numbers!”

Zhang Xiang looked at Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, surprised. “Lu Linlin, Lu Lili, stop fooling around!”

In his mind, even though the twin sisters, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili, were focused on training their kicks, most of the time, they just played around.

He didn’t expect them to get to a certain level when he accepted them into the club. He wanted them to attract more guys into the club and hoped that the guys would work harder during practices.

He was surprised and nervous at the same time when he saw Lu Linlin and Lu Lili going up for a match. Everybody at school knew that they were both the Vice Principal’s granddaughters. If they got hurt, the consequences would be enormous?

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili didn’t care about Zhang Xiang’s concern, and both walked onto the court.

“Hahahaha!” The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University laughed so hard that he almost started to cry. “Are you guys a Comedy Club or a Taekwondo Club?”

“Just fight; don’t talk at all,” Lu Linlin looked at him and said.

The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University stopped laughing and turned to a member at the very back. “Play with them, Gazi!”

“Lili, go stand on the side,” Lu Linlin looked at Lu Lili and said.

“Um,” Lu Lili nodded. Although she backed out of the court, she stood close by.

The man with the nickname of Gazi bowed at Lu Linlin slightly. Even though he seemed slim, he had practiced Taekwondo for three years and wasn't weak at all.

As the competition was about to begin, Xie Yujia, who was on the stand, looked at Hao Ren with concern. "Will there be any problems?"

"There shouldn't be," Hao Ren replied.

The students in the stadium gathered when they saw Lu Linlin go up. Even members of other clubs stopped their activities and came to watch.

Hua!

Lil Gazi suddenly moved his leg! His kick was as fast as the wind!

Lu Linlin didn't panic and took half a step back! The heel of the opponent barely missed Lu Linlin's knee!

It was apparent that this short guy was the type who wouldn't show mercy to girls. After all, the beautiful Lu Linlin wasn't his girlfriend, so he didn't need to be nice!

Sweeping! Chain kicks! Gazi attacked Lu Linlin step by step!

The airflow brought by his kicks made a series of whooshing sounds!

Pa! Lu Linlin suddenly turned around, and a fabulous swing kick landed on Gazi's waist.

"Yeah!" Surrounding students cheered loudly.

"You lost," Lu Linlin said with her crisp tone. Her long ponytail slowly fluttered in the air and dropped on her back.

Gazi's face turned red, and he left the court.

Zhang Xiang, who was worried at first, finally let go of his breath.

"Lili, it's your turn!" Lu Linlin backed off to the side and said to Lu Lili.

Lu Lili walked onto the court carefully while blushing. So many people were looking at her, especially Hao Ren who was watching from the stand. She wanted to maintain a ladylike demeanor, so she was slightly embarrassed.

"Go Piglet!" The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University called out another member's name.

A slightly chubby member rubbed his hands and entered the court.

Lu Lili was still blushing as she bowed at him.

The competition started!

Even though the fatty from Haishi University seemed chubby, his movement wasn't slow at all. His toes kept on swinging, and his legs aimed for Lu Lili's lower body.

Lu Lili seemed like she was avoiding the attacks nervously, but she could dodge every single time. Suddenly, she jumped up and flipped her body as her leg kicked out.

When she landed, her two long pigtails fluttered like two ribbons, and their ends fell onto her shoulders.

Everybody looked again and saw a clear and small footprint on the fatty's forehead.

After a few seconds of silence, even louder applause burst out from the audience!

Same as Lu Linlin, Lu Lili didn't hurt her opponent.

Fatty touched his forehead inconceivably. When he felt that there was dust on his hand and finally realized that this beauty defeated him.

He widened his eyes, stared at Lu Lili, and staggered his way off of the court.

"Go Pomelo!" the Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University started to lose his temper.

Lu Linlin pinched her fingers and went up again.

In half a minute, four to five footprints were added onto the chest of this guy nicknamed Pomelo. However, his fists and legs couldn't even touch Lu Linlin's clothes!

Haishi University sent out another representative, and Lu Lili went back on again. Similarly, the opponent lost to Lu Lili in another 30 seconds. The members of the Taekwondo Club from East Ocean University were getting excited. None of them knew that these two pretty girls were real masters!

"Head! Elbow! Knee! Waist! Stomach!" Lu Linlin fought back, hit and shouted at the same time. She struck at whichever body part she yelled, and her opponent couldn't do anything.

Lu Lili was slightly gentler with her red face. It seemed like she would suddenly make a move and leave a dozen footprints on her opponent when she had nowhere to go.

In an instant, more than a dozen members of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University had been defeated by Lu Linlin and Lu Lili!

Comparing to how arrogant they were earlier, they completely lost their morale at this moment!

"I didn't know they are this good!" Xie Yujia looked at the court and said, pleasantly surprised.

Hao Ren smiled and didn't reply. Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were both Qian-level Masters. Not only were they strong in terms of cultivation, but they were also very skillful in martial arts.

Even if people challenged them one by one, they wouldn't get tired.

Who would have thought that the two beautiful Lu sisters had this level of strength and charm! They were like tigers hidden in a flock of sheep. These so-called Taekwondo Masters couldn't even match these two beautiful girls.

"Come here, Lili! You guys send two people too!" Lu Linlin seemed to be having a good time and called Lu Lili up.

The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University sent another member up with a long face.

Two versus two!

A competition of four people seemed even more splendid! Haishi University's Taekwondo Club often attended official tournaments, and the team members had great chemistry together. However, they didn't know that Lu Linlin and Lu Lili's cooperation was even more flawless!

East Ocean University had established an excellent reputation this time! Lu Linlin and Lu Lili's ponytail and pigtailed were swinging in the air, and they shuttled like two butterflies. No one dared to underestimate them!

Haishi University was soon defeated again...

Hao Ren paid attention to the process instead of the result. He discovered that Lu Linlin and Lu Lili's grasp on 'strength' was extremely proficient. They were able to utilize their strength to the maximum and didn't waste any energy.

