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Chapter 336: Tian Fa's Decision

Big Bear was on the ground because of the shock. Then, he looked up and started to laugh since he couldn't help but take pleasure in Long Crane's misery. This was right before he suddenly shouted, "Eldest Brother... look! This little thing has a jade tied to his neck... this means it's someone's 'pet'... and doesn't it mean... ughhh..." it was obvious from his cold hiss that he had been shaken.

[A pet...?]

The black-clad man didn't ignore that comment. He turned the little creature around, and noticed that white piece of jade. It was a translucent-white in color; much like the little ones' fur. So, one wouldn't have noticed it if they weren't looking carefully. In fact, Big Bear wouldn't have been able to notice it if he weren't lying on the ground... and hadn't noticed the reflection of light that had denoted the difference between the fur and the jade...

"Tian Xiang City... Dugu..." the shrouded man read these words softly. Then, he suddenly looked up and started to ponder. It was a while before he finally spoke-up, "Again, that Tian Xiang City! It seems that we must head over to this Tian Xiang City. This little one managed to advance there in a miraculous manner. And, this matter addresses our issue as well. This little thing was able to advance despite its frail body. Moreover, there's still a lot of room for its growth. Plus, it doesn't seem that it has suffered from any side-affects. This miraculous technique is genuinely world-shaking!"

Big Bear suddenly recalled something. Then, he started to crawl towards Little White, and stopped right in front of him. He then opened his big mouth, made a whining noise, and bared his white teeth.

Little White's eyes shone. It raised its tiny claws, and made a gesture. Then, it opened its mouth, and whined feebly.

The black-cloaked man kicked Big Bear's posterior, "I forgot that you could talk to it! Why didn't you do it earlier, you fool?"

Big Bear rubbed his buttocks as he inwardly cursed; [you had forgotten about it too. Then, why did you do this to me...?] But, he didn't dare to open his mouth. He whined for a bit, and then he started to make strange monosyllabic sounds, "O! O! O! ..." repeatedly.

Little White's big eyes blinked in excitement. His two paws moved up and down. He made a chirping "O! O! O! ..." sound as well. [The opposite party is a bear, and I'm a panther... but we can still speak to each other! Isn't this great?!]

Big Bear inquired more urgently thereafter. Little White tilted his head, and looked at the opposite party innocently. Then, he whined a bit. He wanted to give an explanation, but he wasn't able to come up with one... and, his eyes were clearly relaying the confusion of his mind. So, he eventually gave up, and hung his head in a dispirited manner. The little creature stared blankly as his ears also drooped down, and he made no further noises...

Big Bear spread his hands to indicate that he was finished with asking his questions.

The man shrouded in black and Long Crane asked in one voice, "What?"

"O! O! Awwooo..." Big Bear had forgotten to switch back to the proper disposition, and had continued to speak in that monosyllabic language. It was then that he experienced a punch to his chest and a kick to his posterior. So, he shouted, and started to rub the parts where he had been hit...

"Hurry up and speak, you idiot!" The faces of the other two individuals had transformed to devilish masks. And, Little White had been frightened. So, he withdrew his head, turned, and moved towards the black-cloaked person's bosom. This little creature was quite young. But, he looked up meaningfully, and realized that the black-shrouded person was the leader amongst the three. Therefore, he knew that he'd be the safest person to be with. So, Little White suddenly whined in doubt, opened his huge wet eyes, spun around twice, cupped his paws in respect, and then stretched his tiny soft tongue to lick the black-shrouded person.

The black-shrouded man flicked his hand like he had just received an electric shock. And, Little White cut a sorry figure as he dropped down to the ground.

"This little thing!" the black-shrouded person uttered with regret and anger. Then, he rolled-up his long sleeves and picked Little White, and held him to his bosom again. After that, he started to pat his head, "...Is too naïve!" he spoke in a strict manner.

Little White was terrified to look at him. So, he just lay prone; without making any movements.

"It said that a powerful... very powerful and nice... very nice man helped him." Big Bear panted angrily as he replied in his coarse voice. His eyes were opened round, and his expression was quite gloomy.

"I asked him how this man looks, and this thing replied — 'good, very good'. I asked him about that man's age, and he said — 'good! Very good!' ...Everything was 'good! Very good!' ..." Big Bear continued gloomily. In fact, his voice was almost a hiss...

"There isn't a single detail in that. How exactly did you communicate, you idiot?!" The individual in black had gotten a little anxious by now.

"There was only one other answer outside 'very good!' It said that the man's smell was also 'very good'. In fact, he said that it was better than that of its master." Big bear continued. He was feeling very gloomy since everything had turned into a mess for him...

"Be content. This little one is merely a couple of months old. So, it's a great feat that he was able to communicate this much. What did you expect from such a young one? But, we have at least confirmed that this 'person' who can advance Xuan Beasts' cultivation... exists!"

Long Crane had a disdainful look on his face. He turned to the black-clad person, "Eldest Brother, I think that this thing is related to that mysterious black-clothed masked man. In fact, I'm certain that it's related to him. There's no one else in the outside world — excluding that man — who could've done this. Moreover, this little one has a master. So, its master and the person who promoted his cultivation must be very close. He wouldn't use this unnatural method if not for a close friend. How could that man use such a method lightly?"

"Yes, Brother Crane's assessment seems reasonable. Why don't you learn something from him, Brother Bear? So, speaking of the mysterious and skillful man's current location... it's quite possible that he's here as well. Anyway, we know that this little one's master is here to say the least..."

The black-cloaked man's eyes had started to shine brightly. He took two steps, and gave a resolute order, "Execute the plan that was decided earlier! But, don't rush at the Jun and the Dugu Family's men. If..."

He then sighed.

"Eldest brother, if we reach the climax of the decisive battle... won't it...?" Long Crane and Big bear looked at him anxiously, "You're at the fringes of the Earth Level... If it had an effect... wouldn't it be...?"

"It doesn't matter!" The black-shrouded person waved his sleeves and said, "This is a battle for prestige! And, we will have at least ten years of stability if we win this war! But, the real disaster would be upon us if we timidly decide to abstain from a fight. I will return to seclusion and assail the twelfth gate once this matter ends. Then, you two can govern Tian Fa at that time."

"Yes!" the other two acknowledged in unison.

The Southern Heaven City seemed to be riddled with confusion at that point of time. And, everyone seemed to be anxious.

That assembly of 'half of the world's experts' was no longer confident of their victory after they had witnessed the terrifyingly formidable line-up of the Xuan Beasts.

