

Dragon King 701

Chapter 701: The Prince Circle?

"Ms. Su..." Xie Yujia immediately greeted Su Han after seeing her walking toward them

"Erm." Su Han answered coldly and looked at Hao Ren. "We'll be leaving tomorrow. You come to my home tonight."

Her tone was cold and indisputable.

Baffled, Xie Yujia looked at Su Han and then Hao Ren, wondering what Su Han was talking about. However, she didn't feel it was right to interrupt.

"I... have school..." Hao Ren said.

"I've talked to Lu Qing, and you'll take a one week leave," Su Han interrupted Hao Ren.

"Ok." Hao Ren knew that the time was near but didn't expect Su Han not giving him any time to prepare.

"Well, we may never return," Su Han suddenly continued.

Hao Ren's heart lurched, and he sweated when he looked at Su Han's cold face.

Taking a one week leave and might never return...

Su Han was always cool but never cold. In fact, she was easy-going occasionally.

Hao Ren knew that her ice-cold expression would only appear when she met someone she didn't like, or she was very nervous.

The Nine Dragon Palace was not less dangerous than the Demon Sea.

Su Han and Hao Ren were going to face Qiu Niu, one of the ancestors of all dragons, and he was fiercer than Lady Zhen.

"That's all." Su Han turned sideways and walked through Hao Ren and Xie Yujia toward the cafeteria calmly.

Xie Yujia turned her head and looked at Su Han helplessly.

Su Han was like half a master to Xie Yujia since the former had once tutored her in cultivation, but she looked colder than before.

"Does... Su Han like Hao Ren as well?" Xie Yujia's heart tightened a bit when her intuition whispered the words to her.

"Let's go." Seeing Xie Yujia standing there in a daze, Hao Ren held her slim hand and strode to the academic building.

Seeing Hao Ren walking while holding Xie Yujia's hand, the guys could do nothing but envy.

Xie Yujia walked alongside Hao Ren obediently and quickened her steps. Hao Ren walked fast, but she liked being led by him.

The students were already all in the classroom. When Hao Ren and Xie Yujia arrived, they were several minutes late. As Hao Ren showed up at the entrance while pulling Xie Yujia behind him, all the students turned to look at them.

“Sorry, we are late.” After apologizing in a low voice, Hao Ren pulled Xie Yujia into the classroom and found seats beside Lu Linlin and Lu Lili.

While blushing, Xie Yujia followed Hao Ren to the seats with her head lowered.

Since she was a good student since little, she had never been led into a classroom by a guy in front of other students and teachers.

“Hehe, Big Zhumu has elevated the realm,” Lu Linlin said after glancing at Xie Yujia

Lu Lili looked at Xie Yujia in surprise as well. With Xie Yujia’s physique, her cultivation speed was supposed to be very slow, but she had advanced to top-tier Foundation Establishment Realm, which showed that she had worked hard in cultivation.

The students in the classroom all glanced at Hao Ren when he sat down.

They had thought that Hao Ren had done well in the school, but they had never imagined that he was Hao Zhonghua and Yue Yang’s son. He was a special figure.

Xie Yujia borrowed Lu Lili’s notes and copied the key points while she listened to the teacher. Meanwhile, the golden shield spun on her collar slowly like a button, releasing weak nature essence.

The Life-Death Notes circulated in Xie Yujia’s body and worked together with the golden shield, forming a vague black-white Tai Chi pattern on the surface of the shield.

The original dharma note that Qingfeng Hermit injected into Xie Yujia’s body contained a trace of Heavenly Dao which were represented by Yin and Yang, Life and Death.

The golden shield had absorbed so much nature essence that it overfilled itself. The Life-Death Notes in Xie Yujia’s body circulated automatically, drawing out the excess nature essence from the golden shield and transferring it into Xie Yujia’s meridians.

Sitting beside Xie Yujia, Hao Ren didn’t know that he got some of the nature essence while the Life-Death Notes were adjusting the balance of the nature essence in Xie Yujia’s body.

According to the legends, powerful dharma treasures could function automatically and increase the nature essence intensity in an area with a diameter of 100,000 kilometers. The nature essence that the golden shield released was little, but it brought great benefits to Xie Yujia who was at the Foundation Establishment Realm.

If Qingfeng Hermit were in East Ocean City, Xie Yujia could ask her for help. However, with Qingfeng Hermit cultivating in seclusion on Eighth Heaven, Xie Yujia had to cultivate by herself. It was a strenuous process.

In contrast, Zhao Yanzi could ask the dragon elders such as Lu Qing and Sun Yun for guidance. Also, when she returned to the dragon palace occasionally, Elder Xingyue would check her cultivation process.

Only after Qingfeng Hermit come out of her seclusion cultivation would Xie Yujia be taught properly.

Parents, Master... All the seniors whom Xie Yujia could depend on were not in East Ocean City, leaving her alone.

Hao Ren looked at Xie Yujia as she copied the notes in earnest with her head leaning to one side, and he suddenly felt passionate toward her.

“After I come back from the Nine Dragon Palace, I will help Xie Yujia cultivate if I can gain a major breakthrough,” Hao Ren thought.

The four classes passed in the blink of an eye.

While Hao Ren was helping Lu Linlin and Lu Lili pack up, Lu Qi appeared at the door and beckoned at him.

Beside him was Chen Su, the Royal Prince of the Taibai Mountain Dragon Clan, who had just transferred to the school.

“They are probably here to invite me to lunch...” Hao Ren smiled and thought.

Lu Qi had introduced the Royal Prince of the Taibai Mountain Dragon Clan to this school due to his admiration of Hao Ren. From the perspective of the East Ocean Dragon Clan, Hao Ren should get to know him better.

When Hao Ren walked to the door, he saw a big group of young men standing on the other side of the door.

“Brother Hao,” Lu Qi looked at Hao Ren and said with a little awkwardness, “They are friends from different dragon clans. Chen Su invited some of them here, and others are friends of our friends.”

Hao Ren looked at them and realized that there were more than 30 young men in here. They had different realms and elemental attribute. Also, some dressed extravagantly while others wore plain clothes.

“This is the Royal Prince of the Min Mountain Dragon Clan; this is the Royal Prince of the Hongze Lake Dragon Clan; this is the Royal Prince of the Qinling Mountain Dragon Clan...”

Lu Qi introduced some guys beside him.

Hao Ren remembered that Zhao Guang had mentioned that some royal princes of other dragon clans would come to study in East Ocean City before leaving, and he was surprised that these dragon clans had acted so quickly. The royal princes of these dragon clans had come to East Ocean University together on the second day!

“They are here to take a look first. Their registrations are still in process,” Lu Qi continued.

While he was dealing with some business in the office of the Calligraphy Club, a large group of dragon cultivators suddenly came in. They were all young royal princes of different dragon clans, and they were coming to meet Hao Ren. That was why Lu Qin had led them to find Hao Ren here.

In the dragon circle, Hao Ren was very famous, especially among the younger generation. The dragon kings and elders who had come to see the calligraphy exhibition had praised Hao Ren after they returned to their respective dragon clans.

Hao Ren's achievements had spread among different dragon clans instantly.

Since Hao Ren had stood out in the Dragon God Shrine's general exams and became a level 4 inspector, the royal princes were all curious about him, which was why they came to East Ocean City to see him with some doubts and admiration in their hearts.

Escorted by their elders, the young dragon cultivators had flown to East Ocean City during the night in a few hours.

Now that they saw Hao Ren's ordinary look, they began to wonder if he were as powerful as the rumors said.

"Good. Now that you're here, you are my friends. I'll invite you all to lunch," Hao Ren said generously.

Then, Xie Yujia and the Lu sisters walked out of the classroom and stood on both sides of Hao Ren.

These sharp-eyed royal princes immediately saw that two girls were at Kun-level while the other was at the Foundation Establishment Realm!

An ordinary dragon clan only had a few Kun-level cultivators, but two Kun-level cultivators followed Hao Ren. As to the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, they knew that she was quite extraordinary since she could live on land which was controlled by dragon cultivators.

When Hao Ren led them to Hongji Square, the royal princes swarmed after him.

The dragon cultivators held a connection conference every few years, but this important large-scale meeting discussed important issues and was attended only by the rulers of the dragon clans. The royal princes were left at home to guard the dragon palaces.

These royal princes would inherit the dragon clans in the future, which was why the dragon kings were very strict with their upbringings, not allowing them to go out and have fun.

However, their fathers had allowed them to go out and study in East Ocean City unprecedentedly, which brought them great excitement.

After walking out of the school's west gate, Hao Ren led them to the second floor of a hotpot restaurant at Hongji Square.

As a considerate guy, Lu Qi arranged the seats for them.

Most of the royal princes were here at East Ocean University for the first time, and some even had never visited a city before! They were extremely curious and excited about everything!

Since the royal princes couldn't leave the dragon palaces without permission, and their behaviors were strictly restrained by rules, they had been granted special permissions by their fathers this time to come to East Ocean City and investigate.

"Let's introduce ourselves." Hao Ren stood up graciously and said, "I'm Hao Ren, and this is my girlfriend Xie Yujia, and they are Lu Linlin and Lu Lili."

Hearing Hao Ren introducing her as his girlfriend, Xie Yujia blushed and smiled at them.

The royal princes took the opportunity to look at Xie Yujia and discovered her extremely beautiful.

Although she was only at the Foundation Establishment Realm, she had an extraordinary presence.

They all knew that Hao Ren was the Fuma of the East Ocean Dragon Clan, and his formal wife should be the princess of East Ocean, but they didn't think that it was a big deal for him to have another girlfriend.

To ensure that they could have offspring, the dragon kings usually had three or four wives. The fathers of these royal princes each had many queens.

Since they would inherit the dragon clans, they must choose their mates early. Despite the young looks of these royal princes, they each had their own wives!

Although Hao Ren didn't introduce Lu Linlin and Lu Lili as his girlfriends, the royal princes guessed that they were Hao Ren's reserved women from the intimacy between Hao Ren and the Lu sisters.

"If the Princess, Dragon King, and Dragon Queen of the East Ocean Dragon Clan don't object, it doesn't matter how many wives Hao Ren has..." they thought to themselves, "It's said that Hao Ren has great power in the East Ocean Dragon Clan since he could move the troops of East Ocean and was also mighty."

Seeing the two beautiful Kun-level female cultivators and the gentle and elegant Foundation Establishment Realm female cultivator beside Hao Ren, they all felt the happiness emitting from them!

If one could have a life like this, what more could one ask for!

The East Ocean Dragon Clan had placed so much trust in Hao Ren that they almost gave the entire clan to him!

After Hao Ren introduced himself, the royal princes all introduced themselves one by one.

They all came for Hao Ren, and it was a happy gathering.

Many dragon kings had sent their sons to East Ocean University, almost forming a short-term training camp with the hope that their sons could establish connections with other royal princes.

After two, three, or four years, they would establish precious connections that would benefit them for life.

These dragon kings had sent their sons to East Ocean City instead of other cities due to the gradual uprising of the East Ocean Dragon Clan. Besides, the dragon kings were sure that their sons would trust and accept Hao Ren!

“Brother Hao is so powerful that he exchanged more than 30 rounds of attacks with that old peak Qian-level metal-elemental dragon!” Chen Su told others about Hao Ren’s achievements while he drank.

When he was invited to East Ocean University by Lu Qi, he had been doubtful of Hao Ren’s power. But after watching yesterday’s fierce battle, he was completely convinced by Hao Ren.

He wouldn’t be able to match Hao Ren’s power even after cultivating 200 more years! It wasn’t good luck but true power that placed Hao Ren in the future ruling position of the East Ocean Dragon Clan!

If Hao Ren weren’t so powerful, the East Ocean Dragon King wouldn’t give the dragon clan to him so willingly!

While Chen Su talked about what he saw yesterday, the other royal princes looked doubtful.

After all, they couldn’t even take half a strike from a peak Qian-level cultivator.

They wouldn’t believe Chen Su’s words if their fathers hadn’t told them after returning to their dragon clans.

With lights flashing in their eyes, they looked at Hao Ren and wanted to ask Hao Ren to show his strength but didn’t dare to invite him to a practice battle so rashly.

After all, they had just met and were all royal princes; it wouldn’t look good if they lost right away.

Hao Ren ate with a smile on his face and didn’t interrupt Chen Su’s talk.

With a red face, Xie Yujia saw these cultivators all looking at Hao Ren with admiration in their eyes, and she suddenly realized that her boyfriend was an influential figure!

These people were all royal princes, and they were focusing on Hao Ren!

Chapter 702: I Will Come Back

For most of the royal princes, it was the first time that they met each other, but they got along well. Without the restraint of their fathers and elders, the young men talked with each other freely.

What they didn’t know was that despite his calmness, Hao Ren, the president of the Calligraphy Club which they would soon join, was going to venture into the Nine Dragon Palace, the holy place of the Dragon Tribe.

Entering Nine Dragon Place meant a high probability of death.

The Nine Dragon Palace was the safest when the four ocean dragon clans opened it together, but it was another story if one decided to break into it.

With Qiu Niu cultivating in the Nine Dragon Palace in seclusion, the four ocean dragon clans wouldn’t open the Nine Dragon Palace in a short time.

After lunch, they talked until the evening.

These royal princes from different dragon clans gained a great interest in life at the city, and they even considered bringing their wives to the school as well.

Some royal princes wanted to bring their favorite sisters into the city and try the student life at East Ocean University.

They were just toying with these ideas, but it would surely get Lu Qing, the Vice Principal, quite busy. After all, who could have expected that these royal princes would want to bring their families here!

Several of them looked young, but they had kids already. It would be a mess if the fathers and sons attended the same university!

“Hahaha...” They walked out of Hongji Square, laughing and having a good time.

