

Dragon King 771

Chapter 771: Godly Cloud Dao!!!

Eighth Heaven... Only metal-elemental dragons were allowed to soar into Eighth Heaven!

Seeing that the white dragon wasn't a metal-elemental dragon, the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators were about to attack but hesitated at the sight of the female cultivator who was sitting on the back of the white dragon.

They had never seen a human cultivator who could ride on a dragon! Besides, this female cultivator seemed to be only at the Core Formation Realm!

In their confusion, they almost thought that Xie Yujia was a cultivator who came to Eighth Heaven from above.

"Roar..." Hao Ren let out a dragon roar while he took Xie Yujia up into the denser clouds.

The nature essence intensity on Eighth Heaven far surpassed that in Seventh Heaven; it was almost as abundant as in the Demon Sea!

The scenery here was even more beautiful than the view on Seventh Heaven!

Under the heavy clouds, Hao Ren was surprised to see ancient cities. It was a new world!

Hua!

Hao Ren spread his dragon wings and soared on Eighth Heaven!

His dragon form had all the features of a dragon including scales, wings, horns, and claws!

He cultivated the five-elemental nature essences at the same time and had the complete five-elemental mystic crystal, which was why he had the full features!

When Zhao Kuo changed into his dragon form when he was at peak Qian-level during his Heavenly Tribulation, he didn't have such magnificent dragon wings!

Sitting on Hao Ren's back, Xie Yujia felt a thrill when she saw the rivers and mountains sweeping under them while they flew for thousands of kilometers instantly.

Crack... About a dozen heavenly lightning bolts crashed down from the high sky.

Although Hao Ren had escaped from the first blockage of the cultivators, he couldn't dodge the array formation established by the God Cloud Dao on Eighth Heaven. The heavenly lightning bolts hidden in the clouds struck toward Hao Ren's dragon form since he wasn't a metal-elemental dragon.

Hao Ren tumbled his huge dragon body and suddenly changed back to his human form before putting on a long robe swiftly.

Losing Hao Ren's support, Xie Yujia fell from the sky. She was about to summon her Ruyi Cloth when Hao Ren caught her and brought her to the ground.

With the golden shield supporting them, Hao Ren and Xie Yujia landed inside the city.

Those heavenly lightning bolts shooting from the clouds lost their target and scattered in the high sky.

Hao Ren had concealed his aura with the Seven-Core Five-Color Lotus while Xie Yujia's Core Formation Realm strength couldn't activate the heavenly lightning bolts.

The golden shield was no longer a dharma treasure but a celestial treasure. While it carried Hao Ren and Xie Yujia who showed no nature essence, it wouldn't allow the heavenly lightning bolts to strike them.

Swoosh... Dozens of lights gathered in the high sky above the city. They were cultivators of God Cloud Dao who had sensed the auras of trespassing cultivators and came to block them.

Hao Ren put away the golden shield and looked around.

It seemed that he and Xie Yujia had gone back in time and appeared in another era.

It was a bustling place. Young men and women in luxurious clothes strode on the streets while all kinds of horse-drawn carriages traveled on the roads.

The workers of the restaurants were greeting guests warmly at the gates.

By the lake not far from them, vendors were selling snacks and candies at stalls.

On the lake, beautiful boats moved around with silk-robed young men and women chatting with each other.

Seeing this sight, Hao Ren and Xie Yujia looked at each other and felt like they were in a dream.

Hao Ren even suspected that he had been trapped by God Cloud Dao's illusion array formation.

From Seventh Heaven to Fifth Heaven, they had seen magnificent cultivation sects or villages, but there had never been any cities of this scale.

In the cities on Eighth Heaven, the people lived happy and prosperous lives; it was unimaginable.

It was a utopian world.

Swoosh! Swoosh... Stepping on swords, several cultivators in Taoist robes swept across the low sky.

"Grandpa! Grandpa!" Looking up at the flying cultivators, a little boy with a braid threw himself into the arms of his grandfather.

"Hehehe! Little Ye! Don't be afraid. These are the Celestial Masters of God Cloud Dao who protect us." The old man patted the head of his grandson and looked at the cultivators respectfully.

"Grandpa! I want to become a celestial master! I want to protect our Great Liang Dynasty!" the little boy yelled.

"Haha... Not everyone can become a celestial master... Have you memorized the Three Character Classic that I taught you yesterday?"

"Grandpa, I've memorized it! Even if I can't become a celestial master, I want to be the Premier of our Great Liang Dynasty! I'll recite the Three Character Classic for you..."

“Hahaha! Premier! My grandson will be the premier...”

Holding his grandson’s hand, the old man laughed and walked away along the wide street paved with green stones.

Standing under the eaves of a fabric shop, Hao Ren and Xie Yujia looked at each other and understood that they had come to the Great Liang Dynasty.

The people here didn’t know that they were living on Eighth Heaven or anything about the Tang Dynasty or the Ming Dynasty. They probably had come here from a certain period of Chinese history and branched out by themselves on Eighth Heaven.

An empire named Great Liang governed the vast territory, and the only thing above this powerful empire was the only cultivation sect – God Cloud Dao.

“Let’s go!”

Seeing the cultivators who were searching for them flying away, Hao Ren took Xie Yujia’s hand and flew up lightly.

“Celestial masters...” the crowd cried out when they saw Hao Ren and Xie Yujia flying up.

In their minds, all the celestial masters who could cultivate were from the God Cloud Dao, and the cultivators occasionally mingled in with the mortals to monitor the government.

This was why the mortals admired the God Cloud Dao more than their government.

Hao Ren flew out of the city with Xie Yujia and headed toward the distant mountains.

When he was in the clouds, Hao Ren had found that the mortals’ cities were built on land while cultivators’ palaces were built on the high mountains.

There was a branch of God Cloud Dao on a mountain hundreds of kilometers from this city.

Hao Ren’s speed was so fast that some low-leveled cultivators who were in governmental official’s uniforms and were flying in the low sky didn’t even notice him.

Seeing the magnificent buildings of God Cloud Dao concealed in the high mountain, Xie Yujia was a bit excited when she thought that she could see Old Grandma again.

The land on Eighth Heaven had scarce nature essence. However, the higher they flew, and the closer they got to the mountaintops, the more intense the nature essence got.

To avoid trouble, Hao Ren hadn’t fought with the cultivators. After dodging those cultivators who were searching for them, Hao Ren took Xie Yujia to find Old Grandma.

“I’m here to visit Qingfeng Hermit!”

Holding Xie Yujia’s hand, Hao Ren landed on the square outside of a palace of God Cloud Dao and shouted.

Since God Cloud Dao controlled the entire Eighth Heaven, these branches naturally didn't put up any array formation or had any guards. When Hao Ren stood on the white stone square and yelled, he drew out all the cultivators from the nearby palaces.

When they saw Hao Ren and Xie Yujia standing at the center of the square, they knew that these two strangers were extraordinary since they had come to Eighth Heaven with ease.

Meanwhile, they were stunned by the name of Qingfeng Hermit.

These cultivators looked at each other and whispered among themselves.

If Hao Ren had yelled this name while escaping on Eight Heaven, the cultivators of God Cloud Dao wouldn't have let him go. However, since Hao Ren called the name 'Qingfeng Hermit' after entering the God Cloud Dao, it was...

Who was Qingfeng Hermit? She was the mother of the new master of God Cloud Dao!

Chapter 772: Ascending~

"Young Masters, please wait a moment."

A black-bearded old man flew up from the crowd of cultivators and turned into a dash of light before flying toward the southwest direction on a sword.

Controlling the entire Eighth Heaven, Godly Cloud Dao had thousands of branches. The branch that Hao Ren and Xie Yujia came to was one of the lowest-leveled branches even though it looked like a magnificent celestial palace to mortals.

This cultivator was only at top-tier Nascent Soul Realm and didn't have the qualification to go to the headquarters. He must bring the message to a higher-level branch which was headed by a Soul Formation Realm cultivator who would, in turn, deliver the message to the headquarters.

No matter if these two young cultivators coming to Eighth Heaven to visit Qingfeng Hermit were friends or foes, the cultivators of Godly Cloud Dao must treat them with respect.

Usually, even if the cultivators of Seventh Heaven broke onto Eighth Heaven, they would be killed since the Ninth Heaven Godly Lightning which was controlled by Godly Cloud Dao would turn the trespassing cultivators into ashes.

While the sects on Seventh Heaven had many Core Formation Realm cultivators, the Godly Cloud Dao on Eighth Heaven was full of Nascent Soul Realm cultivators!

Completely secluded from the outside world, Eighth Heaven was a world managed by a group of immortals.

Only Soul Formation Realm cultivators could leave Eighth Heaven and tour the outside world.

It was also the place closest to Ninth Heaven, and it enjoyed the most intense nature essence, abundant resources, and rare spirit beasts. Besides, they were a rare group of cultivators who could ascend!

The cultivators on and below Seventh Heaven couldn't ascend to the Heavenly Realm even if they reached the Soul Formation Realm. However, the cultivators on Eighth Heaven could ascend after passing the Heaven Tribulation and getting the acknowledgment from the Heavenly Dao!

Qingfeng Hermit was a grand cultivator who could ascend but chose not to!

She had become a sage by moving the force in nature with dharma notes. Even though she didn't ascend, she was a figure who had achieved Dao!

While the ancient sages achieved Dao with techniques, Qingfeng Hermit created a way of achieving Dao with dharma notes! It was beyond the imagination of the Godly Cloud Dao cultivators that Qingfeng Hermit's Life-Death Notes were getting more powerful each day!

It was said that she would gain the ultimate understanding of the Heavenly Dao and become a real sage after this seclusion cultivation!

"Bad girl! You even came to visit me on Eighth Heaven!"

Hao Ren and Xie Yujia had stood on the square for a while when they heard Qingfeng Hermit's scolding from the high sky.

However, a trace of joy was mingled in her scolding tone.

"Grandma!"

Xie Yujia raised her head and cried out happily.

Hum...

A golden note came from the sky and swept up Hao Ren and Xie Yujia.

The Godly Cloud Dao cultivators saw a golden flash, and then Hao Ren and Xie Yujia vanished.

Transforming nature with dharma notes!

The Nascent Soul Realm cultivators were so shocked that they were at a loss for words.

After the current Dao Master took over Godly Cloud Dao, the first thing that he did was to bring his mother onto Eighth Heaven from the mortal world to attend his inauguration ceremony!

After that, Qingfeng Hermit declared that she would cultivate in seclusion since she wanted to stay out of the regular operation of Godly Cloud Dao.

However, Qingfeng Hermit had come out from her seclusion for a young girl!

Ding!

A golden light appeared in the clouds above the headquarters of Godly Cloud Dao, and then Xie Yujia and Hao Ren found themselves in a courtyard.

Rubbing her eyes, Xie Yujia caught Hao Ren by her side to regain her balance and then finally saw Old Grandma whom she had missed so much!

"Grandma!" Looking at Old Grandma emotionally, Xie Yujia couldn't control the tears in her eyes.

In the past, she had taken care of this 'mute' grandma, but Old Grandma took care of her later on.

However, instead of coming to her rescue in person, Old Grandma had just shown her hand from Eighth Heaven, which meant that Xie Yujia hadn't seen Old Grandma for a long time.

"Silly girl, why are you crying? Did this boy bully you?" Grandma asked.

"No! No..." Hearing her words, Xie Yujia immediately shook her head and dried the tears.

"Well, you've reached the Core Formation Realm. With your talent, it is good progress." Qingfeng Hermit nodded at Xie Yujia in satisfaction and said.

"I... I'm too dull and only reached the Core Formation Realm." Xie Yujia lowered her head slightly and replied bashfully.

She was emotional when she saw Qingfeng Hermit again on Eighth Heaven and found it hard to organize her words.

"I already told you that your talent is poor and can't gain a fast cultivation speed." Qingfeng Hermit looked at Xie Yujia like a genial elder and said, "You took the risk and came to see me on Eighth Heaven. What happened?"

They were standing in an open courtyard. Qingfeng Hermit had been cultivating in seclusion here instead of a cave abode as Hao Ren had expected.

"Grandma... Hao Ren's grandma was injured." Xie Yujia furrowed her eyebrows. Due to her anxiety, her words were incoherent.

Standing beside Xie Yujia, Hao Ren let Xie Yujia tell the whole story, knowing that Qingfeng Hermit was closer to her.