The great families and powerful factions had sent their men. Moreover, hundreds of Sky Xuan experts were present. And, there were at least forty to fifty Spirit Xuan experts present here as well. They had been brimming with confidence and had been rearing to go to battle... but that was before the Xuan Beasts had demonstrated their strength. In fact, some of them had even looked forward to exploit this battle since they had hoped to harvest several Xuan cores from Xuan Beasts by the end of the battle.

[This is going to get us a lot of wealth!]

However, those wonderful thoughts had vanished once they had come to witness the Xuan Beasts' 'show of strength'. A level eight Xuan Beasts equals a Sky Xuan expert, and level nine Xuan Beasts equals a Spirit Xuan expert. With that algorithm in place — Tian Fa's strength far exceeded their own. They had forgotten about the others, and had only seen the level nine Xuan Beasts. And, they alone numbered no

less than a hundred! And... the level eight Xuan Beasts must be tens of thousands in number. [How can we possibly fight this battle? How can we do it?!]

[Still thinking about collecting Xuan beast cores? You must be dreaming!]

Moreover, there was the 'myth' that... a Xuan Beast King could equal the Great Masters. However, there were only five of them present at this battle front... that is if Feng Juan Yun was included in that count! And, what was even more unreasonable was the fact that... the strength of Tian Fa's Lord was unrivalled! Therefore, the Great Master Li Jue Tian was at a grave disadvantage on the present day at least...

The leaders of every powerful faction had been immersed in discussions the entire day, but they hadn't taken a single countermeasure until now. If one came up with a plan... someone else refuted it. If one proposed a tactic... another overruled it. However, it was surprising that there wasn't any internal strife due to this behavior. Moreover, there were many who inwardly desired to retreat after having seen the Xuan Beasts' strength and line-ups.

Young Master Jun wasn't at peace either. It could be said that the day been a very tiring one for him. First, he had expended a lot of energy in the matter relating to persuading Baili Luo Yun. He had been mentally and physically tired by that encounter, but he had thought that he would rest once he'd return to his tent. However, he arrived in his tent, and found out that Little White had gone missing. So, he had no choice but to try and cajole Dugu Xiao Yi. And, that too to no avail...

The Young Master Jun had started to feel very tired and stuck since he hadn't been able to make headway. And, the little girl had continued to cry that she had to go and look for Little White. This made the Young Master Jun very restless. So, he eventually roared that he would tie her up like 'rice dumplings', and would send her back to Tian Xiang City.

This immediately quieted the Young Lady Dugu down. But, she was left to fume with anger. It was almost as if she would look for a day and opportunity to get back at him...

Guan Qing Han started to console her as she shot a quick and cold glance at the debauchee at her side. [This brat was quite amused with this little girl before he started to get annoyed. So, why not now...? His behavior has suddenly turned so vile. It's such a shame!]

The hostile gaze of the two beautiful women were like pins and needles for Jun Mo Xie. So, he gloomily left their company, and started to whine mournfully; [my life is full of hardships! Anyone who has a problem... looks to me... What am I... a fireman?]

Then, he ran into Dongfang Wen Jian and Dongfang Wen Dao the moment he got out of the tent. And, the two Dongfang Uncles weren't willing to let Jun Mo Xie off either. They interrogated him about what had passed in all those years; that too in detail. In fact, they interrogated him so carefully that the Young Master Jun became extremely tired... and must've added a few hundred kilos of weariness onto his already tired mind...

[Good God! Can't you let me rest for a bit?]

Then, Jun Wu Yi and Dongfang Wen Qing returned in the evening... with serious expressions on their faces. And, Jun Wu Yi returned to Jun Mo Xie's tent immediately-after he had put the military-affairs in order.

"Is it bad?" Jun Mo Xie asked. Guan Qing Han was seated on his side. She quietly opened her eyes, and pricked her ears to listen.

"It's not 'just' bad; it's horrible!" Jun Wu Yi frowned and sighed, "There will be no battle. There's no military strength here. No one is willing to agree to anything. Moreover, many families wish to retreat. I'm convinced that we'll most-likely face a rout at the beginning of the battle due to the lack of fighting spirit that's prevalent in the camp at the moment."

"What? So, nothing came out of this discussion that spanned an entire day? The situation can't be that pessimistic, right?" Jun Mo Xie was shocked. [How can people be this inefficient?!]

"Pessimistic? That's a very 'optimistic' argument to make in this situation! Do you think that such a gathering would ever come to a consensus?!" Dongfang Wen Qing overflowed with anger as he snorted, "We might've agreed upon a decision to end humanity if it were for those Great Masters' proposals. Every man present here lacks fighting spirit and preparedness. We will collapse in a moment if those Xuan Beasts attack tonight!"

"It appears that Li Jue Tian is a very incapable leader," Jun Mo Xie sighed as he spoke.

"Oh really?! The stature of these Great Masters is truly majestic, but they're still humans. They can gather so many troops for a war, but which one of them has the ability to lead them, ah? Each one of these men has only ever concentrated on their own training. How else could they have achieved so much? But, speaking of leadership abilities... the Greatest Master Yun Bie Chen and Master Shi Chang Xiao could be considered a little better than the rest of them. However, the rest of them are dumb in this regard. Especially that Solitary Falcon... he's a barbarian!"

Dongfang Wen Qing continued angrily, "His words have completely infuriated me! He suggested that we must focus only on the Spirit Xuan experts from now on. He said that we should secretly infiltrate Tian Fa, and kill many Xuan Beast Kings before making a quick retreat. I wish to wipe his arrogance away. He's genuinely a pig-headed individual!"

Chapter 337: They Wish to Entrap Me? They Should Make Preparations For Their Own Funerals!

Jun Mo Xie was shocked. In fact, he was dripping with sweat. [Solitary Falcon is too fearless! I hadn't anticipated that this man would be capable of something like this!]

[Tian Fa can even track a rat's movements within its territory in this time of war. So, how can a team infiltrate with utmost stealth?]

[Let's suppose we do adopt Solitary Falcon's plan, and a team infiltrates Tian Fa in secrecy. They would certainly be surrounded by the enemy forces... And then, the enemy will use their superior strength to annihilate that team in its entirety! This outcome is an absolute given.]

[To die is to die... but this team would basically be killing themselves if we take this course of action...]

Jun Mo Xie had come to realize that he had been too conservative in estimating Solitary Falcon's IQ; he had overestimated it by too great a margin. It seemed that this man's head had become like a gourd after training every day with the Snowy Mountain Eagles. So, his intelligence had come to resemble that of the eagles by now...

"There has been no gain today..." Jun Wu Yi sighed, "Tian Fa has declared war. It has given us a preparation time of three days before it initiates a full-scale decisive battle. And, we're still considering the commander-in-chief..."

