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Chapter 486: I Will Follow My Own Desires

"This Young Master has never claimed that he's a good man, right? But, we're on the same boat. After all, Young Mei isn't an angel herself." Jun Mo Xie smiled. He then asked inquisitively, "If I may dare to ask — how are you related to Tian Fa's Venerable Mei?"

"Venerable Mei?" Mei Xue Yan rolled her eyes. She cursed herself in her mind for being a fool. She then smiled and said, "He's my elder brother."

"I see." Jun Mo Xie's thoughts became gloomy. [No wonder they have the same technique! Damn it! This Young Master has suffered so much because of this World Cage technique. It turns out that they are siblings. They are the damned "Mei" siblings!]

It wasn't surprising that Jun Mo Xie would think that way. After all, the tyrannical Venerable Mei had seemed like a real man when he had appeared in the Tian Fa Forest that day. Everything had made him seem like a real man... whether it was the voice or the fighting style. But, this Mei Xue Yan had appeared in the form of a woman before him. And, she was easy on the eyes. In fact, she was extremely beautiful. The impressions of these two personas were worlds apart.

Jun Mo Xie's imagination was certainly very wild. However, even he wouldn't be able to imagine that beautiful woman whose posterior he had made swell was that Venerable Mei who had mistreated him at the Tian Fa Forest the same way as she had done here...

"Jun Mo Xie, you humans have a great saying, 'Bright people don't speak dark words.' So, I'll tell you right now... that we were looking for you to get to your master. And, you should probably know what it is for. It could be even said that we people from Tian Fa may seem narrow-minded. Hehe... but, it seems that your master is a profound mystery. He's like that dragon whose tail can't even be spotted!" Mei Xue Yan spoke in a tranquil manner, "Therefore, we wish to know your master. It's fine even if its for a short while. So, I request the Young Master to inform his master that I would like to discuss an important matter with him."

"Oh?" Jun Mo Xie tilted his head.

"But, I would understand if the Young Master finds this inconvenient," Mei Xue Yan smiled and withdrew in order to make headway. The Scared Fruit's importance to the Xuan Beasts of Tian Fa couldn't be explained in words. This was why Mei Xue Yan had decided to follow Jun Mo Xie first even though she had come out to experience the human world. And, her main reason for doing this was derived from the fact that she wasn't very assured about this matter.

"Ah, that would be extremely inconvenient. So, many thanks for your consideration, Young Mei," Jun Mo Xie grinned and spoke-up.

"..." Mei Xue Yan was left angered in a bind by this reply. A long time passed before she spoke-up, "You're genuinely not a noble person, Jun Mo Xie." She had proclaimed two evaluations of Jun Mo Xie by now — It was 'not a good man' at first. And, 'not a noble person' now...

"Young Mei's words seem confusing. I admitted to not being a good man a moment ago. And, I obviously can't be a noble man since I'm not even a good one."

Jun Mo Xie shrugged and sniggered as he spoke, "Good men are very easy to hurt. And, a noble person is too restricted. So, you can treat me as a hoodlum or an evil tyrant. You can even treat me as a scoundrel or a demon. But, never treat me as a good man or a noble person! You'll suffer if you do that... hehe..."

"You... you... what are you saying? Don't humans wish to be good? Don't they want to boast of being noble? I don't understand why you don't want to be a good man! Is it possible that you humans have abandoned the morals which have been passed on through the millennia? Or maybe I don't understand the current moral standards of you humans...?"

Mei Xue Yan had spoken this in a bad mood. She had encountered and dealt with innumerable troublesome characters over the course of her life. But, she simply couldn't deal with this mischievous Jun Mo Xie she was now faced with.

Jun Mo Xie laughed heartily at first. Then, he said, "This can't be generalized. I'll tell you a story to demonstrate — There were two people once upon a time. They lived amongst seven or eight other families. One amongst these two people was a notorious scoundrel; he was a proper rogue. However,

the other one was a well-renowned good individual. The scoundrel was feared and hated. But, the good man went out every morning to draw water. He would then fill each family's jars with the water he'd get. He helped his neighbors whenever they needed. In fact, he would leave no stone unturned to help people. Therefore, everyone was fond of him. And, everyone was relieved to have him at home.