Their punches and kicks both had the mighty momentum of Taekwondo, but their strength was still on the level of ordinary girls. However, after combining their strength with their movements, these punches and kicks were a lot more powerful.

If combining these smooth movements with the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll, there would be a ton of beautiful sword energies flying out of Hao Ren's body unexpectedly, and it would catch people off guard!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili had already surpassed the level of techniques and reached the level of Dao.

On the side of the court, Xie Wanjun, who came with the members of the Basketball Team, also noticed the competition that was going on over here. This club exchange activities were going on and occupied the stadium today, and that was why the Basketball Team got a break from training today.

When he saw how Lu Linlin and Lu Lili changed positions, jointly-attacked, and jointly-defended, he felt like every single one of their movements seemed to follow a particular pattern. He concentrated his gaze as if he thought of something.

Taiji generated Two Modes, Two Modes generated Four Images, and Four Images generated Eight Trigrams! No matter how hard the club members of Haishi University tried, they were stuck in the same place!

Xie Wanjun suddenly gritted his teeth. He felt like if he could utilize this type of method in the basketball game, five people could play against ten people!

Pa... Pa... another two members of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University were forced outside of the court.

Hua! The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University couldn't sit still and stood up abruptly.

He looked at the growing crowd and stared at Lu Linlin and Lu Lili.

"Come, both of you!" he said.

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili looked at each other and stood still.

They didn't want to bully mortals. Therefore, they had been using normal fighting techniques and even limited their strengths to the level of ordinary girls. It was also a promise they made to Hao Ren. Other than emergencies, they couldn't utilize their Nature Essence at school.

Hao Ren wanted them to be two normal girls at school, and they tried their best to follow this. They used smooth Taekwondo techniques in the competitions just now, and they avoided hurting their opponents by stop attacking as soon as they won.

Suddenly, three people on the court moved at the same time!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili went in for a joint attack by surrounding their opponent from the left and the right. The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University reacted calmly as he blocked the Lu sisters' attacks with both hands and moved his body smoothly, following up with a series of chain kicks!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili exchanged positions. They punched out abruptly and followed with kicks right away!

Pa! Pa!

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili's insteps kicked on his waist at the same time!

According to the rules, getting hit at this body part would score!

However, the Captain didn't even care about this type of strength. He gripped Lu Linlin and Lu Lili's ankles and suddenly unleashed his strength.

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili tumbled in the air. Then, they used their elbows to land on the ground before bouncing their body up again! The series of movements were smooth and graceful!

Hong! This sturdy Captain struck his powerful leg at Lu Linlin!

Lu Linlin dodged successfully and punched his stomach!

Another scoring body part!

This Captain didn't care. He dragged onto Lu Linlin's wrist and kicked toward her waist!

Lu Linlin jumped up quickly when she saw what was coming at her. At this time, Lu Lili's leg kicked onto this Captain's face continuously! However, she didn't put much strength in the kicks and was trying to help Lu Linlin out!

All the members of the audience could tell that technically speaking, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were both stronger than this Captain!

Pa! This Captain hit Lu Lili's leg and kicked toward Lu Linlin who was falling from mid-air.

Lu Linlin pressed onto the leg that was coming at her with a single hand, but the immense power still sent her away!

When Lu Linlin was about to land, he kicked at her again!

"Ahhhh..." The audience screamed.

Lu Linlin could have flown up or canceled the force with her Nature Essence, but she didn't do it when she looked at Hao Ren.

She blocked this kick with her palms again, but she still couldn't take the force of her opponent and tumbled down to the sideline of the court!

Lu Lili was concerned about Lu Linlin, but the Captain grabbed her wrist, and she was thrown out of the court!

This wasn't a competition anymore! This man was trying to vent his anger! It wasn't about techniques and rules but bullying girls with force!

Pa!

Hao Ren was furious!

He cracked the stand's wooden railing!

Hao Ren jumped directly onto the court down below from the two-meter-high stand!

Chapter 227: Overruled!

Xie Yujia stood up quickly to check on Hao Ren who jumped straight down from the two-meter-high stand. She was relieved when she saw that Hao Ren wasn't injured.

"Let's go!" the Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University called to his club members after sending Lu Linlin and Lu Lili away.

Suddenly, a fist swung right at him and blocked his way.

This Captain turned his head and saw Xie Wanjun who was two-meter-tall, staring at him in anger.

He didn't even hesitate. He raised his leg and kicked at Xie Wanjun's face. This kind of power could easily break a piece of wood.

However, Xie Wanjun simply put his hand up and blocked this attack!

Even though Xie Wanjun didn't learn martial arts, his reaction speed and strength were on par with someone who mastered the third level of Spirit Concentration Scroll.

"Get him! Get him!" The students of East Ocean University yelled.

In only a few seconds, students gathered and wouldn't let Haishi University's Taekwondo Club leave easily!

The Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University glared at Xie Wanjun and kept kicking at him!

Xie Wanjun blocked four kicks, but the fifth kick got his stomach!

However, his muscular body only took half a step back before he blocked this Captain's way again!

Hong!

A kick suddenly flew at this Captain from the side.

Hao Ren dashed into the crowd!

The Captain bent his knees and blocked it.

However, Hao Ren's kick still landed on his jawbones and made him back off three steps!

That was domineering!

Instantly, more people began to surround them.

Hao Ren turned his body in the air and did a fierce swing kick!

This Captain moved back and blocked with his hands at the same time, but he still felt a piercing pain because the tip of Hao Ren's foot still scratched his wrist!

Master! A real master! There were no fancy movements, only practical and damaging attacks!

This Captain felt more pressure from Hao Ren compared to the two-meter-tall Xie Wanjun!

Another kick came after the other. Even though these moves weren't the proper Taekwondo kicks, the continuous movements didn't leave people room to breath!

At this moment, Hao Ren wasn't as gentle as he used to be. His face was cold as if it was covered in frost, and his every move was ferocious!

