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Chapter 341: Tian Fa's Millions Depend on the Success or Failure of One Person!

"You dare to come here and steal our treasures? You've courted your death! I'll chase you to the ends of Tian Fa, and kill you!" There was still no reply. And, this had made the Xuan Beast King — who was chief of all the poisonous beasts — extremely mad.

[Two generations of Lords had wished for it for hundreds of years. Millions of Xuan Beasts had labored for three-hundred-and-fifty years to grow this. Many of my brothers and sisters had been anxiously waiting for hundreds of years for this fruit. Could it be that I've lost it?]

[This isn't good! I'd rather die than allow this to happen!]

The Xuan Snake King — Green Hunter — was losing it due to the anger. Her beautiful eyes had turned a miserable shade of green. And, her green clothes had started to flutter even though there was no wind. She then looked up, and let out a world-shaking hiss. The Xuan Beast King had brandished her jade-like arms, and had released the entirety of her strength; she hadn't held back even a bit.

This was the full strength of that generation's Xuan Snake King.

The target of that unleashed strength was a circumference of over three-hundred meters with her at the center. And, no living creature could avoid it if they were within those limits.

"BANG!"

This attack was no different than an atom bomb's explosion in magnitude. And, the dark night was suddenly covered with a slowly rising mushroom-like cloud.

It seemed as if this explosion had shaken the entire night-scene. In fact, it seemed as if a slumbering demon had just opened his eyes! It seemed like a huge black whole had appeared to engulf everything in this space.

Meanwhile, the Xuan Beasts — near and far — trembled and hissed as her furious roar travelled into the distance.

The entire Tian Fa forest was suddenly set into movement. The flying beasts quickly rushed over. And, the Tian Fa forest started to resemble a giant creature that had just woken up from its slumber.

An incomparable burst of vitality and tremendous strength had burst out in a short moment!

Then, two other roars emanated in unison. And, they seemed to be in-support of the Xuan Snake King. The roars hadn't yet died-down when Long Crane and Big Bear arrived besides the Xuan Beast King, Green Hunter. The three stood together in a tripod formation. Each of their faces appeared dignified.

A rare beast's footprints could be seen in a secluded nook of the Tian Fa forest. A thick white substance floated in the air like a dense mist would've. And, that white fog had enshrouded a humanoid entity in its midst. The mist was so thick that it almost seemed solid. Any knowledgeable individual would've been gob-smacked to witness this sight.

It was unexpectedly...

The heaven's spirit was being used to move the earth!

The level of this individual's Xuan cultivation was very deep. In fact, this level of cultivation had already reached the peak as per the common beliefs in the Xuan Xuan continent. In fact, no more than ten individuals would possess such power even if the secretive families and the three Holy Lands were taken into account...

The white mist had started to revolve with increasing urgency. And, it had soon taken the shape of a whirlwind. A "xiu" "xiu" sound was being emitted from time to time from this whirlwind. This individual had obviously reached a critical juncture in his practice.

The wild hiss of the Snake King Green Hunter was full of terror, anger and worry. And, her wrathful scream had travelled a long distance to reach this place. Therefore, it had sounded very faintly in this area. However, the sound had still managed to retain its meaning.

And, the message in this sound hit this individual shrouded in the white mist like thunder from the clear sky... to speak the least of it...

The mist was somewhat shaken by this. Moreover, the mist's speed of rotation was also affected by this, and gradually became slower. In fact, it was somewhat scattered. This Snake King had unleashed this hiss with the entirety of her strength. Moreover, her voice was mournful and full of hate. So, anyone could understand that this lengthy roar was full of inexhaustible sorrow and despair.

"Aaah!" scarlet blood sprayed out from inside the white mist. And, the area that was shrouded in white mist was suddenly dyed red by the blood. The white mist that had nearly reached a state of congealment had suddenly been ruined in its entirety...

Sharp breathing sounds were heard from the dense white fog as it started to dilute. A long time passed before the exhausted voice of an individual was heard. And, this infinitely dismal voice said, "This is the will of the heaven... the will of the heavens has played with us... that's all..."

Then, the voice made a few coughing sounds. And, it seemed as if its owner had become weaker in health as he murmured, "The old Lord of Tian Fa had left a few lines behind at that time — 'Tian Fa won't find what it seeks. The Beast Kings will die. The Tian Fa's million will depend of the success or failure of one person'! I've been thinking over the meaning of these sentences for hundreds of years, but I still hadn't been able to solve them. However, I understand their true meaning today. These words had predicted the fate of the Tian Fa forest! Ha ha... that was completely unexpected..."

"The first part said... Tian Fa won't get what it seeks. Green Hunter was guarding the Sacred Fruit. So, I presume that something bad has happened. Why else would she lose her mind like this? The second part said... the Beast Kings will die. I presume that this line foretells our deaths. The final part said... Tian Fa's millions will depend on the success or failure of one person. I presume that this part speaks of the man who stole Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit!"

"This person has stolen the Sacred Fruit at a time when the world's Xuan experts are amassing outside Tian Fa to attack us! Moreover, I was on the verge of making a breakthrough, and had wished to suppress the surge of strength in order for the breakthrough at such a critical junction. Therefore, I wasn't to be disturbed even a bit at this moment. I would've then met that Li Jue Tian head-on. But, I wasn't to be alarmed in any manner at this critical moment. But, that scream of Green Hunter had publicly declared the theft of our Sacred Treasure. Our precious treasure had been lost... so, how could I have felt at ease? This alarm boiled my blood. And so, I was unable to continue with the final step I had

so meticulously prepared for. Perhaps I will never have a breakthrough now! Ah! So, that's what the dying old Lord of Tian Fa had forecasted... okay... okay... However, I won't allow that Li Jue Tian to have an easy time either!"

The voice of that individual became softer, and reached such a low... that it was nothing more than a mere whisper. But, the flavor of resentment in his voice was extremely intense, and had even become stronger with the passage of his speech...

[Li Jue Tian! This your fault! I will kill you for sure!]

"What happened, ninth younger sister?" Long Crane asked with a sense of urgency, "What has made you this mad?"

The Snake Xuan King's face was pale; her lips trembled as she turned around. She was shook all over, and two tear drops left her eyes. Then, she spoke-up, and it seemed that she was choking with emotion, "Third Elder Brother, Fourth Elder Brother... the Sacred Fruit... it had matured... but just when it did... it was stolen..."

Even the Snake Xuan King couldn't endure such a heavy blow. She felt infinite despair. So, she started crying bitterly after she saw that Long Crane and Big Bear had rushed forth to assist her...

Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit had been related to the forest for hundreds of years, and would've had positive effect upon it for many more in the future. So, it was obviously an object of great importance. And, this obviously meant that they couldn't mess up in the regard. Therefore, the Snake Xuan King had been assigned to take care of it. But, the powerful enemy had waited till that critical juncture, and had stolen the fruit from her hands...

Long Crane and Big Bear were dumbstruck. They looked to the heavens for a good while. Then, they turned their gaze to the Snake King, "What? The Sacred Fruit was stolen? How's this possible? How did it even happen...?"

"It's true..." Green Hunter hadn't acted with the elegance of a Xuan Beast King this entire time. She couldn't help but reveal her feelings, and how depressed she felt with this matter on her mind. In fact, she spoke of the entire sequence of incidents in breaks...

"Did you set up a proper perimeter? Has there been any news of the thief?" Long Crane asked in a sinking voice.

"I did set the perimeter... it is intact... every place... without exception... everything's normal... but Third Brother... the Sacred Fruit... it disappeared without a trace..." Green Hunter started to weep again.

"Don't worry! It's true that the Sacred Fruit has been stolen post its maturity. But, our hundreds of years of work hasn't been wasted yet. We still have a chance to get it back! The fact that this person was able to come here, and steal the Sacred Fruit without setting-off any alarms at the perimeter explains two things. The first is that this individual is far stronger than us. We would've been able to spot that person if it weren't so. Therefore, there are no doubts about their capability. We have to accept this as a fact. The stronger are always likely to prevail. So, would it have been easy for you to handle him on your own? And the second point is that that person hasn't escaped after stealing the Sacred Fruit. So, they mustn't be very far from here. And, searching carefully will help us. But, this incident has already taken place. So, there's no use worrying about. We just need to focus on solving this problem!"

No one would've thought that it would be the Bear King who'd manage to calm in such a situation. In fact, he was even focused and tactful with his approach. This was completely unexpected!

[A wise man can make mistakes when he makes a thousand decisions. And, even a fool can counsel the wise at times! Those were very wise words.] Jun Mo Xie couldn't help but praise. [That stupid bear has a streak of intelligence. This is a rare sight!]

The Bear King's words were genuinely reasonable. The Snake King and the Crane King looked on with shining eyes. They felt that those words were very rational.

Long Crane nodded, and silently looked up. Then, he let out a loud screech. And, his screech pierced through the air as he uttered a few strange syllables. Then, the 'scout' aerial beasts in Tian Fa flapped their wings in unison. And, they moved towards the three Beast Kings in orderly formations. It seemed that all of them were crowding around the area.

Then, Big Bear also roared, and the terrestrial Xuan Beasts — including those on the trees — started to arrive in a dignified manner.

The Snake King also issued an order, and the poisonous Xuan Beasts come over...