After calming herself down, Xie Yujia finally told the entire incident to Qingfeng Hermit.

Hearing Xie Yujia's words, Qingfeng Hermit learned that Hao Ren had to go to the Heavenly Realm to see the Queen Mother of the West, and her face turned grim instantly.

"Since Hao Ren wants to fight for his grandma, I can't stop him. Here's the plan: Yujia, you can stay with me here for a couple of days, and I'll take the opportunity to teach you some of the improvements that I made to the Life-Death Notes during this seclusion cultivation."

"But..." Xie Yujia looked at Qingfeng Hermit anxiously.

"Do you think that you can go to the Heavenly Realm and come back in one day? One day in the Heavenly Realm is one year on land. Even if Hao Ren can get the Immortal Elixir, it will take him several days," Qingfeng Hermit said with a serious expression.

"Ok..." Xie Yujia had to listen to Qingfeng Hermit despite the anxiety inside her.

She didn't know that Qingfeng Hermit had used an excuse to keep her. In Qingfeng Hermit's mind, this silly girl didn't have to take the risk with Hao Ren.

No cultivator had ever tried to go to the Heavenly Realm and beg for the Immortal Elixir. Qingfeng Hermit wouldn't help him if not for Xie Yujia's begging. Also, she was a bit moved by Hao Ren's love for his grandma.

"Since you have Zhen Yuan Immortal's Penglai Immortal Token, I think the cultivators in the Heavenly Realm probably won't make it difficult for you. However, you must remember that you can't force your will on them and must retreat when you know it's impossible to make progress," Qingfeng Hermit said.

"Ok!" Hao Ren nodded.

In fact, he had planned to leave Xie Yujia with Qingfeng Hermit and go to the Heavenly Realm alone to see the Queen Mother of the West, so Xie Yujia wouldn't be involved in any dangers that might arise in the process.

"Your Penglai Immortal Token is a pass to all the holy places in the world. Since you're Zhen Yuan Immortal's brother, you can be counted as half a true immortal. I'll send you to the Heavenly Realm, and everything else will depend on your luck."

With her words, a black and white light rose up and supported Hao Ren and Xie Yujia.

Being brought up into the high sky, Hao Ren finally got a bird's view of the Godly Cloud Dao's headquarters which consisted of many palaces and pavilions that were hovering in the air!

There were no paths between the palaces and pavilions, and the cultivators in Taoist robes were traveling between them on dharma treasures!

It looked like a futuristic city in science fiction novels where the buildings were floating in the air, and all kinds of flying cars traveled between the buildings!

However, this was a cultivation world!

This cultivation kingdom was above the mortal kingdom!

Dharma treasure shops, dharma notes stores, elixir pill workshops, all kinds of training fields... It was a complete system!

Without the competition of sects, Godly Cloud Dao that controlled the entire Eighth Heaven was an independent society!

"You don't have to look; you don't belong here." Qingfeng Hermit caught Hao Ren's back with one note while gently holding Xie Yujia's hand, bringing them up to a mountain peak high in the clouds.

Hao Ren felt the chilly winds blowing around them, estimating that this mountain peak was at least as high as the Heaven-Reaching Tower in the Nine Dragon Palace.

However, with Qingfeng Hermit's speed, they reached the top of this mountain in the blink of an eye.

There was only a small circular platform with a diameter of about one meter!

"This is the Immortal-Ascending Platform. The cultivators on Eighth Heaven must come here to pass the Heavenly Tribulation if they want to ascend," Qingfeng Hermit said while she loosened the note and pushed Hao Ren gently to the center of the circular platform.

Hao Ren wanted to say something to Xie Yujia, but Qingfeng Hermit lifted her hand and shot out 16 dharma notes instantly.

“Go!”

Hao Ren’s Penglai Immortal Token flew out from his necklace automatically, and a silver light flashed on it under the activation of the 16 dharma notes.

“You must go through Ninth Heaven which is also commonly called Ninth Cloud before you reach the Heavenly Realm. If you’re not lucky and fall into the misty void, even I can’t help you,” Qingfeng Hermit said while shooting out golden and silver dharma notes.

“Hao Ren... Grandma!”

Hearing her words, Xie Yujia became worried and yelled Hao Ren’s name before turning her head to Qingfeng Hermit anxiously.

However, while Xie Yujia was still hesitating, Hao Ren had flown up with Qingfeng Hermit’s dharma notes and rushed into the white clouds as a light beam.

“Grandma!” Seeing Hao Ren disappearing into the clouds instantly, Xie Yujia stomped her feet in agitation, and her long and slim eyebrows furrowed.

“Silly girl, I’m only teasing you. This kid has the Penglai Immortal Token, and the immortals who are responsible for the reception will go easy on him,” Qingfeng Hermit said with a smile while tapping on Xie Yujia’s forehead lightly.

She looked up at the white clouds and held back the rest of her sentence. Although Hao Ren wouldn’t fall into the void, the Heavenly Realm still would knock him down if they didn’t want him to go up there.

Swoosh...

With the Penglai Immortal Token in his hand, Hao Ren traveled through the vast Ninth Heaven under the support of the dozen dharma notes shot by Qingfeng Hermit.

These notes lit up Hao Ren’s surrounding like stars.

There was only Ninth Heaven between Eighth Heaven and the Heavenly Realm, but it was impossible to pass for most of the cultivators.

All the heavenly lightning bolts during the Heavenly Tribulation for human cultivators, demon cultivators, and dragon cultivators were shot down from the Ninth Cloud!

If not for the Penglai Immortal Token in his hand, Hao Ren would have triggered many lightning bolts from the void, and they would kill him!

When Hao Ren finally saw a trace of white light ahead of him, about a dozen heavenly lightning bolts suddenly appeared and tried to beat him back!

He wasn’t allowed to ascend!

Supported by the ascending force of Qingfeng Hermit's dharma notes, Hao Ren felt as if he were in a boat that he couldn't control.

Just as he was about to slide back down to Eighth Heaven, a golden heavenly dragon suddenly appeared and pushed up Hao Ren!

Chapter 773: Won't Save Mortals??

Hao Ren was about to be knocked down by the fierce energy when a powerful force pushed him past the heavenly lightning bolts.

He came into a bright world!

In the misty white world, exquisite jade buildings appeared vaguely in a distant.

Standing on the golden dragon, Hao Ren soared beyond Ninth Heaven and charged into the Heavenly Realm!

A magnificent white heavenly gate appeared before Hao Ren!

The two golden-armored guards at the gate couldn't block Hao Ren! The heavenly dragon dashed through the gate with Hao Ren!

"Su Rui! How dare you break into the Heavenly Realm!"

A giant golden-armored god suddenly appeared in front of them and roared.

The earth-shaking voice almost shattered Hao Ren's eardrums, sweeping Hao Ren off the back of the golden dragon.

In a wave of golden lights, the heavenly dragon which was tens of thousands of meters long turned into a woman in white.

Ignoring the giant golden-armored god, she leaped up lightly and flew to the distance.

Hao Ren looked back at her and confirmed his suspicion that she was the Heavenly Dragon cultivator who had stayed with Su Han. It seemed that she had come to his aid.

If he hadn't been supported by her who could soar beyond Ninth Cloud, Hao Ren would have been knocked back by the heavenly lightning bolts!

It was clear that this female cultivator also hoped that Hao Ren could get the Immortal Elixir!

Although Hao Ren wasn't sure, he guessed that she was probably Su Han's mom and the metal-elemental dragon cultivator who had charged into the Heavenly Dragon Realm hundreds of years ago. If he were right, then Su Han had the bloodline of a heavenly dragon, which explained her super-fast cultivation speed!

Seeing Su Rui leaving, the giant golden-armored god couldn't catch her. Then, he turned his gaze to Hao Ren and said, "This is the Heavenly Realm, and cultivators who haven't ascended are not allowed to enter this place!"

Hao Ren had heard from Premier Xia that the so-called Heavenly Realm was also known as the Above Realm, and the people living here were called gods and immortals but were not real gods and immortals.

This place was where a group of powerful cultivators lived. It was like Eighth Heaven to Seventh Heaven and the inner sea to the outer sea of the Demon Sea.

These cultivators could live forever and called themselves immortals. However, they didn't care about the mortal world, even doing less for the mortals than the dragon cultivators.

Their main responsibility was to keep the Heavenly Dao in operation. Anything beyond that wasn't important enough to affect their life and cultivation, so they didn't care.

At this thought, Hao Ren was less afraid of them. He replied to this giant golden-armored god in front of him, "I want to see the Queen Mother of the West for the Immortal Elixir!"

"You're not qualified to see the Saint Mother!" The giant golden-armored god glared at him and shouted, "The Immortal Elixir isn't something that you can have! A tiny cultivator like you dares to trespass the Heavenly Realm just because you know a heavenly dragon!?"

Seeing Hao Ren still standing there without showing any respect, this giant golden-armored god got angry and smashed his giant fist toward Hao Ren.

With two sword energies beneath his feet, Hao Ren dodged the fists lightly and then took out the Penglai Immortal Token immediately.

"Please tell the Saint Mother that my grandma is seriously ill, and I need the Immortal Elixir to save her." Hao Ren leaped up for dozens of meters and flew to the giant golden-armored god.

The giant golden-armored god couldn't block him, and Hao Ren was surprised that the giant golden-armored god who was guarding the heavenly gate wasn't as powerful as he had expected.

It seemed that cultivators in the Heavenly Realm had different strengths, and not all of them came up here by ascending. For example, Lu Linlin and Lu Lili had been with the Queen Mother of the West from the beginning instead of ascending.

That Heavenly Dragon cultivator, Su Rui, probably had ignored this giant golden-armored god because she knew that he wasn't powerful and thus didn't want to waste her time on him.

"Penglai Immortal Token..." The giant golden-armored god retreated several steps at the sight of the token in Hao Ren's hand. He suddenly turned into a beam of light and flew toward the jade palaces in the distant clouds.

Standing where he was, Hao Ren knew that this giant golden-armored god had gone to deliver the message. Hao Ren had no choice but to wait despite his impatience.

He had rarely begged for favors from people, and it was painful to bet on others.

After about one hour, that giant golden-armored god suddenly flew back.

Hao Ren's heart was now in his throat.

If the Queen Mother of the West wanted to help, then the giant golden-armored god would bring back an Immortal Elixir!

“The Saint Mother said that she wouldn’t save a mortal’s life!”

The giant golden-armored god said in a booming voice.

This news struck Hao Ren, making him feel cold from his head to toe.

He had put all his hope on this, but it all turned to nothing at others’ causal words. It was a feeling not everyone could understand!

“Why not!”

Hao Ren suddenly roared after a few seconds of silence.

The giant golden-armored god glared at him and replied, “Turn back immediately, and you won’t be punished for trespassing!”

“I want to see the Saint Mother. Or you can help me find Chenxin and Chenyi!” Hao Ren blurted out in panic.

“Chenxin and Chenyi... You even know them? You’re not qualified to see the Palace Masters of the Heavenly Heart Palace!” The giant golden-armored god said while he whipped his hand toward Hao Ren.

He had delivered Hao Ren’s message to the Heavenly Heart Palace where the Saint Mother lived, and he got the reply from the Queen Mother of the West that she wouldn’t save a mortal’s life, which meant that he must send away this ‘visitor’.

However, Hao Ren wasn’t willing to return empty-handed.

He had received the cold and merciless refusal without seeing the Queen Mother of the West or even Lu Linlin and Lu Lili. Thinking of Grandma and Su Han who had only two weeks to live, he knew that he couldn’t return like this!

“Break!”

Hao Ren’s sword energy dashed out of his palm.

When his palm blocked the fist of the giant golden-armored god, it instantly broke the latter’s arm!

The giant golden-armored god dropped to the ground, and he immediately turned into a brawny man about six feet tall. He had used a technique to turn himself into a bigger size to frighten the cultivators new to the Heavenly Realm!

Since Hao Ren had defeated this giant golden-armored god with one attack, it showed that some of the cultivators in the Heavenly Realm were weak!

Remembering the legends about the super powerful cultivators in the Heavenly Realm, Hao Ren burned in rage and wanted to see how powerful they really were!

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Four cultivators flew over with long spears, and Hao Ren unleashed his full strength and broke the four long spears at the same time!

Then, the four sword energies hit the four cultivators on the chests and forced them back more than 100 meters!