Hao Ren led Xie Yujia and the Lu Sisters into the school and then toward the southern gate which connected with the student dorm area.

After walking alongside Hao Ren in silence for a while, Xie Yujia clenched her hands and finally asked, “Hao Ren, did Su Han ask you to go to a very dangerous place?”

“It’s... the Nine Dragon Palace,” Hao Ren answered.

“Does Zi know?” Xie Yujia continued to ask.

“I haven’t told her yet.”

“Is it... very dangerous?” Xie Yujia stopped and caught Hao Ren’s hand.

With his hand in her grip, Hao Ren had to stop as well.

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili looked at them and blinked their eyes.

“I don’t know, but I suppose it’s quite dangerous,” Hao Ren said.

“Then...” Xie Yujia’s tense expression softened. “Can you not go?”

It sounded like she was pleading in desperation.

She had suppressed her curiosity for half a day. She didn’t want to interfere with Hao Ren’s business, but she also didn’t want Hao Ren to be in danger. Her thoughts were contradicting each other.

Seeing her pitiable and hesitating expression, Hao Ren instantly understood how Elder Xingyue felt when Zhao Kuo said farewell to her before he headed to the Demon Sea to gain battle experience.

At that time, Zhao Kuo and Elder Xingyue just experienced a breakthrough in their relationships.

On that Dragon Boat Festival, Zhao Kuo and Elder Xingyue were walking by the river while eating ice cream. Zhao Kuo had his black nose covered in white ice cream, and Elder Xingyue laughed. That was the happiest and most relaxed moment for both.

When Elder Xingyue saw Zhao Kuo off, her expression looked almost the same as Xie Yujia’s right now.

However, Zhao Kuo had returned safely.

"It's dangerous, but it's also a chance for me to break through," Hao Ren said while looking at Xie Yujia.

When he came back from the Demon Sea, he understood what a narrow escape meant.

The path of cultivation was full of difficulties. If not for Duan Yao's appearance, Hao Ren would have died in the Demon Sea. That was why Hao Ren began to have a good opinion of Duan Yao. After all, if Duan Yao didn't offer help or pretended to fail, Lady Zhen wouldn't blame her. It meant that Duan Yao really wanted to save him.

However, he couldn't count on anyone to rescue him in the Nine Dragon Palace.

The Nine Dragon Palace was an enclosed space, and it was hard to know what dangers were lurking inside.

"Erm..." Biting on her lip, Xie Yujia looked at Hao Ren and was at a loss for words.

She considered holding Hao Ren back together with Zhao Yanzi, but she didn't want Hao Ren to think of her as a fussy girl.

"If Hao Ren doesn't come back, what would happen to Grandma?" Xie Yujia thought. She wanted Hao Ren to think twice before he acted, but she worried that such comments would add to his burden.

"Take care of my parents and grandma," Hao Ren said as if he had seen through her thoughts.

Su Han wanted to break through, so he must help her in the adventure into the Nine Dragon Palace. He made a promise to her, and he was paying back the gratitude that he owed Su Han.

This breakthrough was Su Han's ultimate goal.

However, he knew that if he went back on his words and didn't go to the Nine Dragon Palace, Su Han wouldn't force him.

Su Han would find a way to go in there by herself.

Hao Ren didn't want her to take the risk alone. In the Nine Dragon Palace, only his Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll could work.

"Gongzi... Let us go with you," the Lu sisters said.

"I'm going with Su Han, and only two people can enter," Hao Ren said.

As the ancestral place of the Dragon Tribe, the Nine Dragon Palace was more dangerous to cultivators without dragon cores.

Xie Yujia swallowed her words. She wanted to go with Hao Ren but knew that she would only add to their burden with her low realm.

They stood on the path that was between two basketball courts and led to the southern gate of the school. The students who were playing basketball saw Hao Ren, Xie Yujia, and the Lu sisters through the iron fences.

Xie Yujia looked at Hao Ren quietly while her gaze lingered on his eyebrows, eyes, nose, and mouth... Despite her best wishes, she was afraid that she wouldn't see him again.

However, the flashing lights in Hao Ren's eyes told her that since he had taken the path of cultivation, she had no choice but to let him do him.

"Take care of my parents and grandma for me," Hao Ren repeated.

He was afraid that he couldn't come back, but he was never a coward and wouldn't back out after promising Su Han.

Most of the time, he just made the decisions, and Xie Yujia would have to agree. That made Hao Ren feel sorry for her.

After opening her arms, Xie Yujia stood on her toes and held Hao Ren's neck tightly with pursed lips.

The guys on the basketball courts stopped playing and watched with curiosity.

As a reserved person, Xie Yujia had never shown any intimacy in public places. But this time, she didn't care about others' opinions.

"Big Zhumu..." Sensing her reluctance to let go, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili called out in a low voice.

"Come back safe," Xie Yujia whispered into Hao Ren's ear.

With her cheek pressing on Hao Ren's, she held onto Hao Ren's neck tightly.

The guys in the basketball courts on both sides were green with envy.

Not knowing that Hao Ren was going to 'battle', they thought he was immersed in an intimate moment with his girlfriend.

Hao Ren had experienced all kinds of dangers on his path of cultivation. If he only wanted to enjoy comfort in a safe environment, he could live comfortably under the protection of the East Ocean Dragon Clan and enjoy the company of the gentle Xie Yujia and the vivacious Zhao Yanzi.

However, it was Hao Ren's creed to protect the people around him with all his abilities.

"For me and for Little Zi," Xie Yujia continued.

She was a bit jealous that Hao Ren would go to the Nine Dragon Palace for Su Han. However, considering that Su Han had rescued Hao Ren several times and even got severely injured for him, she thought that Hao Ren was doing the right thing.

"Absolutely... I'll come back in one piece," Hao Ren said.

Xie Yujia pressed her chest tightly against Hao Ren's without holding back.

"While Hao Ren continues to do his best, he will encounter more dangers," Xie Yujia thought of something...

Meanwhile, the guys on the basketball courts on both sides of the road walked to the iron fences and watched Hao Ren and Xie Yujia at a close range.

Xie Yujia loosened her arms and placed her hands on Hao Ren's shoulders, staring into his eyes.

Her gaze was full love.

This sight dazed the guys who were standing opposite to her.

“Hao Ren’s girlfriend Xie Yujia is so beautiful. She doesn’t even have makeup on!” they thought to themselves.

“I’ve got to go.” Hao Ren kissed Xie Yujia’s forehead tenderly before turning toward the direction of the Administrative Building.

Standing by Xie Yujia, the Lu sisters looked after Hao Ren as well.

Xie Yujia stood there for a few seconds and then turned to walk toward the dorms. She knew that Hao Ren wanted to accompany her a bit more, and that was why he walked this way with her.

“Wow... Are they breaking up peacefully?” the guys thought.

Seeing Hao Ren and Xie Yujia parting ways with grim expressions, the guys thought with pleasure, “The so-called perfect match didn’t end well! One is a beautiful girl, and the other has countless girls pursuing him. This relationship surely wouldn’t last long!”

These tall guys who thought that they were handsome looked at each other gloatingly, thinking that their curses had come true.

A super beauty like Xie Yujia didn’t need to lower herself by staying with Hao Ren who had lots of female pursuers. She could get any guy she wanted, and he would cherish her like a princess!

With her elegant beauty, Xie Yujia had become one of the most popular girls in the school. Many guys who liked her style had been watching her every move!

After thinking for a few seconds, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili ran after Xie Yujia.

From the glance that Hao Ren gave them when he turned around, they understood that their responsibility was to protect Xie Yujia and others.

Hao Ren’s adventure into the Nine Dragon Palace was indeed full of dangers, but his realm would increase greatly if he could return.

If Hao Ren could reach the Heavenly Dragon Realm, they could stay by his side forever!

While the Lu sisters walked toward the dorms with Xie Yujia, Hao Ren crossed the square before the library and came to the Administration Building.

When he opened the door to Su Han’s office, he saw Su Han in her white windbreaker, looking out of the window.

The office had been tidied up with the files stacked on the right corner of the desk and chairs pushed under the desk. The array formation in the office had also been removed.

“Let’s go!” Su Han turned to look at Hao Ren and said lightly.

Chapter 703: Nine Dragon Palace – Appear!

The Sun was setting when Hao Ren and Su Han walked out of the Administration Building.

Wearing a white coat, black tights, and a pair of white boots which accentuated her beautiful legs, Su Han looked fresh and elegant.

Some students looked toward them when they saw Hao Ren and Su Han walking out from the Administration Building together.

When the wind blew up her windbreaker, Su Han looked elegant and relaxed with her long legs exposed, revealing her charming beauty.

Hao Ren turned to look at the lake in the setting Sun and thought that probably nothing significant would happen in East Ocean University while his absence.

After walking out of the school, Su Han called a taxi. When she got into the back seat, she pulled Hao Ren into the back seat as well.

The students at the school gate saw Hao Ren and Su Han both getting into the back seat, and they began to speculate the new development of their relationship.

After asking for the address, the taxi driver started the car while he glanced at the beautiful Su Han through the rear-view mirror.

Hao Ren sat more than ten centimeters away from Su Han.

Looking out of the window without a word, Su Han revealed her elegant neck. Hao Ren wondered what she was thinking.

On their way, only the radio in the taxi broke the silence in the car.

When they arrived at the apartment complex where Su Han lived, Hao Ren followed her into the elevator. Su Han was silent on the way, and Hao Ren didn't know what she was thinking.

Hao Ren had been to Su Han's home before, but he felt as if a lifetime had passed since he was here last time.

Despite the messy kitchen, the apartment looked clean. However, the marble floor looked gloomy and cold in this weather.

Su Han hung up her windbreaker and turned on the heat in the apartment.

The flexible purple sweater fit her body tightly, revealing her beautiful figure.

Su Han lifted her wrist and checked her silver watch. "We'll set off at midnight."

"Ok." Hao Ren nodded.

"The dinner... is instant noodles," Su Han continued.

"Ugh..." Hao Ren froze for a moment and had to agree to her suggestion.

After taking off the pair of tall, white boots and pushing her feet into pink slippers, Su Han put a thin silk robe around her before getting busy in the kitchen. It seemed that she didn't want Hao Ren to stare at her gorgeous figure in the sweater.

Leaning on the sofa, Hao Ren turned on the TV and surfed through the channels, thinking that this might be the last casual moment before their adventure.

Su Han clanked around with the pots and pans in the kitchen, and Hao Ren wondered why she was making so much noise while cooking only instant noodles.

They were alone in the big apartment; it felt lonesome but also intimate.

If she weren't a cultivator, with her elegance and academic background, Su Han could easily have been a young business elite with a job paying over 500,000 yuan a year, living an uneventful and happy life.

Hao Ren turned his head slightly and looked at Su Han who was in the pink slippers and black tights in the kitchen.

Her black hair had some golden strands which were accentuated by the light, and her slightly curly hair fell on her cheeks, making her look gentle.

Slap... Su Han returned to the living room with two bowls of instant noodles in her hands.

Hao Ren smelled the aroma of the instant noodles and thought that Su Han's cooking skills had improved. Meanwhile, the match-making show on the TV was showing the female guests with charming smiles.

Seeing Hao Ren watching TV while eating the noodles, Su Han suddenly picked up the remote control and changed the channel.

Hao Ren felt a bit frustrated when the channel was suddenly changed while he was ready to hear one of the female guest's self-introduction.

"After the rainy season, the mating season begins..."

Su Han happened to change the channel to the Animal World, and the narrator was speaking these words.

"Cough!"

Hao Ren almost sneezed the noodles out from his nose.

Su Han's cold face blushed suddenly, and she picked up the remote control and turned off the TV.

Since Su Han didn't like to talk, the room was plunged into silence after the only sound was turned off.

Hao Ren ate the noodles noisily, trying to lighten the atmosphere.

"Get yourself ready. It's not a field trip," Su Han said.

"Got it." Hao Ren picked up the bowl and slurp the soup as well.

Su Han frowned and pursed her lips, thinking that Hao Ren was acting as if this were his own home.

However, she didn't want to scold him or anything; she only thought that he was a bit too casual. After going into her room, she took a bathrobe and took a shower in the bathroom.

While eating the noodles, Hao Ren listened to the sounds of the shower in the bathroom and finally hiccupped with great satisfaction.

It was hard to say what would happen in the Nine Dragon Palace, and Hao Ren had planned to have a good meal before they set off. However, Su Han just treated him with instant noodles.

"Forget it! I'm full anyway and ready to fight in the Nine Dragon Palace," he thought.

He dumped the two paper bowls into the garbage can in the kitchen and sighed heavily when he saw the sink that was filled with dirty plates.

"Su Han is terrible at housework..." Hao Ren rolled up his sleeves, picked up the detergent, turned on the tap, and began to wash the plates that had accumulated for about five to six days.

"I'm cleaning even though I don't know if we can come back or not," Hao Ren thought while he placed the clean plates and utensils into the cupboard.

After walking out of the bathroom in her bathrobe, Su Han watched Hao Ren clean up the kitchen in a daze. Then, she went into her bedroom and put on her purple sweater and black tights while biting her lips.

Hao Ren was acting like a great husband, but who could belittle him for that?

Even Su Han had underestimated Hao Ren's potential many times.

"Maybe... He could reach the Heavenly Dragon Realm as well?" Su Han thought while she watched Hao Ren clean the kitchen.

Hua... Hao Ren washed the rag and hung it on the hook above the sink before walking out of the kitchen.

Standing at the door to her bedroom, Su Han looked at him and then turned her gaze away as she cleared her throat slightly.

"Drop the insignificant work. There are only four hours before we set off for the Nine Dragon Palace. You must take the time to cultivate and get ready."