"Speaking of the candidates for commander-in-chief — your Third Uncle is quite popular." Dongfang Wen Qing snorted coldly. He then continued in an angry manner, "The Silver Blizzard City immediately recommended him. They then vigorously praised the abilities of the Blood General. Then, the Xue Hun Manor's Young Master — Li Teng Yun — also got up and recommended him... It was almost decided on the spot! Those shameless bastards! They're trying to kill with a borrowed knife! They want to use your Third Uncle's popularity to endanger his life!"

Jun Mo Xie rolled his eyes, "What are your thoughts about this topic Third Uncle?"

Jun Wu Yi raised his eyebrows, "We've come here to settle this matter. So, how does it matter if these people aim to 'kill with a borrowed knife'? This Xuan Beast Uprising is a threat to the entire mainland. So, it must be contained and stopped. Moreover, the upcoming decisive battle is 'key' to all of it! Great men don't do things out of convenience! Someone else will take my place if I don't step-up! Moreover, it's not inevitable that I'll die if take-up this post..."

"Huh...? You mean you accepted it?" Jun Mo Xie stood up, and asked cautiously after he had taken two steps.

"I sure did." Jun Wu Yi replied calmly, "Only I could've been nominated; there's no one else. And, the prestige of the Jun Family would've been hit hard if I were to fear for my life in such a situation and turn the offer to lead this war down. In fact, our family's prestige would've dropped to a freezing point! All the glory and honor of the past — which your grandfather, father, Second Uncle and your two elder brothers earned for the Jun Family — would've been washed away. And, I would've ruined it if I were to covet my life and fear death like this! Therefore... I am duty bound to not retreat even if I may die! A great man earns his name for a reason!"

"They called your name since they were aware that you wouldn't say no; there was no other reason except this one alone. They were well-aware that you won't back down!" Dongfang Wen Qing groaned, "You know that it's nothing but a trap. And yet, you're still ready to jump into it? Is this what you call a 'great man'? This is nothing but a fool's behavior!"

"Then, I will die without regrets!" Jun Wu Yi's expression was cold, "The Jun Family's reputation is everything as far as I'm concerned! I don't matter in front of it! And, I will never allow our family's reputation to fall!"

"Idiot!" Dingfang Wen Qing scolded sharply, "You going to war is just a meaningless sacrifice on your part; nothing more!"

"Real men have to shoulder their responsibilities. And, the Jun Family's reputation is my responsibility!"

Jun Wu Yi frowned. But, he had a determined expression on his face, "The Jun Family will never fall. Father and Mo Xie will still be there... even if I'm gone. So, the Jun Family will never fall! And now, I will step forward for my family as a 'Jun'. Anyway, I'm not doing this because I wish to fall into the trap... or to come across as a hero — This is only for my Jun Family's prestige! The Jun Family will never fear the enemy or act cowardly!"

Dongfang Wen Qing trembled angrily from head to toe. He stamped his foot and cursed, "I've never seen anyone so brain-dead in my entire life! You say something Mo Xie!"

"I haven't crowned my hair in ten years. And, every night I look at the moon and hope to come to Tian Xiang... but I know that the life doesn't go in reverse!" Jun Mo Xie chanted loudly. He suddenly raised his head, and spoke in a sinking voice, "You'll do it in spite of this, Third Uncle? This matter of prestige is alien to me — I don't care about it! And, I'm sure that even grandfather is the same! Your life is more important for us! Also, don't forget that there's someone who awaits you on that snowy mountain. She has already waited for ten years because of her feelings. And, she'll continue to wait..."

Jun Wu Yi's body started to tremble violently, and his face convulsed with pain. His expression became dark in a split second. Then, he tilted his head, and his cheek vanished in the darkness left by the flickering candle. The man then spoke-up in agony, "It's not about prestige alone. The battlefield has taken millions of corpses since ancient times. Which one of them didn't have aged parents? Who didn't have a lovely young wife? Am I — Jun Wu Yi — special? Am I treasured gold? Isn't this enough of a reason?"

"I've made my decision. Elder Brothers, the three of you need not urge Mo Xie. Anyway, I'm convinced that my being the commander-in-chief will have a huge effect. I can at least do better than those good-for-nothing stubborn people," Jun Wu Yi smiled strenuously.

"It's okay if you're going to fight. But, is it necessary that it's just you alone? Can't others go to fight as well?"

Jun Mo Xie rolled his eyes, "How can you lead the ordinary troops and clash with this enemy head-on? It would be considered suicide if you were only to lead ordinary troops. But, many of the powerful families have sent their people to Tian Fa. And, you will need several thousand elite troops for this battle. Moreover, several of them would need to be at Earth Xuan level, and thousands will need to be at Jade Xuan if you wish to win. How do we find so many of such warriors in the ranks of ordinary troops...? So, you must ask them for these elite soldiers as well. In fact, you must even force the Xue Hun Manor and the Silver Blizzard City to dispatch their elites in the troops you'll lead to the battle..."

"Huh? What do you mean?" A bright light flashed in Jun Wu Yi's eyes.

"We can also kill with a borrowed knife!"

Jun Mo Xie's white teeth became visible as he flashed a faint smile. And, they started to glitter in the flickering light of the candle. In fact, he looked like a man-eating beast as he put his hand down, and ferociously said, "This conspiracy to kill you will come with a heavy price. They want us to be finished?! But then, every powerful faction will meet their end with us! Who else wants to leave this world? Who dares to mess with my Jun Family?! How can we allow their plans to work so smoothly? Their fate will accompany ours if we lose even a single drop of blood!"

"And, here is where you should be taking the advantage, Uncle! You should reply on your position in this matter!" Jun Mo Xie's eyes narrowed as a murderous aura surged out from his body, "They plan to send our Jun Family to its funeral, but they shall make their own preparations for the time we emerge victorious in this plot!"

"It seems like we'll be throwing away our lives if we agree to this. So, we must have others to die alongside us! These Xuan experts want you to die by sending you to lead only ordinary soldiers. So, we will keep that as our condition! And, we won't agree to do anything if they don't agree to this demand. Because... that will be a blatant entrapment! And, why should we go to hell when they won't? How come their lives are more precious than ours? And if they do agree, then... he he... who knows who will die..."

Jun Mo Xie gave a cold laugh and said, "Rest assured, Uncle... it'll be alright." Then, he turned and left.

The three Dongfang brothers glanced at Jun Wu Yi, and walked out as well.

"Your Third Uncle has... the heart of a man who desires to die." Dongfang Wen Qing looked at the full moon, and took a deep breath. And, the sharp smell and aura of the forest entered into his nostrils.