"Then, something happened one day. The scoundrel was returning from a robbery. But, he wasn't able to choose a proper route due to panic. He accidentally ran into another person, and knocked him down as a result. In fact, he knocked him down and killed him. However, the man who had been knocked down was another scoundrel. And, this second scoundrel had been gearing up to act rudely towards an innocent woman. That scoundrel of a robber had done this unintentionally, but he had still done a good deed. Therefore, everyone praised him. In fact, they spoke of him as a savior, and a man who had suddenly repented for his sins. The authorities even considered him a model citizen. So, everyone praised him, and forgot about the misdeeds he had committed in the past."

Mei Xue Yan couldn't understand what he was trying to say. So, she obviously didn't understand why he was telling her that story. But, she figured that he must have a point at the end. So, she listened to him calmly, and didn't interrupt. The Snake King also listened calmly while sitting beside her.

Jun Mo Xie laughed, and continued to speak, "Then, that well-renowned good man fell seriously ill one day. He couldn't get out of the bed that morning because his fever had made it very difficult for him to do so. He didn't have any strength in his body. And, he was extremely thirsty as well. He wanted a sip of water. But, his jar didn't have enough water. He called out, but nobody was home. Therefore, he forced himself out of his bed, and went out to fill water. But, he was very tired and had no strength left. So, he could only fill water for himself before he went back to bed.

"The neighbors returned home in the afternoon. They were accustomed to the good man filling water for them. They had returned home tired and thirsty. But, they found that their water jars were empty. They immediately got angry, and went to the good man's home to criticize him. But, they saw that the good man was drinking water while lying down. Consequently, they became enraged, and started to curse him in their state of rage, 'You're a selfish man! You feign illness and goof off at home. You want to eat your food alone?!' And thus, this good man found himself alienated from everyone. In fact, everyone said that they had been cheated by him for a long time. After all, they felt that he was an extremely selfish man in reality."

Jun Mo Xie sneered as he finished the story. He then laughed and said, "What is a good man? And, what is a bad man? They're nothing but a narrow view point of foolish men and women. It's very similar to how people look at government officials. Let's assume that there's a very honest and upright official. He speaks the truth, and remains untainted by corrupt practices. In fact, righteousness drips from the sleeves of his robes. But, the people under his jurisdiction don't even have a belly-full of food to eat.

Therefore, everyone will call him a wretched man. They will say that he's an official with no knowledge of governance. However, let's assume that there's another government official. And, this one acts like a leech. He wants to gobble up the people's money. In fact, his greed for wealth is as insatiable as a bottomless pit. And, even the deities from the ninth heaven can't set him on the right path. But, the people under this official are satisfied with their lot. They have enough to eat, and they live very comfortably. So, they will say that he's an extremely good official who cares for the well-being of the people... This is the true morality of the masses nowadays!

"So, why should I live according to the opinions of others? What are the benefits of being a good man? What good outcome is there in that? Moreover, what's the harm in being a bad man? I'm Jun Mo Xie! I'm me! Let's say that there's something that I wish to do. And, the entire world says that I shouldn't. But, I still wish to do it. So, I'll do it! And, that's only because I want to do it! Now, let's say that everyone wants me to do something, but I don't want to do it. They will say, 'You'll earn name and fame if you do this. So, you should do it. You must do it!' But, I still won't do it! And, that's only because I don't want to! I have a simple philosophy in my life. Nothing is as easily reversible as the division between good and bad. After all, right and wrong aren't set in stone! It's only a matter of perspective..."

Jun Mo Xie laughed heartily and said, "So, I will follow my own desires!"

Mei Xue Yan was stunned by this. A long while passed. She then shook her head and smiled as she said, "There's one thing that I don't understand even after hearing this fallacy of yours... you're either far-sighted or a bigot... But, what you've said is correct. Perhaps this is a common problem with you humans."

"Your words aren't entirely correct. It doesn't mean that all humans are like this. Aren't you Xuan Beasts the same? Everyone despises a bad apple, and looks down on them. In fact, everyone secretly feels that they're much better than that individual. Therefore, everyone suspects this bad person in case he or she has a change of mind and tries to mend their ways. And, everyone is accustomed to the help of a good man who is conscientious and helps everyone. In fact, everyone is grateful to him. However, everyone invariably thinks that he's better than them. But, let's assume that this good man suddenly makes one mistake. Then, the criticism from others is several times more severe than what a normal person would have to face. And, that originates from that feeling of being inferior. Consequently, the masses are unforgiving towards his mistake. It's almost as if they feel a depraved pleasure by bringing down a God from his altar. 'Ah, he is no better than us at the end of it...'"