Despite her words, she suddenly felt like Hao Ren was her husband while he was cleaning the kitchen.

This feeling was a mental blow to Su Han who had lived alone for a long time.

"Ok!" Hao Ren entered her cultivation room and sat down cross-legged.

Following him into the room, Su Han lit some incense and placed her longsword beside her before closing her eyes to rest.

This time, she and Hao Ren would go to the Nine Dragon Palace, a place even the deputy shrine masters of the Dragon God Shrine couldn't enter without permission.

Su Han felt a bit nervous, and small ripples appeared in her mind. But quickly, she suppressed her emotions with her technique, and her mind became smooth again like the surface of a lake.

Seeing her beautiful posture while she rested with closed eyes, Hao Ren placed his hands on his knees, exhaled deeply, and circulated his nature essence using the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll.

Just as Su Han had said, they were not going on a field trip, and they couldn't afford to be careless.

Time ticked away silently in the quiet cultivation room. When Hao Ren was gathering all the nature essence into his dragon core, Su Han's voice broke the silence.

"Let's go!"

With a slight push, Su Han opened the window. The slim and longsword rose in the air automatically, and Su Han slipped her feet into a pair of white boots before shooting out of the window on the longsword.

Without hesitation, Hao Ren jumped out of the window. The moment he began to drop, the purple gold hairpin appeared beneath his feet. With a golden light, he followed Su Han tightly.

The Nine Dragon Palace was on Fifth Heaven, but only Su Han knew its precise location.

After traveling above the misty lakes and mountains, Su Han and Hao Ren entered Fifth Heaven.

Ding!

Su Han observed the terrain and shot out a dragon nail.

The silver nail shot into the mountain with a radiant white light.

Stepping on the longsword, Su Han swept to the distance with extremely fast speed and shot out another silver dragon nail.

Another light dot appeared in the rolling mountains.

As long as a palm, the dragon nails were very powerful at building array formations and locating other treasures.

Su Han led Hao Ren around a mountain before shooting out another dragon nail.

This place was far from Hao Ren's Ethereal Summit, and he had never been here before.

While her longsword swept across a deep valley, Su Han shot out another dragon nail toward the black mountain.

After several tries, the five white lights flashed vaguely in the area with a diameter of 1,000 kilometers.

"Go!"

Su Han threw out the longsword with all her force, releasing all the strength of top-tier Qian-level.

The black-and-white light instantly lit up this area with wondrous radiance.

Su Han cultivated both metal-elemental and water-elemental nature essence. When the metal-elemental nature essence reached its peak, it was white, and when the water-elemental nature essence reached its peak, it would be black.

Su Han's current realm was close to peak Qian-level!

All the strength that she had accumulated was released suddenly!

Boom! Boom... Muffled thunderous noises sounded on the quiet Fifth Heaven in the night.

Following Su Han, Hao Ren saw a grey outline appeared in the dark sky.

The Nine Dragon Palace!

It was the Nine Dragon Palace that Hao Ren had once seen!

Like a huge city hovering in the air, it had lots of soil at the bottom while the top was beyond his sight!

Using all her cultivation strength in the attack, Su Han broke the Nine Dragon Palace's stealth.

Although it was only a vague outline, they had a chance to enter it!

Swoosh!

Stepping on the longsword, Su Han dashed toward the Nine Dragon Palace.

The five dragon nails were stolen from the Dragon God Shrine, and they were holding the shadow of the Nine Dragon Palace in place. However, it would last only dozens of seconds!

Possessing the power of seriously injuring peak Qian-level cultivators, the dragon nails were treasures of the sixth deputy shrine master, and each of them could be used only once. This deputy shrine master only had eight dragon nails left!

Su Han was taking a great risk to enter the Nine Dragon Palace! She would die if she failed!

Hua... Stepping on the purple gold hairpin, Hao Ren followed her.

With the aid of the five dragon nails, Su Han's full-force attack only revealed the shadow of the Nine Dragon Palace. Instantly, the outline of the Nine Dragon Palace began to dim and would disappear in the darkness again.

"It's the aura of dragon cultivators!" A furious roar suddenly came from Seventh Heaven!

Chapter 704: Fragile Su Han

Instantly, several powerful suppression crashed toward them from the high sky, choking Hao Ren and Su Han.

Almost at the same time, five to six dharma treasures flew toward them with whistling sounds!

The attackers were Soul Formation Realm cultivators on Seventh Heaven!

After the appearance of a supreme spiritual treasure on Sixth Heaven, they had begun to pay attention to Fifth and Sixth Heavens by leaving a trace of spiritual senses in these places.

When Hao Ren and Su Han entered Fifth Heaven at midnight, their movements couldn't escape the spiritual senses left behind by the Soul Formation Realm cultivators.

Especially when Su Han used all her power to force the Nine Dragon Palace to appear with the aid of five dragon nails, the booming sounds alerted the Soul Formation Realm cultivators who were living on Seventh Heaven.

On Fifth Heaven which was far above the clouds on land, the thunderous noise could only mean that a cultivator was passing a lightning tribulation.

With little effort, the Soul Formation Realm cultivators had sensed the aura of dragon cultivators on Fifth Heaven.

Therefore, the Soul Formation Realm cultivators attacked immediately!

Not expecting that the Soul Formation Realm cultivators would intervene, Hao Ren and Su Han were alarmed when the dharma treasures shot through the array formation between Sixth Heaven and Fifth Heaven and crashed toward them!

Su Han had purposefully selected midnight to enter Fifth Heaven so that they wouldn't alert the human cultivators on Fifth Heaven. With her top-tier Qian-level strength, she wasn't afraid of the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators, but she wouldn't be able to force out the Nine Dragon Palace if a large group of human cultivators chased her.

She had avoided the Core Fruition Realm and the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators but couldn't escape from the spiritual senses of the Soul Formation Realm cultivators!

The Soul Formation Realm cultivators had never cared much about the things happening on Fifth Heaven. But after the emergence of a supreme spiritual treasure and the incident around Ethereal Summit, they realized that they couldn't ignore Fifth Heaven.

"Go!"

Seeing the dharma treasures crashing toward them at lightning speed, Hao Ren worked up the chaotic lightning energy in his body and managed to break off the suppressions of the Soul Formation Realm cultivators.

While stepping on the purple gold hairpin, he dashed behind Su Han.

Holding Su Han's waist, he raced toward the base of the disappearing Nine Dragon Palace while the purple gold hairpin moved at its greatest speed.

Hum!

The five silver dragon nails suddenly shot out white lights on one spot at the base of the Nine Dragon Palace.

After careful calculations, Su Han had found this spot for them to enter the Nine Dragon Palace. She had done her investigations on Fifth Heaven by concealing her aura, but they were discovered by the Soul Formation Realm cultivators from Seventh Heaven!

Su Han's longsword released a blinding light which opened a small crack in the Nine Dragon Palace's array formation! It was the weakest spot in the array formation!

With her full strength, Su Han was only able to create a small tunnel!

Gritting his teeth, Hao Ren held Su Han's waist with force.

On one side was the small crack in the array formation of the Nine Dragon Palace, and on the other side was the dharma treasures launched by the Soul Formation Realm cultivators from Seventh Heaven!

Swoosh!

Hao Ren flew into this small crack that was surrounded by colorful lights with Su Han in his arms, feeling as if they had entered a wormhole with glowing lights.

If they were a split-second slower, he and Su Han would be sealed in the array formation and squeeze into pieces!

Hao Ren poured out the metal-elemental and water-elemental nature essence from his body, pushing the purple gold hairpin to its greatest speed.

It was fortunate that the purple gold hairpin wasn't an ordinary dharma treasure. Otherwise, it wouldn't be able to fly under the violent suppression of the array formation!

With widened eyes, Su Han's body tensed up like a piece of iron. Her calculation was perfect, but the unexpected delay caused by the Soul Formation Realm cultivators at the most critical moment made them enter the crack in the array formation half second late!

They should have passed the crack with little risk, but now the situation was extremely dangerous! The array formation was closing right behind Hao Ren's heels!

Bang! Hao Ren and Su Han suddenly fell on the ground after being spat out by the array formation.

Meanwhile, the dharma treasures of the Soul Formation Realm cultivators crashed on the edges of the array formation around the Nine Dagon Palace, and the dark outline of the Nine Dragon Palace was revealed again.

However, even the dharma treasures of the Soul Formation Realm cultivators couldn't open the Nine Dragon Palace's array formation, and they were bounced off one by one.

Hum!

The Nine Dragon Palace vanished into the darkness.

"Hu... Hu..." Lying on the ground, Hao Ren panted heavily and touched his cheek with his left hand, finding that he was still alive.

Suddenly, he saw his right arm holding Su Han's soft waist while his right palm was gripping the softest part of her chest.

Hua!

Hao Ren withdrew his right hand hurriedly, knowing that Su Han would kill him for touching her body this way.

After receiving no reaction from her, Hao Ren turned to look at her cautiously.

Su Han's body was listless, and her eyes lost its usual sharpness as if she had exhausted all her strength and couldn't even get up from the ground.

Hao Ren sat up and tried to pull her up by grabbing her wrist.

"Let me... rest for a while," Su Han panted her words out while leaning her head on Hao Ren's shoulder.

Hao Ren suddenly remembered that in the Nine Dragon Palace which sealed the five elements; any cultivator who didn't have hundun energy which was the combination of all five elements were as weak as mortals.

Despite her top-tier Qian-level strength, Su Han was just a mortal who couldn't use any of her cultivation techniques!

Right now, Su Han wasn't a master but a fragile girl who needed Hao Ren's protection!

It was night outside of the Nine Dragon Palace, and it was the same inside. It was so dark that Hao Ren couldn't see his own fingers if he didn't use his nature essence.

With his super eyesight, Hao Ren could only see himself and Su Han and nothing beyond half a meter.

Not able to cultivate or recover her nature essence, Su Han leaned on Hao Ren's body and tried to recover some of her strength by using the traditional breathing method.

While grabbing Hao Ren's wrist with her left hand, her shoulders moved slightly with her breathing.

In this dark night, if they got separated, they wouldn't be able to find each other. It seemed that the sounds were blocked, and they couldn't travel far.

The dull space felt like an invisible cage.

Hao Ren thought that Su Han wouldn't be able to make it by herself if he didn't come with her.

"Besides, she has no nature essence in the Nine Dragon Palace and can only rely on me, entrusting her life in my hands. It is a great trust..." Hao Ren thought.

In fact, Su Han was quite emotional as she tried to breathe evenly. She remembered that when the array formation closed, Hao Ren still held her tightly even though it slowed him down; he hadn't let her go despite the risk of being swallowed by the array formation...

Su Han pressed her cheek on Hao Ren's shoulder, feeling a sense of security that she had never experienced before.

Su Han had been alone all her life and had never relied on anyone, but in the Nine Dragon Palace, she had to rely on Hao Ren.

Snap!

A thread of hundun lightning energy appeared on Hao Ren's fingertip and shone on Su Han's beautiful face.

"Don't..." Su Han immediately reached out and covered his fingertip.

“Let’s find a place to hide during the night.” Hao Ren looked at her in bafflement.

“We can’t wander around,” Su Han said in a low voice.

Roar... Roar... From a distance came roars of monsters.

The roars sounded distant, but in the Nine Dragon Palace where the sounds were blocked, the fierce beasts might be very close to them.

“Except for when the four ocean dragon clans opened it together, the Nine Dragon Palace is full of fierce beasts,” Su Han whispered to Hao Ren.

Either due to her weak strength or the intention to lower her voice, Su Han’s voice was very low, and her breath tickled Hao Ren’s ear.

Hao Ren’s heart raced when he thought that Su Han who had been admired afar by men was now leaning on his body so softly.

Su Han felt around to pick up her longsword and placed it on Hao Ren’s knee before saying lightly, “Don’t think about those things.”

Hearing her words, Hao Ren sat straighter as if she had hit the target.

“What do we do now?” Hao Ren asked her.

Despite her beauty, no one could get close to her quickly. She only leaned on his body since she took Hao Ren as someone she could trust. It was a great fortune for Hao Ren considering her usual reaction to other men.

“We have to stay here until daytime, and we’ll act after assessing the situation,” Su Han said.

She had probably recovered some of her strength since her tone was stronger instead of soft and listless.

Roar... Roar... The roars of fierce beasts rose around them constantly.

Hao Ren touched his chest and felt like they were lucky that they hadn’t landed beside some fierce beasts.

They would have to engage in a fierce battle or would have been swallowed by the fierce beasts without a chance to fight if that happened.

Since they landed on the spot without fierce beasts too close by, they could recover their strengths slowly in half a day.

Even the first step in their adventure in the Nine Dragon Palace had been so dangerous, and Hao Ren found it hard to imagine what other dangers were waiting for them.

Although he couldn’t see clearly in the dark night, Hao Ren sensed that the Nine Dragon Palace was a gloomy and damp place filled with thick fogs at night.

He and Su Han had landed on a flat land without any rocks that they could hide behind.

At midnight, even the fierce beasts didn't dare to move around, so it was the safest to stay where they were.

However, this damp and chilly air sent shivers to even Hao Ren, let alone Su Han who couldn't activate any nature essence.

After a moment of consideration, Hao Ren tightened his arms around Su Han's shoulders, pulling her into his arms, and giving her some warmth with his broad chest.

Su Han looked up at Hao Ren, and her white face looked so exquisite and lively in the dark night.

Despite her reluctance to Hao Ren's impetuous act, Su Han was now a little woman who couldn't activate her nature essence...

Biting her red lips, Su Han leaned her head against Hao Ren's chest.

Chapter 705: Fierce Beasts! (1.3 for 1 Chapter)

The Nine Dragon Palace at midnight was engulfed by darkness. The place was filled with all kinds of uncertainties and dangers while fierce beasts roared.