If his grandma were dying of natural causes, Hao Ren wouldn't have come to beg for the Immortal Elixir. However, since she had blocked the attack from the devil dragon, Grandma was tortured by pains that shouldn't be felt by mortals!

Besides, Su Han had been attacked by Taiyi Cave Master from the back while she was going through her Heavenly Tribulation. She was dying, and even her mother, a heavenly dragon, couldn't save her!

If the Heavenly Dao was in control of everything, then what was it doing when Taiyi Cave Master turned into a devil dragon and caused so many disasters?!

The more Hao Ren thought, the angrier he got. He swung his fist and shattered the heavenly gate which was made of white jade!

"Enough!"

An angry shout came from the distant.

A green light shot over from a distance, and Hao Ren reached out to block it. However, the green light was faster and hit on his chest forcefully.

Feeling a surge of sweet blood gushing up his throat, Hao Ren found that the meridians in his body were instantly messed up, and even the mystic crystal in his chest was almost shattered into pieces.

If the golden shield which had changed into the form of a button didn't block this attack for him, the consequences would have been unimaginable!

"Immortal Physique! Those two girls even helped you obtain the Immortal Physique?!"

The voice from the distant turned even angrier.

"Do you think that I don't dare to kill you?"

Another green light shot down from the cloud. It was more powerful than the previous one, and it had immobilized Hao Ren before it got close!

Ding! Suddenly a wave of white light flew from the distance and blocked most of the green light.

The remaining green light still struck onto Hao Ren, sending him flying for hundreds of meters.

Then, Hao Ren felt support on his back, and he landed on the ground steadily.

"Hehehe! Queen Mother of the West, you don't have to get angry with a kid. My brother acted rashly, but he did it due to his love for his grandma. I'll give you a new heavenly gate, and I guarantee that it will be more magnificent than the old one!"

With a face full of wrinkles, Zhen Yuan Zi said in a loud voice while he supported Hao Ren with one hand and stroked his beard with the other.

Then, Hao Ren felt that surges of pure celestial essence were injected into his body, helping his meridians recover while his Immortal Physique began to heal.

“Zhen Yuan Immortal! You said that he is the chosen one of the Heavenly Dao, but look at what he has done! He broke the heavenly gate and wounded the heavenly soldiers and generals! Besides, he took advantage of my Chenxin and Chenyi!” that voice sounded again.

“The heavenly soldiers and generals are getting even weaker...” Zhen Yuan Zi mumbled in a low voice before showing a smile. “Hehehe! Queen Mother of the West, your two maids are destined to stay with my brother. I think it is best that you let them be.”

“Zhen Yuan Immortal, I know that you’re protective of your people! I won’t punish him today; you may take him with you,” that voice said coldly.

“Well...” Zhen Yuan Zi sighed lightly and lifted Hao Ren.

With his carefree and lazy character, he didn’t like to manage the business in the world. However, the Queen Mother of the West, who was in the same generation as him and had been half a level lower than his status, had worked hard and led the immortals to ascend to the Heavenly Realm from land. Now, she was responsible for the promotion of the immortal officials.

Zhen Yuan Zi didn’t have much say in the Heavenly Realm, and even the ‘Chosen One of the Heavenly Dao’ whom he had picked was despised by the Queen Mother of the West.

From her tough tone, he knew that she wouldn’t do him the favor even if he asked her for the Immortal Elixir.

With her stubborn and cold character, not everyone could move her. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have gained her current status.

In the Heavenly Heart Palace, only Chenxin and Chenyi were her favorites. No wonder she got so angry when she learned that they had stayed with Hao Ren for so long and even got intimate with him.

Hao Ren was asking for punishment when he rushed to the Heavenly Realm and demanded to see the Queen Mother of the West.

“Brother, the Heavenly Dao has its own reincarnation. It’s fate, and you can’t force it,” Zhen Yuan Zi turned to look at Hao Ren and comforted him.

Hearing these words, Hao Ren’s entire body tensed up.

He could now understand and feel Princess Zhen’s resentment for the phrase ‘Heavenly Dao has its own reincarnation’.

“Let’s go back now. The Heavenly Realm is cold, and it’s not worth coming.”

With a slight sigh, Zhen Yuan Zi pushed Hao Ren back to Eighth Heaven while he turned into a white beam of light and returned to the Demon Sea.

Chapter 774: Becoming a Sage!!

Hao Ren floated in the air lightly as if he were in a black dream, and then he suddenly saw waves of light.

He had fallen back to Eighth Heaven!

Godly Cloud Dao's headquarters spread over dozens of mountains, and it looked like a sleepless city of the cultivators with flashing lights everywhere!

It could rival any of the supercities on land!

Godly Cloud Dao was more like a cultivation kingdom instead of a cultivation sect! The headquarters of Godly Cloud Dao was the capital of the kingdom!

Stepping on a sword energy, Hao Ren chose a platform randomly and landed while his chest was still hurting. The cultivators who were traveling between the buildings hovered in the air and looked indifferent when they saw Hao Ren land.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Suddenly, three lights flew toward him from different directions.

Since Hao Ren's body had no mark of Godly Cloud Dao, he had been taken as a trespasser!

"He's mine!"

Old Grandma's voice came in time, and then a note flew over to carry Hao Ren away.

The three members of the patrol team who were about to attack Hao Ren immediately scattered. They were top-tier Nascent Soul Realm cultivators, and there were at least hundreds of Nascent Soul Realm cultivators to keep order in the Godly Cloud City.

In a flash, Hao Ren found himself standing in Qingfeng Hermit's courtyard which was so quiet that he couldn't hear any sounds from outside.

"Hao Ren!"

Xie Yujia ran from a side room of the courtyard and heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that he was safe. Then, she asked anxiously, "How did it go?"

Hao Ren shook his head. Seeing that it was already night on Eighth Heavenly, he asked in a hurry, "How many days have passed?"

"Three days passed," Qingfeng Hermit said lightly.

Hao Ren was surprised that it had been three days. After all, he only made a short stop on the Heavenly Realm and didn't even enter the heavenly gate.

No wonder Lu Linlin and Lu Lili had overstayed their imprisonment in the East Ocean Dragon Palace. Besides, they had even stayed in East Ocean City and played around for a long while after coming out of the East Ocean Dragon Palace.

When calculating in this way, the so-called two-hundred-year imprisonment was just a short period of grounding for the immortals on the Heavenly Realm. Since the Queen Mother of the West didn't want to part with Lu Linlin and Lu Lili for too long, she had grounded them in the East Ocean Dragon Palace to give them a lesson.

"Ay..." Qingfeng Hermit sighed lightly and looked back at Xie Yujia whose eyes were red and swollen.

It took Hao Ren a short while to go and return from the Heavenly Realm, but it was three days full of worry for Xie Yujia. She was soft-hearted. During the three days, and she had been overthinking and gathered all kinds of scary thoughts, afraid that Hao Ren would never return. Each night, she had shed tears in the side room, which didn't escape Qingfeng Hermit's notice.

"Come here!"

Qingfeng Hermit beckoned at Hao Ren. At the thought that Xie Yujia suffered a lot due to Hao Ren, she felt extremely unhappy.

When Hao Ren walked over from Xie Yujia's side, Qingfeng Hermit suddenly lifted her hand and placed it on the top of his head.

"Grandma!" Xie Yujia cried out in surprise, thinking that Qingfeng Hermit was trying to punish Hao Ren.

To her surprise, a pure lotus flower bloomed slowly above Hao Ren's head, spreading three petals as translucent as light.

"Three petals. At Kun-level, it's quite good that you have cultivated three petals." Qingfeng Hermit withdrew her hand and said with some praise in her harsh tone.

"Grandma, this..." Xie Yujia looked at Qingfeng Hermit in bafflement.

Qingfeng Hermit looked at her and said, "All the cultivators at high realms can show their natal lotus which is their vital soul. When the dragon cultivators reach Qian-level, they can condense a natal lotus with three petals.

"For the cultivators without dragon cores and mystic crystals, they must reach peak Nascent Soul Realm to condense the three-petaled natal lotus."

Qingfeng Hermit turned her gaze to Hao Ren again and continued, "The reason that Qian-level dragon cultivators are more powerful than the Nascent Soul Realm human cultivators is that the dragon cultivators can condense three-petaled natal lotus while the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators must reach the peak stage to understand nature and construct the three-petaled natal lotus."

"Grandma, do you mean the three flowers that would gather on the top of the head which is recorded in some Daoism books?" Xie Yujia asked.

"The essence forms the jade flower, the aura forms the golden flower, and the soul forms a nine-petaled flower. Refine essence first, then aura, and lastly soul. Only after reaching the Soul Formation Realm can one truly cultivate the vital soul."

"Yujia, the vital soul flower is a nine-petaled lotus instead of the three flowers." Qingfeng Hermit touched Xie Yujia's cheek while a four-petal lotus appeared above his head suddenly.

Appearing above Qingfeng Hermit's head, the pure white four-petal lotus emitted soft lights, filling the small courtyard with radiance.

"After reaching the Heavenly Dragon Realm and the Soul Formation Realm, the cultivation strength would reach the peak. At this stage, the important thing isn't realms but vital souls. The cultivators who

have just reached the Heavenly Dragon Realm and Soul Formation Realm all have four-petaled lotus representing their vital souls.”

Hao Ren nodded, sensing a new world before him after hearing Qingfeng Hermit’s words.

In fact, no matter if it were the dragon cultivators’ levels or the human cultivators’ realms, they were all divided into low-tier, mid-tier, top-tier, and peak. However, after reaching the Heavenly Dragon Realm and the Soul Formation Realm, the cultivators all reached the realm of ascendance, which was why these smaller divisions didn’t exist anymore. Instead, everything was measured in terms of the petals on the natal lotus.

Hum! Qingfeng Hermit’s four-petal lotus suddenly emitted waves of brighter light.

Another petal opened!

Five petals!

Radiance filled this small courtyard.

“Five-petaled lotus signals the realm of big demon kings.” Qingfeng Hermit looked at Hao Ren and Xie Yujia with a mild smile and continued.

While she talked casually, the natal lotus representing her vital soul grew another petal.

Six petals!

Blinding light beams shot up from the courtyard.

The entire Godly Cloud City was lit up as if were daytime!

“Six-petaled lotus is the realm of eternal demon kings. There are at most six eternal demon kings in the whole world,” Qingfeng Hermit said.

Xie Yujia looked at Old Grandma in amazement, not expecting her to reach the Six-Petal Realm.

The cultivators of Godly Cloud City were alarmed at the sight of the permeating white light, but then they realized that it meant Qingfeng Hermit, the mother of the Dao Master of Godly Cloud Dao, had come out of her seclusion cultivation after becoming a sage!

In fact, with her Life-Death Notes which could sense the world, Qingfeng Hermit could have reached the Five-Petal Realm long ago, but she had suppressed it and charged directly at the Six-Petal Realm!

Hum! Hum... The flying light gradually turned into notes and scattered onto Eighth Heaven.

“Kid, I’m touched by your love for your grandma and the sincerity and courage you have shown. I’ll try to help your grandma.” Qingfeng Hermit put away her six-petaled lotus and said slowly.

Hearing her words, Hao Ren looked up in delight and replied, “Thank you very much, Grandma!”

He suddenly realized that Qingfeng Hermit had been testing him by sending him to the Heavenly Realm. In fact, Qingfeng Hermit had decided to speak for him in person after she had broken into the Six-Petal Realm and became a sage.

“However, I can’t intervene in other things. The spreading of the devil essence from the East Ocean Dragon Palace is the sign that the world will be in chaos. Ancestor Dragon Ya Zi will only bring murderous spirit to the world. He can destroy the evil in the world but will also bring disasters to the mortals.”

Qingfeng Hermit looked at Hao Ren and said, “To suppress the devil essence, you must use the ultimate treasure in the Dragon God Shrine. But with your current realm, you can’t handle that treasure.”

“Grandma, you mean...” Hao Ren looked at Qingfeng Hermit respectfully, knowing that despite her eccentric personality, she was good to Xie Yujia and him.

“With my Six-Petal Realm, I’ll go to the Heavenly Realm to speak for you, and I don’t know if I’ll succeed or not. Meanwhile, you must go to the Dragon God Shrine and take that ultimate treasure before keeping the situation in control.”

Then, she turned her gaze to Xie Yujia. “In fact, Yujia, you have the Stone Physique. With my current realm, it’s not difficult for me to break it for you.”

“Grandma...” Xie Yujia looked at Old Grandma in pleasant surprise.