Soon, the aerial, the terrestrial and the poisonous Xuan Beasts — the three types of them — had come over to that place. A million of them would crowd around the thief, and would prevent his escape if he was present in that area. In fact, this crowd would squeeze him to death even if he tried to cram in.

The land and the sky in that area was so densely packed by now... that it had become similar to an iron bucket. Even water would need the Xuan Beasts' permission to flow out of it... it would otherwise remain stuck there...

Every nook and cranny on the ground, the sky, and even the area underground had been densely packed with the three types of Xuan Beasts due to this move. In fact, the underground terrain was so densely packed with poisonous snakes and insects that... even the rainwater would have a hard time in seeping down to the earth...

[How many Xuan Beasts must've gathered here to create this effect? Jun Mo Xie felt his head go numb. He gazed into the distance, and felt that he was stuck in an endless ocean of Xuan Beasts.

The Beasts wouldn't even need to attack if they were to find the thief. Their saliva alone would be enough to drown him...

This kind of manpower in a search-mission could even find a needle in this vast forest... let alone a living individual.

The Tiger King, the Lion King, the Monkey king, the Eagle King, and the youngest — the Wolf King; all came rushing over at this moment. Each one of them had a dignified expression since they knew what had happened. Their arrival resulted in more Xuan Beasts being added to this perimeter.

And, many more Xuan Beasts were charging-in from the distance!

Chapter 342: The Mysterious Master Shows Up, and Has Some Other Plans

The Snake King felt very guilty. She looked at everyone with an expression of regret. In fact, her expression was almost that of shame...

"Search everything carefully! Check every blade of grass, and every tree's nook! Do it even if it seems like a waste of time!" Long Crane raised his hand as he issued this command. His voice was stern, and his eyebrows were raised as if he was in a murderous mood, "There are eight of us here. So, we'll each be responsible for one particular direction. We must pay attention to each other's actions, and co-ordinate accordingly. The beasts of level nine and above must prepare themselves for a fight. We mustn't allow that man to escape if he's present here. Be warned that this man is extremely capable and skilled. So, anyone who discovers anything unusual must first issue a warning signal!"

The Xuan Beast Kings agreed in response. They had crazed expressions in their eyes. They had been waiting for the Tian Fa's Scared Fruit for hundreds of years. And, it had been stolen just like that...? Who here wouldn't be mad?

The Xuan Beast Kings were on the verge of setting into action...

When suddenly...

An extremely terrifying and earth-shattering pressure descended from the heavens with a loud "Bang!". It seemed as if the nine heavens had exerted their pressure on Tian Fa from the sky above. In fact, this pressure pressed so heavily on their heads... that one could reach out with their hand, and touch the heavens if they were close by!

This power was immense, magnificent and formidable. It felt like a lofty mountain had descended down upon them. Big Bear and the other Xuan Beast Kings felt that they couldn't ever resist such a thing. In fact, this feeling had arisen from the bottom of their hearts. Therefore, they couldn't help turning pale with fear and shock.

The Xuan Beast Kings' cultivation still fared decent against this pressure. However, the beasts below their cultivation level slunk down on the ground in one movement. They then neatly lowered their heads to the ground, and didn't dare to make any movements! The Level Nine Xuan Beasts could barely stand on their feet. However, their bodies — including their legs — trembled. And, it was evident that they didn't have any fighting spirit left in them.

This scene was similar to one when an ordinary person would come face-to-face with a lofty God. This Great God could easily manipulate that person's life in the palm of his hand once he had appeared. So, the said-person had submitted to him, and had allowed the God to amuse himself to his desire...

Perhaps that said-person was marvelous, and might even be a royal by blood. And, perhaps he possessed overwhelming and superhuman power, and could control many people in his territory. But, it didn't matter how frightening... or marvelous... or grand he was! He would still be an ordinary mortal in front of this lofty God! Therefore, the difference between them would be such... that he would never be able to resist the God's influence!

The eight Xuan Beast Kings felt the same thing in their hearts. [The entirety of Tian Fa's strength won't be able to retrieve the Sacred Fruit if this person has taken it!]

No one had heard this person's voice. Nor had anyone seen this individual as of yet... However, this thought had already crossed the minds of every Xuan Beast King...

[This man seems to be more frightening than the heavens! He's like a God! We will die if we are rash enough to challenge him!]

The eight Xuan Beast Kings struggled, and raised their heads to look into the air. However, only they had the courage to do so...

A black figure was suspended in the air. He was clothed in black. His face... and even his feet were covered with a black cloth. However, he appeared as steady as a formidable mountain as he hovered midair. It was night time, and the man was completely garbed in black. But, it still seemed like an extremely bright sun had set forth its unending rays! This figure seemed so dazzling that one simply couldn't look at it directly!

It was only Long Crane and Big Bear who felt a familiar feeling in their hearts...

[Is it him?]

"That fruit was mine. So, I have taken it," the mysterious man announced in an elderly, sonorous, and clear voice. The tenor of his voice was enough to tell of the undeniable authority he possessed. One could discern from his voice that he thought in the following manner; [this is my world. And so, I will take whatever I so desire. This is the natural course of things.]

However, the mysterious person also explained his words, "Because this heavenly material will be too great a waste in your hands." He then let out a mournful sigh, and this sorrowful sigh lasted for ages. Then, he said, "The mere wastage of this material wouldn't have been an issue on its own. The eight of you are at an advance stage, but none of you can safely consume this spiritual fruit's essence and efficacy. I fear that each one of you will explode and die if you do go ahead, and try to absorb its efficacy. There will be no exceptions to this outcome!"

Then, he snorted in a dignified and cold manner, "It would be reckless for anyone to try and take this fruit with such a low cultivation. Such an individual must've become tired of living by then. So, such an individual might as well take a knife to his throat, and slash it if they don't wish to live-on. But, why should such a worthwhile spiritual treasure be wasted?"

The eight Xuan Beast Kings looked at each other in dismay after they listened to those words. There were many wild and untamed hearts present amongst them. They knew that the opposite party's strength was a mystery, and they wouldn't be able to match him. However, they also knew the benefits of the Sacred Fruit. So, how could they be convinced of that one-sided story? Therefore, a bewildered clamor rose in response...

This was especially true for the Snake King. Her beautiful eyes were shooting flames, and her fists were clenched. It seemed that she was about set into action...

"Sire... did we have the pleasure of meeting you in the Tian Xiang City as well?" Long Crane waved his hand to suppress the rising revolts from his younger siblings as he asked his question in a very cautious tone. He seemed rather uncertain, and couldn't help but wonder, [this feeling is very familiar. But, this person is still giving a very different feeling. It feels that this person is far superior to the one we brothers met in Tian Xiang City. In fact, he seems far more powerful!]

Big Bear had the same apprehensions. The two brothers had somewhat realized who this individual was, but they weren't fully convinced yet...

[Could it be that the mysterious and masked person was able to make such a tremendous breakthrough in just two months? This is a very frightening speed of progress! Isn't this just too freakish?]

However, they were completely unaware that Jun Mo Xie had only revealed a small subset of his real ability when they had met in the Tian Xiang City. In other words, he had only set-off a small portion of the Hong Jun Pagoda's real aura field. However, his ability and control had increased since then. Moreover, this object was far more precious. Therefore, he'd need to create a stronger and

overwhelming deterrent effect if he wanted to win this fruit over. Thus, the Young Master Jun hadn't held back one bit, and had unleashed the Hong Jun Pagoda's aura field to the maximum potential he could achieve at his current level of strength!

The end-result wasn't very different in this case either. However, there was still a world of difference in the force he had mobilized. How could these two instances be mentioned in the same breath...?

Jun Mo Xie had showed himself for two reasons. The first was to follow his original plan. The second was the extremely distraught appearance of the Xuan Beast Kings he had gotten to see; he couldn't bear that sight. After all, how many of them must've cultivated this plant for hundreds of years? He couldn't fathom the effort and the labor which had gone into growing it. [How many generations were spent to successfully bring this plant to fruition?]

[Would it be fitting if I were to take it for myself? I should only take a small part of it. Perhaps half of it...] Jun Mo Xie had a clear conscience in this regard. However, he wasn't going to act despicable when it came to the other half of it. Jun Mo Xie wasn't going to allow the generations' worth of hard work of those beasts, and the labors of millions go to waste...

These straightforward Xuan Beasts were much better and amiable than humanity in Jun Mo Xie's eyes. Therefore, he would obviously wish to help them if he could. [How can I just look on as these high-level beasts explode to their deaths?]

[It doesn't matter what happens to my future plans or the other goals I have... It'll be a huge pity if these beasts die. It doesn't matter if I use them or not. I will do this for good karma, and because this is the right thing to do... even if I don't use these guys in the future.]

It was important to note that every person wanted to meet such a master, but couldn't. Therefore, it was obviously important to illustrate this situation in an ideal manner. And, this pretense was an optimal means to do so.

"Long Crane, Big Bear... hehe... your acts have genuinely surprised this Old Man!" Jun Mo Xie sighed like an old and decrepit man, "This Old Man didn't wish to involve himself in dealing with a matter as trivial as the Xue Hun Manor. So, I gave it to the two of you... he he... it was such a simple task. However, engaging the two of you has turned into a 'Xuan Beast Uprising' beyond all expectations; this is quite unreasonable. But, the issue still remains unresolved. Moreover, half of the world's Xuan experts have gathered here..."