"I have a blanket in my storage ring." Leaning her head on Hao Ren's chest, Su Han said suddenly.

She lifted her slim finger toward Hao Ren.

"Ok..." Hao Ren took her smooth hand with his left hand and opened her storage ring with his right hand by circulating the hundun energy, taking out a thin knitted blanket.

Despite the big space in his necklace, Hao Ren could only store stuff with nature essence. In contrast, Su Han's storage ring couldn't store a lot of things, but she could place some ordinary objects in it.

While he drew out the blanket, Hao Ren's spiritual senses felt around in her ring and found elixirs, bandages, and even ordinary medicines such as pills for the common cold.

She was well prepared for the adventure.

The reason that she had prepared some ordinary medicines was that she couldn't activate her nature essence in the Nine Dragon Palace. If she caught a cold, she probably needed to take some medication.

Thinking that the usually cold Su Han, a Qian-level cultivator who had never worried about being ill, was now reduced into a weak mortal girl who had to prepare medicine for the common cold, Hao Ren felt like he had to care more about her.

"Hand," Su Han lifted her eyes and said coldly.

Hao Ren gathered his thoughts and suddenly realized that he was still holding her slim fingers after drawing out the knitted blanket from her storage ring.

"Ok! Ok!" Hao Ren cleared his throat and withdrew his hand in embarrassment.

He hadn't been holding her palm on purpose; he had just wanted to see what other stuff was in her storage ring and had been distracted by other thoughts in this misty environment.

If they had been outside the Nine Dragon Palace, Su Han would have put her longsword against his neck for not releasing her hand. But now, she was more lenient to him.

Hao Ren spread out the blanket and covered Su Han.

Since Su Han leaned her body in Hao Ren's arms, the blanket was covering both of them.

Su Han remained silent while she curled up in Hao Ren's arms.

It wasn't her intention to reveal her weakness, but she didn't want to get sick after just getting into the Nine Dragon Palace; it would be a worthless show of strength.

The time ticked away, but the darkness didn't show any sign of receding.

While practicing the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll, Hao Ren continued to strengthen the hundun energy in his body. With the abundant natural hundun energy that was nowhere to be found outside of the palace, it was a good place for Hao Ren to cultivate if not for the fierce beasts around them.

Lying in his arms, Su Han seemed to have fallen asleep.

While her back and shoulders touched him, he felt warm.

Hao Ren placed his hands on Su Han's belly over the blanket. In this icy cold night, Hao Ren kept his clear mind and didn't dare to think that he was holding a fragile woman.

Outside of the Nine Dragon Palace, Su Han was still a Qian-level master who overpowered other cultivators, and Hao Ren would look up at her.

Su Han's chest rose and fell with her long and peaceful breathing.

Hao Ren filled his meridians with hundun energy and tried to make a breakthrough. He cultivated the five elements simultaneously with the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll and formed hundun energy with lightning cultivation.

When Hao Ren came here last time, the Nine Dragon Palace had been very peaceful, probably because the fierce beasts hid after the array formation was opened.

At that time, Hao Ren could do nothing but throw out random hundun sword energies, but it gained him a great advantage in that journey.

As a demon beast, Little White could also move around in the Nine Dragon Palace. Its level 5 strength was powerful in the eyes of human cultivators, but it was weak in front of the level 10 demon beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace or the Demon Sea.

That was why Hao Ren didn't bring Little White this time. Hearing the fierce beasts' roars around them, he knew that Little White was no match for these fierce beasts.

The midnight mist in the Nine Dragon Palace even blocked sounds, which meant that the roars were earth-shaking since they could enter Hao Ren's ears.

This time, Hao Ren had reached top-tier Dui-level and thus could use the hundun sword array by combining five elements, making his power dozens and even hundreds of times more powerful than the last time.

When the four ocean dragon clans opened it together, the Nine Dragon Palace allowed only low-level cultivators to enter. At Dui-level, Hao Ren and Su Han would face dangers dozens of times greater than before.

Roar... Roar... A large group of fierce beasts suddenly let out low roars.

Leaning on Hao Ren's chest, Su Han was woken up by the low roars and she sat up warily, listening to the sounds around them alertly.

Hu!

A huge gust blew over, and even Hao Ren was blown to the ground by such a powerful wind.

Without nature essence, Su Han fell onto Hao Ren's body with her black hair in a mess.

In the dark night, Hao Ren couldn't see where the gust came from but could feel that a huge, fierce beast had swept over them in the high sky!

The strong wind that could blow people to the ground was caused by the fluttering wings of that flying fierce beast!

"It's ok..." Su Han said and sat up with her hands pressing on Hao Ren's chest.

The nearby roaring fierce beasts quieted down finally.

Instead of savoring the tempting sensation when Su Han fell onto his body, Hao Ren sat up alertly and released tiny sword energies around them within a range of 100 meters.

He suddenly realized that they probably would find themselves surrounded by dozens of fierce beasts when the Sun appears.

The dark night made it impossible for them to move, but it was also a layer of protection because the fierce beasts wouldn't move around in the night either.

The Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll which Hao Ren cultivated combined Hao Ren's spiritual senses into the sword energies, and the sword energies were planted around them within 100 meters, able to alert him of dangers.

However, he didn't release sword energies to areas further away, afraid that they would trigger the sleeping fierce beasts.

"You rest, and I'll keep guard," Hao Ren turned to look at Su Han and said.

"Ok." Su Han pulled the blanket back over her and leaned into Hao Ren's chest.

Hao Ren placed his hands lightly on her shoulders and exhaled silently.

Nestling in his arms to fend off the cold, Su Han wasn't troubled with other thoughts, but Hao Ren felt unsettled.

In the darkness, the fierce beasts would occasionally roar together in low voices probably because some flying beasts had disturbed their sleep.

With Su Han in his arms, Hao Ren kept his mind on the faint sword energies that he had planted in the ground without a moment of relaxation.

When Hao Ren felt numbness in his hands and feet, a radiant light suddenly appeared in the East.

Instantly, thousands of beasts roared.

Feeling like the daytime was coming, Hao Ren immediately pushed Su Han up, rolled up the knitted blanket, and put it into her storage ring.

Hao Ren beckoned, and the hundreds of sword energies that were scattering around returned to his palm.

The Nine Dragon Space was in a secluded space without the Sun, the Moon, and other stars. This blinding light must have come from the array formation which was circulating automatically in the Nine Dragon Palace.

Feeling like the fierce beasts would wake up from their sleep soon, Hao Ren tossed out the purple gold hairpin to leave on it, but he realized that he couldn't use it.

Since the five elements were blocked in the Nine Dragon Palace, he couldn't activate the metal-elemental and water-elemental nature essence alone, which meant that he couldn't use this powerful dharma treasure.

The white light lit up all the corners in the Nine Dragon Palace almost instantly.

Hao Ren saw all kinds of huge beasts walking on the broad plain! In the valley and forests farther away, there were also big and small fierce beasts!

In the misty high sky were huge birds that were as wide as thousands of meters! Their sharp beaks spat out flames!

The rolling mountains were endless!

Stepping on mountaintops, some unknown fierce beast bit off a tree trunk that had a cross-sectional diameter of about six meters and chewed it up!

They were all prehistoric fierce beasts!

If he didn't witness it himself, Hao Ren could never imagine such a magnificent sight!

"The ancient cultivators had faced such fierce beasts! How could the present-day cultivators do any damage to these fierce beasts?" Hao Ren thought.

"Roar..." A black-skinned fierce beast by the lake raised its head and roared with fury, and dozens of grey jackals that had flames emitting from their paws immediately retreated from the meadow.

The black-skinned fierce beast raised its thick front leg and crashed a dozen jackals into meat pies.

Frightened, Hao Ren took Su Han's hand and flew toward a nearby forest by releasing hundun sword energies under his feet.

While the light was still spreading across the land, the plains, valleys, and forests were just struggling out of darkness. Everything was engulfed in dark, red lights.

Swoosh... From the forest that Hao Ren was heading toward flew out about a dozen weird birds.

These weird birds looked ugly and evil with colorful feathers, which gave people a sense of danger instead of beauty. After all, poisonous snakes were usually colorful!

Bang! Bang...

Hao Ren released his hundun sword energies.

The dozen weird birds had their heads pierced by the sword energies and fell dead before they could slash their sharp claws at Hao Ren.

Suddenly, their bodies released colorful vapor which was highly toxic; it could even numb and kill the huge beasts that were as tall as one hundred meters!

Sensing the killing power in the vapor, Hao Ren hurried out of the area.

In the area within hundreds of meters of the spot where the weird birds dropped, the trees withered quickly before rotting to the ground.

If Hao Ren had acted one-second slower, he would have ended up the same!

Hua... Hao Ren shot sword energies into the dense forest to investigate even though he didn't see any fierce beasts with his eyes.

Each sword energy carried his spiritual senses, and he instantly knew that no fierce beasts were lurking inside. Then, he landed in the forest with Su Han.

From shooting out the sword energies and killing a dozen weird birds to sending the sword energies into the forest before landing with Su Han, Hao Ren's movements were smooth and quick without any hesitation.

However, Hao Ren didn't feel as calm as he looked. When he landed on the soft soil in the forest, his clothes were soaked by sweat.

When those dozen weird birds dashed out, he would have died if he had reacted half a second slower or were not alert enough!

It was a narrow escape, and the adventure had just begun!

Seeing the birds and beasts all over the place, Hao Ren realized that the number of fierce beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace far surpassed his imagination!

In the Demon Sea, demon beasts all lurked under the sea. But in the Nine Dragon Palace, the demon beasts ran around freely, and there were even flying beasts!

It was hard to determine the realms of these beasts, but Hao Ren guessed that they were at least level 6 or level 7. Hao Ren couldn't handle them with ease!

"There are no directions such as east, south, west, and north in the Nine Dragon Palace, but I think we are on the edge of this world." With one hand resting on a huge tree, Su Han said calmly while she looked into the valley and observed the terrain and lights carefully.

"We need to cross this plain and the mountain on the other side to see if we can find a route," Su Han said.

The information about the inside of the Nine Dragon Palace was the top secret among secrets, but she had gathered enough fragmented information from the ancient scrolls in the Dragon God Shrine to get a vague layout of the Nine Dragon Palace. That was why she knew her whereabouts even though she had never been in the Nine Dragon Palace before.

While she was talking with her eyes staring into the distance, she suddenly felt Hao Ren getting close behind her.

Su Han raised her head slightly and saw Hao Ren insert the purple gold hairpin into her hair.

"This is Lady Zhen's treasure and carries her aura. It means that it probably has some suppressing effects on these beasts. You will be safer wearing it." Hao Ren looked at her and said.

Su Han froze for a moment and then nodded.

She knew that the purple gold hairpin was Lady Zhen's treasure and thus had some suppressing effects on the demon beasts, but she was surprised that Hao Ren had placed it into her hair to give her protection instead of keeping this useful treasure for himself.

As the token from Lady Zhen, the purple gold hairpin could fend off the high-level demon beasts in the Demon Sea.

Although the demon beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace probably didn't know about the power of the purple gold hairpin, it was a dharma treasure that an eternal demon king carried with her. It would fend off some low-level demon beasts.

"Let's go!" After getting a clear idea of the layout of the demon beasts in the valley and on the plain, Hao Ren circulated the hundun sword energy and pulled Su Han onto it with him before flying toward the mountain on the other side.

Boom... The moment that Hao Ren flew up, he suddenly saw the black Origin Dragon Grand Palace moving swiftly in the sky above the mountain on the other side!

Chapter 706: Climbing the Mountains with You

Boom!

A magnificent black Ancestral Dragon Palace whistled across the sky before vanishing into the distance in the blink of an eye.

When Hao Ren was in the Nine Dragon Palace last time, he had entered two Ancestral Dragon Palaces and knew that they were very heavy and made with huge black stones.

However, such a massive building was flying so swiftly in the air. What kind of power was required?

Usually, when the four ocean dragon clans opened the Nine Dragon Palaces every 50 years, the nine Ancestral Dragon Palaces always changed their positions.

It turned out that while array formation was in operation, the nine big palaces were continuously flying around in the Nine Dragon Palace!

The black Ancestral Dragon Palace disappeared in the distance gradually, and Hao Ren didn't even see which Ancestral Dragon Palace it was.

"Let's go," Su Han touched Hao Ren and reminded him.

"Ok!"

The shock that Hao Ren received was beyond words. The nine Ancestral Dragon Palaces were moving in a predetermined pattern; it was a major void array!

The center of the nine Ancestral Dragon Palaces must be the core of the Nine Dragon Palace and the array formation!

Only when the four ocean dragon palaces opened the Nine Dragon Palaces together, the array formation would stop operating temporarily, and the nine Ancestral Dragon Palaces would land on the ground in different positions.

Hua... While he was speculating the movement pattern of the palaces, Hao Ren moved the hundun sword energy toward the foot of the mountain.

Standing at the end of the sword energy, Su Han held Hao Ren's shoulders with both hands.

Her full chest pressed against Hao Ren's back, bringing tingling sensations to Hao Ren. However, it wasn't the time for such thoughts. After all, he and Su Han might die here at any moment and wouldn't have a second chance.

Su Han shared Hao Ren's thoughts. She was placing her greatest hope on Hao Ren and didn't care about minor things such as the touching of their bodies.

Once they arrived at that place, her nature essence would fully recover. Hao Ren's main responsibility was to help her cross this area full of mountains and wild fierce beasts.

Thud.

Hao Ren landed lightly on a stretch of grassland.

The wild grass was more than two meters tall, hiding Hao Ren and Su Han's whereabouts. Before the fierce beasts that were usually hundreds of meters tall, they were as tiny as two insects.