Jun Mo Xie continued calmly, "Therefore, I believe that being a good man is a very tiring job. Moreover, you first have to be a good man in order to be a noble person. Therefore, it's even harder to be a noble person! Then, there's the so-called 'heroes' as well. But, you're required to be a good man and a noble person for that. That isn't tiring — that's plain miserable!

"Therefore, I'd rather be a bad man. In fact, I want to be a bad man!" Jun Mo Xie continued in a calm manner, "I only wish to become powerful. I never think about being a good man or a bad one. But, I find it strange that you people from Tian Fa are so attached to the notion of a good or bad person. Don't you people give seniority to the strong? Don't tell me that your notions have changed?"

Mei Xue Yan was startled by this. [It's true that the Tian Fa Forest's fundamental doctrine is to give seniority to the strong. But, why did I get entangled in the notion of who is a good or a bad person if that's the case? Whether a person is good or bad... doesn't hold any meaning for me. Are we like humans as well?]

[Or have I been accepting the human standards of morality because I've taken on a human form?]

"The Young Master speaks correctly. It seems that I had been attached to it very strongly," Mei Xue Yan smiled as she ridiculed herself.

"Perhaps it's not about you being strongly attached to it. Maybe it's my view that's too open," Jun Mo Xie smiled calmly, "Maybe people like me are fitter to live in Tian Fa Forest instead of this outside world of mortals."

"That's not it. And, that's because of your nature. You will inevitably find a way to be a bad man no matter where you go and live. After all, you are you. And, you will always be you," Mei Xue Yan cracked a rare joke.

"Of course! This Young Master is an expert at benefitting at others' expense. I'll give everything I've got to take advantage of people. And, I'd rather die than lose!" Jun Mo Xie snorted. He then rubbed his fingers and smelled them. The smile on his face indicated the triumph of teaching a lesson. And, the twirling of his fingers and the smack of his lips clearly acted as a recollection of the cheap advantage he had taken a while back.

Mei Xue Yan snorted. Her beautiful face suddenly became a bit red as she seethed in anger. [This vulgar guy can't even hear two words of praise without getting haughty about it!]

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"Anyway... You had mentioned about cooperating..." Jun Mo Xie smiled mischievously, "But, I don't understand what your proposal means." He thought; [Your Tian Fa's Beast Kings are already cooperating with me, and you still don't know about it? Silly girl!]

"That's right! Let's cooperate!" Mei Xue Yan's expression was solemn, "Tian Fa Forest needs to increase its strength. We need it for the fierce fight between the Three Holy Lands; we need more strength to compete. But, it'll be too late if we follow the normal speed of advancement. Therefore, we must make use of external forces to enhance our strength."

Mei Xue Yan's expression was dignified as she gave Jun Mo Xie a profound look, "The supplement from our Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit is an example of that! But, there will only be one per person. And, that isn't enough for us. Moreover, we can't make such medicines on our own. But, your master can refine them. I've heard that he has already refined divine pills which can increase Xuan strength by ten years. Moreover, these pills don't have any side-effects. We want such miraculous things. But, an increase in strength by ten years seems too little for us."

Jun Mo Xie frowned, "You mean to say that... you want more number of pills once they've been refined from the Sacred Fruit. And, they should obviously have no side-effects either. Then, you also want other such pills. After that, you intend to use these pills to upgrade strength as quickly as possible. You wish to get the Xuan Beast Kings across the bottleneck. Then, you want to give them the other pills to get going towards the next bottleneck. So, you're basically saying that you want the Beast Kings to have to successive breakthroughs so that they can rise two ranks in the shortest possible time. Is this what you mean to say?"

"That's correct! Intelligent people speak intelligent words! That's exactly what I meant." Mei Xue Yan's eyes filled with satisfaction. She remained calm as she spoke further, "But, I couldn't find your master. So, I came to search for you."

"I find your thought process ridiculous, Young Mei! In fact, it is excessively fantastical. I'm sure you're aware that your request will create many problems for us. Let me tell you something — you are doomed to fail in this fight even if Master comes out with such a miracle."