"This is your business, and this Old Man has no relation with it. It had to happen, and so it happened. But, this Old Man is quite curious. When did Tian Fa's strength become so weak? This Old Man remembers that we had agreed upon a deadline. It was one month, wasn't it? Since when did one month become seventy days long in Tian Fa?"

"It really is you, Old Sire..." Long Crane and Big Bear recognized him, and burst out together. They suddenly breathed easy. But, they were also flushed with anger and shame. Their faces were hot with embarrassment. In fact, they would dig a hole and hide in it if they could...

[This is very embarrassing! This person hasn't given us any room to save our reputation in the public...]

And, as for the reasons for breathing easy...

It was rather simple. [How could such a mysterious and capable master steal something like a common thief? He presumably has some deeper reasons that we can't understand. In any case, we are certain that we won't suffer any disadvantages in this matter...]

They knew that this mysterious master was accustomed to using such methods in every encounter. They knew that his man practiced his forte of lies and deceit with an "unscrupulous, shameless, and faithless" policy at will. He would break things, hit things and what not... he would take advantage of a situation for personal gain with ease. In fact, this man's mastery in this art was so profound that it almost came to him naturally...

And, they had guessed this right. One would rarely find any trace of conscience in the Young Master Jun...

"We're ashamed, Esteemed Sire. But, you mustn't blame us brother for this. We genuinely went over to that Xue Hun Manor. But, Li Jue Tian isn't a good man. And, he has united half the continent's Xuan experts against us. So, we were left without any other option. And, we then organized this uprising with the entirety of Tian Fa's strength. In fact, we discounted any cost or effort we may incur to complete your task. We made you a promise. So, we have decided that we would accomplish this goal even if it was very difficult. After all, the Esteemed Individual has given us a task. So, we've been going 'all-out' to finish it."

Long Crane looked at him, and hurriedly explained in his defense.

The true meaning behind his words was rather obvious — [we've gathered such a huge force here. And, we've done it just for your task. How can you disregard that? You mustn't side with the humans to deal with us now. You can't act against us now. We did all this for your task, and assembled such a large force to complete it. We've made so many efforts for you alone. But, you are such a unique and exceptional individual... so, we can't say this openly. However, we feel hurt...]

"Ah... the reason why I had given that task to the two of you is because my identity is too important to deal with the Xue Hun Manor. Wouldn't it be too excessive for Li Jue Tian's status if I went and bullied them myself? Was this not clear to the two of you until now? The two of you knew enough to gather such a large force, but you still hadn't realized something this elementary about my assignment?"

Jun Mo Xie's belly had started to cramp. But, his tone was still steady and stable. Though, it conveyed an meaning of regret...

Chapter 343: Whoever Believes in Me Will Live Forever

"Yes, it's about your status? That... you are so tough that it'll be humiliating to deal with him... you'll be bullying Li Jue Tian if you act... because that man is a real bastard. So, you can't do it yourself, and you'll lose your dignity if you do so..." Big Bear drew his thick lips as he spoke this in a fluent manner.

[This has been going on for so long that this mysterious man has also come down south. The original agreement stands voided at this time.] However, there was a faint hint in the man's voice, and it suggested that he would like them to continue. This made their hearts fill with joy. And, they were ready to follow instructions without delay.

[This mysterious man is giving us another opportunity! Doesn't this mean that we have a chance to do what we planned? This is great! Yes!]

It was just that Li Jue Tian was the Second Greatest Master, and someone like Big Bear wasn't even worth a fart to him. In fact, this comparison was an exaggeration...

"Ah, so...?" Jun Mo Xie muttered to himself.

"...And so, we're here to do you bidding." Long Crane and Big Bear's mouths hardly moved as they got up and thumped their chests. They seemed to be rearing to start with the task.

"Ah... if that's the case... good... ah!" Jun Mo Xie sighed like an old man. The tone of his voice was one of waning interest, and one of loneliness. He spoke in a desolate voice, "This old man is in no mood to deal with that young Li Jue Tian..."

"We're glad that you don't have any interest in handling this matter. But, you can feel at ease. We brothers will complete the task in a satisfactory manner for you," Big Bear clapped his hands and responded sharply.

Long Crane had a thought; ["That Young Li Jue Tian..." Good God! This man's manner of speaking is much more mature from the time we met him in Tian Xiang!]

"This... it doesn't matter what the Esteemed Sire is interested or not interested in... the Sacred Fruit is my Tian Fa's property." The Snake King looked worried as she took a step forward and spoke, "This youngster was instructed to guard the Sacred Fruit. But, the fruit was taken from this youngster, and this will be considered as a fault on my part. Therefore, I request that you return the fruit. I will never be grateful enough if you do so, and I will never dare forget this gesture."

The Snake King Green Hunter's manner of speech was neither servile, nor overbearing. In fact, it was according to propriety. Jun Mo Xie was genuinely impressed by this... contrary to what one might expect. It was just that... would the Young Master Jun's character ever allow him to give away a good thing he had already gotten his hands on...?

"Oh? This energetic little girl is talking so sharply that it seems as if she's scolding me. Is that so, little girl?" Jun Mo Xie was employing his evil intentions with those words. His voice had sunk. But, it still had incomparably frightful and tyrannical power in its make. First, he would try to threaten with his prestige, and intimidate the opposite party. And then, he would try to frighten even further... just in case it was required.

Green Hunter's expression was of a person who had just witnessed a formidable mountain. She groaned in a depressed manner, and took three steps back. Yet, she strove to stand her ground... even though her face was somewhat pale. She stubbornly raised her head and spoke, "It's this youngster's responsibility. I can't abandon this at any cost. The senior seems to be offended by Green Hunter's

ignorance, and wishes to teach her a lesson. But, Green Hunter only requests him to return the Sacred Fruit to her... even if he does punish her later for her insolence..."

Long Crane was anxious. Green Hunter had actually offended the mysterious and skilled man. The retrieval of the Sacred Fruit was a trivial matter. However, the mysterious man could easily decide her little fate if he got angry, and raised his hand thereafter. Therefore, Long Crane had no choice but to hurriedly interject, "Please calm down, Esteemed Sire. Green Hunter is young and ignorant. She's only anxious about the fruit. She doesn't mean to offend... please ignore her remarks."

"What Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit? Why are you confusing the names?" Jun Mo Xie continued evilly, "This is obviously the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit! Don't talk nonsense if you don't understand things! Do as you may, little girl! You eight little Xuan Beasts think that you're very strong. But, I'm telling you clearly that you're not! You won't be able to handle the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit! One drop from this fruit will overcome you! None of you will be able to handle it... no matter who it is! This Old Man has revealed himself, and has done this deed out of kindness! Are you unable to tell the good from the bad? Don't tell me that this little girl doesn't recognize this Old Man's magnanimity, and is actually haggling with me...?"

[Second step. Lay it out. If this doesn't convince her, then...]

"Then, to explode and die... would be this youngster's fate," The Snake King was being stubborn. She opened her delicate and small white hand. She was hell bent on her course. And, she was consistently ignoring Long Crane and Big Bear's strong gazes, and meaningful glances.

[You're saying that we Third and the Fourth brother shouldn't be anxious? Our job is to only assist the rest of you in advancing with the use of the Sacred Fruit. But, the side-effects of the fruit are very dangerous. So, it would be excellent if we had another method. And, this mysterious person before us seems to have a better method!]

[Therefore, it'll be great if we can form better relations with the masked person in lieu of the fruit. The profit will be much higher than the losses suffered. Yet, Green Hunter is speaking her heart, and is making a complete mess out of things. The Sacred Fruit is already in his hand. And, it's obvious that he's far stronger than us. So, how can you even do this? It's not like this old man will just leave without causing a problem. It would be great if he does so! But, what if he gets mad? He can get rid of us very easily! So, why are you provoking him with your words?]

"Ah! This little girl's words are reasonable in this regard! This Old Man has taken your fruit. He did it with good intentions, but he has still taken your fruit. And, that is indeed unreasonable of him. But, it'll be a waste of resources if I let your presumptuous self consume it. Moreover, it'll be hard to avoid the threat to your life. This means we have been brought together by fate. This Old Man plans to use this fruit to refine medicine. And, he will do it right!"

It seemed that Jun Mo Xie had a pained expression on his face. In fact, it nearly seemed that he had suddenly gained weight, "This Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit is important for this Old Man in refining his medicines. And, you need this fruit for nothing more than making a breakthrough. Therefore, this Old Man will finish refining the pills, and will give you several of them. You can then rejoice, and make a non-frightening, and non-dangerous breakthrough. So...? What do you think about this? The eight of you are anyway on the verge of exploding to your deaths. So, what do you have to say about a non-frightening, and non-dangerous method where there's no fear of death?"

This was the third and the final step. Jun Mo Xie would run out of all possible means if she wasn't convinced after this. Jun Mo Xie had a mean cunningness to him... but, he would have no choice but to leave in stealth if this didn't work...

However, his words made the eyes of the Xuan Beast Kings present shine almost instantly. In fact, it also left the Snake King to hesitate. Her Third Brother Crane and Fourth Brother Bear were continuously staring at her. They were urging in their heart; [just hurry up and agree to this, younger sister Green Hunter!]