Seeing that Hao Ren had an important mission assigned to him, she hoped that Old Grandma would assign a mission to her as well. If she could improve her physique, she would be able to do more for Hao Ren!

“However, I didn’t realize that you would work so hard to cultivate the Life-Death Notes and had turned the Stone Physique into the Ultimate Yin Physique. I didn’t tell you for fear that this guy would take advantage of you,” Qingfeng Hermit continued.

“Ultimate Yin Physique?” Xie Yujia was baffled.

To Xie Yujia’s surprise, Qingfeng Hermit turned to Hao Ren with a serious expression instead of answering her question and said, “Kid, I’ll do my best to help your grandma, but you must promise me something.”

“Grandma, please tell me.” Hao Ren’s expression turned even more earnest.

“You must take Yujia as your wife! You can’t let her down, no matter if it’s now or in the future!” Qingfeng Hermit said while emphasizing each word.

“Grandma...” Hearing Qingfeng Hermit suddenly bringing up this topic, Xie Yujia who had been anxious turned red.

“No problem! I can do it!” Hao Ren nodded in determination.

Since Xie Yujia and Zhao Yanzi had reached an agreement, it wasn’t difficult for Hao Ren to fulfill this promise. Xie Yujia had subconsciously acted as the daughter-in-law of the Hao Family while Hao Ren had indeed taken her as his girlfriend.

They looked mild and peaceful, but they had understood the true meaning of life.

“The Ultimate Yin Physique is the best physique for dual cultivation! If you do want to marry him, you might as well give it to him!” Qingfeng Hermit turned to Xie Yujia and said abruptly.

While Xie Yujia was still baffled, Qingfeng Hermit swept up her and Hao Ren and flew out of Eighth Heaven.

“Kid, you’re a lucky man since you can control yourself. Since you’ve never taken advantage of Yujia, I believe that you truly like her. Now that the Heavenly Dao leans toward you, you might have a chance to reach the Four-Petal Realm!”

After turning into a beam of light, Qingfeng Hermit traveled through Seventh Heaven and Sixth Heaven before reaching Ethereal Summit. She didn’t give them any chance to think!

She tossed Xie Yujia lightly into her cave in Ethereal Summit and then grabbed Hao Ren, saying, “I will give you half an hour to memorize this dual cultivation technique!”

Chapter 775: All Yours...

“Grandma...” Hao Ren tried to speak, but Qingfeng Hermit ignored him and placed her hand on his forehead.

Hao Ren felt a complete technique entering his mind from his forehead, and he could see each character. Just like when he immersed his spiritual senses into the jade slip which contained the Mystic Water Sword Techniques, he couldn’t see it directly but could feel it.

In fact, the profound and secret techniques wouldn’t be recorded. Instead, they were passed down from the masters to the disciples through spiritual senses.

If the disciples had low realms and couldn’t be taught this way, the ancient cultivators would print the techniques into special jade slips and then leave the opening method to the disciples. When the latter had reached certain realms, they would use the methods to open the jade slips. Of course, the masters were usually not with the disciples or had passed away by this time.

Hao Ren’s Mystic Water Sword Techniques were written on a jade slip. Since Zhao Haoran didn’t have the opening method, he had to take a lot of time and energy to break the array formations in it very carefully.

Right now, this dual cultivation technique rushed into Hao Ren’s mind and forced him to memorize it.

Any distraction would make him miss some words, and any mistake would be fatal in terms of cultivation.

Hovering in the high sky, Qingfeng Hermit stared at Hao Ren intensely. When she felt like he had memorized the technique, she pushed him into the valley.

Hao Ren tumbled and stumbled into Xie Yujia’s cave abode abruptly.

With the array formations around the spiritual herb fields in Ethereal Summit removed and the absence of the snow lion cubs, it was very quiet here.

Hum... Around the valley, 36 pale golden notes suddenly lit up.

The notes were shot out by Qingfeng Hermit so that no cultivators could come and disturb them!

"I'm heading back! With the huge changes in the world, I must keep Godly Cloud Dao of Eighth Heaven in order!" With these words said, Qingfeng Hermit turned into a beam of light and flew toward Eighth Heaven.

Hao Ren rubbed his knees and stood up. He had been tossed into the cave abode by Qingfeng Hermit, but it wasn't as gently as the toss that Xie Yujia received.

There was no carpet covering the original smooth stone floor in Xie Yujia's cave abode, so Hao Ren was still hurting from the fall when Qingfeng Hermit tossed him into the cave.

"Yujia..." Hao Ren looked around the dim cave and called out.

Since her cave abode had a small elixir-making room connected to it, Hao Ren thought that she was in the elixir-making room in the back when he saw no sight of her.

He was about to go to the back when he saw some movement in the stone bed.

He turned his head and walked over, and he saw that Xie Yujia was nestled under a thick blanket.

Half of her head was above the blanket, and her face was beet red.

"Grandma... taught me the dual cultivation technique already," Hao Ren said bashfully.

"Ok..." Xie Yujia's face turned redder. While biting on her lip, she suddenly reached out and pulled Hao Ren under the blanket.

Hao Ren had wanted to say something about the technique to Xie Yujia and was surprised when she pulled him over. After tripping on the edge of the bed, he fell under the blanket and found that Xie Yujia was naked!

Xie Yujia's face looked as red as blood right now. She had been nervous when she saw Qingfeng Hermit teaching Hao Ren the dual cultivation technique outside of the valley. Then, she got under the blanket and took off all her clothes, thinking that they would do it sooner or later.

When she thought that she had crawled into the blanket to wait for Hao Ren, she felt extremely shy.

"Yujia..." Hao Ren touched her arm.

"Yeah?" Red-faced, Xie Yujia replied in a quiet voice.

"Am I too impatient? But we must do it to save Grandma..." Feeling nervous, Xie Yujia blinded quickly, not knowing if she should close her eyes or keep them open.

"Ugh... Anyway... Do whatever you want..." Feeling no movement from Hao Ren, she murmured again.

"What are you thinking about? The dual cultivation that Old Grandma mentioned isn't what you think..."

While looking at her, Hao Ren couldn't help smiling when he imagined all her thoughts.

He wasn't laughing at her. Instead, he smiled because she was so cute.

Xie Yujia knew very little about cultivation except the Life-Death Runes Grandma gave to her and alchemy, which was why she had mistaken understanding about dual cultivation when she heard the name.

Thinking about how Xie Yujia got under the blanket and took off all her clothes while he was learning the dual cultivation technique from Qingfeng Hermit outside the valley, Hao Ren thought that she was so considerate and sweet.

A surge of warmth rose in his heart, knowing that Xie Yujia had acted as if he were her husband.

With love filling his heart, Hao Ren held her shoulders and helped her up before pulling the blanket over her shoulders. "The dual cultivation that Old Grandma mentioned involves some bodily contact, but it isn't what you think. You can just keep quiet and accept my nature essence."

"Ugh?" A little surprised, Xie Yujia immediately understood the situation, and she lowered her head slowly.

She looked calm, but the blush that was spreading down her neck couldn't hide her bashfulness.

She had thought that the dual cultivation was...

However, Old Grandma's dual cultivation technique was only a cultivation method which only involving touching between a male cultivator and a female cultivator.

Seeing her bashfulness, Hao Ren felt more affectionate for her, and her red-face made Hao Ren wanting to protect her more.

Hao Ren picked up her hands gently and slowly injected nature essence into her.

Xie Yujia immediately controlled her distracting thoughts and concentrated on Hao Ren's nature essence. She thought that she would do it with Hao Ren sooner or later. If it could help Hao Ren gain a breakthrough and save Grandma, she didn't mind if they did it now.

Seeing Hao Ren's serious expression, she knew that he was careful not to make any mistakes in cultivation. Putting away her distracting thoughts, she allowed his nature essence into her meridians.

The dual cultivation technique that Qingfeng Hermit taught Hao Ren was indeed miraculous. It could not only unblock Xie Yujia's meridians little by little but transfer essence from her Ultimate Yin Physique into Hao Ren's body to form a 'live core' as well.

The so-called 'live core' was an internal core condensed by fresh nature essence. For example, the golden cores of the human cultivators and the demonic cores of the demon beasts were also live cores.

While those two kinds of live cores couldn't be taken directly, the essence from Xie Yujia's Ultimate Yin Physique could slowly come out from her meridians and enter Hao Ren's mystic crystal.

Such a dual cultivation technique was tailored for Xie Yujia! In fact, Qingfeng Hermit created this dual cultivation technique she taught the Life-Death Runes to Xie Yujia, and she had been watching if Hao Ren was good to Xie Yujia!

Xie Yujia closed her eyes and sensed the transformation that Hao Ren's five-elemental nature essence did to her meridians carefully. Gradually, she felt that Hao Ren slowly absorbed some energies.

The soft sensation was tingling and extremely comfortable.

"Erm..." Xie Yujia opened her eyes slightly when Hao Ren kissed her gently.

With their palms still connected, Hao Ren pulled her into his arms. Xie Yujia's Ultimate Yin Physique was the best tonic for the vital souls of male cultivators.

Since Hao Ren's realm was higher than Xie Yujia's, he completely controlled the; all she had to do was follow him unconditionally.

Traces of fragrant and sweet liquid flowed from the tip of Xie Yujia's tongue into Hao Ren's mouth. He used his five-elemental nature essence to dissolve the Ultimate Yin Energy in Xie Yujia's body and absorbed it into his body.

Xie Yujia felt like a warm energy in her body flowed out from the tip of her tongue, and her body turned jelly-soft. It felt as if Hao Ren were sucking away the essence from her body, but she offered it to him willingly.

The blanket slid down her smooth body. With her hands in Hao Ren's grip, she looked at Hao Ren's concentrated face and leaned quietly toward him.

Hao Ren could maintain the cultivation state in this situation, which showed that he was indeed doing it for the sake of cultivation.

Ashamed that she was nurturing distracting thoughts, Xie Yujia immediately gathered her thoughts and leaned against Hao Ren softly, allowing him to absorb the Ultimate Yin Energy from her body.

If it were someone else who was touching her like this, she would fight him to death. However, while she was held by Hao Ren intimately, she felt an indescribable sweetness.

"All his..." Xie Yujia's body turned hot as if she were melting.

"It's done."

Hao Ren suddenly whispered into her ear.

Powerlessly, Xie Yujia slid down the stone bed. When that happened, she remembered that Hao Ren could see her entire naked body and blushed again.

Hao Ren fell with her and hold her neck and slim waist with his hands, afraid that she would hurt her head in the fall.

With half of his body lying on her, their position looked very intimate.

The fingers on his right hand shook slightly against her waist, and then he kissed her gently.

The receding blush on Xie Yujia's neck came back immediately.

Closing her eyes, Xie Yujia lay on the bed half stiff and half soft while Hao Ren's left hand rested on her shoulder.

“Hao Ren...” She cried out softly as if she were begging.

Seeing the deep blush on her ears, Hao Ren knew that she didn't move because she didn't know what to do. Therefore, he kissed her ears gently.

“Old Grandma said that the best dual cultivation is...” Hao Ren whispered to her ear.

“Pervert...” Xie Yujia's blush deepened, and she murmured.

Despite her bafflement, she was a smart girl and knew that Hao Ren was trying to give themselves an excuse.

However, her shoulders were shaking, and the places where Hao Ren touched almost twitched.

Smelling Hao Ren's scent, she was nervous and intoxicated.

Her slim and long arms, pale neck, and exquisite collar bones made her look like a pure and beautiful swan...

Chapter 776: Reaching the Four-Petal Realm in Secret!

Dawn came.

With his arms holding Xie Yujia's smooth back, Hao Ren rested his palms on her round shoulders, and Xie Yujia's hair rested on Hao Ren's chest.

Smooth and soft, she nestled in his arms like a kitten. However, her smooth skin made her look s*xy.

The cave abode was warm in the winter and cool in the summer, and Xie Yujia was being nurtured by the dual cultivation technique. Therefore, Xie Yujia didn't feel cold when she laid on the stone bed under a thick blanket.

Hao Ren was also naked, and he was full of love for her as he held Xie Yujia.

Seeing that she was still soundly asleep, he lowered his head and kissed her forehead.

Xie Yujia was pure and reserved, but her seemingly thin body was beautiful.

Hao Ren then kissed her pink lips while his palm moved on her chest.