Jun Mo Xie frowned, "You will realize this once you see the pills refined from the Sacred Fruit. First, you need a good amount of luck when it comes to the refining of such pills. Secondly, you need lots of medicinal ingredients at your disposal. Moreover, the medicinal herbs required for such pills are top-notch. Thirdly, refining these kinds of pills takes a lot of time. And lastly, the refining process demands a huge consumption of energy. However, the final outcome still depends of the heaven's will even if these four requirements are fulfilled. The probability of success or failure in refinement is always very hard to predict...

"In addition, the medicines that improve your strength have some limitations as well. And, this point stands true without exception. It is often noted that one's body builds resistance to the stimulant provided by these pills after your strength increases under its effect. This means that you won't be able to use the pills the second or the third time. Think about it... the Ten Years Pills increases strength by ten years. So, shouldn't an individual be able to increase their strength ten-thousand times by taking those pills continuously? But, that's not possible. So, I can only tell you that your thought process is downright impractical!

"You ought to understand one thing if you wish to increase strength that quickly. You will need three kinds of pills during this period of time! And, each pill must provide thirty years' worth of strength upgrades. Moreover, none of the pills can be the same as the other. This is the only way you can reach your bottleneck targets. The pills from the Sacred Fruit of Tian Fa will be able to help you in making the breakthroughs only after these basic requirements are met!

"This is like saying that my master can't do anything else for a long time. He'll only be refining pills for you this entire time. Didn't you feel that this is too excessive when you asked for it? Do you think that my master is someone you can order-about as per your will?"

"I know that this is too much to ask for! And, I don't even know what kind of a person your master is! But, we have no other choice!" Mei Xue Yan continued calmly, "After three years... No... it should be after two years and nine months... The Three Holy Lands will fight after two years and nine months. And, it wouldn't matter which one of them we face if things continue this way. After all, the Elusive World of the Immortals, or the Great Golden City, or the Boundless Ocean of Blood — each of them will easily defeat Tian Fa Forest if we go on as per our current strength! Our Tian Fa has maintained its status for nine-thousand years. And, the consequences would be too horrible if I... if my elder brother loses this status!

"We Xuan Beasts have always been discriminated against in this big continent! We've only been able to squeeze our ranks amongst the Three Holy Lands by relying on our fiercely overbearing strength. However, the Tian Fa Forest wouldn't remain Tian Fa Forest if we lose this status!"

Mei Xue Yan had a somewhat pained and self-deprecating expression on her face. And, Jun Mo Xie could tell that the situation would've crossed the point of desperation if someone as strong as Mei Xue Yan had such an expression on their face. [It seems that... they have nowhere to go...]

Jun Mo Xie frowned, and paced several steps. His heart was gripped in endless hesitation. Jun Mo Xie knew that he was sure to have a lifelong ally in Tian Fa Forest if he helped them with this. Therefore, the Jun Family would be well-placed. Moreover, the lifespans of these Xuan Beasts was very long. And, this meant that even their descendants won't need to worry about any troublesome situations long into the future. In fact, it'll be a boon for generations-after-generations of his descendants!

And, it would only cost him a few divine pills!

It sounded simple, but it had to be said that he could presently refine only one kind of pill that met their requirements. And, others could only be possible after he had advanced to the fourth and fifth level inside the Hong Jun Pagoda. Moreover, he needed to be at the sixth level to refine the pills from the Thousand Evils Ten Thousand Poisons Fruit — or what these Xuan Beasts called as Tian Fa's Sacred Fruit. However, that heavenly treasure would turn into ash if he hadn't met the necessary conditions and capability standards.

[Can I break through to the sixth level within two years and nine months?]

Jun Mo Xie had no assurance regarding this. Jun Mo Xie was well-aware of the difficulty in advancing one level inside the Hong Jun Pagoda and advancing with the Art of Unlocking the Heaven's Fortune.

It hadn't even been a one year since he had come to that world. But, he had already advanced by leaps and bounds. In fact, he had crossed three levels in this short period of time. But, this achievement corresponded to three starting levels. However, he would require an increasing amount of time to make each breakthrough as he would go higher up. In fact, the requirements might even multiply many-folds.

"I know that this is a bother for you and your master. But, our Tian Fa will arrange any medicinal herb you require to concoct those pills as long as you and your master agree to cooperate with us! It doesn't matter if they're at the bottom of an ocean, or at the top of a snowy mountain. It doesn't matter whether the place is too hot, or it's too cold — we'll give our all to assist you!" Mei Xue Yan put her hands behind her back. "Moreover, we'll agree to any conditions you set — no matter how unreasonable or irrational. Any conditions!"