Every Xuan Beast King present was well aware that there was a high chance of succumbing to death due to the fruit's side-effect. They would be telling a complete lie if they said that they weren't afraid or nervous of this possibility. But, they had decided to take the risk for increased strength, and a longer life span...

However, they could now avoid this frightening and dangerous method, and could advance in a smooth and settled way if they wished it. How could they not be excited?

None of the Xuan Beast Kings would've believed these words if an ordinary person had spoken them. They would've thought... [You damned cheat! This kind of nonsense is merely a case of swindling by a crafty cheat! You think we can be swindled? You must be dreaming!]

But, who was this person before them?

[This is a very able person! His cultivation is even higher than our Lord's! And, Third and Fourth have confirmed that he can easily help us advance!]

[Moreover, there is another undeniable and shocking proof... even if Third Brother Crane and Fourth Brother Bear's testimony is unreliable or questionable! That Iron Winged Panther's cub has made it to Level Eight at such a young age! This obliterates any doubt that this man has as some miraculous and devilish methods!]

Therefore, the Xuan Beast Kings looked at the Snake King. And, Green Hunter was left to fidget in her state of dilemma.

"How about this...? You may be anxious, but do you even mistrust Long Crane and Big Bear? They can vouch for me! They thoroughly understand this Old Man. So, how about it? He he... fanciful little girl! Wouldn't Long Crane and Big Bear wish to protect me, and vouch for my authenticity? I'll even refine one for you!"

The Young Master Jun had spoken this in the manner of an old person. He then turned to look for the Crane and the Bear Kings. He then opened his eyes in order to look for their support.

"We will vouch for him. Will you distrust us, Ninth Younger Sister?" Big Bear opened his mouth, and spoke as he took the initiative.

Long Crane was relatively cautious from the beginning. He felt something was wrong since the mysterious experts had taken the initiative to start this dialogue. But, he thought that he was merely imagining things. So, he kept quiet. [Some hope is better than no hope...]

"Agreed, then... how much time will the Senior take to refine the dans?" The Snake King hesitated for a moment since she felt embarrassed. She then bit her red lips, and asked in an awkward manner.

[Damn! She's a heartbreaker! She looked so appealing with that 'lip biting'!] Jun Mo Xie groaned inside. His mind had started to run-off by the time he hastily stabled it. Then, he extended three fingers to indicate a time of three years, "I can finish this in three years... including finding the necessary ingredients."

He was in the middle of speaking this when he suddenly thought of something. So, he searched around in his clothes, and said, "This Old Man won't take you youngsters' possessions in a cheap manner. I had said earlier... that we've been brought together by fate. So, I will help you somewhat. There's some medicine inside this bottle. I've been practicing and trifling with below-quality materials. So, taking these medicines will only increase your cultivation by ten years. Ah! I wish I had better ingredients. These things would've been more effective in that case..."

He took out eight dans as he spoke, and threw them high in the sky. There weren't many there. There was one for each individual. That is... one for each Beast King.

The Lion King and Tiger King showed signs apprehension since they didn't know if they could trust this man enough to take those dans...

However, Big Bear had no apprehensions whatsoever. So, he extended his neck, and consumed the dan. Then, he moved his aura around his body, and became startled. He then called out, "Huh?!"

He had cycled his aura thrice inside his body. And, he had already absorbed the efficacy from the dan. Big Bear was already a top-level expert. In fact, his body was extremely powerful, and no humans could compare to him. So, he could obviously verify the result. He felt startled, and pleased by the result. So, called out, "This dan can genuinely raise your strength! Ah! It has raised my cultivation by ten years at least! This is a heavenly medicine!"

Long Crane also got impatient after he looked at his younger brother, and ingested a dan himself. He was then left to seem pleasantly surprised...

Everyone looked at Long Crane and Big Bear, and figured that this wasn't a scam. So, the remaining Xuan Beast Kings looked at each, and then consumed their dans. And, they suddenly stood erect the next moment. Then, they all looked at Jun Mo Xie in unison... their eyes were fervent.

[Good God! This world actually has a miraculous dan that can increase one's cultivation like this! It really exists!]

[My God! This doesn't even have any side effect!] Each and every Xuan Beast King's eyes had become even more fervent upon this realization.

[He's such a skilled person!]

[Now I'm convinced that this mysterious person is extremely skilled, and can refine those dans from the Sacred Fruit!]

[What did this senior say earlier? "I've been practicing and trifling with below-quality materials. So, taking these medicines will only increase your cultivation by ten years. Ah! I wish I had better ingredients. These medicines would've been even more effective in that case." Good God! What kind of dans will he be able to refine if his dans from below-quality materials have such an effect?!]

[The facts have been laid out now. What's there to be uncertain about? This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! We don't have to make a life or death decision to advance anymore. This is such a great thing! It wasn't even this good in our dreams!]

Jun Mo Xie's cloak fluttered as he floated in the air. He put his hand behind his back, and stylishly floated-up like the world's top-most expert of this era...

[Humph! Whoever believes in me will live forever!]

[I've finally gained control of these foolish beings!]

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Jun Mo Xie sighed with relief. But, his mouth twisted as he implored. [I will be able to cross the sixth or seventh layer in three years. But, I've showed a bold face and made claims to finish their task in a time period of three years...]

"Oh yes, there's another thing which I had almost forgotten about." Jun Mo Xie put his hand behind his back in an eloquent manner, "I heard that there will be a decisive battle between you and the Southern Heaven City. Is this the case?"

"Yes. There's a battle. And, it's scheduled to take place day after tomorrow," Long Crane replied in an even more respectful tone than before.

"Ahem! Tian Xiang City's Jun Family and the Dugu Family have a somewhat special relationship with me. I hope that their people don't get hurt. It is a matter of honor for me." Jun Mo Xie had put this sudden request forth in special manner; it would seem to be a modest request if one were listening casually. But, one would realize that it was a direct command if they paid careful attention.

"That won't be a problem." Long Crane chuckled, "We had never intended to deal with them anyway." He thought for a moment, and took out a green bottle before he continued, "Sprinkle the powder from this bottle on the men from these families before they take to the battlefield. We will surely recognize them if we come across them on the battlefield if this powder is present on their body. And, we won't fight back even if they attack us."

"Thanks a lot for this." Jun Mo Xie smiled slightly. He showed neither happiness nor relief. The Young Master merely maintained a regular, mild, and easy appearance.

The Xuan Beasts suddenly saw a flourishing spectacle. The shadow of the mysterious man couldn't be seen in the sky for a moment. Then, he had returned to his original position a moment later. The green bottle in Long Crane's hand had also disappeared at that exact moment.

[Such a magical move...!]

The Beast Kings had started to admire him even more.

He then considered the two objectives complete, and decided to return. But, Jun Mo Xie naturally spoke a few words before he left; for he feared that the Xuan Beasts might think that he'd go back on his word if he vanished abruptly...

However, he hadn't gotten far when he thought to himself; [the decisive battle takes place day after tomorrow. That's still a while away. But, I've stumbled upon this Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit here. How surprising! How many other miraculous treasures might I find in this place for ingredients? How could this Young Master forget the main reason he came to this place?]

An unbearable itch overtook his heart as this thought came to his mind.

He initiated the Yin-Yang escape. His body flashed, and he leapt deeper into the forest.

Within the forest...

"Third Elder Brother, Fourth Elder Brother, quickly tell me who that mysterious man is. And, how are you two so familiar with him? You vouched our Tian Fa to him without even batting an eyelid. And, you even guaranteed out our treasure...?"

The Snake King Green Hunter asked in a doubtful tone, "I understand that this person's power is unknown, and he's far more powerful than us. But, I wish to know why you were so eager in his presence? Could it be that you have that much faith in him? This fruit was the jewel of our forest... we had labored for over three-hundred years to procure this fruit!"

Everyone else also looked at Long Crane and Big Bear after they heard this. Their heads were muddled to be honest. The Young Master Jun's alter-ego had displayed a tremendous strength. It could even be said that he was the strongest in the whole world. But, he was no threat to Tian Fa. Long Crane and Big Bear had talked about him before as well. However, the Xuan Beast Kings wouldn't have cowered and given way... even if Jun Mo Xie was difficult to deal with, and could kill each one of the Beast Kings...

Long Crane and Big Bear had a proud look on their faces. After all, their relation with this unrivalled master had provided their siblings a means to advance without any dangers of a backlash. Therefore, they had effectively done a great service to their Tian Fa.

All of them could advance. That too without any worries or fears! Therefore, their eyes were already full of the boundless prospects of the future...

[Something this good has never happened in the Tian Fa forest!]

[This event will create history!]

The two joyfully opened their mouth in order to show-off and speak a few words to display their superior personality. [Won't having such a wide circle of friends mean having superior personality?] But, they immediately shut their mouths after they opened them since they were struck by a realization...

[Yes ah! Who knows who this mysterious person is?] The two elder brothers of the Xuan Beast Kings only knew him as Feng Qing Yang. But, little did they know that this name wasn't real. As for who this person was... or where he lived and how he behaved...? These two didn't know what to say about any of that. In fact, the two Xuan Beast Kings hadn't discovered this most critical problem until this moment...