Xie Wanjun didn't know much about combat, but he could sense the dominant forces in Hao Ren's punches and kicks! He thought to himself, "I couldn't stop Hao Ren if I have to fight him!"

Bam! Bam!

Another two kicks landed on this Captain's arm!

It seemed like this Captain was skillful because he was capable of defending every single punch and kick. However, he couldn't handle the force coming from Hao Ren easily!

He backed off continuously and looked at Hao Ren in surprise. He didn't know that East Ocean University had such a powerful person!

Peng! Peng! Peng! Peng!

Hao Ren didn't care whether his opponent could defend against him. He was merely returning the kick that this Captain used at Lu Linlin and Lu Lili from earlier!

Winning or losing a match was normal, but bullying girls with force were stepping over the line!

Hao Ren proceeded forward, and this Captain backed off. No one could count how many punches and kicks Hao Ren used, and the crowd moved with Hao Ren slowly from the center of the stadium to the east end!

Whoosh!

This Captain had his back against the wall and had nowhere to go!

Hao Ren's movements were continuous like the waves, and they were unstoppable! This battle style was the same as when he used his five-elemental Sword Energies. The only difference was that he was using his body and physical strength this time!

"If you're using force, I'll compete with you using force! You don't care about techniques and rules, and neither would I" Hao Ren thought.

Kala!

The arms of this Captain finally couldn't endure Hao Ren's force anymore and got dislocated!

Hao Ren quickly kicked toward his face!

Leaning against the wall, the Captain had nowhere to hide. He could even feel the cold sweat on his forehead!

Peng!

Hao Ren's right foot stepped on the wall that was one centimeter above this Captain's head!

A hole was made in the wall, and layers of red bricks underneath the concrete were revealed!

Concrete dust fell and landed on the top of this Captain's head.

Hao Ren withdrew his right leg slowly and wanted to warn this Captain. However, he felt like it wasn't necessary anymore on the second thought.

There weren't applauses or cheers from the crowd behind them. There was only astonishment.

"What kind of force could create such a big hole on the wall of the stadium?" they thought.

As this Captain looked at Hao Ren with fear, Hao Ren turned around to check up on Lu Linlin and Lu Lili. "Are you guys alright?" he asked.

"I'm fine. My older sister's knee got scratched," Lu Lili said.

Lu Linlin bit her lips and looked at Hao Ren as if she was wronged.

If she didn't promise Hao Ren not to abuse Nature Essence, how could a mortal bully her?

"From now on, don't just randomly put yourself forward," Hao Ren looked at them and said.

Even though his tone sounded harsh, it was filled with concern. Lu Linlin and Lu Lili felt touched, and they had a feeling that Hao Ren was stronger than them.

All of a sudden, the students at the entrance yelled, "The Principal is here! The Principal is here!"

Lu Qing, who was accompanied by a few deans, walked into the stadium to view the club exchange activities.

When he saw all the students gathering together and the mess in the stadium, he asked immediately, "What's going on?"

How did the club exchange activities turn into a gang battle?

Lu Qing's face was livid as he walked to the center of the crowd.

Xie Wanjun, who was taller than the people around him by a head, stepped up quickly and said, "Principal! I started all this! I will take all the responsibilities!"

It was shocking that the Captain of the Basketball Team, Xie Wanjun, took the blame voluntarily! Everybody knew that Xie Wanjun didn't care about anything else but the Basketball Team!

"Xie Wanjun! You're going abroad, but you still made this mess? Do you think that the school can't do anything to you?" Lu Qing frowned and said to Xie Wanjun.

Even though Lu Qing had grey hair, his demeanor was not inferior to Xie Wanjun at all when he was serious.

Xie Wanjun lowered his head and remained silent. It seemed like he was willing to be a scapegoat for Hao Ren.

At this moment, Lu Qing turned his head and suddenly saw Hao Ren who stood behind the crowd.

He was stunned for a bit and asked, "Were you the one who was fighting?"

Hao Ren didn't want Xie Wanjun to be a scapegoat and walked out of the crowd.

"Yes, Vice Principal. I was," he said.

Lu Qing's expression changed. He looked at the members of Haishi University's Taekwondo Club, who covered their arms in embarrassment, before turning to ask Zhang Xiang, "What happened?"

"We were having practice battles, but the Captain of the Taekwondo Club from Haishi University overdid it. Hao Ren thought that he crossed the line and fought him," Zhang Xiang replied and worded it tactfully.

He didn't mention Lu Linlin and Lu Lili and didn't talk about the details of the competition as he tried to cover it up.

Lu Qing looked at Hao Ren again and said, "Oh, I see. Young people are just too young and vigorous. Don't randomly fight in the future."

His attitude and words caught everyone by surprise. Another school came to his school for an exchange event, but his students injured those students from the other school. As a Principal, shouldn't him at least pretend to penalize his students no matter what?

Yet, it was clear that this Vice Principal favored Hao Ren!

"Clean this up. Send the students who are injured to the clinic. Mr. Liu, find someone to fill up the hole in the wall," Lu Qing said.

He dealt with the incident by taking the easy way out, and he had no intention of punishing Hao Ren!

Lu Qing knew about Hao Ren's personality, and he was too lazy to look into the details. He led the group of deans and teachers to check out other club booths in the stadium.

The other deans and teachers didn't dare to say anything after Lu Qing already made the decision!

Xie Wanjun stood still and couldn't believe it as well. He was considered an important figure in the school because he led a victorious basketball team. However, Lu Qing didn't ever treat him as nicely as Hao Ren!

"What's Hao Ren's true identity?" Xie Wanjun could only admire Hao Ren for this!

All the members of Haishi University's Taekwondo Club were dumbfounded! What could they do about this? They were at East Ocean University, and it seemed like the Administrative Board wasn't going to punish Hao Ren.

They couldn't get Hao Ren in trouble, and they couldn't defeat Hao Ren either. They could only cover their arm and leave without even going to the clinic!