"If only I had known earlier..." Jun Mo Xie said gloomily, "His heart has been showing signs of depression for a while now. If grandfather wasn't that old... or I hadn't been such a waste in my early days... then, Third Uncle would've perhaps... He had been suffering from that loss for so many years. Anyone else would've killed themselves numerous times by now...And now, you have arrived. That tantamount to protection for me... in fact, it's equal to me getting a tyrannical patron. So, Third Uncle... perhaps can't bear it anymore..."

"That's also true..." the three brothers sighed as they spoke, "It's hard to guess the blow that matter must've dealt to your Third Uncle. Didn't he always have pride as a 'great man'? We would've gone mad long back if we were in his place. Yet, your Third Uncle has been suffering that torture for over ten years now!"

"This ordeal of his' won't last long — I've decided it!" Jun Mo Xie had gone silent for a while before he softly came to speak these words. The other three suddenly raised their heads to look at him. And, their eyes were full of amazement.

[He would have to face the Silver Blizzard City if wants to erase Jun Wu Yi's suffering. Does he think it's easy?]

"I'm going to sleep. I'm really tired," Jun Mo Xie spoke those few words, turned, and then walked away.

[What?] The uncles were shocked. They felt as if their heads would explode from the confusion. [We were discussing such a grave topic... and yet, this brat says that he wants to sleep? That... he's tired? Doesn't he know that the Jun Family is at the edge of ruin at this juncture?]

"How is this brat so heartless?!" They shook their heads in unison, and walked away.

Jun Mo Xie blew out the lamp. He then thought of a move. Then, he disappeared from the tent; he appeared like an illusion as he quickly moved towards Tian Fa.

He was suddenly outside the Southern Heaven City. Jun Mo Xie then felt at ease, and initiated his Yin Yang Escape at its full force. His body seemed like a meteor as his incorporeal shadow moved onwards.

[It's obvious that Third Uncle is determined to participate in this battle.] Jun Mo Xie settled his thoughts. [I must find Long Crane and Big Bear... and, as fast as I can. It will turn out to be a case of an 'accidental friendly-fire' if those two bastards dared to attack Third Uncle's regiment since they'll unknowingly end-up attacking the people who are on their own side!]

[And anyway... you people think that I can't kill with a borrowed knife? I'm much more adept at this kind of game than you are!]

Jun Mo Xie obviously couldn't act as himself at that time; nor could he show his real face. So, he would have to change his identity into that of the 'Mysterious and Skillful' expert. And, he felt quite happy about this; [it's not going to be easy... even when this skillful expert gets involved. It seems that I will have to work very hard and very ferociously once again.]

Jun Mo Xie felt like a dragon at sea... or a tiger in the forest the moment he entered Tian Fa. In fact, he had crossed around twenty-five kilometers in a single moment.

It was extremely relaxing for him. And, very easy!

Whether it was his outer body or inner soul — everything felt extremely relaxed. And, this relaxed and extremely satisfied feeling started to increase his fondness for the Tian Fa forest.

This was the most dangerous and cruel place in the entire Xuan Xuan Continent as per the common legends. However, this territory was still giving a sense of comfort to Jun Mo Xie's heart!

Chapter 338: Fortuitous Encounter in Tian Fa

There were waves of Xuan Beasts on treetops. And, there were numerous more that travelled to-and-fro on the ground. They relayed information back-and-forth in a continuous manner. Then, there were beasts in the sky to keep an eye on the Southern Heaven City. They would circle above the treetops for some time, and would then return. They would then be replaced by another group of Xuan Beasts. It was evident that these new arrivals were meant as a change of guard. And, this entire routine had been deployed in a strict manner. In fact, the tightness of their defense wasn't any less competent than that of the humans.

It wasn't known how many Xuan Beasts were there hidden in the dark of this forest. In fact, it could be said that each-and-every nook-and-cranny of Tian Fa had transformed into a fatal trap.

However, the fatality of these traps didn't do much harm to the Young Master Jun.

For example, the Young Master Jun had just stepped on a level-nine Xuan Golden Tiger's head. However, it was a pity that the said-Xuan Beast didn't notice a thing. So, it merely continued to chat with the few Golden Tigers who sat next to it...

"Growl... growl, growl? (Did you find anything or not?)

"Oh, oh, growl..." (No, I haven't.)

"Growl, growl, oh, umm, ack..." (I want to eat meat.)

"Oh, oh, ack..." (I also want to eat it.)

"Oh, oh, growl, growl, ack?" (Did your wife find out about your mistress yet?)

"Oh, ack, growl..." (He proudly replied... This is so much fun... There's no way that faded-old woman can find out...)

The Young Master Jun couldn't understand them even though his abilities were exceptional. In fact, he couldn't get a single thing. However, he had glanced at them while they were making a lewd wink-like gesture at each other. So, he couldn't help but halt out of curiosity. After all, it wasn't common to see

two Golden Tigers with such a lewd expression on their face. However, Jun Mo Xie certainly didn't possess that great a 'translation' capability...

Jun Mo Xie was unable to understand them in the end. So, he had no choice but to leave. He was just about to depart when he deliberately used some force to kick down on the Xuan Beast's head. The Xuan Golden Tiger's head dropped down as a result. In fact, it almost hit the ground. "Roar!" it got up with its tail straightened like an iron rod. The beast then looked around in an uncertain manner, and shook its head. It then looked around again, and bared its teeth, "Growl, growl, ummm?" (Did you see anything? Why do I feel like something hit my head?)

"Growl, growl, ack!" the four other Xuan Golden Tigers turned towards their comrade. Their expressions were full of disdain as they rolled their eyes, "Growl, growl, ummm, ack..." (You're going mental! Did you have another sleepless night? You look brain dead!)

"Ummm, ack, growl!" (Bullsh*t! My body is in great health...!) The Xuan Tiger then stretched his hairy paw, and touched his head. He then tilted his head, and pondered for a bit. But, the Xuan Beast still couldn't understand what had come to happen. So, he decided to forget about that mysterious event, and lay down on his stomach once again. He then resumed sharing his knowledge and experience about picking up females with his friends...

Deep inside the Tian Fa forests...

"Did you deliver the battle-challenge?" the black shrouded person was holding Little White as he asked in a low voice.

"Ahem, I reckon these arrogant humans will take up this challenge!" Long Crane winked his delicate eyelid.

"I'll go into seclusion now. It's important that no one disturbs me!" The black-clad person sighed, "I've been feeling the onset of a breakthrough of late. The strength inside my body has accumulated to the limit. And, it's becoming extremely difficult to keep it at bay... this battle has come at a very bad time."