[My God!]

[The two of us have trusted someone we know nothing about with such a big guarantee!]

[We were both so eager... and we did as was ordered!]

[But, how will us two brothers find him for getting the dans which will help everyone advance if we get no news and if there isn't any communication from him after three years...?]

[Consuming the sacred fruit did have a huge risk. One could explode from doing so. But, it's a sure method to increase one's strength! The no-risk and absolutely safe method did seem attractive, but it's only like a bread drawn on paper at present. It won't mean anything if we didn't get to eat it. I don't know how we'll find him if this deal falls through!]

They didn't know what to do after they thought it through clearly. The two Xuan Beast Kings looked at each other; they were at a loss as to what they could do...

The two had been caught unprepared.

The rest of the Xuan Beast Kings looked to the two for answers. But, the two weren't making things clear. In fact, the others could also see that their complexion wasn't good. So, they nervously asked, "What's the matter Third Brother, Fourth Brother? Why don't you speak? Why are you keeping these things hidden from your younger siblings...!?"

[Why? You think we wipe his uncle's...? You're asking us for answers, but who do we ask?]

[Damn! He won't betray us brothers, right?] The thoughts of both the brothers were getting increasingly muddled at that point.

Long Crane was depressed. He couldn't help but flip his eyeballs as he spoke-up, "Your anxiety isn't worth a fart! That man is a top-class expert with amazing cultivation. He may even be regarded as the strongest master ever born! Why would he diminish his reputation for a matter as trivial as taking away the sacred fruit from us? Anyway, do you think we could've resisted if he had wanted to take it from us by force? You need to be patient if you want this benefit. Why are you in a rush? That master said that he'll finish our assignment in the next three years? What's three years for us Beast Kings? We can sleep for a period longer than that! Now, why don't you guys start acting like Beast Kings again? Go about your own business! We have a battle upcoming in two days' time!"

Big Bear hastily cut-in, "Exactly! Looking at your morose appearance is a pain in the ass! Hurry up and get lost! What are you waiting for? Just go! Raise your spirits! Not many enemies will be able to match you in the future!"

The other Xuan Beast Kings felt discontent and unhappy. They cursed in the secrecy of their hearts; [you looked morose yourself! You think you are the only ones who are allowed to feel that way? How can we not feel bad, huh?] Though, they could do nothing else after they looked at the serious expressions on their two brothers' faces. They then scattered, and went away. But, the prospect of that beautiful dream continued to linger in their hearts. [Ah, we'll make a safe and seamless breakthrough in three years!]

Long Crane had spoken the truth. Three years was nothing to these Xuan Beast Kings; it was a very short period of time in their eyes. They had extremely long life-spans. They weren't immortal. But, their lives were tenfold longer than those of an ordinary person. Perhaps much more than tenfold...!

[Three years' wait for advancement and longer life...! This is very profitable. It was like heavenly meat had fallen from the sky. Sure, there are some doubts, but this mysterious expert deserves complete trust. Moreover, he had displayed his amazing cultivation. Moreover, everyone experienced a 'ten year leap' in their cultivation by merely taking those dans of his'. Forget about eating or even seeing such a magical thing... no one has even heard of something like this before!]

[Those dans have increased our cultivation by ten years. That's simply against the natural order of things! Could anything be impossible for this mysterious man?]

Therefore, it was only natural that Long Crane and Big Bear didn't have any misgivings regarding the mysterious person. Moreover, Jun Mo Xie had never intended to renege on this deal either.

This was a chanced-upon opportunity for him, and would be good for him as well. Wouldn't they owe him a big favor if they all managed to advance through their bottlenecks safely? [Wouldn't that mean that I would acquire many powerful thugs for free?]

[Moreover, each one of them would be an apex-level warrior! Ah...]

The Young Master Jun felt free of worry... and pleasant with that treasure in his hand. His entire journey forward had been pleasant and full of surprises since he had left the Xuan Beast Kings...

[This Tian Fa forest isn't a fu*king treasure in name only! This has gotten me very excited! I couldn't find any of these ingredients in Tian Xiang City. My efforts failed even when I had searched the entire place so painstakingly, and had exerted the entirety of my strength. But, I can find everything here en masse! No ingredient is rare here. I can find anything I want... as long as I look for it seriously. And, they aren't present in a small number either... their quantity here is huge!]

[And, it looks like no one has ever collected any of them!]

[This is great! This is really great!]

[There are so many ingredients for the Peak Level Nine Xuan Dans! Like Tri-Colored Spirit Mushroom, Heavenly Star Grass, Level Nine Xuan Root. I've already stumbled upon these three herbs. They are few of the rarest herbs of the age, and can't be easily found. In fact, I've actually found some Heavenly Star Grass! This is only second to the Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit! And, such a legendary grade medicine actually exists here in abundance!]

This had come as a huge surprise to him! He had seemingly got the 'cherry pick'.

Jun Mo Xie felt warm inside. He continued to use the Yin Yang Escape as he went deeper into the forest. He saw many rare ingredients, and stored all of them inside the Hong Jun Pagoda. But, he hadn't gone very far when he started to feel that something was off...!

This was because there were no traces of any Xuan Beasts in the area that lay in front of him. There were no birds in the sky. And, the ground was so clean that not an ant could be seen crawling on it. What was really unreasonable was that he couldn't even feel half an earthworm inside the ground.

[This place is too silent and desolate!]

[Don't tell me that there's another Thousand Evils and Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit here?!]

Jun Mo Xie looked around at the flowers and trees. They were all lush. He circulated the Art of Unlocking the Heaven's Fortune, and breathed the air in. It was fresh, and there was no hint of poison in it. Moreover, there was a spiritual influence at play there. And, it was surprisingly in abundance.

[This area is so vibrant. But, why isn't there a single trace of any beast here...?]

[This is extremely strange!]

Jun Mo Xie carefully drifted forward a bit, and then walked inside. The trees and the flowers got increasingly lush. But, there was no sound of activity... same as before. The air too got increasingly fresh and pleasant.

Jun Mo Xie finally stopped the Yin Yang Escape, and showed himself in the woods. He looked around as he walked forward, and then inhaled a lung-full of the comfortable air. There were bright purple and red colors all around him. It was late autumn. But, everything still seemed very lush in this vicinity. This place was seemingly unaffected by the seasons. The vegetation was still extremely lush...

It was extremely quiet there. Then, Jun Mo Xie suddenly felt a subtle sensation. It was like his mind had grown fickle and impatient in this world. Everything had become quiet in the blink of an eye.

Everything was so quiet that it made one revel in the past. It made one's mind feel at ease, and made them feel like their souls had been cleansed...

The ground Jun Mo Xie had just stepped-on had a silky feel to it... like the grass of a meadow. It rustled softly as he moved forward. He felt like he was walking in dreamland. The myriads of problems that had clogged his mind disappeared, and he felt his mind going empty... like he was sleep-walking.

Jun Mo Xie walked as if he was unconscious. He then involuntarily walked over to a lone tree, and sat down beneath it. And, he did this with extremely gentle movements; as if he was afraid that making any noise would ruin the tranquility of his mind.

The young man remained seated very calmly. There was perplexity in his eyes as he brought a hand to his chin while he looked ahead. He couldn't see properly. It seemed as if the area was covered in mist... or he was drunk...

Hostilities had filled his soul for a long time. But, some of it had seemingly started to slip away from his body via a drip. He then had a mysterious feeling. Then, he felt disappointment... as if a butcher had laid down his knife. The Young Master then felt aloof... like he had transformed into a Buddha-like state of mind...

A small blossom revolved as it floated down from the tree. It silently fell down on his shoulders, but he didn't become aware of it because of the flurry he was in. There was a light breeze. And, the hair at the edge of his hairline started to sway gently...

It seemed like centuries had already passed. But, it also felt like all of this had happened in a brief moment...

"The flower bud swiftly falls on the lone man." Jun Mo Xie sighed slightly, and raised his head. He then shaded his eyes to look ahead at the picturesque scenery. He took a deep breath, "This is so beautiful that even a blood-soaked killer like me feels elated and detached in its seclusion!"

Jun Mo Xie reluctantly looked around at the surroundings. His mind opened up. He chuckled and spoke-up in self-mockery, "Staying in this serenity for merely one day can be life's greatest pleasure. But, such an elegant paradise isn't suitable for a killer like me."

His figure then floated up without touching the moist and soft grass underneath. Jun Mo Xie relished the soft breeze for a bit, and then suddenly rushed forward.

There was thick growth of trees ahead. In fact, there was no gap between them. They were maybe hundreds... or perhaps thousands of years old from the looks of it. They crowded together with no gap between two trees. In fact, it seemed as if they were growing on the same place. They were seemingly fencing something from the surrounding area, and had effectively formed an enclosure...

"How can someone reside in such a place?" Hit-man Jun was curious. But, he possessed the caution of an assassin. So, he initiated the Yin-Yang Escape, and entered it as light as a feather.

"My Heavens! What a beautiful place!" there was a small valley within those closely packed trees! There were no constructions in it, but it still had some natural and muddy hovels within. It seemed as if this place had been made by the heavens. In fact, this place was extremely shocking and amazing!