“Erm...” Xie Yujia woke up drowsily. When she saw Hao Ren kissing her, she blushed and nestled closer in his arms.

With both of them naked, it felt warm to move against each other.

“I love you, Yujia,” Hao Ren whispered.

It came from the bottom of his heart without any unnecessary words.

He had always liked Xie Yujia and had been restraining himself from taking her. Few people could understand his feelings.

Xie Yujia felt like her body heated up, and she was almost out of breath when he moved his palms on her chest.

She held her breath but couldn't control the rapid rising and falling of her belly.

Hao Ren slid under the blanket and kissed his way down.

"Bad..." Xie Yujia patted his face lightly since she found that he wasn't as inexperienced as her. Thinking that he might have been intimate with Zhao Yanzi, her shoulders stiffed a little.

Hao Ren kissed her chest and nudged her with his nose.

Deeply affectionate toward him, Xie Yujia couldn't bear this gentle attack. She held his neck clumsily, trying to stop him.

Hao Ren kissed her neck and took her into his arms as if she were a vulnerable kitten or a mermaid who gave her heart to him.

"Oh..." While holding Hao Ren, Xie Yujia lost her thoughts.

Deep inside, she was pleased and knew that she would be his wife now that they had done it.

She had always wondered if he really liked her or just took her as a close friend. Seeing Hao Ren treating her cautiously and gently as if she were a precious artifact, she knew that he had been afraid of hurting her.

He liked her but had been keeping his distance for fear that he couldn't give her his commitment.

Thinking that she had become a part of Hao Ren's life, Xie Yujia felt warm and sweet throughout her body.

"I'll let him do whatever he likes..." she thought to herself as she bit on her lips and pressed herself onto Hao Ren while holding his waist.

Hao Ren liked being hugged by Xie Yujia like this since this kind of bodily contact excited him beyond control.

"We have to go back," Hao Ren said.

"No..." Xie Yujia cried out immediately.

However, upon second thought, she remembered that Grandma was still lying in her ward and didn't have many days left.

"I love you..." Xie Yujia bit his ear and whispered.

Hao Ren lifted her and held her tightly in his arms. While holding her from behind, he pressed his hands on her full chest.

"Erm..." Xie Yujia shrunk her shoulders and let Hao Ren's elbows press on her belly.

The cooperation of their minds allowed her to feel his love.

While panting, Xie Yujia turned around and hugged Hao Ren.

For a few seconds, she bit Hao Ren's chin lightly, feeling like her body was melting.

With her blushing face, she felt limp and couldn't get up. Hao Ren kissed her lips gently and held her tightly in his arms.

"Hot..." Xie Yujia panted out one word.

With a smile, Hao Ren lightly bit on her nose and patted her butt.

"Wait for a moment..." Xie Yujia clung to him, not wanting to move.

She would like to stay with him this way, even for a few more seconds.

"Ok..." Hao Ren enjoyed the tight embrace and pushed her up gently. Then, he picked up a small floral-patterned cloth from the stone table and placed it by her legs.

With a blush, Xie Yujia lowered her head shyly, not knowing why she felt this way. However, she hoped that Hao Ren could hold her like this for several consecutive nights.

"Be careful!" Thinking of the things that Hao Ren had to do, Xie Yujia said to him in worry.

"Nothing will happen to me. Otherwise, what should happen to my Yujia?" Hao Ren rubbed her smooth cheeks and said.

Xie Yujia blushed. "I didn't mean that!"

She had done it because she liked him; she didn't stay with him for this...

"Don't worry. Everything will be great after a while." Hao Ren pecked her pink lips and kissed her forehead.

"Ok." Xie Yujia nodded, suddenly feeling like nothing was important as long as Hao Ren was safe and sound.

After pulling the blanket over her, Hao Ren put on his clothes swiftly and flew out of the cave into the valley.

He had unblocked all 368 openings in his dragon core!

He had reached peak Qian-level like that!

While inhaling deeply, Hao Ren opened the jade slip which contained the Mystic Water Sword Techniques and put his spiritual senses into it.

All the sword techniques and variations spread out, and Hao Ren understood them almost instantly. A sharp red sword appeared in his hand. When he moved, the wind surged up, and the lightning bolts cracked.

Xie Yujia put on her clothes and watched him practice the sword techniques at the valley.

After one night's dual cultivation, she felt like her body had become extremely light instead of the previous dumb feeling when she tried to sense the nature essence. Now, she could clearly feel the tiny changes in nature!

Hao Ren had carefully broken her Stone Physique and revealed the rarest cultivation physique – Ultimate Yin Physique! It was a physique even better than Zhao Yanzi’s Pure Water Physique and Duan Yao’s Pure Fire Physique!

Old Grandma’s Life-Death Notes really had the power that could transform nature! However, if Xie Yujia hadn’t persisted in cultivation, she wouldn’t have had this opportunity!

“Break!”

Hao Ren leaped into the air before falling upside-down while stabbing the sword toward the ground.

The world seemed to freeze at this moment.

Bang! Suddenly, a big crater that was as deep as hundreds of meters appeared in the valley!

Hao Ren felt like all the nature essence in his body suddenly got active, and it traveled to all the small ends in his meridians! Then, his dragon core released radiant light when the 369th opening was unblocked!

The opening in the dragon core that was meant for the Heavenly Dragons!

With the 72 earthly openings at Kun-level and the 36 heavenly openings at Qian-level unlocked, the last one was the Heavenly Dragon Opening!

Hum! Hum... After one night, the 36 golden notes that Old Grandma had left begun to dim, but now they suddenly released bright golden lights again.

Suddenly, Hao Ren sensed the mark of a four-petaled lotus appearing on his forehead!

It meant that he had easily skipped the Heavenly Tribulation!

Hao Ren looked up at the 36 profound notes and suddenly realized that Old Grandma had used the dharma notes to create a small world and tricked the Heavenly Dao!

Gaining the breakthrough with Xie Yujia’s Ultimate Yin Physique, the process was done quietly and didn’t cause any changes in the world!

“Good! You have indeed reached the Four-Petal Realm!” Old Grandma’s voice suddenly came from the outside of the valley.

The changes in the dharma notes alerted Qingfeng Hermit, and she had dashed to Fifth Heaven from Eighth Heaven to check on the situation.

“Thank you very much! Old Grandma!” Elated, Hao Ren yelled toward the outside of the valley.

“It’s too early to celebrate. You have temporarily hidden the breakthrough from the Heavenly Dao, but you will have to go through the real Heavenly Tribulation sooner or later,” Qingfeng Hermit said to Hao Ren.

Then, she changed the subject. “Yujia, for female cultivators, the Ultimate Yin Physique is the best cultivation physique. However, due to your low realm, this physique is too chilly for you, and you must adjust Yin and Yang regularly to avoid hurting your body.”

“Adjust Yin and Yang.” Xie Yujia looked toward the outside of the valley in bafflement.

“Silly girl, do you need me to tell you what to do?” After tossing these words to her, Qingfeng Hermit vanished.

“Oh...” Xie Yujia froze for a moment and then understood the situation while blushing.

“Hao Ren’s wife... Old Grandma has been worried about this...” Xie Yujia understood the whole situation.

Grandma had spent a lot of efforts to make all the arrangements for her, and Xie Yujia gritted her teeth while her heart was filled with gratitude toward Qingfeng Hermit.

Hao Ren turned to look at Xie Yujia and smiled. As long as they were together, they had a lot of opportunities to ‘adjust Yin with Yang’.

Seeing the smile on Hao Ren’s face, Xie Yujia melted inside, wishing to hit him with her fists.

Boom!

Hao Ren withdrew the red energy sword and released all the sword energies from his body!

There were 40,960 sword energies!

Peak Qian-level!

Ten Sides Ambush Array Formation!

Instantly, the valley was lit up by blinding lights.

Bang! More than 40,000 sword energies exploded and turned into hundreds of thousands of sword energies!

Ten-Thousand Heart-Piercing Array formation!

It was one of the last two sword array formations in the book that Qingfeng Hermit gave to him. With this sword array formation, Hao Ren could even kill the Four-Petal Realm cultivators!

While controlling hundreds of thousands of sword beams, Hao Ren raised his head, spread out his arms, and let out a wild roar, feeling all his meridians contracting.

Bang!

Hundreds of thousands of sword energies turned into even more sword energies!

Glorious Tiangang Killing Array Formation!

With this sword array formation, he could kill Five-Petal Realm cultivators!

The violent fluctuations of sword energies shook the entire Fifth Heaven.

Xie Yujia opened her eyes wide in surprise, not expecting Hao Ren’s sword array formations to release such great power.

She had thought that the hundreds of thousands of sword energies were the limit, but she was wrong!

“Withdraw!”

Keeping his arms spread out, he closed his hands and formed two fists.

Many sword energies entered his back like rivers of light before condensing into five long swords.

White, green, black, red and yellow – they were the five-elemental swords!

Any of the swords was a top-tier dharma treasure, enough to turn the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators crazy and amaze the Soul Formation Realm cultivators!

They were pure five-elemental swords condensed with the nature essence.

Standing at the entrance of the cave, Xie Yujia was dazed, thinking that he was the most powerful sword cultivator!

Hao Ren had achieved Heavenly Dao with swords! The five-elemental swords could further combine into the Tiangang Sword which only lightning cultivators could control!

The Tiangang Sword could kill both immortals and devils!

The Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll and the Mystic Water Sword Techniques had merged in Hao Ren’s hands perfectly!

The golden shield which had sneaked away after taking one strike for Hao Ren on the Heavenly Realm sensed all kinds of violent nature essence from Ethereal Summit, and it spun its way back.

“Let’s go to the Dragon God Shrine!”

Hao Ren didn’t spare any attention to the golden shield. After putting the five swords into his body, he moved to the entrance of the cave instantly and took Xie Yujia’s hand before flying out of Ethereal Summit with her!

Chapter 777: Taking Back the Ultimate Treasure of East Ocean!

Swoosh...

The golden shield shot out waves of golden light and followed Hao Ren closely.

Having reached the Four-Petal Realm, Hao Ren’s power was equivalent to that of a Heavenly Dragon cultivator or a Soul Formation Realm cultivator, which convinced the golden shield that Hao Ren had a bright future!

After it blocked one green light for Hao Ren at the heavenly gate of the Heavenly Realm, it was awed by the power of the immortals in the Heavenly Realm. When it saw Hao Ren breaking the heavenly gate and sensed that another battle was coming, it just fled.

However, it now followed Hao Ren shamelessly!

Hua! Hua! Hua!

Hao Ren flew toward the Dragon God Shrine through the soft clouds!

After the battle with the devil dragon, the Dragon God Shrine's white platform had a big piece broken from it, and its uneven shape looked like a broken cookie from a distance.

However, the enormous black palace in the center was intact, and it still released waves of pressure.

When Hao Ren got near the Dragon God Shrine with Xie Yujia, the golden shield which had been following them closely suddenly released waves of golden lights as if it were challenging Dragon God Shrine on Hao Ren's behalf.

Seeing that Hao Ren had leveled up to the Four-Petal Realm, this little shield seemed to have found its master, and it tried to work hard to show its worth!

However, Hao Ren hadn't agreed to be its master yet!

When a supreme spiritual treasure took someone as its master, it must obey the master unconditionally. Meanwhile, the master must cherish this treasure as well.

Although the golden shield had help Hao Ren a lot, its habit of fleeing from danger made Hao Ren look down at it.

Hum... Hum...

The golden shield flew ahead of Hao Ren and Xie Yujia, releasing brighter golden light. It was enthusiastic rooting for Hao Ren to show its intention of taking Hao Ren as its master.

Hua...

In their black robes that had five-clawed gold dragon embroideries, the nine Deputy Shrine Masters suddenly rushed out.

After several days of resting and receiving aid from the Shrine Master, they had forced out the devil essence which had entered their bodies when they were battling with the devil dragon.

Different from them, Su Han had been attacked by Taiyi Cave Master when she was passing the Heavenly Tribulation, and the devil essence had entered her major meridians. Even the Shrine Master was powerless and had to send her to East Ocean City and ask Bai Ze, the demon doctor, for help.

"You're not allowed to enter the Dragon God Shrine without permission!"

The nine Deputy Shrine Masters blocked Hao Ren's way.

"I'm here for an appointment with the Shrine Master!" Hao Ren answered.

Humming with golden light, the golden shield seemed to be seconding his words.

"No one but inspectors can enter the Dragon God Shrine!" Yue Zilong glared at Hao Ren and said.