Jun Mo Xie's heart thumped when he heard this.

[Any conditions?!]

It was Jun Mo Xie's biggest dream to build himself an estate in the Tian Fa Forest. After all, he wouldn't have to worry about the problems of the outside world once he had done so. Moreover, the Young Master Jun was quite fond of the Beast Kings of Tian Fa Forest.

Their temperament was very much to Young Master Jun's liking. He had planned to help even if he wouldn't benefit out of it. But, it now seemed that he could also benefit from it. Moreover, his benefits would be huge. This was an irresistible temptation for him.

Jun Mo Xie clenched his teeth. [Damn it! Power can't be achieved without pressure! Isn't it only the sixth level of the Hong Jun Pagoda? This Young Master can cross three levels in half-a-year. So, why can't he cross a further three in around two years?]

[Let's do it! This is only a matter of forcing myself to train harder; that's all! And, I will get equally good dividends in terms of enhancement of strength and extra benefits!]

"Well, I personally think that there's no issue with this matter. But, I need to consult my master. After all, the success or failure of this depends upon my master's desire. But, you be at ease. I'll try my best to facilitate this cooperation. However, it's better if we discuss the subject of our conditions at a later date. After all, I can't speak for my master. In fact, I suppose that Young Mei wouldn't believe me even if I said that I do. Isn't that right?" Jun Mo Xie changed the topic in a blink of an eye. After all, he knew that he couldn't reveal his hidden cards at this time. [If I let these people know now that I'm that mysterious and unrivalled black-clothed master...]

[The consequences would be too horrible!]

[All powerful enemies will flock to me. In fact, many people will try to destroy me in my formative years even if they don't have any enmity with me. Therefore, this secret that I don't have the strength to override the world can't be told to anyone; not even if the said-individual is very dear to me!]

"I understand. Many thanks, Young Master Jun!" Mei Xue Yan's lips squirmed as she spoke in a low voice.

"But, what are these so-called Three Holy Lands? Could Young Mei possibly clear this doubt of mine?" Jun Mo Xie had finally gotten the opportunity to ask this question. It must be mentioned that this question had been bothering Young Master Jun for a long time now.

It was possible that most common folk didn't even know of existences like the Silver Blizzard City and Xue Hun Manor. There were only a few Xuan families in the society at large. However, even these Xuan families regarded the Silver Blizzard City and the Xue Hun Manor as the top entities of the world.

Even Jun Mo Xie hadn't thought that there would be anything above the Tian Fa Forest.

But, he had then found out that there was an even taller mountain in existence; this was when he had learnt of the extremely fierce Three Holy Lands. The Tian Fa Forest was known to everyone as the most dangerous entity in the world. So, what were these Three Holy Lands?

It seemed like that these existences were even higher than the Silver Blizzard City. And, this was enough to shock even Jun Mo Xie. In fact, he had been wondering whether there were entities that were even higher than the Three Holy lands...

[What level are those people at if they exist...?]

[But, the main question remains the same — why are there no legends about these places?]

"The fierce Three Holy Lands... originated over nine-thousand years ago. Everyone was vying for supremacy at that time. The continent was in chaos as a result. So, it was only natural that increasingly stronger entities were emerging in such an environment. After all, times of trouble often give birth to many heroes. And, the heroes also created specific circumstances," Mei Xue Yan forced a smile as she slowly explained.

"However, an extremely unforeseen event occurred in the continent at the most opportune moment." Mei Xue Yan took a deep breath. "Have you ever heard of the 'Pillars of Heaven Mountains', Jun Mo Xie?"

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"Pillars of Heaven Mountains...? It's the tallest mountain in Xuan Xuan Continent, right? It's located on the southern-most point of the continent. And, it's said to be an extremely huge mountain. People say that it rises towards the heavens for thousands of kilometers, and shoots straight into the sky. It's also said to be very wide. It ranges across from one side of the continent to the other. Legends say that it reaches till the end of the sky! No man or animal can fly over it; even eagles are no exception to this. It has no signs of human inhabitation, and it's said that no one can conquer it. The Pillar of Heaven Mountain reaches to the gods. Even the deities and devils can't climb it!"