Hao Ren didn't know that the Captain, who got scared by him, placed third in the National Youth Taekwondo Tournament! The members of East Ocean University's Taekwondo Club looked at Hao Ren with respect after watching the Taekwondo Club of Haishi University leave quickly.

"Master! An absolute master! He chased after the third place of National Youth Taekwondo Tournament and forced him to a dead end!"

Xie Yujia already walked on the count and looked at Hao Ren from more than ten meters away. Hao Ren was good at long distance running, talented at basketball, favored by Lu Qing. All of these were explainable, but when did Hao Ren learn how to fight so well?

From the ability he demonstrated, Xie Yujia felt like Hao Ren didn't need to be afraid even if he encountered six to seven gangsters!

"Security? Is this the so-called sense of security?"

When Lu Linlin and Lu Lili got bullied, Hao Ren rushed out and defeated the arrogant Captain. Even Xie Yujia, who never liked violence, felt like her blood was boiling from the excitement!

Hao Ren had a gentle personality but was never a weak person!

"Linlin, Lili, what was the important thing you wanted to tell me last time?" Seeing everyone stare at him, Hao Ren walked toward the exit and asked Lu Linlin and Lu Lili who followed him closely.

"Gongzi," Lu Lili looked at Hao Ren with admiration in her eyes and said, "What we wanted to tell you was a piece of news we obtained recently."

"What's the news?" Hao Ren looked at Lu Lili whose face was all red.

"There will be a Trading Convention in Fifth Heaven this weekend. If Gongzi wants Little White to evolve, you better go buy some special elixirs that are for feeding Spirit Beasts," Lu Lili said.

Chapter 228: Trading Convention?

"Trading Convention?" Hao Ren was interested.

“Shhh!” Lu Lili made a gesture, telling him that he should speak quietly. “This is a Trading Convention among the human cultivators. Gongzi, you shouldn’t talk too loud.”

Hao Ren saw the crowd in the busy stadium and guessed that the dragon cultivators or Inspectors might be mingled within. This Trading Convention definitely wouldn’t let dragon cultivators in.

“My sister and I don’t cultivate the techniques of the Dragon Tribe so that we won’t have any problems participating in this type of Trading Convention. Gongzi cultivates the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll, and it cultivates the five elements at the same time. It would be five elements essence roots, and you won’t be exposed either. We can sneakily join them at that time,” Lu Linlin said.

“What is this Trading Convention like?” Hao Ren lowered his voice and asked them.

“Hoho, Gongzi will find out when you get there. It’s pretty interesting, and you might be able to get great things,” Lu Linlin was excited, and it seemed like it was not her first time participating. She must sneak out a lot to go to this kind of Trading Conventions when she was in the Immortal World.

However, Hao Ren became interested after listening to them. The scene must be very lively.

“We’ll come to Gongzi on the weekend. And we won’t disturb Gongzi before then!” Lu Lili smiled sweetly and said to Hao Ren.

“Oh, by the way, thanks for helping us out, Gongzi!” Lu Lili said suddenly.

Hao Ren smiled and didn’t know what to say.

He was furious when he saw Lu Linlin and Lu Lili get knocked to the ground. It seemed like he did care about them. Even though they were both Kun-level masters, Hao Ren was still concerned about them and treated them as girls in freshman year who didn’t know many things.

Lu Lily dragged Lu Linlin and ran towards the Handcraft Club to pick up little handcrafts.

Hao Ren looked at their figures and smiled. He turned around and saw Xie Yujia talking to her older brother, Xie Wanjun. He thought for a bit, then walked out of the stadium alone.

The Nine Dragon Palace was still hanging on top of the city with all kinds of energy spheres. Looking from far away, the cultivators seemed like a bunch of fireflies flying around the Nine Dragon Palace.

“I just have to get used to it, just have to get used to it.” Hao Ren said and went to the cafeteria for lunch.

Lu Qing had returned to school, which meant East Ocean Dragon Palace’s decisions regard elixirs and the Nine Dragon Palace were made. Zhang Guang and Zhao Hongyu should return to land very soon too. They had been very busy with the Dragon Palace and didn’t take care of Zhao Yanzi that much. They must be worried as well.

“The Trading Convention in the Fifth Heaven would be happening this weekend. No matter how one thinks about it, it seemed relevant to what is going to happen a few days later. The Nine Dragon Palace’s reappearance in the human world made the Cultivation Clans want a share of it as well.”

Hao Ren ate and thought of the current situation at the same time.

“There you are! Why did you leave on your own earlier?” Xie Yujia grabbed a tray, suddenly appearing beside Hao Ren, and sat down.

“I saw you talking to your older brother and didn’t want to disturb you guys,” Hao Ren said.

Xie Yujia breathed out, “It’s not like you don’t know my brother. Besides, he seems to like you quite a bit.”

Hao Ren nodded.

“What’s the matter? You seem to be preoccupied with something,” Xie Yujia asked.

Hao Ren smiled. How could he tell her that there’s a grand palace hanging in the sky?

“It feels like there’s more and more distance between us,” Xie Yujia lowered her head, chewed lightly, and suddenly seemed down.

She was silent for a few seconds before she suddenly asked, “Hao Ren, would it be alright if I go to the States with my brother?”

Hao Ren looked at her in surprise, and his ears heard the pounding sound of his heart.

Xie Yujia had always been very quiet in his memories, but if she suddenly left...

“I have the intention to go and reunite with my parents. We’ve also contacted the school there already,” Xie Yujia held some rice with her chopsticks as her breaths became longer.

She turned her head to look at Hao Ren. They were welling up with tears.

Hao Ren’s eyes started to shake. He didn’t really have a reason to ask Xie Yujia to stay. Yet, if he didn’t ask her to stay...

“Have you been busy with this lately?” Hao Ren asked.

“Um,” Xie Yujia nodded.

Hao Ren was speechless.

The students in the area came and left, but Hao Ren and Xie Yujia seemed like they were moving in slow motion. Xie Yujia ate the rice one piece at a time, and Hao Ren looked at her quietly.