A burst of faint and wonderful scent was coming from flowers hidden at a distance. This scent hit Jun Mo Xie's nose, and he couldn't help but eagerly stretch his neck to breathe it in. He suddenly felt a burst of extreme comfort, and his spirits rose up. He followed the scent, and hadn't gone far when he saw something. It made him want to shout out, and he eventually had to cover his mouth with his hand...

There was a massive and solid tree in front of him. It grew on gravel. However, the gravel was exuding three bright colors — gold, red and white. These three colors glittered so splendidly that they took Jun Mo Xie's breath away.

It appeared that the treasure — the Tri-Colored mushroom — grew there. Moreover, there weren't just seven or eight of them under that tree's trunk... several grew in every nook and cranny; they were practically growing there as if they were cabbage in a farm. And, one could also find many other rare herbs there...

[I'm not dreaming, right?]

Jun Mo Xie was suddenly overcome with a great sense of happiness. He had coveted this mushroom for a long time. He could rise to the third level, and refine the Cleansed Marrow Dan. He hadn't even found ten ingredients in Tiang Xiang City... despite his thorough search. But, he had collected even higher-level ingredients in merely one night's time after he had set foot inside this forest. Moreover... he had collected them en masse!

Jun Mo Xie was very depressed some time ago. He could've made a breakthrough. But, he didn't have the medicine which could supplement it. This had given him a huge headache. He had never thought that these things would line-up like 'cabbage in a farm' after he'd arrive at Tian Fa. But then, he had found this unfathomable and mysterious place!

[This is indeed inexplicably amazing! It's unknown how many rare and amazing treasures one could find in this vast Tian Fa Forest. This would tantamount to immense strength in the future!]

Jun Mo Xie went wild with joy and stepped forward. He then started to pluck those herbs as quickly as he could. The Young Master Jun picked a great number of them. But, he hesitated once only the last two trunks of that tree remained laden with this treasure. And, he eventually decided against it. [You can't make a living from hunting if you burn the forest! Too much of anything isn't a good thing either!] Jun Mo Xie wouldn't show a moment's hesitation when it came to destroying something right down to its root cause. However, the Young Master Jun inadvertently found himself abiding to 'appropriate behavior' inside this heavenly abode.

[Too much of anything is never a satisfactory thing either!]

Jun Mo Xie looked around, and was amazed to discover that a natural 'cultivation base' was somewhat concealed in the embrace of that tree. And, one could actually find every kind of precious ingredient in the underbrush...

[Is this the source of that spiritual influence?]

Jun Mo Xie felt apprehensive, and looked around with greater care.

One would find a cave if they took a detour from the trees. But, there were trees which leaned forward to cover the entrance of the cave. In fact, he was convinced that even wind and rain wouldn't be able to affect the area inside this cave. [This cave must be unusually dry!]

Then, the Young Master Jun heard an extremely faint sound from the mouth of the cave. [Don't tell me... someone actually lives here? But, my spirit sense had detected no abnormality in this area...?] Jun Mo Xie suddenly became alert. He quickly initiated the Yin Yang Escape, and floated inside the cave in a state of invisibility...

He went forward, and took a look inside the cave. His mouth immediately opened a round "O" with astonishment.

Something he could've never anticipated had appeared before his eyes. He had thought that this place was extremely secretive. He had anticipated that even a bird wouldn't be able to come here. So, he had naturally assumed that this place would be the abode of some big boss! Or... that it was at least an abode of a Xuan Beast King in human form...

Only that kind of talent and strength would deserve such an environment.

However, what appeared in front of him was a bare room made-up of cold stone. In fact, there wasn't even a bed inside it. It was only worthy of being called a 'dump'. There was a black gown on the center of the floor. It laid there like discarded trash. In fact, it couldn't even be called a 'black gown' from Jun Mo Xie's standards. That thing was more like a massive piece of black cloth. He felt that even an elephant would look slender in that "gown." And, as far as a human was concerned... that cloth would cover any human in their entirety... even if the cloth had been folded a few times...

The black cloth had a small blood stain on it. It was unknown where it had picked that stain from. A barely-alive and tiny white animal was laying on top of that black cloth. Jun Mo Xie shot a quick glance towards this animal. That animal almost looked like Little White at first sight...

However, he looked more carefully, and realized that this little creature wasn't Little White. The beast in front of him was half the size of a person's arm. Its body was entirely white, and had no fur anywhere. But, that white creature gave-off a very comfortable feeling, and looked very elegant as well...

The frail thing looked at Jun Mo Xie as he appeared in front of it. However, its eyes didn't display a single trace of fear. It merely turned to look at him with eyes that were filled with tranquility, clarity, and even an indescribable sense of arrogance...

Then, the tiny creature seemed to have resigned to something, and lowered its head. It had suddenly gone so quiet that it seemed as if life and death had no meaning in its eyes anymore. However, that small body was curled-up so helplessly in that black gown that the sight of it could evoke a strong feeling of tenderness in one's heart.

Jun Mo Xie held nothing against animals. But, his temperament had never been of a man who'd be fond of pets. He didn't exactly like or dislike Little White. But, he suddenly felt a strong urge to protect the little creature that lay in front of him.

And, it was a fantastic feeling...

"Poor thing, are you hurt?" Jun Mo Xie asked in a rare gentle voice as he softly sat down while looking at the tiny beast.

The little thing lowered its head indifferently. It seemed uninterested. It wasn't clear whether it couldn't understand the words the Young Master Jun had spoken... or had simply ignored them from the start...

Jun Mo Xie saw this creature's lazy and adorable mannerism, and suddenly recalled why Dugu Xiao Yi had come to Tian Fa. She wanted to hunt a Snow-Ferret. She then wanted to use its skin to make a garment her grandfather could wear on his wounded waist.

That small creature looked like the legendary and thunderous Xuan Beast — Snow Ferret — from the looks of it.

However, Jun Mo Xie couldn't detect even the faintest trace of a Xuan Beast-like aura from it... despite a careful inspection. Therefore, it obviously wasn't a Level Eight Snow Ferret... or anyone from its genus. In fact, it might not even be a Xuan Beast to start with!

[Could it really be an ordinary tiny Ferret? But, why does it look so beautiful?]

Then, Jun Mo Xie slowly extended his hand, and touched the little creature lightly. However, the creature still hung its head low... same as before. The creature was motionless, but its body had become stiff.

"I know you're scared, little thing!" Jun Mo Xie smiled, "Don't worry; I'm a good man... a very good man. Come, amusing little thing... I will see to your wound. I will give you a tasty medicine!"

A good man...? This was the first time that Jun Mo Xie had called himself a 'good man' in the combined time frame of his two lives so far...

However, he was truly a good man in this little white creature's eyes...

He circled his aura around the little creature he now held in his arms, and inspected it for a bit...

However, there was something Jun Mo Xie hadn't come to notice. He had held the creature for barely a second when its ears had become erect. It had then opened its eyes in a wide stare. In fact, a sharp glint had arisen from the depths of its eyes. But, it then sensed the wonderful Qi that was coming from the Young Master Jun's body. It had then stared blankly for a second. In fact, it looked extremely confused at first. But, it slowly closed its eyes shut soon after...

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Jun Mo Xie clicked his tongue, "I don't know how you got this injury, little thing. Tch, it's very harsh. Your meridians are like a hundred-year-old bark; they're brittle, and full of cracks. They'll break the moment you make any movements... but you're lucky that you met me... Anyone else's hands would've been bound even if they had wished to help you. However, I seldom turn down the chance to do a good deed."

He slowly let out the dense and pure aura he had amassed in his palm while he talked.

The refreshing and innate pure aura flowed into the little creature like a bubbling stream. It then went into its meridians. That innate pure aura increased its spirits. And then, the unspeakable pain that it felt was reduced considerably as the aura continued to flow into the meridians. It instead felt incomparably comfortable; in fact, it even wanted to let out a groan...

The aura slowly mended the nearly broken meridians. It was akin to a supreme healing medicine at the time. The injuries healed slowly, and got a little better. Soon, the meridians were fixed-enough to have no cracks left in them.

"So, how did you suffer such a Devil's bite? It's a high-level devil's bite. In fact, its devil's bite only a person with a Qi Level of a Great Master can suffer. Only someone with a huge amount of Qi could make

this happen. How could a little thing like you make such a big ruckus? Is my guess wrong? Are you the root of these problems? Wouldn't you be some big shot of Tian Fa if that were the case... perhaps even the Lord?" Jun Mo Xie laughed. It seemed funny even as he spoke it. And so, he burst out laughing.

The little creature turned to look at him, and its eyes revealed an expression of disdain.

"You're not convinced, little thing? Wouldn't I be the Ultra-Super Master if you were the Supreme Lord of Tian Fa? I can kill you as I speak since you're in my hand. But, I will obviously never harm such an adorable little thing like you." Jun Mo Xie looked at it, and his expression changed very drastically. He couldn't help but smile as he moved his hand, and lightly scratched the little thing's tender nose.

A light noise came from the creature's throat, and a look of embarrassment appeared in his eyes.

The Young Master continued to tease the little beast while he healed it. It was unknown how long it continued for. Maybe it was for a short period... or perhaps it continued for a long time.