"Be at ease, Eldest Brother. Your breakthrough is most important. You can't be careless. Leave everything to us. Nothing bad will happen," Long Crane and Big Bear replied in unison.

"Ahem, so it is decided. But, you take care of this little thing first. And, try to find its master as soon as you can... before the decisive battle starts. I'm pretty sure that there's a huge chance that its master is one of the people from Tian Xiang's Dugu Family. This can become an opportunity to do some investigations about making breakthroughs."

The black-cloaked man then placed Little White in Big Bear's arms. Big Bear grinned, and put him on top of his head. It looked as if a black gorilla had worn a snow-white hat. The scene was very funny.

The black-shrouded individual laughed for a while, and then his towering figure suddenly disappeared. The speed of his movements was extremely fast.

"Eldest Brother's Xuan skills are becoming increasingly exquisite. He will overtake the Lord of the old days if he breaks through the twelfth layer, right? I can only look hopefully and wait for the rest of my life to tread on that route," Long Crane's voice was full of unbounded admiration and sadness.

"Huh! We both are losers! We're still stuck at the tenth level. We've burned the midnight oil our entire lives, and we've only reached this tenth level!" Big Bear hung his head, and continued in a dispirited manner, "And, we had finally found someone who could help us advance after going through so much difficulty. Moreover, the conditions for his aid weren't very difficult either. But, that bastard Li Jue Tian had to interfere... I'll catch that old man and eat him raw!"

He got angrier as he talked. Then, he grabbed Little White and suddenly opened his mouth wide like a basin. He then brought Little White to his mouth, and it seemed as if he'd toss the little creature into his mouth. Then, he straightened and jolted as he sneezed with an "Atchoo!" His mouth sprayed spittle as he sneezed, and the spray reached a great height. Then, he raised his head once again, sneezed again, and sprayed more spittle.

Little White was frightened by Big Bear's mischievous antique. So, it squeaked and shouted. But, the two Xuan Beast Kings nevertheless broke into laughter. Apparently, playing with little balls of fur wasn't a pastime of common bears alone; it was also enjoyed by Xuan Beast Kings.

One look at Big Bear was enough to tell that this was a rather typical behavior of his'.

"Enough! Stop teasing it! You'll be in trouble if you frighten it to death! This thing's master and the Mysterious and Skillful Masked Expert are certain to have a close relationship. So, you'll be caught unprepared if you're accused of anything..."

Long Crane then looked at a particular direction inside Tian Fa. Then, he spoke in a thoughtful manner, "I was unaware that Snake King was looking for Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit. How can she do it at such a time?"

"Pondering over it is useless. We anyway can't have it. Our power is at the breakthrough level again. So, our bodies will explode if we act stupidly and take one. And, Eldest Brother had said that only they should have it. In fact, we wouldn't be able to consume it at our stage even if we were allowed to. But, I don't know if they can withstand it either." Big Bear caught the frightened and dispirited Little White, and placed him on his head again. But, he didn't dare to mess with the little thing another time.

Then, Big Bear suddenly became furious and stamped his feet, "This is all because of that bastard Li Jue Tian! That bastard and his jinx of a son! Would such a huge force have assembled here if we had been able to complete the task earlier on? It would've been great if we had made a breakthrough with the help of that mysterious man, and had taken the sacred fruit thereafter. But, this father-son duo has made us miss this extremely rare opportunity. This makes me uncontrollably angry. I may not be able to handle the father, but I'll kill the son if I get the chance..."

"We've certainly missed the opportunity. So, there's no use pondering over it; especially at such a critical time. Several Xuan Beast Kings had exploded and died after consuming the sacred fruits when they had appeared the last time since they weren't able to handle the power. And now, if..." Long Crane's eyes were full of worry, "How will it be any good if we lose several more of them at such a critical juncture?"

The two of them became quiet. They then looked at the depth of the forest with thoughtfulness and worry on their minds.

Jun Mo Xie rushed like the wind. He had been searching for Big Bear's aura for quite a while. However, the forest was too vast to make it easy for him to find the Xuan Beast King. He was moving fast when he suddenly noticed something, and came to a stop.

This was because he had noticed that the air in this specific area was very heavy. Moreover, it was full of myriads of wild and ferocious poisons.

[This is an extremely poisonous area.] And, this was an understatement in the Young Master's eyes. Even an extremely powerful Xuan expert would die due to the poison if he wasn't on guard and breathed the air of this vicinity. These poisons were absolutely exceptional.

[What kind of poison can be so tyrannical?] Jun Mo Xie broke into a cold sweat. [It's a good thing that I was using the Yin Yang Escape. Otherwise, I would've fallen and turned into a pile of dried bones with the negligible strength I possess.]

Then, he noticed a rustling sound in the distance while he was thinking of this, and his eyes suddenly turned forward.

There was a flash of green light, and a young lady dressed in green suddenly appeared under a tree. Her face seemed full of excitement as she bent down to look at something...

The young lady's skin was exceptionally fair in tone. Her face was pretty, elegant, and indescribable. She exuded an innocent and charming aura. Moreover, her figure was quite seductive. To speak honestly... her figure was the best amongst all the young women Jun Mo Xie had ever seen...

The front of her body was convex in shape, while the rear portions stuck out. Her figure was streamline from her jade neck to the ankle. It seemed as if it had been engineered by the heavens. In fact, the aforementioned convex areas stuck out to an exaggerated degree. But, the concave area that followed this natural rise nevertheless seemed very smooth; the sight of her body was extremely thrilling to one's heart.

[She looks seventeen or eighteen from her face. I don't know how these people mature... But, she has an angel's face, and a devilish figure!]

He had been stunned for barely a little while when he suddenly became even more amazed at another fact — this young lady had appeared out of nowhere in a place as dangerous as the Tian Fa forest; and, that too at such a dangerous time! However, he was even more amazed by the fact that she didn't seem to be scared of the extremely dangerous poisons that filled the air! And, the thought of this catalyzed Jun Mo Xie's interest in her even further...

An extremely strange plant grew under the tree. It was quite strange in shape, and had a multicolored stem; this stem was as thin as a finger. Nine leaves sprouted out from it. Each leaf sparkled with a

different color, and each one had a drop of dew on it. The dew drops rolled back and forth, but they never dropped off the leaves. A sparkling seven-colored exotic fruit had grown on top of the plant. And, it slowly exuded a concentrated and wonderful smell.

The seven colors gradually converged into one as the scent in the air became more concentrated. And, the various poisons in the air became similar to storm winds, and formed a whirlpool — with each scrambling to get absorbed into this exotic and strange fruit.

Chapter 339: The ‘Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons’ Fruit

[Good God! That fruit has absorbed a lot of poison! I’m sure that even a Spirit Xuan expert would die after he eats this fruit!]