Many scenes flashed through Hao Ren’s mind one by one. From chasing behind him when they were picking up shells in their childhood to departing from each other. He saw the quiet girl in class at the university and got to know her straightforward and bright side. Then, it was the confession regarding Little Older Brother on the rooftop and the emotions knowing that he was actually the Little Older Brother...

Is this how it’s going to end? Just like most fates?

Hao Ren felt that those few seconds were as long as a few years.

Xie Yujia, who always wore a simple white shirt, pushed a shabby bicycle, and held loads of books was going to disappear from campus?

“You will come for this weekend’s class activity, right?” Xie Yujia asked Hao Ren suddenly.

“Um...,” Hao Ren nodded.

Thinking about it carefully, Xie Yujia’s parents were both in the States, and she wouldn’t have a hard time studying in the States with her GPA. She stayed in China to wait for Little Older Brother. However, the Little Brother wasn’t her Little Older Brother anymore...

“She cherished every minute and every second, but I didn’t care at all.”

Hao Ren suddenly realized why she organized the weekend’s activity zealously, why she dragged him to watch the clubs’ activities, and why she chased him from the stadium and had lunch with him...

It was because... Xie Yujia had already planned to go to the States.

This decision started to emerge when Hao Ren and she drifted apart gradually. Their relationship changed from surprise to gloominess, and from gloominess to disappointment.

Little Older Brother was still the Little Older Brother, but his heart didn’t seem to have a spot for Small Carrot.

“Oh, by the way, this is a book that the old grandma asked me to pass on to you. I wanted to find a chance to give it to you today,” Xie Yujia put her chopsticks down, opened up her bag, grabbed an ancient-looking book, and put it in front of Hao Ren.

Four ancient characters were printed on the yellow cover, “Five-Elemental Sword Array Formations!”

“I also flipped through it slightly, but I didn’t really understand the content. However, the old grandma should have her reasons when she asked me to give it to you,” Xie Yujia smiled and said.

“How did the old grandma give it to you if she couldn’t speak?” Hao Ren asked.

“She wrote it down,” Xie Yujia suddenly grabbed her tray and stood up. “Alright, I’ll head to class now!”

She walked facilely towards the entrance of the Cafeteria, but Hao Ren noticed that out of all the food she bought, she didn’t even have a few bites.

Chapter 229: The Sword Array Formation

Five-Elemental Sword Array Formations.

Hao Ren switched his focus back to the ancient book in front of him.

Without any Nature Essence, it didn’t even differ from any other old books from the used bookstores.

Hao Ren picked up the book and opened to the first page.

The fundamental sword array formations: fire-elemental array formation, earth-elemental array formation, water-elemental array formation, metal-elemental array formation, and wood-elemental array formation.

Hao Ren turned a few pages.

Five-Elemental Array Formations, One-line Snake Array Formation, Two Dragons Array Formation, Three Talents Heaven Earth Array Formation, Four Gates Base Guard Array Formation, Five Tigers Sheep Flock Array Formation, Six Ding Six Jia Array Formation, Seven Star Big Dipper Array Formation, Eight Gates Golden Lock Array Formation, Nine Characters Multi-Chain Array Formation, Ten Sides Ambush Array Formation, Ten Thousand Heart-Piercing Array formation, Tiangang Killing Array Formation!

The book of sword array formations!

In comparison to how Hao Ren shot out sword energies randomly, this book would guide Hao Ren to practice powerful sword array formations to increase his attack power.

There weren't only the circulation paths of the Nature Essence in the eight Extraordinary Meridians but also detailed demonstrations of sword array formation!

Hao Ren got even more astonished as he read more. Then, he looked up to only found that Xie Yujia disappeared without a trace.

"Who is that old Grandma? Why did she ask Xie Yujia to bring the Five-Elemental Sword Array Formations to me?" he thought.

After putting the book away, Hao Ren vaguely recalled that he happened to have met that old Grandma once before

She was in her 70s or 80s. She had wrinkles all over her kind face, and she wasn't able to speak!

Tang! Tang!

The radio speakers on the campus started to play music during the lunch break. Hao Ren realized that he still had classes, so he rushed out of the cafeteria.

Having been playing games for two hours, Zhao Jiayi and the guys went to class as well. They started to yell when they saw Hao Ren sitting the classroom already, "What the hell? Why are you here already!"

Hao Ren shook his head and replied, "I'm early only because I have to occupy the seats in the last row for you guys!"

"You are such a nice guy!" They rushed to the last row and took their seats.

"What book are you reading!" Seeing Hao Ren holding an old book in his hands, Zhao Jiayi reached out to check it. "Five-Elemental... Sword Array Formations?"

"Ren, don't you have anything better to do?" Zhao Jiayi gave the book back to Hao Ren after finding that the entire book was an ancient literature.

"What book? What book?" Zhou Liren and Yu Rong came closer to look at the book out of their intense curiosity.

Unfortunately, after all of them went through the book, none of them could understand it. They tossed the book back to Hao Ren in disappointment. "We thought it is an interesting book! Are you so bored that you decided to study ancient literature!"

Hao Ren smiled helplessly and put the Five-Elemental Sword Array Formations away. How could they understand the magic of this book?

Hao Ren knew how much he could improve with the help of the book, even though he only read it twice. What an amazing book!

If the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll were the technique that created sword energies, then the Five-Elemental Sword Array Formations would be the real practical combat technique.

“Speaking of Saturday, what is our plan? Are we going to the Music Academy first then to the Teachers Academy? I heard that most of the beautiful girls in Xin’an City are there,” Zhou Liren said in a good mood after sitting down.

“There is the Giant Buddha Temple in Xin’an City; we can visit that first. Then, we can walk around the Teachers Academy and play cards in the hotel after dinner,” Yu Rong joined the conversation.

They were all passionate about the event this weekend.

“Ren, you are coming with us, aren’t you?” Zhou Liren asked Hao Ren all of a sudden.

“Yes, probably.” Hao Ren nodded.