Su Han praised Hao Ren's route choice silently as it aligned with her own. It seemed that Hao Ren was also observant and had a quick mind.

“We can’t get separated.” Hao Ren reached back and caught Su Han’s left hand.

Due to Su Han’s loss of nature essence in the Nine Dragon Palace, Hao Ren couldn’t sense her location easily, and they couldn’t use modern communication devices. If he and Su Han got separated, they would be in trouble.

With her hand in his, Su Han’s heart raced, and she immediately quickened her steps to walk alongside Hao Ren.

Su Han’s fingers were cold and smooth like jade.

Hao Ren gripped her hand and decided on the direction before striding through the grass.

Su Han gripped her longsword tightly, but since she couldn’t circulate nature essence, she barely had the strength of a martial arts master.

Hao Ren’s sword energies floated at the top of the two-meter-tall grass to scout the area around them.

They were now at least about a dozen kilometers away from the mountain on the other side, and it was the most dangerous distance that they needed to cover.

Gaa! Gaa! Several huge white birds flew in the high sky, and Hao Ren dropped down onto the ground in a hurry, pressing down Su Han with him.

Hu!

All the green grass was blown down by the huge wind, revealing about a dozen small beasts that were hiding in the grass.

The huge white birds reached out their iron-like claws, dashed down to the ground, and grabbed five to six small beasts before tearing them into pieces. Then, they flew to the distance with blood dripping from their claws.

Due to their small sizes, Su Han and Hao Ren’s bodies were covered by the two-meter-tall green grass as it tilted sideways, helping them hide.

After the huge birds flew away, the green grass bounced back, and Hao Ren raced forward with Su Han.

The attack from the huge birds frightened the small beasts in the grass, making it the perfect moment for Hao Ren and Su Han to cross this grassland!

Swoosh!

A sharp whistling sound suddenly came from Hao Ren’s back.

Hao Ren turned his head and saw another huge bird hovering in the sky and throwing a huge rock toward him!

Bang!

The 1280 sword energies merged into 256 hundun sword energies, and they stabbed toward the rock!

With a loud noise, the huge black rock was shattered by Hao Ren's sword energies before falling on the ground.

Hao Ren was about to heave a sigh of relief when he found a silent shadow moving toward him from another side.

Another huge white bird soared toward him with great speed while its fluttering white wings created almost no air currents!

Hao Ren who had just cast all his sword energies was ashen-faced with shock, knowing that he had underestimated the hunting skills of the fierce beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace!

Dang!

Su Han stabbed her sword forward while her body leaned backward!

The longsword flew out for dozens of meters while Su Han was sent flying for more than ten meters even though she escaped from the claws of the huge bird!

"Su Han!" Hao Ren yelled and hurried toward her.

Boom! A burning flame swept toward Hao Ren from the back. The huge white bird that had attacked Hao Ren first struck toward Hao Ren's shoulders!

These two birds surrounded Hao Ren and Su Han and attacked separately!

The huge white birds had an intricate hunting strategy!

With the one-on-one strategy, they wouldn't allow Hao Ren and Su Han to get together again!

When Hao Ren was about to be hit, the sword energies around him condensed into a colorful energy sword as Hao Ren used the first strike of the Mystic Water Sword Techniques!

Slash!

Hao Ren's sword cut off one claw of the huge bird!

In pain, the huge bird that attacked Hao Ren flew up. Hao Ren looked back and saw Su Han rolling in the grass while the other huge bird clawed up dozens of pounds of soil from the ground beside her!

She escaped the claw by a few inches. Otherwise, it would have torn her into pieces!

Without her sword or any nature essence, Su Han was pale. She was about to leap up and roll again when the other claw of the huge bird dashed toward her like a small mountain.

Su Han clearly saw the red flames in the center of the claw! Dodging it was impossible! She closed her eyes, ready to take this fatal blow!

Dang! A loud noise almost shattered Su Han's eardrum.

She opened her eyes and saw Hao Ren flying up with both hands on the colorful energy sword, piercing the claw and blocking the powerful attack for her!

The flames in the center of the claw were suddenly jetted out, knocking Hao Ren back onto the muddy ground like a cannonball!

“Go!”

The moment that Hao Ren flew out, he waved his arms and commanded that energy sword.

The colorful energy sword which had pierced through the claw suddenly shot up into the long slim neck of the huge white bird.

Bang! The colorful energy sword suddenly shattered and turned into hundreds of hundun sword energies, exploding in its long neck.

The huge bird that was more than 100 meters tall fell to the ground.

Su Han watched in shock and then stood up with dirty hands while panting heavily.

Seeing its partner killed, the other huge bird that had lost a toe let out a shrill cry before flying to the distance.

The two huge birds were behind the group. After seeing that the other bird was killed, this one didn't linger around. It fled to join its group in a hurry.

Hao Ren turned and looked at Su Han with fear in his eyes, and sweat was dripping from his forehead. Although the battle lasted only a moment, and they used only three attacks, it was an incredibly chilling experience!

After dashing over to pick up her longsword, Su Han grabbed Hao Ren's hand and raced toward their destination, not giving a thought to the wound in her shoulder.

She was afraid that the huge birds would return. If they did, she and Hao Ren wouldn't be able to fight them!

Seeing her purple sweater turning red by the blood that was oozing from her shoulder, Hao Ren also didn't dare to stop and bandage her wound. He ran with Su Han.

After running for almost one hour and were certain that the huge birds didn't return, they finally stopped for a break.

Their eyes met.

They both felt lucky after the narrow escape.

“The medicine is in my ring.” Su Han lifted her hand and said.

Hao Ren picked up her finger and dug out a dark-red glass medicine bottle from her ring.

With a frown, Su Han opened the bottle and put some red medicine solution on her shoulder. From her furrowed eyebrows, Hao Ren knew that she was hurting from the stinging in the wound which was caused by the solution.

She handed the bottle to Hao Ren who then put it back into her ring. Hao Ren wanted to ask her if she needed to rest for a few minutes, but Su Han had begun walking with clenched teeth.

“We must cross that mountain before dark. Otherwise, we won’t find a hiding place, and we will die!” Su Han looked back at Hao Ren after walking a few steps and said.

Hao Ren turned to look at the almost boundless plain and the flying or running fierce beasts. He had to admit that Su Han was right.

Su Han lifted her left hand at Hao Ren.

Hao Ren walked over and took her left hand into his right hand.

“Let’s go!” Hao Ren locked his fingers with hers and strode forward steadily.

In this open space, flying on his sword energy was the most dangerous act. The relative safer way was to walk in concealment in the high wild grass to reach the mountain on the other side.

Walking by Hao Ren’s side with her fingers in his tight grip, Su Han’s heart raced, and she slowly tightened her grip on Hao Ren’s fingers.

She couldn’t name the feeling that she was having right now.

However, at that most dangerous moment, she was thinking of Hao Ren.

That huge noise caused by Hao Ren’s strike was still ringing in her ears.

The scene where Hao Ren shot up and pierced that huge bird was ironed into her mind.

With her hand in Hao Ren’s grip, she felt dazed, and her mind was blanking out.

She finally understood how it felt.

Chapter 707: As Gentle and Silent As The Rain (2.3 for 1 Chapter)

The two-meter-tall wild grass grew in the mud, and it was exhausting to trudge through the mud for Hao Ren and Su Han.

Su Han wore a white windbreaker and a purple sweater with black tights and white boots.

However, while she trudged with Hao Ren, her white boots were covered in mud, and her white windbreaker turned dusty after she rolled on the ground to dodge the huge birds.

It would take people several hours to walk more than ten kilometers even on a highway, let alone in the Nine Dragon Palace which was full of fierce beasts.

The level 8 and 9 fierce beasts possessed some degree of intelligence, but fortunately, they hadn’t transformed yet and didn’t possess true intelligence.

Despite the same environment as the Demon Sea, Hao Ren and Su Han hadn’t seen any Transformation Realm fierce beasts while they trudged through the grassland.

“There should be level 10 demon beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace, but I don’t know if there are any Transformation Realm demon beasts here,” Su Han said while she stumbled through the mud, holding onto Hao Ren with her left hand.

“I don’t think so since the Nine Dragon Palace is sealed off from the outside world, and there’s no heavenly lightning for them to pass the Transformation Tribulation,” Hao Ren said.

Su Han turned her bright eyes toward Hao Ren and realized that he was right after a moment of consideration. She was surprised that Hao Ren was so familiar with the details of Heavenly Tribulations.

She didn’t know that Hao Ren had gained some knowledge about the habits and features of demon beasts after his trip in the Demon Sea, especially how they passed Heavenly Tribulations.

It was why he had a general idea of the movement patterns of the ancient fierce beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace and had chosen the safest route accordingly to reach the mountain on the other side.

The longer Su Han walked with Hao Ren, the more experienced she thought he was, and thus the safer she felt.

Her fast walking pulled the wound in her shoulder, and she was in pain. However, Su Han gritted her teeth and didn’t show any sign of pain.

“If you are tired, I can carry you on my back!” Hao Ren turned his head and said after feeling Su Han’s steps getting heavier

“I’m fine!” Su Han frowned.

She didn’t want Hao Ren to think that she was fragile.

The sky had brightened. There was no sun in here, but Hao Ren estimated that it was about noon, and they had covered less than half of the distance.

If they didn’t speed up, they wouldn’t be able to reach the mountain on the other side before nightfall, and fierce beasts on the plain would surround them. More importantly, they probably wouldn’t be able to fend off the cold during the night.

After entering the Nine Dragon Palace at midnight, Su Han almost couldn’t bear the chill even though it had been only half a night. Today, she was wounded and exhausted. If she couldn’t have a good rest, she would find it difficult to pass the night.

The chilliness in the Nine Dragon Palace was different. No matter how much they wore, they couldn’t fend off the chill alone.

They must increase their speed.

Determined, Hao Ren suddenly caught Su Han’s left hand and pulled her into his arms before lifting her legs with his left hand.

Caught off guard, Su Han was lifted into his arms.

Then, Hao Ren swung her over his shoulder and carried her on his back.

“You!” Su Han was surprised and felt ashamed.

With his hands pressing under Su Han’s smooth thighs, Hao Ren bent forward a bit and dashed like a shooting arrow.

Thud! Thud... Running on the muddy ground, Hao Ren dashed through the dense grass with his body tilted forward at 45 degrees.

The grey sword energies followed Hao Ren's body like hundreds of cameras, scouting the surrounding area.

Lying on Hao Ren's back, Su Han bounced and felt her chest constantly crashing onto his back. Blushing, she immediately reached out to tighten her arms around his neck, making herself press onto his back tightly.

She didn't want Hao Ren to carry her because she didn't want to feel weak and was worried that she would exhaust Hao Ren's physical strength.

However, now she knew that her second worry was ungrounded!

Hao Ren's physical strength far exceeded her expectation!

In the Nine Dragon Palace which was full of hundun energy, Hao Ren was like a fish in the water. The only drawback was that his realm was lower than those demon beasts', so he didn't dare to fight them head-on.

While Hao Ren inhaled the hundun energy quickly, he maintained a quick pace.

Su Han had never been carried by a man before, which was why she couldn't help but blush despite her efforts to contain her distracting thoughts, knowing that they were still in the Nine Dragon Palace.

Hao Ren had crossed the line by forcing his will on her!

Despite her anger, she admired his great strength when he dashed forward in the grassland as if he were in a 100-meter race!

"I will settle the accounts with him later!" Clenching her fists, she held Hao Ren's neck tighter and pressed her chest onto his back.

Swoosh!

Hao Ren leaped lightly over a rock.

His movements were so agile that it seemed like he had been moving around in the mountains all year round.

Su Han bounced up and down on Hao Ren's back. Feeling her chest tingling and hurting, she wished that she could walk by herself.

However, Hao Ren locked his hands on her thighs tightly, and his fast pace didn't give her to chance to jump down from his back.

Having sent the sword energies to scout the situation ahead of them, Hao Ren suddenly moved aside and walked around a swamp that was hidden by the grass.

Lying on his back, Su Han was swung to the side violently before swinging back. Her chest rubbed against his back so forcefully that she was sure that Hao Ren felt it. It made her blush even more.

“Did he do it on purpose?”

Su Han gritted her teeth and put that thought away when she saw Hao Ren’s grim expression.

The fierce beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace would dash out anytime from anywhere in the grass. Hao Ren was concentrating on the running and didn’t have time for such antics.

If Hao Ren were a true pervert, he would have gone to bed with Xie Yujia and the Lu sisters who had stayed with him for a long time. At least he would have done that with Xie Yujia.

However, before they entered the Nine Dragon Palace, Su Han had clearly sensed that Hao Ren had an intact Vital Yang Physique. In other words, he was still a virgin!

Boom!

Hao Ren’s sword energies suddenly flew to the side and exploded a fierce black beast that was at least two-meters-tall.

With Su Han on his back, Hao Ren leaped up lightly and covered more than ten meters while the sword energies hit back and knocked away a black three-tailed tiger that was lurking in the grass on the left.

Tap! Tap! Tap!

Hao Ren sped up and continued to run.

Distracted, Su Han tightened her grip on Hao Ren in a hurry.

The two-meter-tall wild grass shook in waves as if small beasts were running around in it.

Spitting black flames from their nostrils, two three-tailed black tigers sprang at the spot where the grass shook, surrounding the prey from the front and the back with their excellent hunting skills.

With Su Han on his back, Hao Ren moved quickly as if small engines powered his legs.

Roar!

The two black tigers leaped up at the same time, crashing toward the movement in the grass.

With a wave of flashing lights, sword energies shot out from the grass and disappeared gradually.

Su Han looked back and saw the two black tigers leaping up, which made her admire Hao Ren’s smart strategy.