The color of the fruit became richer with the absorption of the poisons. It had become white — pure white. However, it continued to absorb the poisons in a frantic manner.

[Could this be... the ‘Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons’ Fruit...?]

Jun Mo Xie was shocked. His mind was in a bind, and his eyes had nearly popped-out. [I didn’t expect such a fortuitous encounter inside this Tian Fa forest! I’ve actually stumbled upon this nefarious fruit! Moreover, this fruit is nearing its final form!]

As its name suggested — the ‘Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit’ was a fruit with an unimaginable level of toxicity. Jun Mo Xie was convinced that no living being would be immune to its toxicity. [I reckon that even the legendary and respected immortals wouldn’t be immune to such a miraculous and fiercely poisonous fruit.]

This plant needed an area with extremely concentrated levels of poison to grow. In fact, it needed highly venomous liquids to irrigate it at its birth; let alone grow. Even the air itself required to have a dense presence of poison in it for the plant to have a chance at growth. The most extreme prerequisite was that it required an increasing amount of poison as it grew. Otherwise... it could wilt at any time.

Moreover, the growth cycle of the plant was relatively short. And, it could mature in time as short as one year. However, it needed to absorb vast quantities of poison during this time. Even the ten-thousand kinds of poisons accumulated in this area would be absorbed in a period shorter than one year. In fact, a thing that was extremely poisonous before its poison was absorbed by this plant... would become a pile of trash afterwards.

Additionally, this fruit couldn't stop the process of 'ripening' once it had started to mature. In fact, it would wilt or wither if it were forced to do so...

The fruit would usually turn white at first, then pink, blue, green, yellow, cyan, purple, silver, and finally... purple-gold during the process of its maturation.

However, the 'Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons' fruit would no longer be poisonous in nature once it had achieved the final color of its transformation. In fact, it would then be capable of curing any poison in the world. Moreover, it could increase one's cultivation to a legendary degree...

This miraculous change was quite reasonable. Nothing in this world can be considered as 'absolute'. And, anything which has reached a negative-extreme would turn into something positive since things can only move in the opposite direction once they've reached one extreme. Therefore, there could only be joy after extreme sadness. Consequently, this Thousand Evils and Ten Poisons Fruit would turn into a great cure for poison...

However, the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit couldn't be ingested directly once it had attained the purple-gold color. And, even a powerful Xuan expert would explode if they did so since the power in that now-medicinal plant would be greater than that of countless nuclear bomb explosions.

The Hong Jun Pagoda's information on medicines stated that the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit was the sixth amongst the extremely efficacious medicines. Moreover, it was an important ingredient for the Ninth Firmament dan. As the name suggested — Jun Mo Xie could refine this efficacious dan once he reached the ninth level of the Hong Jun Pagoda.

The sixth, seventh and eighth layer of the Hong Jun Pagoda could also use the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit to refine the efficacious dan if needed. However, some portion of this fruit would be wasted in these levels after the refinement had been completed. And, that would tantamount to wastage of a very precious raw material.

This plant would've been called the 'most efficacious plant' if it weren't for its overbearing reactive nature. Therefore, it needed to be preserved in a Xuan Containment box once it has matured... in case it wasn't being used immediately-after. In fact, even the wonderful White Jade Containment box would corrode if the plant were to be stored inside it.

The Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit would wilt after merely one days' time if it wasn't stored in a proper manner. Its branches would then go underground. And, the area spanning hundreds of kilometers around this wilted plant would become a barren wasteland. Moreover, the vitality of that region wouldn't revive even after a hundred years had come to pass...

As for the method of intake... that was simple. One only had to consume in accordance with one's cultivation. For example, a Spirit Xuan expert could take only a drop of its juice; and, that would be it. Just one drop of that juice could advance ones cultivation considerably.

However, one would die if they got greedy and ingested more than the prescribed amount since they wouldn't be able to handle the immense power of this fruit's efficacy. And, there was no room for error in this regard...

Therefore, this fruit was desired by every expert. They hated it, and they loved it. But, it was a headache since they would have to resist the temptation of taking an extra drop; their bodies would explode, and they would die if they succumbed to this temptation...

In fact, death wouldn't be the end of their misery. Even the skeleton of the deseeded would burn to ashes and disappear without a trace. And, they would 'genuinely' cease to exist.

However, would anyone who had the opportunity to obtain this fruit be considered a peerless expert? Most of people weren't strong enough to handle the fruit's overbearing power, and would explode to their deaths...

Therefore, one could well-imagine the fruit's violent characteristics.

Moreover, the abilities of this fruit as an antidote were far from just a 'narrowly saving ones' life' situation.

Jun Mo Xie would've never imagined that he'd enter the Tian Fa forest, and stumble onto such a legendary spiritual existence soon after. However, this was like a case of 'dark' providence. And, Jun Mo Xie felt endless regret at this point of time because the fruit had already turned white...

In other words... the fruit had reached the stage where it had started to mature.

Several poisons must've given sustenance to the fruit in order for it to reach this stage. Therefore, the toxicity in the air was nearing the state of getting fully diminished. However, it still needed to change eight colors before it became ripe.

This final conversion would require a huge amount of poisonous substances for sustenance.

However, it was clear that the available poisons didn't amount to much. In other words... this event with the 'once-in-a-thousand-years-appearing' Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit stood to end in tragedy.

It would become a Spiritual Fruit after it had ripened. But, it was the most nefarious poison in all the three realms before it reached maturity.

[What use will this be now?]

Jun Mo Xie stamped his feet, and beat his chest in regret. [I would've become obsessed with this if I had known of this earlier. And, I would've plundered all the money required to buy poisons to help this mature. The greatest divine dan in the whole world is in front of my eyes...!]

However, Jun Mo Xie was unaware that this fruit had another resounding name in the tongue of the Xuan Beast Kings of Tian Fa.

Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit!

It was unknown how many fierce and toxic Xuan Beast inside Tian Fa had been aiding the growth Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit.

The fruit had turned pure white and florescent. In fact, its outer layer had started to become light pink in many place. The process of the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit's maturity was like the rolling of the wheel of history — it wouldn't stop once it had started.

Jun Mo Xie nearly spat blood.

His life had become very depressing all of a sudden. Nothing could surpass the sorrow of seeing the greatest treasure in the world at an arm's reach... only to be constricted to just looking at it! And, his misery didn't end at that. He was constricted to looking-on helplessly as it turned to waste...

[I would use-up all my wealth... sacrifice everything I have... even sell my blood to get enough money to buy poisons to sustain this fruit if the heavens let me re-live this life!]