“Aren’t you going on a secret date with the Class President?” Zhou Liren winked at Hao Ren.

“How about inviting those two pretty girls from first-year?” Yu Rong interrupted suddenly. Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were known as the most popular girls in the school nowadays. Therefore, Yu Rong wanted to have the chance to get to know them.

“It is a class activity; there is no need to invite them.” Hao Ren waved his hand.

“Screw you! Many people will bring their ‘cousins’ this time, but who knows if they are actually their boyfriends and girlfriends,” Yu Rong started to shout.

It was a trip not organized by the school, and none of the teachers would show up. Xie Yujia also told everyone that there were a dozen seats still available on the bus for the classmates’ family members. Therefore, the classmates would bring their boyfriends or girlfriends who they usually tried to hide. It would be an interesting scene.

It happened that all the guys in Hao Ren’s group were single; a lot of their classmates would be cuddling with their boyfriends or girlfriends intimately while they were just a group of guys hanging around, which would be too...

Things would be different if Lu Linlin and Lu Lili joined them! It would be such an honor for them to hang out with the most popular girls in the school.

“They probably don’t have time; I think it’s better for you guys to just talk about what to do during the trip.” Hao Ren laid his head on the desk and surrounded it with his arms, pretending that he was about to sleep.

The guys discussed wildly until the class started.

Soon, the evening arrived. Hao Ren was worried about Zhao Yanzi, so he gave her a call and found out that she had already gone home. Therefore, he went directly to Zhao Yanzi's home.

Various hearty dishes were placed on the dinner table.

Hao Ren figured out that Zhao Yanzi had almost recovered based on the complexion on her face.

Zhao Yanzi might not be aware of how much Hao Ren worried about her, but Hao Ren himself did. He went out to look for a pharmacy near Su Han's place last night, but most of the pharmacies were closed at that time. That kind of nervousness he felt was still affecting him right now subtly.

Zhao Yanzi's face was tender and rosy after recovering. However, in comparison with that, Zhao Guang and Zhao Hongyu seemed quite exhausted.

"Ren, thank you for taking care of Zi." Zhao Hongyu looked at Hao Ren and expressed her appreciation.

Zhao Yanzi opened her mouth and was about to seize the chance to belittle Hao Ren. However, she held it back after thinking for a while.

She must have lost her mind when she saw how much Hao Ren cared about her and kissed him on the neck. Thinking of this, Zhao Yanzi blushed.

"That's alright; Zi didn't know how to take care of herself." Hao Ren smiled.

Hearing Hao Ren's reply, Zhao Yanzi, who used to think that Hao Ren was easy to tease, suddenly felt like he was actually gentle and well-mannered.

Being handsome, brilliant, and fashionable didn't mean anything to her all of a sudden.

"Let's get the dinner started," Zhao Guang said while asking them to sit down.

Sitting across from Hao Ren, Zhao Yanzi looked at him softly and thought, "Did my temper get better after I got sick?"

Hao Ren didn't notice the change on Zhao Yanzi's face nor the secret conversation she had with herself; he had a lot of things on his mind as well.

He asked Zhao Guang, "Uncle, how are the things going in the Dragon Palace?"

"Well, I was just going to talk about this with you." Zhao Guang sat up straight. "The Ancient Elixir Pills you took from the Nine Dragon Palace are categorized into five types. The first type is the Detox Elixir Pill. The second is the Foundation Establishment Elixir Pill, which is used to enforce one's foundation. The third is the Essence Replenishment Elixir Pill for recovery. The fourth is the Realm Elevation Elixir Pill, which helps to increase one's level. And the fifth is the Empowerment Elixir Pill for getting stronger Nature Essence."

He took out a brocade box as he said, "I'll give you one elixir pill of each type. There are five small boxes in this box, and I have labeled the effects on them already."

"Thank you, Uncle." Hao Ren took over the box and put it away in the hidden space in the necklace. With the protection of the box, he didn't have to worry about Little White eating the elixir pills.

“You don’t have to thank me; it’s what you deserve. I only gave you five elixir pills; it isn’t because I’m cheap. I gave you one elixir pill of each type for unexpected situations. Actually, you won’t need any of them at this moment,” Zhao Guang said.

“Ok.” Hao Ren nodded. He hadn’t even reached Zhen-level yet. It would be such a waste if he ate those powerful elixir pills now.

“Moreover, you probably have also noticed that the Nine Dragon Palace has returned to the mortal world,” Looking at Hao Ren, Zhao Guang said again.

“Yeah, I have seen that.” The look on Hao Ren’s face turned serious.

“The Nine Dragon Palace appears every time after it is opened. What I didn’t expect was that it would appear above East Ocean City.” Zhao Guang’s mood appeared to be heavy. “Hongyu and I didn’t come back for the last few days since we were discussing with some of the core elders.”

“The discussion was mainly about three issues. The first was about the effects of the Ancient Elixir Pills and how they should be allocated, the second was how we should plan around the appearance of the Nine Dragon Palace, and the third was how we could cope with Zeng Yitao’s transfer to East Ocean City. We spent the entire two days and nights discussing these issues.”

“At present, we have solved the first problem. The elixir pills have five effects, and we stored them in the secret room in the Dragon Palace; every elder will take a Foundation Establishment Pill and a Realm Elevation Pill. We have also decided on the second problem; we will send five of the most powerful elders to look for ancient cultivation techniques in the Nine Dragon Palace. It is extremely dangerous, and you don’t have to get involved. Regarding the third problem, we are concerned that West Ocean had found out that Zhao Kuo failed the Heavenly Tribulation. Otherwise, they wouldn’t send Zeng Yitao to East Ocean City to study in such an arrogant way. It is known that Zhao Kuo hates that boy the most, so they wouldn’t dare to send Zeng Yitao to East Ocean City if they thought that Zhao Guo succeeded in the Heavenly Tribulation.”

Zhao Guang explained every situation, which all pointed to West Ocean! Having the elders take the elixir pills and look for techniques in the Nine Dragon Palace in order to take preventive actions against Zeng Yitao was all because of the pressure West Ocean put on East Ocean!