Jun Mo Xie knew about this mountain range. In fact, he was quite interested in it. [How would this mountain range fare against the Kunlun Mountains on Earth? Moreover, these Pillars of Heaven Mountains are supposed to be taller than the tallest ranges back on Earth. Plus, their highest point is so astounding that it is even higher than Mount Everest. Also, they stretch across an entire continent. They ought to be a wonder of nature.]

Therefore, the Young Master Jun had planned to scale it and take a look for himself.

"Yes, these mountains had suddenly started to crumble for some reason at that time. Flames had risen to many kilometers in height. Massive stones had been sent flying to dozens of kilometers. And, the millions of people who lived near these mountains were turned into corpses. Even Spirit Xuan Experts weren't able to escape alive. The entire land had shook. A strange and hot liquid had rushed out from the land underneath. This liquid was so hot that it could even melt gold. That incident was a calamity which had affected the entire human world. And, the death-toll of the Xuan Xuan continent had surpassed tens of millions after that cataclysm. Even the peaks around 'Supporting the Heavens' Mountain had suddenly crumbled by more than half in height...

"No one was capable of scaling those mountains before this incident. Even birds couldn't fly over. However, they had seemingly been cut down. People still couldn't go over it even though the size of these mountains had been reduced very significantly. After all, these mountains were still many kilometers tall. But, people soon discovered something startling because of this... the Xuan Xuan Continent didn't end at the 'Supporting the Heavens' Mountain! There was another world beyond these mountains!"

Mei Xue Yan's voice had become heavy. And, Jun Mo Xie had guessed that the calamity at the mountains must've been caused by a massive earthquake and volcanic eruption.

"However, two grotesquely-shaped things suddenly crossed over to this side after the peaks crumbled. Or it should be said that they were grotesque-looking men," Mei Xue Yan continued to speak, "Then, these two grotesque-looking men had a fierce battle with the people on this side of the mountains. In fact, it got so bad that the Great Masters of that era were forced to join hands in order to kill them. But, that area was soon crawling with many more of those men...

"Even the Great Masters of that era couldn't face so many of those strange men. But, those strange men possessed great strength, and they could've caused unspeakable destruction if they were able to invade the rest of the continent. Therefore, all the Xuan experts of the continent were concentrated to the north of the 'Supporting the Heavens' Mountain. These people then tried to stop those men with everything they had. That was termed as the first 'Battle for Seizing the Heavens'!"

Mei Xue Yan sighed deeply.

"The entire continent had stood together like an impenetrable wall. And, they had succeeded forcing those strange beings to retreat. But, everyone gradually understood one point from this battle... It was a wasteful sacrifice to send anyone weaker than a Great Masters to deal with those men. In fact, even the experts at level-four Spirit Xuan peak couldn't hurt those grotesque beings despite using the full extent of their strength. Therefore, these battles came to be fought between the strongest Xuan warriors of both sides. And, those who were weaker than Great Masters were told to disband and return. After all, there was no need for pointless sacrifice.

"Four of greatest forces were formed inside the continent at that time. The purpose of these forces was to deal with those invading forces in an effective manner. These forces comprised the Elusive World of Immortals, Great Golden City, and the Boundless Ocean of Blood. Even the strongest Beast Kings fought in that battle because this war would decide the fate of the entire Xuan Xuan Continent. Moreover, our force was entirely self-contained. Tian Fa Forest's strength was the mightiest amongst those four at that time. In fact, it could be said that Tian Fa's strength was greatest in the entire universe!

"The three great lands... the Three Holy Lands started to screen the human Xuan experts. And, people could go into the Three Holy Lands if their Xuan strength reached the realm of the Great Masters. They would then wait for the next 'Battle for Seizing the Heavens'. These people would undergo rigorous Xuan training during this time. In fact, they wouldn't even be allowed to go out. That's because any slack could result in a catastrophic defeat in the 'Battle for Seizing the Heavens'. And, a defeat in that battle would result in the greatest of calamities for all humanity. Therefore, the Three Holy Lands became like

concentration camps for the continent's greatest strength. And, only the genuinely powerful would get the chance to enter the Three Holy Lands.

"Our Tian Fa Forest's force is naturally composed of Xuan Beasts. Humans would never join hands with us. So, the Three Holy Lands started to become increasingly prosperous as time passed. However, the Tian Fa Forest got stuck with its limitations, and remained the same as before. Consequently, Tian Fa started to decline even though it was once the mightiest force.