[Oh heavens! Oh mother earth! Why did you let me see this ruined fruit...?! It would've been better if I had never seen it!]

[Let me die!]

Jun Mo Xie had been extremely depressed for a long while by the time the green-clad girl with the indescribable appearance suddenly issued a hiss. This was followed by a wave of hisses which echoed from the surrounding bushes. Then, a strange stench and aura suddenly surged up. Jun Mo Xie's blood ran cold. And, he couldn't help his hair standing up.

One could look around, and tell that the entire area had become an ocean of poison.

All kinds of vipers, small centipedes, scorpions, three-foot striped toads, four-stinger snakes — every creature which Jun Mo Xie knew to be poisonous — had arrived in densely packed groups. However, they then stationed themselves in proper and neat formations, and arranged themselves in an ordered manner.

This wasn't over yet...

The sky then shook with loud voices...

Poison Cranes, bat falcons, seven-colored eagles... every kind of poisonous flying Xuan Beast arrived in huge numbers....

Jun Mo Xie was shaken... [so this Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit was actually being cultivated by Tian Fa! ...I must pay my obeisance to them! They've actually saved several hundred years' worth of poison for this fruit?!]

[How much physical and mental strength have they meticulously spent on this?!]

[This is really daring!]

Jun Mo Xie's heart calmed down at this realization. He then began to cheer; [it seems that the ripening of this Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisonous Fruit won't be a problem! So, I'll just sit back and wait.]

As for Long Crane and Big Bear...

I'll wait till this matter is over. The decisive battle is still three days away. So, there's still a lot of time. But, who is this green-clothed girl? Could she be a Xuan Beast King? Possibly the one who's in-charge of the poisonous Xuan Beasts? But, this is outrageous! Long Crane and Big Bear have repulsive appearances! So, how can she look so good? This is shocking!]

The toxicity level in the area had become increasingly low, and the air was about to clear up soon. However, the green-clad girl whistled, and suddenly flew thirty meters into the sky. Then, the Xuan Beasts in the sky swooped down in orderly formations, and opened their mouths to let-out poisonous emissions. This poison dropped to the ground surrounding the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit. Their poison then gave rise to a thick mist that had a very pungent smell.

The Xuan Beasts seemed dispirited after they had spat-out the entirety of their poison. In fact, it even seemed as if their constitution had been ruined. They wouldn't be able to recover even after many years. After all, this was the very essence of their lives... which they had saved up.

The Xuan Beasts which had spat the venom came to a stop. They then flapped their wings, and flew away into the boundless horizon of the opposite direction. They made crackling noises as they left, and it seemed as if they were bidding farewell. And then, they disappeared...

Then, another squadron of flying Xuan Beasts swooped down, and spat venom before they flew away. And, these actions were carried-out in proper order. In fact, there wasn't even the slightest bit of chaos. However, it happened very quickly; it took only a moment of effort. Thousands of Xuan Beasts had spat their venom, and had flown away. However, numerous beasts were still left in the air. And, their numbers weren't decreasing with the passage of time either...

Chapter 340: I'm Stealing this Sacred Fruit for the Sake of Doing a 'Good Deed'

The figure of the green-clad girl suddenly flashed. And, two long chains shot out of her sleeves. They went in the midst of a group of Seven-Colored Eagles, and wrapped around one of them that had dived down in front of her. She then used the chains to snap its skull off. The eagle twisted for a bit, and then died a violent death.

Jun Mo Xie had clearly seen that the eagle had dived down. It had opened its mouth, but it hadn't spat any venom. It had acted with narrow-minded intentions, and hadn't expected the green-clad girl would notice its slyness. In fact, it hadn't even started the rise of its flight when it was pulled down by the chain.

[So, humans aren't the only ones who act mischievously. The Xuan Beasts do it too...] Jun Mo Xie sighed as he thought this.

Then, the green-clad girl spoke a few sharp words to the other beasts. Her beautiful face was brimming with anger. So, it was clear to Jun Mo Xie that she had given a warning to everyone else. And, it didn't matter whether if it were the beasts in the sky... or the ones on the ground — they all trembled with fear.

[She's genuinely a Xuan Beast King!]

[Who except for a Xuan Beast King could have such an effect?]

Countless Xuan Beasts spat their venom around the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit. A puddle of poison had appeared because of it, while the concentration of toxicity in the air had become increasingly denser. Moreover, the puddle of poison was multicolored in its make.

The fruit was in the process of turning pink. However, the ground — which was filled with multi-colored poisons — began to lose its toxicity, and started to become grey. Then, it slowly resumed its original shade. All the colorful poison had been absorbed in such a short period of time!

[This fruit has clearly reached the second stage of its transformation — the sparkling pink!]

The extreme topmost tip of the fruit was so small that it couldn't be seen with the naked eye. And, it had already turned blue.

[The third stage will start so soon?!] Jun Mo Xie was startled.

The green-clad maiden pursed her lips, and whistled. And, the scared Xuan Beasts started to dive down from the sky again.

The plant changed its color three more times, and became yellow. However, no Xuan Beasts were left in the sky by now.

Then, the Xuan Beasts on the ground started to spit their venom under the girl's command.

The green-garbed maiden's face became increasingly nervous — yet increasingly happy — each time the fruit changed color. However, it had soon reached the final phase of its transformation, and had started to turn a light purple-gold in color.

The Xuan Beasts on the ground had finished spitting the entirety of their venom by this point. But, the task of spitting the required amount of venom had also been completed.

"That was close!" The green-clad girl patted the pit of her stomach, and stuck her tongue out in an adorable manner.

[That was close! It wasn't nearly enough!] The same thought came into Jun Mo Xie's mind as well. The two people stationed in the area — one in the open, and the other hidden — felt pangs of relief, and sighed in unison.

Jun Mo Xie was in hiding. But, the look of desire and longing on his face for that fruit was the same as the one on the green-clad girl's.

The Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit began to transform again...

And, it started to turn Purple-Gold this time!

The Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit had finally started to turn purple-gold in color!

This meant that it had nearly ripened!

Then, the fruit blossomed, and shone as brilliantly as the countless stars. And, it seemed as if the shining stars in the night-sky had suddenly descended to the forest.

The beauty of that moment was incomparable, and can't be described in written words.

It resembled a proud and generous King who was overlooking all living things!

The event had been a brief one. However, Jun Mo Xie was certain that he'd never forget the sight of it...

[This spiritual ripening of the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit is the most majestic and beautiful sight in the entire world.]

The green-clothed maiden seemed to be bewitched as well. In fact, she couldn't even suppress the fanatical expression that flashed in her eyes. [I should put this into the Xuan Jade Case. Then, we can all advance and break through the shackles of the peak of level-nine, and officially enter the tenth level! We only need to wait for Eldest Brother's arrival to start!]