A few days before, the arrogant tone Zeng Yitao used on Zhao Yanzi and Hao Ren had also proved that he was confident and ambitious. It wouldn’t be too long for them to try to take Zhao Yanzi away. Under the pressure of West Ocean’s absolute force, Zeng Yitao, the Crown Prince of West Ocean, could get anything he wanted!

If it weren’t because of the Ancient Elixir Pills that Hao Ren took back from the Nine Dragon Palace, East Ocean would almost lose hope! It was like how the civilized Tang Dynasty, as prosperous as it was, was conquered by the barbarian cavaliers!

Although the East Ocean Dragon Clan’s businesses were operated successfully on land, and they possessed an enormous amount of wealth, it would still suffer from the force of West Ocean if it lost the threat and military power.

West Ocean would attack East Ocean as soon as the incident with the Nine Dragon Palace was over! Zeng Yitao's transfer to East Ocean City and enrollment to LingZhao High School was just a signal!

"Well, let's start dinner!" Zhao Hongyu picked up her chopsticks.

East Ocean was going to send five elders to contend for the treasures in the Nine Dragon Palace. The rest of the elders would be rushing the intake of the elixir pills, hoping that some of them would break through to Qian-level.

Only under this circumstance would it have a chance to fight against West Ocean. Thinking of this, Zhao Hongyu started to sigh in despair.

She had already made up her mind that she would expel Zhao Yanzi from the Dragon Tribe and make her into a mortal. Hao Ren would be able to take care of her for the rest of her life then.

The atmosphere started to get gloomy. Zhao Yanzi also twisted her eyebrows and didn't say a word.

Hao Ren suddenly asked Zhao Hongyu after dinner, "Auntie, do you know anywhere nearby I can cultivate?"

"Cultivate? You mean cultivating your sword energies?" Zhao Hongyu asked.

"Yes, I want to go somewhere to practice a bit." Hao Ren nodded and stood up.

"Our backyard will be fine. We set up an Isolation array formation there already. You can go to the attic on the third floor if you want to cultivate, and you can use the backyard if you want to practice combat techniques," Zhao Hongyu said.

"Ok." Hao Ren opened the back door of the house and walked to the backyard.

Beside the flowy bamboo grove and garage, the backyard was extremely quiet.

Moving along the precise pattern of the veins, the Five-Elemental Sword Energies converged in Hao Ren's body. It then crawled to the surface of the skin after going through the acupoints and meridians.

Becoming one with the swords!

Fire-elemental array formation!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh...

Nine sword energies were shot out neatly at the same time, forming a small but terrifying sword array formation!

The fire went up in the sky as if it was going to burn down everything!

The nine sword energies transformed into nine phantoms, forming a circle as they spun around!

Bang!

A burned brown hole was created on the ground five meters away from Hao Ren.

"What an incredible sword array formation!" Hao Ren was amazed!

He used to throw the sword energies randomly to catch his opponents off guard. However, that kind of attack usually didn't do anything!

It would be different if he organized his sword energies this way. The damage of a sword array formation was much stronger than that aggregate of the nine individual sword energies!

Through exploiting the sword array formations, Hao Ren finally understood that he didn't have to use his palms or fingers to shoot out sword energies; any veins in his body could be the path of the sword energies!

The sword energies followed the heart, and every acupoint in his body was a potential exit for the sword energies! That was the so-called 'becoming one with the swords'! If he reached the highest level of Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll, the sword energies he sent out would be Hundun Lightning Sword Energies. Moreover, every single pore on his body was able to shoot out sword energies!

The millions of pores on his body could shoot out millions of sword energies at once!

Who could block or dodge such an attack?

Hao Ren rested for a while after trying out the fire-elemental array formation. Then, he started to use the water-elemental essence in his body to try out the water-elemental array formation!

Similarly, nine sword energies came out of the nine acupoints in Hao Ren's body, and they formed the water-elemental array formation and rushed forward with the movement of Hao Ren's hands!

The spirit of water never ends and only goes forward with great strength and vigor!

Nine sword energies connected to form a giant dragon that was flying forward!

Bam!

The water-elemental essence that seemed soft and weak rushed onto a thick bamboo in the grove, shaking the bamboos!

After everything calmed down, there a bowl-sized hole in the center of a bamboo!

Everybody knew that bamboo was firm and tenacious! However, a hole appeared on the bamboo without having its body destroyed; this showed how powerful and controlled the water-elemental array formation was!

Hao Ren mobilized the essences in his body.

Wood-elemental array formation!

Gong! A spinning disk formed by nine wood-elemental sword energies dropped from the sky! It created a hole that was two meters in diameter and tens of centimeters deep!

Earth-elemental array formation!

Nine sword energies formed into a ball that rolled forward at high speed! It then exploded abruptly, and the sword energies rapidly shot into nine different directions!

Two of the sword energies went through the garage wall, leaving two holes on it.

Having no time to pay attention to that, Hao Ren tried the metal-elemental array formation!

A white light flashed by, and nine metal-elemental sword energies turned into a sword rain, stabbing at the place where Hao Ren pointed to!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!... They landed like arrows and pierced into the ground!

Nine finger-thick holes suddenly appeared in the firm ground in the backyard!

It wasn't hard to imagine what would happen if they landed on a human's body!

Chapter 230: Third Uncle Cultivates the Same Technique!

Compared with the sword array formations, Hao Ren's way of using his sword energies was pathetic!

He withdrew his Nature Essence and looked around. The bamboos on one side of the yard were leaning against each other, and the biggest bamboo had a big hole in it. The flowers and grasses were cut, and the clay pots were broken. The garage wall that was facing the yard had two big holes in it, and about a dozen deep holes could be seen on the ground!

It looked like the scene after a hurricane!

Hao Ren had not expected that the sword array formations would be so powerful. He was wondering how to apologize to Zhao Guang for the damage when he heard applause from behind him.