"Oh? You're feeling embarrassed, little thing?" Jun Mo Xie used the pure aura from the Hong Jun Pagoda, and eventually mended the entirety of the little creature's damaged meridians. He let out a relaxed sigh as he spoke that ridiculous tease of a line. And then, he lightly patted the little thing's tender posterior.

The little thing shivered after getting spanked. It was like it had been struck by lightning. It tried to struggle, but Jun Mo Xie held it down rather vigorously.

"The Injury is fine now. But, it'll be best if you don't tamper with it. It might go back to the original injured condition if you do." Jun Mo Xie spoke as he kneaded the little thing's posterior. He then slapped it lightly... only to find that it was extremely soft and supple. It felt as if it had no bone in it. It felt very good to him, and he couldn't help but continue to knead it.

"Anyway, you can't understand a word I'm saying..." A rare and innocent smile surfaced on Jun Mo Xie's face. He smiled, and his eyebrows shot up. He didn't notice that the eyes of the little creature were full of embarrassment until they had drooped down with shame.

"Oh?" Jun Mo Xie was too focused at rubbing the little thing since he was enjoying it a bit too much. Suddenly, a thought crossed his mind, "Ah, you seem so embarrassed. You're not a female, are you?"

The little creature started to tremble violently. Its eyes opened wide into a circle with disbelief. The little thing then turned as red as blood. Its short and white hair had turned red as well. Then, its body became very stiff; it's didn't move at all...

"A female... you are a female, and I'm a big man. But, I won't rape you. So, what are you afraid of?" Jun Mo Xie was rather 'engrossed'. So, he reached out and teased it further.

The little creature then let out a strange scream. It hadn't returned to its state of previous supremacy since it'd need more time to heal completely. But, that vile and nasty human before its eyes was making it sick from head to toe. It twitched and shuddered... almost as if it was suffering from malaria. Then, it stretched and opened its eyes wide... to the greatest extent they could've been stretched to. It then slanted its head at a crooked angle, and fainted...

"Damn! You couldn't endure even that much? I had just touched you lightly, and yet there was such a strong reaction... Was that your weak spot?" Jun Mo Xie spoke in a puzzled manner as he caught hold of the creature's head to inspect it with bewildered expression on his face.

And, at this time...

Jun Mo Xie suddenly felt like he was hit by something lofty, powerful and sharp. He was left to shudder due to the icy feeling, and the hair at the back of his neck stood up. He had reacted as such due to a murderous aura that had suddenly overtaken the vicinity. And, that murderous aura was extremely formidable. It was the strongest he had felt in both of his lives. He was called the "King of Evil" in his previous life, but his murderous aura was dwarfed by this cold and murderous one. He had been reduced to a mere 'nobody' expert in front of this aura. In fact, he felt the same way a short grass would in front of a large tree. There was absolutely no comparison between the owners of these two auras.

This was a very destructive murderous aura.

He didn't even have enough time to pin-point where the cold murderous aura had come from in that split second. But, he felt that he had been enclosed inside it! As if he had fallen into a cold cave...!

He felt that he couldn't escape it... no matter what he did.

Jun Mo Xie was covered with cold sweat for a time. That aura was so sharp, huge, and frightening that it could penetrate into an individual's body, and could leave the said-individual's thoughts to become sluggish. So much so... that even their very soul would become stiff and sluggish.

A person's eyes would see no hope to relieve themselves from the clutches of death once this murderous aura had shrouded their body...

Their eyes would reek of the anticipation of their end!

[There's such a terrifying and formidable strength in the depths of this forest!] Jun Mo Xie instantly became regretful. [I've been too careless this time.]

Jun Mo Xie had seen and faced many experts since the time he had come to this world. However, even a Spirit Xuan expert's murderous aura would be considered nothing compared to what he was facing at this moment. Even the Great Master Li Jue Tian wouldn't be able to compare with this...

That murderous aura was strong and terrifying enough to have surpassed the Young Master's imagination!

[Perhaps this makes sense. This place had so many heavenly herbs! So, it would be illogical to leave these heavenly herbs lying around without a powerful guardian to protect them...]

Jun Mo Xie's subconscious screamed for him to escape into the Hong Jun Pagoda, and take refuge against that frightful aura. He knew that he wouldn't be able to deal with something so frightening and powerful. He wouldn't have been able to escape this aura even if he was at the peak stage of his previous life. So, it was even more useless to talk about his present condition. Jun Mo Xie couldn't even think of a means to deal with this powerful aura if its owner were to unleash it upon him. [What kind of earth-shattering murderous aura is this person emanating? I can neither contend with it... nor avoid it!]

However, the frightening aura disappeared just when Jun Mo Xie had started to think of making an escape. In fact, that aura had disappeared without a trace... or any prior signs of doing so. Its disappearance was an unfathomable mystery...

It had disappeared as suddenly as it had arrived. The heavens and earth had now reinstated to their original state.

"That was close!" Jun Mo Xie gasped for air. But, he still had some lingering fear. So, he linked his spiritual sense to the Hong Jun Pagoda in order to connect to everything. Then, a mixture of the aura from the Hong Jun Pagoda, and his own spirit sense, spread out far and wide. He looked everywhere, but didn't discover anything unusual.

"This is very strange!" Jun Mo Xie frowned as he held the little creature. It should be mentioned that Jun Mo Xie's innate spiritual sense was quite formidable even if his strength wasn't. In fact, it was in no way weaker than that of a Spirit Xuan expert. Moreover, the aura from Hong Jun Pagoda and his innate spiritual sense had formed a formidable combination. And, this had increased the effective power by many times. But, the creature in his embrace was a supreme being. It was extremely strong. In fact, it was the strongest the Young Master Jun had faced since he had come to this world. And, it was the owner of that murderous aura. Jun Mo Xie's spiritual sense was powerful, but it was incapable of detecting the opposite party's aura if they had chosen to hide it. Jun Mo Xie had risked a chance, and had started to search for the identity of that mysterious master. But, it was a pity that his spiritual sense had come up with nothing. His spiritual sense flowed out again. But, he found the area to be deserted once again; there was no one around.

He hadn't even noticed that the little thing in his arms had woken up. Its big and beautiful eyes were wide open. But, they had a complicated expression in them. The expression in its eyes looked unpredictable in make, but revealed a faint yet fiercely ominous glint.

The expressions in its eyes were a blurry mix. It was sometimes indignant, sometimes embarrassed. A murderous look would occasionally arise in them. And, it looked puzzled at times... The little thing had revealed many complicated expressions in its eyes. Any man would find this strange. But, Jun Mo Xie hadn't paid any attention to this because of the appearance and disappearance of that unimaginable murderous aura.

The Young Master Jun had searched every place... except for his own arms. That little creature looked like a harmless animal. However, the dark light that shone in its eyes was of a persona Jun Mo Xie should've feared the most...

The undisputed and strongest master!

"Ha ha! You woke up, you little thing! You woke up, but you didn't even move to let me know about it! You should be spanked for that! Hey, are you hungry?" Jun Mo Xie figured that the master with the murderous aura had disappeared, and wasn't a threat to him for the time being. So, he relaxed. Then, he became lively, and lowered his head to look at the tiny thing. It was then that he noticed that the little creature had opened his eyes, and was looking at him. The Young Master Jun couldn't help but laugh and lightly rebuke as he saw this.

The little creature closed its eyes tightly once again.

"You're still in a bad mood? You're acting like this even though I haven't touched your butt yet?"

Jun Mo Xie spoke that sentence with disdain, and then curled his lips. Then, "Pop! Pop!" he hit that little posterior with the palm of his hand. Then, he started to knead it, and a look of enjoyment came over his face. "This feeling... I really can't get over it! Gee, you come with me... alright little thing? I will give you tasty food every day. The others can't get the same treatment. I won't even ask for anything. I'll just rub your little buttocks every day."

The little creature looked at him with resentment and shame. This man had helped heal its meridians during its frailest of times. It would've swallowed this shameless guy whole if it weren't for that.

[What's so valuable about eating and playing with you? What's so special about being with you? What good will you rubbing my butt everyday bring? Your words are pure and utter nonsense! It's not untrue that you've helped me today. But, you have hit my body and added to my shame as well, you brat! If I don't get back at you a hundred times over... then, I won't be called...]

[You just wait for it! Humph!]

"You still don't want to? How dare you! Humph! I've been so kind to you, and you still don't want to come with me?" Jun Mo Xie continued to knead. Then, he suddenly thought of something and said, "You're a female, right? That means that you will have to breastfeed when you have children, yes? But, I can't see the equipment. Is it because they are too small? You think my eyes aren't sharp enough? Why haven't I found anything?"

The little creature quickly understood what was being said. It quickly opened its eyes wide to look at the hateful brat as it turned its slender body around. Then, it re-positioned its body with its slender stomach facing upwards... as if it was showing something...

"Tch, what you have is so small. It's as big as a 'mung bean'. Your children will have to endure terrible hunger." Jun Mo Xie smiled wickedly as he located his next target. He then extended his finger, and pinched it. He then rubbed, and pinched it again.

The tiny creature's legs suddenly paddled and kicked. Then, it went red all over, and started to glare. After that, it let out a weeping groan in a strange voice. Then, it tilted its head, and fainted once again...

It had been made to faint out of anger and embarrassment... twice by now. That other person was too big a bully...