"Each one of the Three Holy Lands selected extremely harsh environments in order to check the invasion more effective. But, those environments resulted in great benefits when it came to the matter of strength advancement. Hence, the Three Holy Lands gradually faded away from the sight of the society at large as time went on. They would occasionally come out to search for Great Master level experts who would be willing to join their ranks. But, these three lands maintained no other kind of presence in the society. Thousands of years came to pass, and they were gradually forgotten by the society. But, the Battle for Seizing the Heavens never came to a stop!

"This is the origin story of the 'Fierce Trinity'," Venerable Mei was leisurely gazing into the horizon.

"So, that's what it is about." Jun Mo Xie's reply had sounded a bit vague. In fact, it had seemed as if he had accepted this without thinking. However, his heart was brimming with admiration. [There are people who're protecting this continent in secret. They're fighting there in silence. They're making sacrifices in silence... these places are worthy of being called 'Holy Lands' because of this one point alone!]

"Therefore, I was somewhat flabbergasted when I saw that someone with a Xuan strength as powerful as your master's was moving around so freely and unfettered," Mei Xue Yan slowly shifted her gaze and looked at Jun Mo Xie.

"Ah, that's probably because us master-and-disciple live a simple life, and don't relate ourselves with troubles of the society. So, we don't reveal ourselves in the public very easily," Jun Mo Xie laughed out.

"That's possible I guess. However, the Fierce Trinity has been fighting openly over the past millennia. And, they seem to have forgotten their original aim and significance! It can be presumed that there are many powerful and disillusioned individuals over there these days. And, the Three Holy Lands aren't "Holy" lands anymore," Mei Xue Yan sighed for a while. Then, she continued to speak.

"You see... fighting and keeping surveillance everyday was an extremely exhausting task. Therefore, the trinity eventually decided to put forth the proposal of pre-decided decisive battles instead. After all, that meant that they could come over to the mainland from time-to-time, and live the life a world-renowned individual could lead. Besides, the weather in the Supporting the Heavens Mountains is extremely cold and no individual can lead a comfortable life over there. Therefore, they decided to summon those freaks with the intention of proposing their idea of decisive battles. Those freaks came over to discuss. But, those freaks obviously wanted to damage the trinity's interests. After all, they were filthy, disgusting, mean, and utterly disrespectful. So, they neither agreed, nor disagreed to this proposal.

"However, the decisive battles started taking place at regular intervals of ten years thereafter. In fact, it had become a custom. But then, they felt that ten years was too short a time period. After all, they couldn't recuperate in that amount of time. So, they changed the time-gap to a hundred years. But, the strength of the Three Holy Lands had increased very considerably in the time span of the first hundred years. So, they destroyed the enemy's forces in the decisive battle that followed. The strength of those outsiders had been damaged very badly in that war. So, they didn't invade again after the next hundred years' time span passed. In fact, they often didn't arrive until two-hundred years had passed. However, they'd recover and become stronger in that time frame. But, they were always stopped and pushed back by the power of the Three Holy Lands no matter how fierce they'd become. Thus, the time frame between two successive wars continued to increase. And, it's already been five-hundred years since the last attack."

Mei Xue Yan sighed, "The time frame between two successive wars has continued to increase. And, it has now reached to five-hundred years from the original ten. Increasing this ceasefire period bring only advantages to those outsiders. After all, their main objective is to get out of the harsh conditions they live in. So, they continue to work hard for the sake of their prosperity. But, five-hundred years is an extremely long period of time for those of on this side of the mountains. In fact, generations can change in such a long time. Consequently, we've already forgotten the terror and aftermaths of those wars. The Fierce Trinity still exists. But, they haven't been able to remain the Three 'Holy' Lands in the true sense. Moreover, I don't know when it happened... but it seems that their people have secretly entered the common society and have started to pull the strings of Imperial Powers from the dark...

"Their transformation has gone from bad to worse. In fact, the Three Holy Lands have secretly begun to contend for power over the last hundred years. This state of affairs has become rather lamentable. I still don't understand this. After all, the Three Holy Lands are now beyond anyone's reach. So, why would an entity of their status try meddle in worldly matters?" Mei Xue Yan spoke in a somewhat melancholic tone.