He turned and saw Zhao Guang smiling at him while standing at the back door.

"Uncle, sorry for the mess," Hao Ren looked around and apologized.

"It's ok." Zhao Guang smiled graciously. "You're only at Li-level, right? I have never imagined that the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll could be so powerful. It seems that we judged it wrongly in the past, and it looks like Zhao Kuo made the right decision in choosing the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll over his previous cultivation technique."

"Did Third Uncle also choose this cultivation technique?" Hao Ren was surprised.

"Yeah. He once teased you and found that your technique had great potential. Therefore, he took the technique with him when he left the Dragon Palace," Zhao Guang said.

Hao Ren nodded. After failing the Heavenly Tribulation, Zhao Kuo had lost all of his cultivation strength, even though the array formations and the altar the East Ocean Dragon Clan put together saved his life.

However, the minimal five-elemental essences he had afterward gave him a chance to cultivate the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll which required steady cultivation of all five elements simultaneously.

Despite the slow speed of the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll, Zhao Kuo's cultivation experience of the past 200 years would help him cultivate at a faster pace. After a few or a dozen years of hard work, Zhao Kuo would regain his great power!

Besides, East Ocean now had a stock of over 200 godly elixir pills.

For him, his failure was a blessing in disguise.

“Well, what are you guys talking about?” Zhao Hongyu walked to the back door, drying her hands; she had just finished washing the dishes.

When she saw the mess in the backyard, her eyes widened. Her beloved orchids only had a few leaves left!

“Ren’s cultivation strength has improved.” Zhao Guang looked at her, a little embarrassed as well. “The orchids... Tomorrow, I’ll go with you to get some replacements.”

“Since they are ruined by Hao Ren’s cultivation strength, I have no problem with it.” Zhao Hongyu smiled helplessly.

In fact, the orchids in the backyard had cost her hundreds of thousands of yuan. She poured a lot of attention into them and had planned to move them into the house that night, but...

“The backyard is too small for you. I thought you wanted to practice sword energies and didn’t expect it would be such a big upheaval. However, I will recommend one place for you to practice in,” Zhao Hongyu said.

“Where?” Hao Ren asked. His exhilaration dimmed at the sight of the mess he caused in the yard. He felt quite guilty and wanted to offer compensation, but he knew it was meaningless.

“I’m not mad at you for ruining the plants. If you want a spacious place to practice your techniques, you can go to Elder Sun’s martial arts dojo downtown on Yingchun Road,” Zhao Hongyu said.

Hao Ren suddenly remembered that Elder Sun owned a large martial arts dojo among other businesses such as restaurants, vacation resorts, and yachts. The martial arts dojo was the place they trained guards for East Ocean’s companies, and it could provide a big space for Hao Ren to practice the large-scale sword array formations.

“Good. I’ll go there and have a look when I have time.” Hao Ren nodded.

Recently, the core elders of East Ocean had been extremely busy with the business of the Nine Dragon Palace, and Hao Ren didn’t want to bother Elder Sun before it was over.

“By the way, have you read the books yet?” Zhao Hongyu asked.

“I’m almost finished reading the books you gave me. However, I’m busy this weekend, and I’m afraid that I can’t help you in your studio,” Hao Ren answered.

“Ok. I can’t go there this weekend either. We can go next weekend.” Zhao Hongyu smiled mildly.

“Well, Uncle, Auntie, I’ll head back now,” Hao Ren said as he looked around at the ruined plants.

“Ok.” Zhao Guang and Zhao Hongyu nodded.

“Oh, one more thing.” Hao Ren stopped at the door. “If I agree to join Su Han in breaking into the Nine Dragon Palace, do you think it will be a violation of the rules?”

Zhao Hongyu and Zhao Guang hesitated for a few seconds.

“As an Inspector, Su Han has mastered many mystic techniques. You should be fine to go with her,” Zhao Guang said.

“If Lu Linlin and Lu Lili are willing to join you, it would be even better. They know a lot of stuff that we don’t and will give you a great advantage in the Nine Dragon Palace,” Zhao Hongyu added.

With so many forces trying to make a go at the Nine Dragon Palace, East Ocean would need to keep some forces in the East Ocean Dragon Palace to protect it. They would then send the rest of the elder to the Nine Dragon Palace. After all, more people going meant greater hope of getting treasures from it.

With Su Han leading the team, Hao Ren’s safety was guaranteed. If they could bring back another 200 to 300 godly elixir pills, the East Ocean Dragon Clan would be ultra-rich! If the pills were used properly, many cultivation masters would emerge in the next hundred years!

After getting Zhao Guang and Zhao Hongyu’s approval, Hao Ren began to make plans. If his last trip into the Nine Dragon Palace were a mock test, then the trip next week would be the formal exam.

The Trading Convention on Fifth Heaven was the preparation before the exam! Any cultivation sect with moderate power would want to enter the Nine Dragon Palace and find treasures.

“Please tell Zi that I’ll have no time to tutor her in the following days. I’ll resume the tutoring sessions next week,” Hao Ren said when he went out the door.

Zhao Hongyu and Zhao Guang nodded, knowing that he would immerse himself in preparations.

Zhao Guang had high hopes for Hao Ren after witnessing the great power of the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll. He imagined the awe-inspiring scene where a top-tier Qian-level Master like Zhao Kuo unleashed this technique at full strength.

The five-elemental eight-trigram array formation made of dense sword energies would defeat a troop of tens of thousands of cultivators, not to mention the Heavenly Tribulation.

Hao Ren had steadily opened a brand-new way of cultivation.

The more Zhao Guang thought about it, the more hope he had about East Ocean’s future.

Oblivious to Zhao Guang’s high hopes for him, Hao Ren took a bus and returned to school. Friday passed in reading, cultivating, and classes.

Then, Saturday morning came.

“Hahahaha!” Zhou Liren, who was sleeping in his upper berth, sat up abruptly and laughed. “Guys! It’s Saturday! It’s time for us to see the beauties in Xin’an City!”