Hao Ren let go Xie Yujia's wrist gently, and the golden shield went over and supported her.

"I'm here to take back the ultimate treasure of East Ocean!" Hao Ren said slowly and released his aura abruptly.

Heavenly Dragon!

The nine Deputy Shrine Masters who stood hundreds of meters from Hao Ren looked horrified.

“Hao Ren has reached the Heavenly Dragon Realm!” they thought.

They didn’t know that Hao Ren not only had reached the Heavenly Dragon Realm but had gone to the Heaven Realm! He almost fought with the Queen Mother of the West!

Old Grandma who sent him there was a Six-Petal Realm cultivator, and he received help from the last dragon cultivator who charged into the Heavenly Dragon Realm hundreds of years ago.

“Go!”

Hao Ren released five sharp swords which knocked away five peak Qian-level cultivators who stood in the foremost of the group.

Yue Zilong was astonished when he saw the other five peak Qian-level Deputy Shrine Masters being sent away.

Then, he glanced at Xie Yujia who stood beside Hao Ren on the golden shield which was a celestial treasure. He found that she now had the Ultimate Yin Physique, and chilling energy was being emitted from her body!

Hua!

While he stood there in shock, Xie Yujia pulled open her bow and shot a golden arrow at him, the one-time counselor.

Nascent Soul Realm!

Yue Zilong raised his hands to catch the golden arrow but was sent flying!

Swoosh! Swoosh...

Xie Yujia shot out six sharp arrows afterward!

The three top-tier Qian-level cultivators each got two arrows!

Since she had regarded herself as Hao Ren’s wife, Hao Ren’s opponents were her enemies!

Before the three top-tier Qian-level cultivators could react and shoot out their dharma treasures, they were sent flying for hundreds of meters!

After turning into the Ultimate Yin Physique, all her cultivation obstacles had been removed. With the power of Qingfeng Hermit’s dharma notes, she had reached the Nascent Soul Realm when she got out of bed this morning!

Only after one night, she had overtaken Zhao Yanzi. Of course, with Zhao Yanzi’s Pure Water Physique, she would reach the Nascent Soul Realm eventually.

According to Old Grandma, the Nascent Soul Realm was only the beginning of cultivation! Reaching the peak Nascent Soul Realm and obtaining the three-petal lotus vital soul was the first step in becoming an immortal!

Hua! Hua!

Yue Zilong and the other Deputy Shrine Masters of the Dragon God Shrine could do nothing but watch Hao Ren and Xie Yujia rushing into the Dragon God Shrine.

For some reason, the nature essence intensity was much thinner than before in the Dragon God Shrine.

The inspectors who usually bustled around in the shrine were nowhere to be seen.

The open, quiet, and bright Dragon God Shrine looked like a forbidden sacred shrine with no one in the building.

In the small room at the center of the great hall, Elder Luo was nowhere to be seen.

When Hao Ren and Xie Yujia landed on the ground, echoes resonated in the building non-stop.

“What’s happening?” Hao Ren felt weird. He had prepared to battle his way in, but to his surprise, there was not a single inspector in here!

No wonder he had seen no inspectors going in and out of the Dragon God Shrine when he was outside on the platform!

Hua... The nine Deputy Shrine Masters rushed into the Dragon God Shrine anxiously. Hao Ren looked back at them before rushing toward the top floor with Xie Yujia.

The interior of the Dragon God Shrine was undamaged and very tidy. Despite the absence of blood, it looked as if it had been plundered, which unsettled Hao Ren.

It was Xie Yujia’s first time inside the Dragon God Shrine. When she ran up the stairs with Hao Ren, she felt like she couldn’t activate any nature essence.

The Deputy Shrine Masters couldn’t move their nature essence as well. Since they couldn’t fly inside the Dragon God Shrine, they could only run toward the stairs and chase after Hao Ren.

Running up around the massive pillar in the center of the Dragon God Shrine, Hao Ren got to the top floor. Then, he ran along the corridor and dashed into the secret chamber where the Shrine Master lived.

The Shrine Master sat there quietly as if he had merged into the stone. Hao Ren looked at him and felt nothing, which made him doubt if the Shrine Master was still alive.

“Take 20 strikes.” The Shrine Master suddenly flew up and stabbed a black sword at Hao Ren.

“Careful!” Xie Yujia cried out.

Startled, Hao Ren immediately retreated half a step while the five-elemental swords dashed from his body before combining into a five-colored Tiangang Sword!

Tink!

When the two swords collided, the sword in the Shrine Master’s hand didn’t break!

When the nine Deputy Shrine Masters rushed into the secret chamber, they saw that Hao Ren was already engaged in a battle with the Shrine Master.

Mystic Water Sword Techniques!

Hao Ren didn't reserve any strength and used the entire set of Mystic Water Sword Techniques which he had understood.

The Mystic Water Sword Technique had 32 strikes altogether, and each contained 18 variations!

One! Two! Three strikes!

Standing at the doorway, the nine Deputy Shrine Masters were dumbfounded.

Facing Hao Ren's Mystic Water Sword Techniques, the Shrine Master looked calm with the long black sword in his hand. With one hand holding the sword, he placed the other hand behind his back.

His movements were as swift as lightning while his sword flashed!

The nine Deputy Shrine Masters had never seen through the Shrine Master's strength!

With widened eyes, Xie Yujia watched the battle with wonder. Each of Hao Ren's sword strike seemed to have the power to pierce the Shrine Master who was wearing a long robe with six-clawed gold dragon embroideries, but the latter blocked each of the strikes miraculously!

18! 19! 20!

Tink!

Hao Ren was forced back half a step.

The Shrine Master took a step forward and stabbed the huge black sword at Hao Ren's chest like a nimble slim snake.

Xie Yujia gasped and was about to shoot arrows at the Shrine Master when Hao Ren turned his wrist and blocked his rival's sword before using the 21st sword strike.

30! 31! 32!

Hao Ren knocked the black sword away from the Shrine Master's hand, and it pierced a hole in the ceiling of the Dragon God Shrine.

The sunlight shone into the dark secret chamber on the top floor.

"Not bad," the Shrine Master said slowly.

While regulating his messy nature essence silently, Hao Ren put away the five-colored sword, surprised that the Shrine Master was so powerful. When they got to the 32nd strike, he had finally truly understood the Mystic Water Sword Techniques!

It was more like a practice fight than a battle between rivals. The Shrine Master had been helping Hao Ren understand his sword techniques!

An ordinary Qian-level cultivator wouldn't be able to block a single strike from Hao Ren since each of the 32 strikes of the Mystic Water Sword Techniques contained 18 variations, but the Shrine Master had easily blocked all of them!

"You win. You may take back the treasure." The handsome Shrine Master looked at Hao Ren mildly and said lightly.

"Shrine Master!"

The nine Deputy Shrine Masters called out together, trying to dissuade him.

"Not another word." The Shrine Master glanced at them casually and stomped his foot lightly.

Crack... The stone floor beneath his feet shattered.

The golden top of a pillar was revealed.

This secret chamber was on the very top of the pillar which ran through the entire Dragon God Shrine.

Intense nature essence rushed into the broken secret chamber instantly.

"This is the treasure of your East Ocean!" The Shrine Master looked at Hao Ren and said, "Take it!"

"Master!" the nine Deputy Shrine Masters cried out again anxiously.

The Shrine Master stood there with his hands clasped behind his back, ignoring them.

Hao Ren slowly squatted down and placed his hand on the smooth surface of the top of the pillar, finding that the cold-looking metal pillar was hot against his hand!

He slowly closed his eyes and felt the super huge treasure that went beyond his imagination with his mind and heart.

Hum... Hao Ren emitted a wave of white light while the mark of the four-petal lotus appeared on his forehead.

Hualala... Hao Ren's Tiangang energy reacted to the treasure.

"Are you ready?" the Shrine Master asked.

"I'm ready," Hao Ren answered.

Xie Yujia watched Hao Ren nervously, afraid that the treasure would change in some way since Zhen Congming had told her that some super powerful treasures would fight back if someone tried to take them by force.

"Up!"

Hao Ren suddenly flew up and drew the treasure from the Dragon God Shrine.

Stepping on the golden shield, Xie Yujia also flew up immediately.

Golden on the two sides and silver in between, this treasure had a length of hundreds of meters and a width of dozens of meters!

Crack! The Dragon God Shrine which was hundreds of meters high and built with many huge black stones emitted traces of white light before collapsing like building blocks.

Chapter 778: Pacify the Surging Tides!!

Hao Ren flew up with this treasure slowly and was astonished when the magnificent Dragon God Shrine collapsed into debris.

The Dragon God Shrine which had been the unrivaled and magnificent organization of the Dragon Tribe collapsed in the blink of an eye.

Even if the Dragon Tribe established another central organization, it would never be as magnificent as the Dragon God Shrine.

With Hao Ren taking out this treasure, the Dragon God Shrine lost its support since all the nature essence supporting it was from this treasure.

All the array formations lost the power that propelled them.

All the Dragon God Shrine's laws, inspectors, contribution points, dharma treasures, techniques, and heavenly prison became history.

Swoosh! Swoosh... The nine Deputy Shrine Masters dashed out from the debris and watched the quick collapse of the building with regret.

The price of returning this ultimate treasure to the East Ocean Dragon Palace was the collapse of the Dragon God Shrine!

With the treasure gone, the emerging Dragon God Shrine which could recruit all the talented dragon cultivators and overpower other dragon clans collapsed with all its glory.

Boom... The large platform hovering in the high sky lost the support and fell into the nearby sea.

The huge waves surged up and flooded the nearby hills!

In the distant villages, people saw water suddenly flowing up the rivers from the sea and destroying ancient stone bridges.

Hovering in the air beside Hao Ren, Xie Yujia was astonished at the scene as well.

"Shrine Master!"

When the nine Deputy Shrine Masters saw the Shrine Master falling with the Dragon God Shrine into the sea, they cried out in alarm.

Ever since the establishment of the Dragon God Shrine, the mighty Shrine Master had been cultivating quietly in the secret chamber on the top floor and never set his foot outside of the building.

"Did he..." Alarmed, they were about to dive into the sea to find him when a black figure dashed out from the ocean!

“Shrine Master!” The nine Deputy Shrine Masters cried out in surprise.

A few days ago, the Shrine Master had sent out all the inspectors and delivered all the prisoners in the Heavenly Prison to their respective dragon clans.

It seemed that he had expected Hao Ren to come and take back the ultimate treasure. Otherwise, Hao Ren wouldn't be able to take back this treasure with such ease!

“Kui who never comes out of the shrine is finally out!” A dash of light appeared, and the teasing words resonated in the sky.

“There is no Dragon God Shrine left. How can I come out if the shrine doesn't exist? The Shrine Master flew up into the clouds in a black light while he answered.

“Hahaha! That's a good excuse. You technically didn't come out of the shrine; the shrine just collapsed around you!” The pleasant voice resonated in the sky before she continued, “Hao Ren, I got a message from Congming, and he asked me to sustain your grandma's life. As to this little stick, you must refine it into your natal dharma treasure if you want to use it freely!”

Swoosh! With these words said, the light vanished in the direction of East Ocean.

“Auntie, thank you for the tip!” Hao Ren shouted out in a loud voice even though Lady Zhen might not hear him.

After reaching the Four-Petal Realm, he now truly understood the great power of Lady Zhen who was at the Six-Petal Realm

Shrine Master whose name was 'Kui' paused in the high sky for a second before flying toward East Ocean as well with high speed.

Heavenly Dragon!

Judging by his speed and aura, Hao Ren knew that the Shrine Master was as powerful as him if not stronger!

The nine Deputy Shrine Masters followed the Shrine Master, flying toward East Ocean at full speed.

Although the Dragon God Shrine was gone, the Shrine Master was still their leader!

” Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar ¹ ...”

Standing beside Hao Ren, Xie Yujia read the characters in a low voice.

Hao Ren followed her gaze and saw these ancient golden characters appearing on the silver surface of the huge pillar – Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar!

It was the legendary ancient treasure left by Da Yu ² after controlling the giant floods! The weapon of the legendary Monkey King!

It was an ancient sacred item no less than the ten godly items stored in the Nine Dragon Palace! However, since it wasn't a real dharma treasure and must be used to suppress the devil essence in the East Ocean Dragon Palace, it hadn't been taken into the Nine Dragon Palace!