This process carried a lot of risk since it was a very treacherous procedure. However, she would still go ahead with it. And, she wouldn't regret attempting it even if her body were to explode in the end.

The Young Master Jun had adjudged correctly. The green-clothed girl was genuinely a Xuan Beast King. She was a level-nine Xuan Beast King of Tian Fa. And, she had been in pursuit of this fruit for the past year.

In fact, the Lord of Tian Fa had made several preparations for this Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit. He had planted multitudes of toxic plants to create this poison valley. And then, he had purposely cultivated a myriad of poisonous Xuan Beasts. Moreover, he had been doing this for the past three-hundred-and-fifty years.

Three-hundred-and-fifty years!

The Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit needed only one year to mature. However, the preparations needed no less than three-hundred-and-fifty years. Moreover, the conditions in Tian Fa were exceptional, and quite convenient for its growth.

Speaking of Xuan Beasts... the poisonous ones weren't in majority. In fact, there would only be one or two poisonous beasts in every ten. However, the Xuan Beasts of Tian Fa had prepared for something as important and big as the Sacred Fruit for three-hundred-and-fifty years.

And, millions of Xuan Beasts had labored in those three-hundred-and-fifty years. Some of them hadn't even lived long-enough to witness this magnificent event. But, they had regularly poured their venom into that area until they had died of old age. In fact, even their corpses had been buried in this area.

And... this had all been done for that fruit!

The Xuan Snake King — Green Hunter — was greatly moved. The labors of the past three-hundred-and-fifty years for Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit had come to fruition! She couldn't help but be shaken inside.

[It's ready at last!]

Then, the young maiden slowly took out a fist-sized Xuan Jade box from her bosom. She then opened its lid, and calmly stayed till. The entirety of her actions were clearly indicative of her the caution she was treading with. It seemed as if she didn't wish to disturb the seemingly inanimate Sacred Fruit of Tian Fa.

[One must wait for Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit to fully ripen and fall. Plucking it even a moment ahead of time will cause problems.] This thought came over and over into Green Hunter's mind.

[Don't be impatient... don't be impatient... careful... be very careful...]

The extremely bright glow from the fruit eventually started to subside. However, its rich smell didn't vanish. In fact, it became even more delightful and elegant. And, it lasted for ages as it transmitted outwards...

[King of fragrance! No doubt... it's the King of all fragrances!]

Then, the branches above the Sacred Fruit trembled in a graceful manner. And, it seemed as if it was unwilling to fall. However, the stem beneath the purple-gold fruit suddenly withered, and turned to ashes. This left the Sacred Fruit to hang in empty air for a moment before it gracefully fell down...

Green Hunter excitedly opened the lid of the Xuan Jade Box to catch it. And, the fruit was about fall into that box...

When suddenly...

The Xuan Beast King — Green Hunter — opened her beautiful eyes wide at the unbelievable sight that had just occurred in front of her eyes...

There was nothing in the empty air!

Not a single thing!

Those untold hardships, the hundreds of years of labor and preparation for Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit... and then, that miraculous thing had suddenly disappeared without a trace.

Counting the ascended and the buried — she was one of the most powerful Xuan Beast Kings in existence in her generation. And yet, that fruit had disappeared from her sight... without so much as a sign!

[What is going on?]

She was extremely shocked, angry and annoyed. Then, she quickly turned the Xuan Jade box to look inside it, and confirmed that the fruit had disappeared. Then, the Beast King soared into the air, and stationed herself on top of a tall tree. Her voice was stern as she shouted, "Where has this uncouth scoundrel come from? Be smart, and show yourself! Let this Xuan Beast King see who has the cheek to steal the meticulously nurtured treasure of Tian Fa!"

The entire forest echoed with these words as they surged-on like waves...

Jun Mo Xie became speechless in his hiding place. [This Xuan Beast King is very ferocious!]

[But, I won't come out and show myself; I don't know how badly I'll provoke this crazy woman if I do. So, why would I appear in the open and get into trouble?]

[I'm not a fool!]

This coldly executed plan had left the Xuan Beast King fuming. The very abled and skilled Young Master Jun had secretly arrived, and taken away the fruit... right from under her nose. He had been drooling over that Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit. So, he took it and placed it into the Hong Jun Pagoda.

It couldn't be kept outside. Even the Xuan Jade Box might not have been able to hold it for a long period of time. But, it would never rot inside the Pagoda.

Therefore, Jun Mo Xie had a huge advantage when it came to the matter of exploiting the fruit.

[I'm very sorry little girl, but I had no choice but to borrow this thing. It's a very useful thing, but it's a pity that its usefulness wouldn't be exploited in your hands. This thing is truly a divine object... and, not only in name at that!]

[It's a pity that I was left without a choice when it came to taking this away from you. But, I did it to avoid a huge calamity. And, it could also be said that I'm helping you. That's right! This fruit is amazing, but the wrong dosage will make your body explode! I have put it away from your reach, and I've saved several of your people's lives as a result! This elder brother is a great person! So, you needn't thank me! I only did this 'good deed' for the sake of it!]

Jun Mo Xie suddenly felt himself to be a righteous philanthropist at heart. He didn't feel that he had stolen a treasure. In fact, the Young Master Jun felt that he was actually saving countless lives... as if he was as benevolent as Buddha. He even wondered how a person as fine as him could be born into this world...

However, this obviously wasn't the right time for the 'living embodiment of Buddha' to appear in the open since he wasn't sure how she would feel about him taking the Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit. In fact, he was worried that she might shred him to pieces in this precarious situation...

"Come out!"

She could neither see... nor hear anyone as she looked around. It was obvious that whoever had stolen Tian Fa's treasure from her would have some tricks up their sleeves. Moreover, he had to be courageous to make such a bold move.

The Snake Xuan King looked around in a flustered and angry manner. She then suddenly let out a severe roar. And, it was as frightening as a thunderclap! She had shouted from the big tree she had stood on. But, her shout was so powerful that trees for miles around — in all directions — toppled over.

The shocking effect of the courage, ability, and skill of the Young Master Jun's actions on the Snake King's psyche... couldn't be described in mere words. In fact, it was so lifelike that even the usage of movie-like special-effects wouldn't be enough to portray it properly. But, that woman genuinely deserved to be called a 'Xuan Beast King'! No one else's shout could've had such an effect. In fact, one wouldn't be able to find someone like her... even if they chose one horsemen for each of the four

directions, and sent them off in search of another individual like her. No other individual could shout like this... even if they screamed to the extent of damaging their vocal chords!