He had made the grass move with his sword energies and thus drew the two black tigers toward the opposite direction, buying them time to escape.

“He is not only brave but smart as well,” Su Han said in her heart.

“We’ve reached the end.” Hao Ren suddenly bent down, and Su Han slid from his back toward the ground. Before she dropped to the ground, Hao Ren held her slim waist lightly, helping her gain her balance.

Gritting her teeth, Su Han looked at Hao Ren with anger and helplessness.

She looked in the direction of Hao Ren's gaze and saw that they had reached the edge of the grassy swamp on this vast plain, and there was a big grassland in the open space before them.

Although grass could conceal all kinds of fierce beasts, it also offered them protection from the huge, fierce beasts. However, it was difficult to reach the mountain on the other side if they had to travel through the open space.

If they waited until midnight, the chilling cold was one problem. Also, traveling through the resting places of the fierce beasts in the dark night was a greater and almost impossible challenge.

"There is about..." Hao Ren looked into the distance ahead and said, "Five to six kilometers left."

Since an Ancestral Dragon Palace had flown across the mountain on the other side, Hao Ren had the optimistic notion that there were probably less fierce beasts in the mountain, which meant that they would be safer there.

He moved his arm, and the hundun sword energies that were floating in the wind returned to his palm.

"Shall we... dash over?" Hao Ren looked at Su Han's cold face and asked.

"What percentage of success do you think we have?" Su Han asked with a grim expression.

"Thirty percent," Hao Ren answered.

He felt like the fierce beasts didn't move fast despite their enormous sizes, and it gave them a chance to dash through.

"Let's go!" Su Han decided without hesitation. Standing behind Hao Ren, she brought her hands under his arms and held his chest.

"Ok!" Hao Ren moved the sword energies from his palms to his feet instantly, lifting them.

"Hold tight!" Hao Ren reminded her.

Su Han blushed at his reminder and thought, "Don't need you to remind me!"

While pressing her chest tightly against Hao Ren's back, she placed her chin on his shoulder, and one of her ears almost touched his.

"Up!" Spotting the fierce beasts on the grassland, Hao Ren created a grey energy sphere before shooting toward the distant mountain.

Just as Hao Ren expected, the fierce beasts in the Nine Dragon Palace could see through the energy sphere formed by Hao Ren's hundun sword energies. With furious roars, they dashed toward Hao Ren and Su Han.

Hao Ren had expected that the energy sphere which could block mortals' views was useless against the fierce beasts, but he had underestimated their speed!

The seemingly clumsy big-sized fierce beasts suddenly covered thousands of meters instantly as if they were flying!

The fierce beasts which had been resting in the distance were suddenly only hundreds of meters from Hao Ren!

Meanwhile, all kinds of lights shot out from their claws, eyes, and mouths!

Although the level 8 and 9 fierce beasts didn't possess full intelligence, they were conquerors with countless battle experience!

Hao Ren took in a deep breath and used the connate nature essence in his body. It began to circulate like crazy!

This was the five-elemental nature essence that he had cultivated during the week of the Poison Pill Plan.

After he recovered his realm, it was converted into connate nature essence which was unique and precious.

At this critical moment, he had to use it even though it couldn't be replenished.

The grey sword energy beneath his feet shot out a grey light beam while his speed tripled!

Clutching onto Hao Ren tightly, Su Han was surprised that Hao Ren had such great energy hidden inside him. However, she also felt that Hao Ren was using a core part of nature essence in his body and was afraid that his realm and body would be damaged!

"Release!"

Hao Ren's grey sword energies shot out in all directions.

He had to release Zhao Haoran's 1,000-year cultivation strength!

Hundreds of blinding sword energies containing intense, hundun lightning energy pushed the hundun energy in the Nine Dragon Palace toward more than ten high-level fierce beasts which were trying to surround them!

Almost instantly, the sword energy that carried Hao Ren and Su Han dashed out from these fierce beasts' trap.

Swoosh... Hao Ren's sword energy dashed into the mountain on the other side like a shooting star.

The wounded fierce beasts got wild and began to attack, biting each other and turning the relative quiet grassland into chaos.

Meanwhile, Hao Ren and Su Han had passed the mountaintop and fell to the other side of the mountain.

Su Han rolled on the ground, leaving several scratches on her smooth skin. Meanwhile, Hao Ren's sword energy shot into the cliff, and Hao Ren crashed onto the rock, making a deep crater in it.

Alarmed, Su Han drew out her longsword and climbed onto the rock. She climbed to Hao Ren's side without sparing a glance at the burning scratches on her legs and hands.

"Hu... I'm fine!" Climbing out from the deep crater, Hao Ren smiled at Su Han with a face full of debris.

Su Han was relieved after holding Hao Ren in her arms.

However, her expression turned back to cold while she tried to observe this side of the mountain.

They were facing another big grassland, but there was no trace of fierce beasts as if they all stayed on the other side of the mountain.

A black Ancestral Dragon Palace soared in the high sky at an extremely fast speed while another black dot was moving in the distance; it must be another Ancestral Dragon Palace.

Hao Ren brushed the debris off his cheeks and stood beside Su Han to observe the situation.

He had thought that his realm would be greatly damaged, but besides some wounds on his body, the connate nature essence in his body had been replenished quickly by hundun energy.

In the Nine Dragon Palace, the intense hundun energy was boundless. With Hao Ren's low realm, he could open his meridians and fill them with the outside hundun energy freely!

It was a perfect place for cultivation!

Su Han turned her head and found that Hao Ren had turned energetic again in the blink of an eye.

"He is a weird creature, and I had made the right decision to ask him to come along," she thought.

Then, she suddenly blushed after thinking about what happened.

"You observe the directions and see which route we can take," Hao Ren said in a steady voice.

"Ok." Su Han nodded and studied the terrain on this side of the mountain carefully.

She had looked through all the materials in the Dragon God Shrine, including those ancient scrolls that only deputy shine masters had access to.

That was why she had a general idea of the place even though it was her first time entering the Nine Dragon Palace.

I want to go to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace. You must have been there before," Su Han said.

Hao Ren thought for a while and remembered that when he entered the Nine Dragon Palace the first time, the first place he went into was a huge black palace in which the Dragon God was worshipped.

"By the flying routes of the small Ancestral Dragon Palaces, my guess is that the Origin Dragon Grand Palace should be in the center which is the hub of the array formation of the whole Nine Dragon Palace," Su Han continued.

"Let's go then." Without another word, Hao Ren took Su Han's hand and walked down the mountain.

This mountain separated the large plain into two zones; on one side lived all kinds of fierce beasts while the other side was unimaginably quiet.

Hao Ren thought about it and realized that he and Zhao Yanzi probably had landed in this zone which was protected for the first time.

Su Han glanced at Hao Ren and didn't know what to say.

Without any poisonous mist or fierce beasts, there was no need for him to hold her hand. However, Su Han didn't object.

It seemed like she had gotten used to holding his hands after half a day.

The green plain at the foot of the mountain was very beautiful while the air was refreshing.

"It will get dark in a few hours. We must find a place for the night," Su Han reminded Hao Ren after walking with him hand in hand for hours.

"Ok. Let's go to the top of that hill," Hao Ren said while looked up at the Ancestral Dragon Palace which flew across in the high sky again and then pointing at a small hill before them.

"Ok!" Su Han took the opportunity to draw her hand from Hao Ren's grip and walked forward self-consciously.

Hao Ren followed her and walked back to Su Han's side.

He didn't want to take advantage of Su Han; he just needed to hold her hand so that he could act faster when she was in danger.

Of course, it indeed felt good to hold her slim hand.

Just as Su Han predicted, the sky darkened slowly, and they climbed along a gentle slope toward a hill, trying to find a place for the night.

"Sky Heart Bamboo!"

Walking ahead of Hao Ren, Su Han's eyes lit up.

In a valley, about a dozen green bamboos were swaying in the wind.

The Sky Heart Bamboo was the top-tier material for making sword-shaped dharma treasures, but it was extinct in the outside world. Su Han had tried to find such material but couldn't find any all over the world.

However, she found more than ten flourishing Sky Heart Bamboos in the Nine Dragon Palace! It must be noted that the Sky Heart Bamboo grew only one inch in one hundred years. Right now, these bamboos were more than one meter long!

Su Han ran over in exhilaration and cut down one with her longsword.

The swords made with Sky Heart Bamboo was very light. Despite their slow-growing speed, they were very fragile. Even an ordinary weapon could cut them down.

This was why the Sky Heart Bamboo had become extinct.

Su Han was about to pick up two pieces of bamboo and ask Hao Ren to put them into his necklace when a black insect crawled out from the soft soil where the Sky Heart Bamboo grew!

The insect was as big as a palm. When it broke out from the soil, it suddenly expanded and revealed long sharp knives like a mantis!

Startled, Su Han reacted quickly. She drew out the longsword from her belt and blocked the half-meter-long black sharp knife that the weird insect slashed out!

Slash... The tip of the sharp knife cut a long bloody wound in Su Han's lower leg!

Bang!

At this critical moment, Hao Ren's sword energies suddenly shot over Su Han's shoulder and cut the insect into two halves.

While thick black liquid oozed out of the body of the insect, Su Han picked up the two pieces of Sky Heart Bamboo and backed off, stumbling backward into Hao Ren's arms.

Her frightened look was the same as any scared girl.

"It is ok... Ok..." Hao Ren held her arms and said into her ear, comforting her as if she were a little girl.

The soil where the Sky Heart Bamboo grew turned black gradually after getting contaminated by the thick liquid. The fragile Sky Heart Bamboos turned from green to black, withering and falling.

Su Han regulated her breathing with concentration and finally regained her composure. If Hao Ren had acted half a second slower, she would have died under the second strike.

"I've checked. I think the spot further away is a good place for us to stay the night," Hao Ren patted her hand lightly and said in a low voice.

"Ok..." Su Han immediately drew her shoulders from Hao Ren's hands. Seeing Hao Ren walking over, she thought for a moment and jogged over, taking Hao Ren's hand.

The lack of fierce beasts didn't mean that it was completely safe. While walking beside Hao Ren, Su Han looked like a small girl who was admitting her mistake.

After looking at her limping right foot, Hao Ren hesitated for half a second and suddenly bent down, taking her into his arms.

In the Nine Dragon Palace, Su Han wasn't as strong as she had been outside, which stimulated his protective instinct.

Being carried in his arms, Su Han gritted her teeth, and her shoulders struggled slightly, not knowing what to do.

To her surprise, Hao Ren tightened one of his arms and used the other hand to shoot dozens of sword energies into a rocky surface, opening a small cave with a depth of about five meters.

Hao Ren strode over and carried Su Han into the cave. Then, he took the purple gold hairpin from her hair and planted it in the ground at the entrance for its effect of suppression demon beasts.

During the day when the weird bird attacked Su Han, it probably had sensed the aura of a demon king from the purple gold hairpin and thus hesitated, giving Hao Ren the precious time to save Su Han.

Sitting alone in the cave, Su Han had a bad feeling when she saw black blood oozed from the wound in her right lower leg.

Soon, Hao Ren returned to the cave with a big pile of straw and twigs in his arms.

He shot out a small lightning bolt and lit the straw and twigs.

The sky turned dark in the blink of an eye. The fire in the cave abode illuminated Hao Ren and Su Han's faces.

"How is your leg..." After laying the remaining straws on the ground, Hao Ren sat beside Su Han. He took off her white boots, pulled up her flexible tights, and looked at her lower leg.

There was a deep wound in her lower leg, and mingled in the red blood that was oozing out was a trace of black blood.

Hao Ren looked down and saw a pool of black blood on the ground. It seemed that Su Han had tried to handle her wound while he was out collecting twigs.

"The poison is still in there." After glancing at Su Han's charming face, Hao Ren lowered his head and kissed her lower leg which was as smooth as jade.

"Don't..." The moment she said it, a wave of acute pain shot into her mind, and she endured it with a frown and clenched teeth.

Pu! Hao Ren spat out a mouthful of black blood after sucking on her lower leg.

Hao Ren didn't stop until the blood he spat out was no longer mingled with blackness. He took out a Detox Pill from his necklace and broke it into two halves. He fed one half into Su Han's mouth and ground the other half before applying the powder onto her wound.

Su Han swallowed the Detox Pill and then glanced at Hao Ren with intense emotions.

"It's poisonous," Su Han said to Hao Ren with lights flashing in her eyes.

"It doesn't matter. I can push out the poison with cultivation," Hao Ren said.

While he spoke, he got into the position to cultivation.

Su Han looked at him helplessly, knowing that level 4 Detox Pill might not be able to remove the poison of that weird insect.

"Are you still in pain?" Hao Ren opened his eyes a moment later and asked Su Han.

"No." Su Han shook her head.

"Good." Hao Ren nodded with satisfaction and closed his eye to continue his cultivation with his hands on his knees.

Su Han looked at him quietly and exhaled a little.

Without nature essence, she couldn't cultivate, and she couldn't sleep either.

In the lights, Hao Ren looked magnificent with his back facing the stone wall.

Su Han's heart melted and fell into Hao Ren's arms. Caught off guard, Hao Ren who had been cultivating was pushed onto the ground.

Lying in his arms, Su Han's lips touched his chest, then his chin, before kissing Hao Ren's lips.

Beneath her windbreaker was a purple sweater. When she moved slightly against Hao Ren, he felt the astonishing softness and bounciness of her body.

While biting Hao Ren's lips, Su Han wrapped her arms around his neck. Only one day passed, but she seemed to have entrusted herself into Hao Ren's hands.

Crack... The burning fire let out slight crackling sounds.

Holding her slim waist, Hao Ren felt her smooth skin and beautiful waist under her fluffy sweater.