Without any superpowers, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar was only a massive pillar that emitted primitive nature essence and could pacify the ocean!

It was more of a giant ancient pillar than a dharma treasure; it was the perfect material for making dharma treasures since no other treasures could break it!

Xie Yujia was more surprised than Hao Ren since this famous legendary treasure had landed in Hao Ren's hands. Lady Zhen even suggested Hao Ren refine it into his natal dharma treasure!

This legendary weapon didn't have any unique powers except for changing its size. The only other feature was its great weight.

In terms of superpowers, it was no match for the Kunlun Godly Lamp which was once used by Duan Yao!

"Withdraw!"

Hao Ren released a violent wave of nature essence from his arm, but the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar remained motionless as if the nature essence had sunk into the ocean without a trace. Aside from pulling it up, Hao Ren couldn't do anything with it.

Thinking back to his grandma who was still in danger and the vortex of devil essence in East Ocean, Hao Ren got anxious and activated all of his nature essence!

However, as a godly metal pillar which was on par as the ten ancient godly items, it was more than what a Four-Petal Realm cultivator could use.

It would be easy if he just moved it to the East Ocean Dragon Palace and returned it to its original position. However, it was wishful thinking if Hao Ren wanted to tame it and turn it into his natal dharma treasure!

Thousands of years ago, it had been used by that Monkey King for a while, but not as a natal dharma treasure. Instead, it was like the kind of partnership similar to the relationship between Hao Ren and the golden shield!

Not able to keep the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar in control, Hao Ren was dragged toward the sea by it.

"Hao Ren!" Worried, Xie Yujia followed him.

If Lu Linlin and Lu Lili were with him, they would surely find a way for him to refine the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar. But now, he had to tame this treasure with his own will and strength!

If he failed, this treasure wouldn't fly away due to its firm character.

"Go! Go..."

Hao Ren shot out many sword energies.

The dense sword energies surrounded the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar!

Hao Ren had never thought about battling this treasure before, but Lady Zhen's words piqued his interest!

Since the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar didn't have any superpower except its toughness, Hao Ren had a chance to tame it!

If it were a treasure like the Kunlun Godly Lamp, Hao Ren would have his soul sucked out by before he could tame it!

However, if the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar struggled with him, the worst that it could do was hit him, and Hao Ren was sure that he could withstand it since his body had been tempered by heavenly lightning.

"Tiangang!"

Hao Ren brought his palms together.

The many sword energies formed a giant lightning array formation.

It could even trap a Five-Petal Realm cultivator.

With his Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll and the power of sword array formations, Hao Ren could defeat cultivators who were in higher realms. He could even kill Five-Petal Realm cultivators if everything were aligned!

The book on sword array formation that Old Grandma gave him had stunning power!

The Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar stood firmly in the ocean and released waves of suppression, blocking Hao Ren's sword energies.

"Go!"

Xie Yujia shot out two Life-Death Notes and held the top and the bottom of the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar.

They were the original Life-Death Runes that Qingfeng Hermit gave to her, and they could transform nature.

Hum... The golden shield hesitated for a moment and released many golden lights. Despite its fear of the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar, it must do its share at this moment!

If Hao Ren could tame the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar, it would become this ancient treasure's senior since it had been with Hao Ren longer!

Hua! Hua...

Suddenly, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar turned horizontal and began to spin like the propellers of a helicopter.

It had been activated by Hao Ren due to his five-elemental nature essence that contained the Tiangang energy which was common in ancient times.

However, it wasn't easy for Hao Ren to tame it at the mere Heavenly Dragon Realm!

The ocean water surged up violently, and the violent currents almost destroyed Hao Ren's sword array formation.

Xie Yujia furrowed her eyebrows while she controlled the Death Note and Life Note, trying her best to steady the pillar.

If it were a godly item such as the Pangu Axe and the Nuwa Stone, the cultivators who tried to control its movements would have spat out blood.

However, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar didn't have such superpowers; it was only a pillar of sacred iron from the ancient times, and it hadn't even been forged.

Without exquisite adjustments made by immortals or any miraculous spells, it had gained some spirit intelligence by absorbing nature essence!

Compared with the ten godly items, it didn't have an outstanding background or mysterious strength. Despite its age which was as old as the ten godly items, it was grassroots compared to its aristocratic counterparts. It had just stood in East Ocean while cultivating silently with its weak spiritual senses.

If that Monkey King hadn't pulled it up, no one would have known about it.

That was why it didn't want to be tamed by a random cultivator after it showed its radiance! Even the sages couldn't tame this iron pillar!

Boom! The ocean waves surged toward Hao Ren.

The undercurrents beneath the surface of the ocean were more powerful than those energy surges above the ocean. Hao Ren moved his hands and tightened the sword array formation!

The sword energies let out humming noises while each of them was equivalent to a slim heavenly lightning bolt!

"I don't care if you want to submit or not; I must tame you to save my grandma!" Hao Ren roared in rage, getting more furious while he pondered about the whole thing. "If the Queen Mother of the West refuses to save my grandma, I'll battle my way up to the Heavenly Realm!"

" Battle my way to the Heavenly Realm ³ !"

These words made the ocean waves surge up even more.

The Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar which had been tumbling violently in the ocean waves suddenly stopped moving.

Chapter 779: One Step Ahead

Hearing Hao Ren words, Xie Yujia was worried as well.

She was also concerned about Grandma's safety but thought that the issue would be solved now that Qingfeng Hermit had gone up to the Heavenly Realm to speak for them.

"Move!"

The square-shaped sword array formation suddenly tightened up.

Although Grandma was temporarily safe, no one could ensure the same after one or two weeks.

No one could understand the anxiety inside Hao Ren!

He remembered Grandma's old face, the mooncakes that she made, and her expectant eyes when she stood at the door and waited for his return on the weekends.

How could Hao Ren bear to see her die like this without experiencing a lot of happiness?

"F*ck the Heavenly Dao and fates!" Hao Ren would never allow his grandma to be erased as easily as a grain of sand.

While the Heavenly Dao turned into the next cycle, it wouldn't care about a mortal's life. In the eyes of those powerful figures, the mortals were just ants, and saving them would break their rules!

Hao Ren could do nothing about it without great power!

Hum!

All the sword energies entangled with each other and trapped the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar like a huge net.

"Hao Ren, be careful!" Xie Yujia reminded him.

Since these sword energies were connected to Hao Ren's mind, if they were shattered by the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar, he would be severely injured!

However, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar didn't struggle this time. Instead, it rushed into Hao Ren's chest following the sword energies!

Xie Yujia blinked, wondering how it got in.

"Back!"

The real battle began inside Hao Ren's body!

All the sword energies entered his body and chased after the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar!

The 100,000-year Seven-Core Five-Color Lotus released waves of signals, propelling the five-elemental nature essence to track down the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar.

After thousands of years' deprivation of pure five-elemental nature essence, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar began absorbing the nature essence from Hao Ren's mystic crystal like a fish in water, traveling along his hands, feet, chest, and neck.

Astonished, Xie Yujia saw waves of golden light moving along Hao Ren's skin as if a small fish were moving inside his body.

Suddenly, the golden light stopped at one position in his right hand, showing a distinct shape of a stick in his palm.

Hao Ren tamed it!

The golden shield hovered around Hao Ren, hoping that he would take it as well. Even if it couldn't become his natal dharma treasure, it would like to take him as its master!

"Let's go!"

However, Hao Ren ignored it and took Xie Yujia's arm before rushing out of the sea.

When Lady Zhen advised Hao Ren to take the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar as his natal dharma treasure, she had implied that Hao Ren had the potential of accomplishing this goal.

Sure enough, after the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar entered his body and realized that this was a little world full of five-elemental nature essence, it settled down!

While Hao Ren and Xie Yujia flew out of the sea, their clothes were already dry.

Dejected, the golden shield could do nothing but follow Hao Ren obediently.

The best five-elemental mystic crystal and the best natal dharma treasure in the world were a perfect match, and Hao Ren had both!

Seeing the confidence on his face, Xie Yujia finally smiled in relaxation, knowing that his personality would help him get through difficulties.

Boom! Despite their slower speed than Lady Zhen and Kui, it took them only an instant to return to East Ocean City.

The vortex above the East Ocean Dragon Palace became bigger compared with four days ago while the black mist looked even thicker.

This weird vortex had attracted the attention of the world, and dozens of helicopters had been hovering in the high sky during this period.

The edge of the vortex was now less than ten kilometers from East Ocean City's harbor. All the ships docked at the harbor had evacuated while all the police and military vehicles stationed at the coastline showed that no results came out of the detecting devices.

Due to the huge suction force of the vortex, the submarine had to retreat immediately before it could get close to it.

Since the situation was getting out of control, the government was considering the evacuation of the residents in East Ocean City. However, with tens of millions of people living in the city, it wasn't an easy task!

"Yujia, go to Grandma first," Hao Ren said while releasing Xie Yujia's arm.

"Hao Ren..." She looked at him in concern.

"I'll be fine. You must guard Grandma," Hao Ren said.

Then, he looked up and seemed to see a dragon flying by in disguise.

"Go!"

Hao Ren circulated his nature essence and shot out the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar from his palm!

Meanwhile, he created a gust of strong wind and sweep up a lot of seawater, forming a storm!

The helicopters hovering in the air got the order and left one by one, and the police officers guarding the coastline couldn't keep their balance and had to get into the cars.

Vaguely, people saw a flash of golden light in the storm.

Boom!

The Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar entered the center of the vortex and sealed the ancient devil eye at the dragon cemetery of the East Ocean Dragon Palace!

When this pillar was shoot out from Hao Ren's palm, it had been as tiny as about a dozen millimeters, but its width grew to tens of meters when it sank into the ocean.

Pacifying the ocean!

All the currents in the ocean settled down suddenly.

The violent devil essence was instantly suppressed.

With his mind connected with the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar, Hao Ren sensed that the devil essence under the East Ocean Dragon Palace had a depth of thousands of meters, and it would cause more trouble in the future.

"Withdraw!"

Floating on the sea surface, Hao Ren yelled without hesitation, knowing that the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar which could suppress devil essence should be able to absorb it!

In ancient times, there was no division between immortals and devils, and the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar absorbed the nature essence and devil essence to get to where it was. Even though the devil essence was beyond the control of the five elements, it couldn't escape from this pillar's suppression.

Coming from the ancient times, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar was also a hundun treasure and could absorb this ancient devil essence.

In fact, if Da Yu hadn't placed it here to control the flood, it wouldn't have the opportunity to obtain both nature essence and devil essence to grow this fast.

With its mind connected to Hao Ren's, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar got Hao Ren's order and began to suck in the devil essence like crazy. After resting in the Dragon God Shrine for hundreds of years, it needed abundant energy to replenish the stock, and the devil essence was an elixir to this pillar.

While the devil essence diminished gradually, Hao Ren could see that the East Ocean Dragon Place had received little damage.

Except for the destroyed dragon cemetery and the few collapsed palaces that were close to the back mountain, the remaining palaces were intact.

Pu... After taking in the last trace of devil essence, the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar returned to Hao Ren's palm. Without any concept of justice and evil, it didn't distinguish between right and wrong, which meant that it didn't care if it would battle its way to the Heaven Realm or the Devil Realm.

Seeing that Xie Yujia wasn't by the sea, Hao Ren knew that she had gone back to the hospital. After stopping the violent storm, he created an energy sphere and flew toward Eastern Hospital.

The people who were staying by the coastline were astonished when they saw that the ocean had returned to normal with the end of the storm.

In a flash, Hao Ren arrived at Eastern Hospital which was now in chaos since people here got the news that they might have to evacuate. It would be easy for ordinary residents to move, but it was a complicated issue for the many patients in the hospital.

When Hao Ren walked into the ward, he saw his parents, Zhao Yanzi, and Zhao Baibai were in there. Xie Yujia had returned and was talking with Grandma.

He noticed that the golden shield had followed Xie Yujia here and was resting on Zhao Baibai's hair as a small hairpin.

Lady Zhen was also in the ward, taking Grandma's wrist in her hand like a daughter. Zhen Congming stood by her side, looking at Grandma with a silly smile on his face.

Hao Ren could see that Lady Zhen was injecting connate vital essence into Grandma's body by holding her hand.

This connate vital essence was extremely precious to cultivators, and probably only Lady Zhen, who was the Phoenix who could resurrect, dared to use her connate vital essence this way.