The tiny creature found itself being carried in the man's hand by the time it woke up; in fact, it was being swung rather awkwardly in midair...

Jun Mo Xie was in a rush at the moment since he felt the onset of a urinary urgency. However, he didn't wish to put the little thing down since holding it felt extremely comfortable and wonderful. Moreover, that little thing might slip away if he put it down. So, he carried the little thing, and went out to look for a corner to ease his bladder...

The young man raised his gown, undid the trousers, and let them slip a bit. He lowered his underpants down to his feet, and revealed two somewhat hairy thighs. After that, the genitalia came out... coincidentally... in front of the little creature's eyes. He didn't have any scruples doing it in front of the little creature anyway. Don't people urinate in front of their pet dogs as well? Therefore, Jun Mo Xie didn't think much about it. Then, the bright and shiny line of water burst out with a crashing sound. It burst out joyously, and noisily. And, the young man felt extremely relaxed as a result of this...

The little creature being carried in this youngster's hand could never have imagined that this man would shamelessly undo his trousers. The creature gave an embarrassed whimper, and covered its beautiful big eyes with its paws.

Jun Mo Xie saw that reaction, and laughed in a savage manner. He finished his business, and shook his thing. But, he didn't tighten his belt. He started acting in an even viler manner thereafter, and he pulled

apart the little thing's paws with his hands. The little thing's eyes were forced open, and that huge thing appeared in front of it once again. In fact, that thing was so close to it that it nearly came close enough to touch it. The little creature screeched like a bird as its entire body turned red, and it shut its eyes close. Its two paws stretched forward despite everything. And, they moved forward with the intent to tear the Young Master's thing to shreds...

Jun Mo Xie shouted, and quickly raised the little creature upwards with a whooshing sound. Then, he again brought his thing close to its head in mischief once it had opened its eyes, and spoke with a sense of disdain in his tone, "See this? Feeling inferior? He he he..."

The tiny thing had grief and indignation written all over its face. It looked at Jun Mo Xie with shame in its eyes. And, tears had started to stream down from its eyes. It was in so much pain that it didn't wish to live anymore. It was felt horrible, and it felt like its mind had gone blank. [This is so shameful... boo hoo... please let me die... I don't want to live anymore...]

The Young Master had acted in a very tyrannical manner. He hummed, and pulled-up his trousers. But, the little creature continued to struggle in his hands. So, he threatened, "Stop this, or I'll stuff you down my trousers!"

[Stuff me down the trousers?] The little thing instantaneously became rigid as it heard him. It didn't even dare to move. [I might commit suicide out of shame if he stuffs me down his trousers... but I would still be regarded as a joke for ten thousand years to come!]

[Just look at this guy; he has acted so shamelessly! What else won't he do at this point?]

[This is the most humiliating day of my entire life! This little brat is vile to an unspeakable degree. He's extremely evil and shameless...]

Jun Mo Xie put the little creature on a rock in the stone chamber, and scolded the wide-eyed victim, "You stay here ok? I'll be going out to get some herbs, but I will be back to take you. Then, we'll leave." He turned around after he had said this, and walked towards the cave's mouth. But then, he returned the next moment with a whooshing sound, and grabbed the little creature. He then rubbed and spanked its butts a few more times as he laughed, "This is really nice! I'm addicted to it! Don't run, now!" Then, he turned and left.

[Don't run? You'll ravage me when you get back!] The little creature glared at Jun Mo Xie's back with pure hatred as he walked out. [Shameless bastard! I'm sure that you're the one who stole my Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit. And, now you've come here to humiliate me! Humph! This bastard's help was great for me. But, I... I will never let you off in any way!]

[I will make you weep a tearless cry one day... just like I did today! And then, you won't wish to live anymore! You'd want to die, but I won't let you! First, I'll fry your thing. And then, I'm going to sever it for scaring me like that!]

The little thing cried many wronged tears. It then turned around, and returned to the stone room. Then, it activated some unknown mechanism that was concealed inside the room, and disappeared.

[It has been hundreds of years since I've been born... and I had forgotten what it felt like to cry. But, I've cried so many tears of humiliation today... I just can't bear this!]

[It won't take me more than a day to make a full recovery. This speed of recovery has been made possible because of this brat's help... but... but... I must take revenge!]

[I remember your smell! I remember your face! Don't worry, I'll find you! I'll rat you out no matter where you run to inside this continent! A person who can escape my wrath hasn't appeared in this continent in hundreds of years! Humph!]

[You repulsive brat! You shameless piece of sh*t! Remember me, bastard!]

Jun Mo Xie eventually finished collecting enough ingredients. In fact, he had nearly wiped the area clean. He was in a happy and satisfied mood... like he was returning from a rewarding journey. He was extremely content with his achievements, and felt relaxed. But, he was then suddenly blindsided the moment he returned to the stone chamber.

The black gown was still there inside the stone chamber. But, the adorable little creature wasn't. It had disappeared without a trace.

"Crap! Where has that little thing run off to? How come it has run away when I told it not to?" Jun Mo Xie felt a rare sense of indignation, "I had cured your injuries, and had given you so much fun! Yet, you forgot what you owed me, and escaped! You're a thankless thing!"

The Young Master Jun was unwilling to give up. He carefully searched inside a circumference to see where that ungrateful creature had run off to...

"I'll see that I never knead your tiny ass again once I find you!" Jun Mo Xie took a hateful pledge. He was feeling very indignant. He wanted to take that little back with him... so he could tease it regularly. Moreover, he wanted to take that incredibly tiny and adorable creature to his house so that it might also keep Guan Qing Han happy.

However, those back-and-forth thoughts were of a man who had counted his chickens before they had hatched. This had turned into a fruitless endeavor.

[Don't get too cocky! Just you wait! You'll be wiping my ass the next time we meet. I'll teach you a lesson! Humph!]

Jun Mo Xie cursed inside. But, he also thought of the Hong Jun Pagoda. He thought of an entire layer filled with the legendary treasures he had collected. This made him very happy. This trip to Tian Fa had been an enriching and profitable endeavor. In fact, the profits had far surpassed his imagination. It had been a bumper harvest!

Jun Mo Xie was satisfied. He sighed, and his body suddenly got up into the air before he vanished. He had already initiated the Yin Yang Escape, and was moving unseen through the forest towards his destination — the Southern Heaven City.

[Only one important ingredient is left... the Level Nine Xuan Root!]

Grandpa Jun's cultivation would be advanced to Spirit Xuan realm once the Level Nine Xuan Root had been acquired. In fact, it would go beyond the mere Spirit Xuan realm! He would be at Spirit Xuan's second level's peak in one enthralling step!

[Grandpa's cultivation is lacking in relation to the world at large. But, it's one of the top ones in Tian Xiang City... perhaps even the whole of the Empire. Tian Xiang's Emperor could think of dealing with the Jun Family despite its military prowess, but he wouldn't think about messing with a Spirit Xuan expert without fearing of the consequences!]

[No one can bear such consequences with ease. Even the Emperor of a country is no exception! A Spirit Xuan expert as an enemy can tantamount an ocean of corpses and blood!]

Then, Jun Mo Xie settled his heart, and concentrated on dealing with his Third Uncle's situation.

The Silver Blizzard City... he couldn't take out the entire Xiao Family for the time being. But, he still had to make his uncle and Han Yan Yao meet. This was the greatest worry that had plagued his uncle's heart. This was also Han Yan Yao's greatest hope. And, Jun Mo Xie had taken it upon himself to help the two.

Jun Mo Xie returned to the Southern Heaven City the next day. But, it was already night time. In other words, he had already spent a full day and night in the forest.

"Where had you gone to, you brat? What took you so long to return?" Jun Mo Xie ran into Jun Wu Yi's question the moment he returned. His three Spirit Xuan maternal uncles were staring at him. And, one could tell from their eyes that were ready to give him a beating.

The three men had their hair turn white with worry for their precious nephew since the youngster had gone missing for a day and night. Moreover, this was the Xue Hun Manor's territory. So, Jun Wu Yi and the three Dongfang brothers would've rushed to either Xue Hun Manor... or the Silver Blizzard City to look for Jun Mo Xie if he hadn't returned in some time...

"Well... I had just gone for a casual stroll. And, I hadn't gone very far." Jun Mo Xie turned his gaze from his four uncles, slipped-away into the shadows, and disappeared without a trace.

[I can only tell you that I went for a stroll into the forest yesterday. What a joke! I had a very cheerful and friendly chat with seven Xuan Beast King. And, I've come to a mutual agreement with them. We have unanimously reached a mutually beneficial agreement to cooperate...]

The four men looked at each other. [You went for a stroll? You brat, this is your first time in this city! You're a stranger here! So, where did you go for a stroll? And, can one go for a stroll that lasts for a day and a night?]

[You didn't go far? You could've gone far enough to visit Tian Xiang City by now! You brat, don't you know that we four brothers were worried to death?] However, Jun Mo Xie had returned, and didn't wish to discuss his whereabouts. In any case, he had returned safe and sound. So, the four elder men were in no mood to inquire further. Moreover, Jun Wu Yi was aware that his nephew possessed special powers, and not only in name at that. They were presently in Southern Heaven City. But, he wouldn't have been too worried if his nephew had gone missing for two to three days in Tian Xiang City.