Hua... Hao Ren suddenly pushed Su Han up.

Su Han was still surprised when Hao Ren suddenly sat up and then pressed down on her.

Su Han's soft body lay back on the white windbreaker which accentuated her elegant curves beneath her purple sweater.

Hao Ren lay on Su Han and bit her lips. Su Han wanted to struggle but realized that she couldn't. Then, she closed her eyes.

Their tongues touched each other tentatively, giving Su Han a sensation that she had never felt before. She panted, and her thoughts were in a mess.

The person who had protected her during the day was now pressing down on her aggressively. To her alarm, Hao Ren pushed his cold right hand under her sweater and caught her chest.

Su Han's shoulders shook violently while the tingling sensation spread from her toes to her head.

The events that happened today told her that Hao Ren was a man instead of a boy. While Hao Ren's right hand moved, her shoulders shook, and her entire body tensed up.

She wanted to yell, but Hao Ren locked her lips, and his tongue tangled with hers tenderly.

The sense of being suppressed that she couldn't release made her body tense up even more, and Hao Ren's left hand rolled up her sweater, revealing half of her elegant body under the firelight.

Since things came to this point, Su Han knew that she couldn't refuse him anymore. With her tongue between Hao Ren's teeth, she closed her eyes while her long lashes shook slightly.

Hao Ren kissed her lips, then her neck, shoulders and... The force surging in his body had to be released.

While pulling her arms from the sleeves of the white windbreaker, Hao Ren took off her purple sweater, and Su Han's long and slim arms rested on her sides charmingly.

While kissing her tenderly, Hao Ren was excited but didn't dare to be too forceful. As if he were facing the best artwork, he was afraid that he would break her if he weren't careful.

Closing her eyes, Su Han touched Hao Ren's firm chest, and then her hands slid to his back to feel his strong muscles.

Skin to skin, Hao Ren cushioned Su Han's neck with his right arm while he leaned his upper body onto hers, rubbing the fullest part of her body lightly and locking her breath with his lips.

Afraid that Su Han would stop him at this moment, Hao Ren's left hand pushed down her last protection without hesitation and concentrated on it.

With her eyes closed, Su Han's shoulders raised slightly while she bit Hao Ren's lips with some anger. However, Hao Ren grabbed the opportunity and pulled her entire body into his arms.

The flames danced with crackling sounds, leaving two shadows on the uneven stone wall. Then, the shadows moved silently like a gentle rain.

Chapter 708: For You... For Me...

The twigs in the fire had burned up, leaving only dim embers in the ashes to maintain the warmth in the cave.

After looking at the knitted blanket on her body and then at Hao Ren who slept on his side beside her, Su Han turned her gaze toward the light at the entrance of the cave.

The morning had come.

Being planted quietly in the ground at the entrance, the purple gold hairpin was the witness of last night's event.

Su Han turned to look at Hao Ren and found her lying in his arms. With his upper body naked, he held her waist while he slept.

The muscular arm felt heavy and powerful.

While exhaling deeply, Su Han looked at Hao Ren who was soundly asleep again powerlessly.

"It must be his first time; he was so impatient. His stamina was so high that he did it almost all night. There probably won't be another chance like this again. However, he got gentle afterward. And before he fell asleep, he had pulled the knitted blanket over me, leaving himself in the cold..." Su Han thought as her gaze moved to Hao Ren's shoulders and then waist...

"Shameless! Shameless!" Su Han muttered with a blush and tossed the knitted blanket over his waist.

She sat up and saw some red stains on the yellow straw.

"I've become his..." Su Han put on the black tights and the purple sweater before throwing the white windbreaker over her shoulders.

She had been living all alone, and the men who had tried to get close to her all craved her beauty. Her solitary life had been good until Hao Ren, who had no idea about her identity as an inspector, entered her life abruptly.

It was the first time that Su Han felt truly taken care of by a man.

"Erm..."

Hao Ren who was lying beside Su Han woke up and groaned a little. When he saw the knitted blanket covering his waist and Su Han, he was instantly embarrassed.

He was a little poisoned yesterday and got a bit dizzy, but the poison had no aphrodisiacal effect and didn't confuse his mind. In short, he just wasn't able to control himself.

When he saw Su Han's silent look and gritted teeth, he suspected that she was trying to suppress her fury. Last night, he had lost his mind in excitement and hadn't been very considerate of her in the beginning, afraid that Su Han was going to disappear. While looking at Hao Ren with a cold frown, Su Han said, "Nothing happened last night."

"Erm..." Hao Ren gave her a response hesitantly.

"We have a long way to go today. When will you get up?" Su Han looked at him and asked in a cold voice.

It seemed like that cold and strict Su Han had returned.

Discouraged, Hao Ren picked up his clothes in embarrassment and put them on quickly.

After pulling on her white boots, Su Han touched the wound on her lower leg before standing up with gritted teeth.

While looking at the beautiful legs that were accentuated by the black tights under the open white windbreaker, Hao Ren was aroused when he remembered how he had admired and touched her smooth legs freely last night.

Also, he was heartbroken when he saw the injury on her leg.

Of course, with the recovery of her nature essence, the injury would disappear soon, returning her legs to their previous white and flawless state.

Standing up, Su Han's face turned a bit red when she saw Hao Ren gazing at her legs.

Tink! She pulled up her longsword which was inserted into the ground of the cave.

Seeing the flashing lights on the sword, Hao Ren immediately gathered his thoughts and combed his messy hair with his fingers before standing up.

From Su Han's cold expression, Hao Ren felt like he had acted rashly last night since he had taken advantage of her when she was without any nature essence. Since Su Han didn't blame him and even pretended that nothing had happened, he felt fortunate and thus didn't dare to harbor any unrealistic ideas about their relationship.

From his point of view, he felt like the relationship between them would cool down drastically, and he would never see her again after they leave the Nine Dragon Palace.

"You... sense your realm," Su Han looked at Hao Ren coldly and said.

"Erm?" A little baffled, Hao Ren went to the entrance of the cave and lifted his slightly sore arms, shooting out a wave of sword energies.

Bang!

More than 2,000 sword energies appeared.

Since the five-elemental sword energies couldn't be used in the Nine Dragon Palace, the sword energies shattered in the air after flying for a few meters.

Surprised, Hao Ren felt his dragon core and realized that he had 296 unlocked openings in his dragon core!

He had not only unlocked the last four openings in Dui-Level but also reached mid-tier Xun-level!

It must be noted that the 72 openings from Xun-level to Kun-level were extremely difficult to unlock, but Hao Ren had reached middle-tier Xun-level just like this!

Standing in the cave, Su Han bit her lips when she saw Hao Ren's pleasantly surprised expression.

She had guarded herself for more than 20 years but had submitted to him.

Hao Ren checked again and confirmed that his realm was stable. Then, he looked back at Su Han and asked tentatively, "Did you give it to me?"

Su Han looked at him and pouted her lips without explaining, thinking that he took it as a kind of extra reward.

She blushed and couldn't answer this question! "What a dumb man he is!" she thought.

The Vital Yin Energy of the female cultivators was definitely an elixir for male cultivators, let alone the fact that Su Han was at top-tier Qian-level and close to peak Qian-level.

"Since your realm has increased, we'll have a better chance of finding the Origin Dragon Grand Palace," Su Han said.

Her words seemed to suggest that last night's incident was a part of her plan to accomplish their mission in the Nine Dragon Palace.

However, Hao Ren wasn't fooled. Despite her words, she wouldn't have given herself away so easily since she didn't give Qin Shaoyang, a Kun-level cultivator, any chances.

Many things caused last night's event, and Su Han had her own reasons for doing it. However, the reason that she just mentioned was absolutely not the key factor!

"If you can surpass me one day, I don't mind becoming your woman." Su Han sheathed her longsword, put it at her waist, and walked past Hao Ren who stood at the entrance of the cave.

After looking at her pretty and cold figure, Hao Ren thought for a moment with his head lowered. Then, he walked over and picked up her hand before walking to the plain that was covered in flourishing plants.

It was a promise only made to Hao Ren.

Chapter 709: Entering a Ancestral Dragon Palace Again!

The grass field was vast and peaceful.

Hao Ren and Su Han were on alert for strange bugs that might crawl up from the ground while they headed straight to the center by trusting their instincts.

The Nine Dragon Palace was as big as a giant city. When they looked around, there were only some wildflowers and grass, no other moving creatures.

If they were trapped in the Nine Dragon Palace, they might not die from hunger, but they would feel an immense sense of loneliness and helplessness.

Legend said that the world started with only one woman and one man.

Hao Ren and Su Han continued walking in this vast grass field for hours.

“We haven’t gotten lost, have we?” Hao Ren asked Su Han.

“No!” Su Han said with confidence.

Every half an hour, they would put up a wide and tall wooden stick as a visible mark to prevent themselves from getting lost and walking back in circles.

When they looked back, they saw the wooden sticks standing there in a row, indicating that they did not go off the path. The Nine Dragon Palace indeed had a huge landmass.

Inside Su Han’s storage ring was food and water that was sufficient for a few days. If she were able to recover her nature essence, she wouldn’t have to eat. However, she only had the strength of an ordinary girl right now.

“We don’t know how far it is. Moving like this isn’t a good method,” Hao Ren said.

If Su Han went on like this, her body might not be able to last, and she would collapse. Qiu Niu was at his low in terms of power, but he was recovering. This was another problem because if he regained his realm, then it would be very difficult for them to leave.

Qiu Niu probably had strong enough spiritual senses to detect the two ‘invaders’. However, he was in the middle of seclusion cultivation, so he didn’t have time to deal with them.

“Then, what’s your suggestion?” Su Han stopped and asked Hao Ren.

Her feet inside the boots were already blistered, but she didn’t complain. From the information that she got on the Nine Dragon Palace, she knew that they would be able to see the Origin Dragon Grand Palace as long as they walked toward the center.

Whoosh!

A black Ancestral Dragon Palace flew past them in the sky.

Hao Ren looked up to see the black Ancestral Dragon Palace flying past them quickly. Then, he looked at Su Han and said, “There’s a large mysterious array formation that’s operating inside this Nine Dragon

Palace. The Origin Dragon Grand Palace is the core while the nine Ancestral Dragon Palaces are the side components.”

Su Han frowned and nodded slightly.

“The side components rotate around the core. In half a day, I’ve noticed that these Ancestral Dragon Palaces fly from afar and then fly off to afar. It isn’t completely a circular motion but rather an oval motion.”

“OK. Keep going,” Su Han looked at Hao Ren, sensing that he had got something up his sleeves.

“If it’s an oval, then it means that some parts of their trails are closer to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace. If this is a faraway location, then there must be ones that are closer to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace,” Hao Ren continued to explain.

“You mean...” Su Han lifted her pretty eyelashes and looked at Hao Ren.

“If we can take the risk and jump onto one of the Ancestral Dragon Palaces, it’d be like riding a bus. We might be able to see the entire Nine Dragon Palace and also find a closer route to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace. It’s better than us walking,” Hao Ren laid out his plan.

He could use his hundun sword energies in this Nine Dragon Palace, but the effects wouldn’t last long because the hundun sword energies were made up of five-elemental nature essence. It had quite the power but would take a lot of energy. If Hao Ren were to use it, he would have to rest every once in a while. However, Su Han was not willing to stay in the same place to rest, so the two had to walk a long distance.

“What’s the detailed plan?” Su Han stared at Hao Ren and asked.

She was quite impressed by Hao Ren’s analytical skill since he was able to figure out the rough operation of the array. After all, he was a science guy.

“From what I just saw, that Ancestral Dragon Palace came from that mountain. It’s probably only a few hundred meters higher than that mountain. You know that my realm is low, so I could only store so much nature essence. I won’t be able to use hundun sword energies for a prolonged period. However, we still have hope if I use it all at once,” Hao Ren said.

“I didn’t say that your realm is low,” Su Han tried to explain herself. Then, she looked over at the peak of the mountain where Hao Ren pointed and said, “OK. Let’s try it then. If we continue walking like this, we might not get to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace in another five or six days.”

After getting Su Han’s approval, Hao Ren grabbed Su Han’s hand and headed toward the mountain in the front at a fast speed.

He had just used up his hundun energy. If he could get to the peak of that mountain one moment earlier, he could save up more nature essence and try to succeed in one go.

Su Han was dragged over by him. Even though her feet hurt like hell, she understood that it was an urgent situation, and Hao Ren didn’t really know how to care for girls. That was why she ran with him carefully.

After successfully climbing to the top of the mountain, Hao Ren was still very busy. He used sword energies to cut down a few big trees to form a solid foundation.

Su Han sat on a rock nearby to take a break. She couldn't help looking and laughing at Hao Ren because he was cutting down trees like a barbarian.

However, if Hao Ren weren't there, she wouldn't be able to move in the Nine Dragon Palace.

Hundun sword energies came out from Hao Ren's palm. He then used his muscular shoulders to carry the hundreds of years old trees over. In two hours, the forest was chopped down to its roots.

Hao Ren's face was full of dirt, and his shoulder area of his shirt was worn. However, he had successfully built a 200-meter-tall platform!

"Let's go up!" Hao Ren grabbed Su Han by her hand. Then, he put his other hand on her waist and dashed to the top of the platform.

Su Han slid down from Hao Ren's hand, and she could feel that his hand was full of calluses.

Then, they could only wait for a black Ancestral Dragon Palace to fly back.

Su Han held Hao Ren's hand tightly as she was ready to risk everything with Hao Ren.

Whoosh! Just as Hao Ren expected, an Ancestral Dragon Palace had finished one circle and was flying back from afar.

Hao Ren tightly held onto Su Han's hand. When the Ancestral Dragon Palace came flying over at a rapid speed, Su Han stared at it anxiously.