"You two silly kids. Since this is my fate, you didn't have to travel so far to burn incense sticks for me in the ancient temple. Ay, there was no cell phone connection in the mountains..." Grandma looked at Xie Yujia and said, "I'm happy as long as you are here with me."

Her tone was filled with sadness.

Yue Yang and Hao Zhonghua looked at Hao Ren and sighed lightly, thinking that he had taken Xie Yujia to the mountains and prayed for Grandma by burning incense sticks.

They didn't believe in such stuff but felt dejected that Grandma had little chance of recovering. The central government at Beijing had sent several medical experts to see Grandma, but none of them could find the cause of the illness while Grandma's health deteriorated quickly.

Ding! Yue Yang's cell phone rang suddenly.

She answered it and nodded. "It's solved? Did it settle down by itself? That's strange. Wait for a while before probing the area again. I'm busy now, and I've got to go."

She put away her cell phone and whispered to Hao Zhonghua who nodded in surprise after hearing her words.

"If you have work to do, go ahead. I'm fine," Grandma said.

“Mom, it’s not a big deal. It’s solved now,” Yue Yang answered immediately.

Since the vortex in East Ocean had gotten out of control, she and Hao Zhonghua had been taken to the site by a helicopter for investigation. Now hearing the news that the vortex had disappeared, they were relieved despite having questions on their minds.

“Zhen, for some reason, I feel better after you came to see me,” Grandma took Lady Zhen’s slim hand and said happily.

“Auntie, you will get better!” Lady Zhen comforted her with a smile.

Seeing Hao Ren standing by the bed, Zhao Yanzi moved to his side. In the past two days, her parents had come to see Grandma several times, and Premier Xia who had been brought to the city by Lu Qing had also come to see Grandma with them.

Thinking that Premier Xia had left East Ocean City to begin his new life, Zhao Yanzi got a little sentimental, which made her miss Hao Ren even more.

Thud! Thud... Duan Yao who was in a small floral jacket jogged into the ward with a hot water bottle in her hand.

Hao Ren turned his head and saw her putting the hot water bottle in a corner before sitting on a small chair by Lady Zhen and reading a comic book.

Boom! Suddenly, a huge black shadow floated across the high sky.

“It seems like it’s going to rain...” Grandma looked out of the window and said with sadness in her voice.

“Yao, didn’t you say that you want to eat spicy chicken wings? Ask your Brother Hao to take you out and buy some for you.” Lady Zhen turned to look out of the window and said to Duan Yao mildly.

However, with his greatly improved senses, Hao Ren clearly saw a trace of alarm in Lady Zhen’s eyes.

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“Ok.” Duan Yao put down the comic book, stood up, and walked toward Hao Ren.

Zhao Yanzi stood up as well and looked at her warily, reluctant to see her get close to Hao Ren.

Before Duan Yao could go around the bed and walk to Hao Ren’s side, the sky suddenly turned pitch-black as if the night suddenly came.

Feeling strange, Hao Zhonghua and Yue Yang went to the window to check the weather.

“Watch out!” Alarmed, Hao Ren jumped over swiftly and pulled them back.

Bang! The double-layer sound-proof windows of the ward suddenly shattered, and Grandma almost shot up from the bed at the startling noise.

“Yu’er! How dared you resurrect him!”

An angry voice came from the high sky.

Duan Yao froze for a second and then hurried to Hao Ren's side. Seeing Duan Yao hiding by Hao Ren's side when danger came, Zhao Yanzi was deeply displeased but knew that now was not the time for bickering.

The intense murderous spirit engulfed the whole city, sending chills all over Hao Ren's body

Still injecting essence into Grandma, Lady Zhen couldn't leave her for the time being. Glancing out of the window resentfully, she was surprised that her Second Uncle had come for her in East Ocean City instead of the Demon Sea!

"Am I dying? I seem to be hallucinating..." Grandma shook her head and asked in confusion.

Yue Yang and Hao Zhonghua looked at each other since they felt like they were hallucinating as well.

Bang!

All the windows in the hospital shattered.

Sirens in the corridors began to sound, and the hospital was in chaos. In the parking lot downstairs, all the car windows were shattered as well, setting off all the alarms in them!

Instantly, almost everyone thought that something exploded in the hospital! The machines in the emergency rooms blacked out suddenly for a few seconds before the backup generator kicked in.

Alarmed, the patients who could move around tried to flee, but many of them fell on the stairs!

Yue Yang and Hao Zhonghua dashed to the door to keep Grandma's ward from being disturbed.

With a grim expression, Lady Zhen continued to inject essence into Grandma. Since she had used half of her connate vital essence, she would need at least 15 days to recover her strength, and thus was no match for her Second Uncle.

"If you don't come out, I'll kill these ants first!"

The booming voice swept across the black clouds.

Clenching his fists, Hao Ren couldn't bear it anymore and turned to walk out of the ward. It seemed that Ya Zi had appeared!

The godly dragon had nine sons, and they all had different personalities. Among them, Ya Zi was the most vicious and blood-thirsty one.

Wherever Ya Zi appeared, bloody slaughters would occur. While he eliminated all the evil, many mortals would die in the process.

However, it was a cleansing process approved by the Heavenly Dao! Since morals were capable of all kinds of thoughts, evil would grow within them. Therefore, such a cleansing process would take place once every several thousands of years.

Hao Ren walked out of the ward and had a glimpse of Su Han's ward next door.

Pale-faced, Kui, the Shrine Master of the Dragon God Shrine, was holding Su Han's hand and injecting essence into her body!

The female Heavenly Dragon cultivator in white had a bloody wound on her arm, and she was looking at Su Han in concern.

The nine Deputy Shrine Masters stood on the balcony of the ward, guarding the room.

Seeing the mild expression and the eye-catching wound on the female cultivator in white, Hao Ren suddenly thought that maybe the Queen Mother of the West had injured her.

As a Heaven Dragon, she had brought him to the Heavenly Realm without permission and perhaps got attacked by the heavenly lightning bolts on her way back while Hao Ren had escaped the punishment due to his relationship with Zhen Yuan Zi.

In reality, Hao Ren had guessed half of the truth. Obviously, this female cultivator was Su Han's mom, and she had helped Hao Ren get to the Heavenly Realm with the hope that he could get the Immortal Elixir. With a temperament like Su Han's, she never placed all her hopes on others. Instead, she would take risks to get what she wanted.

After she left the heavenly gate, she gave others the impression that she was going back. However, she had crept into the Heavenly Palace to steal the Immortal Elixir while the Queen Mother of the West was distracted by Hao Ren at the heavenly gate.

However, she failed in the heavily guarded Heavenly Palace. She tried to break into it with her strength but was severely wounded and beaten down by the No.1 Master of the Heavenly Realm.

Kui who was injecting essence into Su Han looked up at Hao Ren with a grim expression

As a Five-Petal Realm cultivator, he couldn't disengage himself to block Ya Zi. At the current stage, the devil essence had gone deeper in Grandma and Su Han, and they needed masters on and above the Four-Petal Realm to sustain their lives with connate vital essence. If the essence injection process stopped, all previous efforts would be wasted!

Ya Zi had come when Kui and Lady Zhen both busy!

When Kui saw Hao Ren's magnificent aura, he was astonished to see that the latter had refined the Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar!

The devil dragon had fled and hid, and no one could say when or where he would come out. Seeing that the devil eye in the East Ocean Dragon Palace had settled down, Ya Zi had come to East Ocean City to search for devil essence. In his mind, anyone with devil essence was related to the devil dragon, and he would kill them without hesitation!

This was what Kui was worried about!

With devil essence in her body, Su Han would very likely be killed by Ya Zi!

As an Ancestral Dragon who was in the Eight-Petal Realm, Ya Zi didn't care about the opinion of a Five-Petal Realm dragon cultivator. The only solution that Ya Zi had for all the problems was – kill!

Meanwhile, a handsome guy in ancient clothes was surrounded by a group of girls on the campus of East Ocean University.

“You must be an actor!”

“You are here for a scene in our school, right?”

“You’re so handsome! Sign for me! I’m sure that you’re going to be a superstar one day!”

This man stood there in confusion. He wanted to ask for directions but didn’t know how to begin.

This guy who looked melancholy and gentle was Lady Zhen’s husband, the master of the Demon Sea.

He had been taking over the territory which had belonged to Bai Ze when he heard that Lady Zhen had gone to East Ocean City at Zhen Congming’s request. He had decided to come after her.

However, he got lost completely on land. Since he last came to land which was thousands of years ago, he felt dizzy when he set foot on land. Afraid that his flight would alarm the mortals and not knowing if the mortals could see him through an energy sphere, he searched for Lady Zhen while relying on his instinct.

Instead of going to Eastern Hospital, he had stumbled into East Ocean University and were surrounded by a group of girls attracted by his handsome looks.

The students had thought that the end of the world would come with the ocean vortex swallowing East Ocean City. Then, they received news from the internet that the vortex had disappeared and the latest news that a super handsome guy appeared in East Ocean University.

There were several great beauties but few handsome guys in the school, which was why the news instantly fired up the girls’ interest. After seeing the pictures posted online, they were all excited.

Boom! Suddenly, the sky above East Ocean University turned pitch-black.

Lady Zhen’s husband, Qin Hong, looked up while a bad feeling rose in him. He and Lady Zhen had sent Duan Yao to land while they prepared for Ya Zi’s revenge in the Demon Sea, but Ya Zi hadn’t shown up there.

However, he had come to East Ocean City!

Qin Hong was struck with sudden anxiety for Lady Zhen’s safety since he knew that her Second Uncle would definitely attack his niece!

Bang!

Qin Hong flew up abruptly while the girls around him dropped to the ground and felt dizzy.

Meanwhile, the students in the other parts of the campus including the academic buildings, library, and cafes saw an azure Kirin flying into the sky!

Strangely, some students could clearly see a Kirin while others saw nothing but a great gale sweeping up green leaves across the school!

Almost at the same time, Hao Ren walked to the end of the corridor quietly and created an energy sphere before flying out from the window!

Four-Petal Realm! Heavenly Dragon! He had to buy some time for Kui and Lady Zhen!

The Ocean-Pacifying Godly Pillar flew out from his hand and carried him into the high sky with golden light!

Hao Ren was a Four-Petal Realm Heavenly Dragon without going through the Heavenly Tribulation while Ya Zi was an Eight-Petal Realm Ancestral Dragon who was responsible for supporting the sky.

While the Heavenly Dao turned once every 500 hundred years, an Ancestor Dragon would come out from the Heavenly Dao and travel freely in the world, taking charge of the life and death of living beings!

The appearance of Ya Zi meant that all the Ancestor Dragons had changed positions, and Qiu Niu had taken the position to support the Heavenly Dao and couldn't move in the next 500 years.

When Hao Ren flew up at great speed, he saw an azure light shooting up in the east.

Upon a closer look, he saw that it was a Kirin as big as a huge mountain!

A Six-Petal Realm eternal demon king!

"The whole family is here! Humph! Yu'er, I'll spare your life, but I'll kill your demonic husband and the b*stard son!" Ya Zi showed his true form in the black clouds.

With rings hanging on his ears and arms and his body covered in long black fur, he had two jackal's legs and a tail of steel spikes. His eyes bulged in a fury and released waves of chilly light.

If mortals saw him, they would die of fright.

On his magnificent shoulders was a huge ax that was sharp, and the crescent-shaped blade shined like an ancient chopper. It had killed many demons, devils, and cultivators!

He had killed dozens of eternal demon kings until the rest all fled into the Demon Sea!

As to the Four-Petal Realm small demon kings at Five-Petal Realm big demon kings, he had spared them since they were nothing in his eyes.

He had been astonished that Zhen Yu'er, his niece who has pure ancestor dragon bloodline, fell in love with a Kirin in the Demon Sea and even decided to stay in the Demon Sea as a demon!

When Ya Zi got freed, he was furious when he learned that the Kirin who, he thought he killed didn't die, and this Kirin had a son with her niece!

"I'll kill your husband and b*stard son!" Glaring with his crimson eyes, Ya Zi waved the huge ax while the rings on his arms clinked loudly, releasing murderous spirit which turned the entire world red!

The first thing that he wanted to do after returning to the world wasn't killing the devil dragon which disturbed the world but to kill the Kirin who wasn't killed off last time! He would kill their bastard son in the process!

He would kill anyone who tried to stop him!