The Ancestral Dragon Palaces were made of sturdy black stones. With the speed that it was going at, it would be able to smash a level 10 demon beast into bits.

Jumping onto such an Ancestral Dragon Palace was indeed a huge risk.

Whoosh! Whoosh! The black Ancestral Dragon Palace flew over at a fast speed.

In such circumstances, any hesitation would result in them falling from the platform.

However, Su Han wasn't afraid as she held onto Hao Ren's hand tightly. Because Hao Ren had been working diligently for the past two hours, his hand was sweaty. However, Su Han felt a sense of security from it.

Boom!

"Hong!"

The Ancestral Dragon Palace which was only as big as a black dot charged over and turned into a giant palace that was more than ten meters tall.

If hit, even a giant mountain would be shattered, let alone human bodies!

"Go!" Hao Ren started counting the seconds in his mind while raising the hundun sword energies under his feet.

His hundun sword energies reached full speed in the blink of an eye!

Crack! The platform that Hao Ren made from trees was hit by the Ancestral Dragon Palace, got destroyed, and crumbling down to the valley.

Hao Ren flew up into the sky at this moment!

This Ancestral Dragon Palace was so fast that it was about to pass by them, but Hao Ren's fast speed could only last for two seconds!

"Go!" In such a short amount of time, Hao Ren threw Su Han to the main entrance of the palace.

Su Han grabbed onto a stone pillar at the entrance and used her other hand to hold onto Hao Ren's arm.

Almost at the same time, Hao Ren's hundun sword energies was used up.

A gigantic array formation powered the Ancestral Dragon Palace; it was amazing how it could fly with such speed. Hao Ren was hanging onto the Ancestral Dragon Palace like a person hanging from a highspeed train!

The palace was now dragging Hao Ren. Underneath him was a valley, but there were over 1,000 meters between him and the ground! If he were to fall while flying at such speed, death would be inevitable even though he were at Xun-level!

Su Han clenched her teeth and hugged onto the stone pillar while holding onto Hao Ren.

She was now only an ordinary girl, and Hao Ren was a heavy man. To make things worse, they were flying at an incredibly fast speed!

"Let go!" Hao Ren shouted.

If he fell, he might still be able to survive. However, if Su Han fell with him, she would die for sure!

He regretted following such a treacherous plan now!

Su Han clenched her teeth tighter, and her delicate shoulder was bleeding from grinding with the pillar. However, she would not let go.

Whoosh!

This Ancestral Dragon Palace's trajectory suddenly changed the angle. As a result, Hao Ren's entire body was sent flying outwards!

Su Han was almost dragged over by him!

Hao Ren looked back, and the mountain that they stayed on had disappeared. Not only didn't this show how fast this Ancestral Dragon Palace traveled, but it also showed how vast the Nine Dragon Palace was!

Even with the speed of the Ancestral Dragon Palaces, it would still take hours for it to make one round. If they had used his hundun sword energies combined with walking, it would take them months to reach the Origin Dragon Grand Palace!

Hao Ren looked up at Su Han who was clenching her teeth hard, and he tried desperately to operate the weak nature essence within him, hoping that could boost them a little.

Due to the large arc trajectory that this Ancestral Dragon Palace was traveling at, Su Han felt more pressure on her arm, and a large blood stain appeared on the stone pillar.

Bang! Hao Ren suddenly was able to release two sword energies underneath his feet, offsetting the power of this Ancestral Dragon Palace. He then grabbed onto the stone pillar at the gate and climbed up desperately.

Su Han massaged her arms which had already been dislocated. She leaned against a stone monument in the Ancestral Dragon Palace while she held onto her wrist. Then, she put her arm back in position forcefully as a painful expression appeared on her face.

They had avoided death.

Hao Ren looked up and saw the following words on the main entrance of this palace: Baxia Palace!

Chapter 710: If You're Brave Enough, Then Come!

Hao Ren had been to this Baxia Palace once before. However, it was only a quick visit at that time, so he left before he could decipher the difficult ancient scriptures.

He never thought that he would come to this palace again on this trip.

The back palace was flying rapidly. Hao Ren and Su Han had gotten used to such speed, so they stood up by holding onto a stone nearby.

All the monuments in this palace had ancient scriptures and cultivation techniques engraved on them.

Since the Nine Dragon Palace was locked, and the cultivators nowadays couldn't unlock the array formations, this Ancestral Dragon Palace was almost deserted.

From the many stone monuments around the Baxia Palace, people could tell that this was a place where ancient scrolls and techniques were stored.

The Ancestral Dragon Palace flew fast. Su Han wasn't able to maintain her stability, so she firmly grabbed onto the stone monument next to her.

"See if you could decipher one and bring one back," Hao Ren said.

He was able to read the old texts in the techniques of the East Ocean Dragon Clan, but he couldn't recognize these ancient ones.

There was something really magical about these stone monuments; the words on them would become brighter or darker depending on the change of lights. The scriptures also didn't seem to flow as they were always shifting. It might be that the stone monuments had some array formations hidden in them.

Su Han knew that it wouldn't be easy to decipher these very ancient techniques. If she really wanted to do so, she would have to move an entire monument back and take her time to decipher it.

However, even if she dug out an entire monument, scriptures might not show on it. After all, almost everything in the Nine Dragon Palace was mysterious.

She walked around these stone monuments and finally decided on the smallest one.

“If I try really hard, I can understand a little bit. Let me take time to examine it,” Su Han looked over and said to Hao Ren after she sat in front of it.

She had often read the ancient scriptures in the Dragon God Shrine, so she had some knowledge of these ancient characters that the ancient cultivators used. If she took her time, she might be able to understand it.

Hao Ren stood at the entrance of the Baxia Palace while holding onto the stone pillars tightly. He was looking at what was happening around them.

They flew past all sorts of mountains and rivers underneath them. Other than mountains and rivers, Hao Ren was able to see many fierce beasts gathering across a river.

However, he didn't see any fierce beasts within the movement area of the Ancestral Dragon Palaces.

From the look of it, the array formation in the Nine Dragon Palace had effects on fierce beasts.

Boom!

The Ancient Dragon Shrine suddenly went into a territory of utter darkness.

Hao Ren was able to hear the sound of the wind, so he was able to confirm that they were still flying.

Su Han was still examining the monuments. When she felt that the shrine had entered into darkness, she was not a bit scared. Instead, she continued to examine the words on the monuments to try to find patterns. Hao Ren was guarding at the entrance, so she felt very safe.

This Ancient Dragon Shrine flew in darkness for a while and still haven't flown out of it.

Hao Ren suddenly realized that the world inside the Nine Dragon Palace was separated between night and day!

It symbolized Yin and Yang, the foundation of the universe!

When he and Su Han barged into the array formation, they had fallen into the night area of the Nine Dragon Palace. If they fell into the day area instead, they would be in the territory of fierce beasts!

When he realized this, cold sweat dripped through Hao Ren's back!

At that moment, Su Han was reading the scripture on the monuments through the dim reflective lights. She had understood a bit of the opening sentences on the monument.

This technique was called Sky-Patching Scroll. According to the descriptions on the monument, this technique was used by Nuwa when she patched up the sky in legends.

Su Han was very excited. She realized that even this short technique was very valuable, so she kept reading.

If she were to understand this technique, it might be able to help her withstand the Heavenly Tribulation! Amongst many stone monuments, this one was the shortest, yet it was very suitable for female cultivators!

Su Han focused all her attention on the stone monuments, and she tried to memorize every bit. The scripture on this monument would change every few seconds. However, Su Han was very smart, and she had already figured out how to read it; she had to switch from the front to the end when the scripture changed order.

The whole technique was around 1000 words. Su Han had slowly memorized the words. Then, she read it again and compared it with what she remembered to make sure that there were no mistakes.

Although there were parts where she didn't really understand, she could go back and take the time to comprehend it

Boom!

The Ancestral Dragon Palace suddenly came out of the darkness.

Hao Ren used his fingers and counted time.

Su Han had memorized every single word in the Sky-Patching Scroll by heart. Then, she came back to Hao Ren's side. With Su Han's head, it was a piece of cake for her to memorize every word she read.

"3651, 3652..." Hao Ren mumbled.

Su Han didn't know what Hao Ren was doing but also didn't want to disturb him. There was a part of Hao Ren that was rarely shown most of the time.

Su Han was very satisfied already for getting a technique when they had just come in here by chance.

She knew that it was all thanks to Hao Ren, and she decided that when she fully understood this technique, she would teach it to Xie Yujia and Zhao Yanzi as well.

In terms of other techniques on the other monuments, she could only give up because she didn't have enough time to decipher them, and they were all too long. Even if she could remember the longer ones, it might take her tens or hundreds of years to understand them.

The techniques that were stored in this Ancestral Dragon Palace were probably ones that ancient cultivators couldn't even fully understand and cultivate.

The Baxia Palace flew along the wind. Sometimes, they would see other Ancestral Dragon Palaces passing by.

Hao Ren was very focused and continued to count.

The palace had returned to the mountain that Hao Ren and Su Han jumped from. When Su Han saw those shattered pieces of wood, she got a little scared.

The Ancestral Dragon Palaces were like super trains controlled by the array formation. Suddenly, it was all dark again.

Hao Ren suddenly raised his hand and pulled Su Han's hand, making her stand next to him.

He used a bit more force while putting the other hand on her back so that she would be in his arms.

They were hugging face to face, so Su Han's red lips were so close to Hao Ren's that they almost touched.

Hao Ren's expression was still very serious. He continued to count while pulling Su Han's hands to his waist.

Su Han was slightly discontent with how Hao Ren moved her, but she still hugged onto Hao Ren tightly.

"18586..."

Hao Ren hugged Su Han and suddenly jumped off this Ancestral Dragon Palace!

Almost at the same time, sword energies appeared under his feet.

With the speed of the Ancestral Dragon Palace, they were sent flying for a few thousand meters in seconds. Hao Ren had maintained steady sword energies and held onto Su Han tightly.

Finally, they were able to land on the ground while being surrounded by pitch darkness.

Hao Ren's lips were pressing onto Su Han's neck, and a hickey was left on Su Han's neck due to the strong force. Although it was because he used too much power, it still made Su Han a bit embarrassed.

He had taken advantage over her in all possible ways during this trip to Nine Dragon Palace.

"It was very different when the palace flew in the light versus the dark. The movement in the darkness was much shorter. It meant that the Baxia Palace was much closer to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace in the dark. We have landed in the middle of the movement pattern of the Baxia Palace in the darkness. If we walk perpendicular to the movement pattern, we would be able to reach the Origin Dragon Grand Palace."

Hao Ren said to Su Han while looking at her.

"OK." Su Han wasn't stupid. After hearing his explanation, she knew his plan straight away.

Imagine that the nine Ancestral Dragon Palaces were circling the Origin Dragon Grand Palace in the shape of an oval. According to Hao Ren's calculations, they would be able to reach the Origin Dragon Grand Palace by following his plan.

It wasn't a difficult strategy to understand. However, it was extremely difficult to think of. It took the Baxia Palace so long to fly one round. If they walked on foot, then it would take them years to get to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace.

Su Han looked at Hao Ren and was impressed again.

Just when such thoughts came up in her mind, Hao Ren had acted again without her consent by holding onto her delicate hand and flying forward with her.

The hundun energy was much denser here compared with other places. They could guess that they were getting closer to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace.

Hao Ren's realm had successfully increased from top-tier Dui-level to mid-tier Xu-level. He was much better at controlling his hundun sword energies.

Now, Hao Ren was able to use his sword energies in such an area where the hundun energy was dense without a break.

Hao Ren felt like he had gone back in time to when he had to searched for the Origin Dragon Grand Palace in the dark with Zhao Yanzi. However, he was only a low-level Li-level cultivator at that time, but he was now a Xun-level.

In this never-ending darkness, it was tough to tell which direction they were going at, making it close to impossible to reach the Origin Dragon Grand Palace.

When he and Zhao Yanzi entered the Nine Dragon Palace last time, they had information from many past cultivators. They also accurately calculated the route and direction to get to the Origin Dragon Grand Palace.

They didn't know how long they had flown. However, they had reached a big black thing in the mist.

"The Origin Dragon Grand Palace!" Su Han almost shouted out in excitement.

It was a giant-tower-like black building in the dark. If it weren't the Origin Dragon Grand Palace, then what was it?

However, the four stone doors in all four directions of the Origin Dragon Grand Palace were firmly locked.

The Dragon God Shrine tried to imitate the structure of the Origin Dragon Grand Palace. However, the Dragon God Shrine wasn't as big and awe-inspiring.

When they were a few hundred meters away from the Origin Dragon Grand Palace, Hao Ren's hundun sword energies suddenly stopped working. He was caught off guard, and he fell into the cold mud with Su Han in his arms.

He suddenly sensed no hundun energy within a few hundred meters of the Origin Dragon Grand Palace!

The center of the Nine Dragon Palace was the Origin Dragon Grand Palace. It seemed like the Origin Dragon Grand Palace was a large array formation, and all the hundun energy was spreading from hundreds of meters away from it.

Su Han landed and got out of Hao Ren's arms. Her windbreaker fluttered in the wind and made her look very cool.

Tink!

Her longsword which she held all the time suddenly flew up and went back into her palm!

Hao Ren stood up and looked at Su Han in shock.

Bang!!!"

A strong aura exploded from Su Han's body.

Hao Ren was immediately blown away by many steps.

Qian-level... peak!

Hao Ren couldn't believe what he had just seen.

"If you're brave enough, then come with me. If you're not, then stay outside and wait for me!" Su Han jumped up and looked back down before saying to Hao Ren.

She was so cold that it seemed like her eyebrows were made from frost, and her eyes were made from snow.