"And, what's more tragic is that the Three Holy Lands have started to fight over internal rankings now! They wish to see who is ranked above whom! Hah! I don't even know how much strength they've squandered over this strife! It's a pity... And, the time for the decisive battle must be within these few

years! However, things don't look too good for the first time in over nine-thousand years... I'm very worried about this..." Mei Xue Yan's beautiful eyes were filled with sadness.

"I'm a Xuan Beast; not a human. But, I still feel myself a part of this Xuan Xuan Continent. Successive generations of Tian Fa have died fighting in these decisive battles over the last nine-thousand years. We've lost a huge number of our brave warriors while the Three Holy Lands have been fighting for supremacy. In fact, these battles have become the mission of our existence. And, we've already lost a lot of blood in these Battle for Seizing the Heavens. It's true that I've always looked down upon your meagre humanity that inhabits this huge continent. But, we will still guard it. We don't do it for you filthy humans that live in this continent. We do it because it's our duty to guard this land. After all, the Tian Fa Forest is our responsibility, and we can't run away from it! Therefore, the flourishing reputation of Tian Fa can't be lost from my hands since I carry the name of 'Mei'!

"So, we need to increase our strength this time. It's important that we pull all the stops, and make Tian Fa more powerful as fast as possible. After all, we'll have to take the task of pushing those invaders back in case they break past the humans of the Trinity. Things may turn for the worst. But, we'll at least be able to take them down with us!

"Therefore, we must participate in the Battle for Seizing the Heavens. However, we must be ranked at par with the Three Holy Lands in order to participate in that battle. Otherwise, they'll rescind our qualifications to fight in the decisive battle!"

Jun Mo Xie couldn't help but feel deep veneration when he heard that.

He had said that he wasn't a good man or a noble person. In fact, he had even disdained those so-called chivalrous heroes. But, he had always admired the true heroes in his heart!

General Yue Fei from the history of his previous world had been one such individual.

Similarly, he had come to admire General Jun Wu Hui in this life!

Mei Xue Yan was only a Xuan Beast in human form. But, her persistence and open-minded nature was enough to make all humans feel ashamed.

Chapter 489: Horrible People of the Strange Race

"The situation you've described makes it seem that things get more conspiratorial as the time between two successive battles increases," Jun Mo Xie solemnly considered the matter for a while before he spoke-up, "It was fine when the ten years' period was extended to a hundred years. After all, you Xuan Beasts would easily be able to live through a time span of hundred years. Moreover, even the extremely strong humans would be able live that long. In fact, they might even be able to take part in two... or maybe even three or four Battles for Seizing the Heavens! But, that short time period has been extended to five-hundred years now. So, the Xuan Beasts are still fine. But, this plan takes a sinister turn when it comes to us humans."

Jun Mo Xie raised a finger, "Everyone knows that an individual can extend their lifespan by drawing support from their Xuan Qi if their Xuan cultivation crosses the Earth Xuan Level. And, an individual can live up to a hundred-and-fifty to two-hundred years if they reach the Spirit Xuan Realm. And, they can prolong their life even further if they go a step further and reach the cultivation level of a Great Master. But, they won't be able to extend it beyond the limit of three-hundred-and-fifty years," Jun Mo Xie had learned this from the Solitary Falcon. However, even Solitary Falcon didn't know about the levels above that of the Great Masters.

"Actually, there are humans who are stronger than the Great Master Level. And, those people can have lifespans ranging from four-to-six-hundred years. I'm sure that your master's cultivation should've reached such a level. In fact, the records in my Tian Fa suggest that one can even go beyond this level. Humans can become even stronger, and can extend their lifespans even further. But, such people are very few in number. And, that's because there have been very few people in the past thousand years who have reached such a high level.

"Those who had participated in the last Battle for Seizing the Heavens will have added another five-hundred years to their age by now. So, it could be said that a vast majority of them would have no chance of participating in the next decisive battle! And, that's because one needs to train for at least two-hundred years in order to become strong-enough to qualify for participating in the Battle for Seizing the Heavens. However, the next battle will take place over five-hundred years after the last one. Therefore, the lifespan of humans wouldn't allow them to participate in the upcoming battle since it would take place after five-hundred years. Even the most talent and extraordinary humans would be bound by the limitations of human lifespan. Therefore, they would only be able to blossom for one decisive battle. Consequently, the only way for them to fight the Battle for Seizing the Heavens is to pass the torch onto future generations," Mei Xue Yan sighed deeply. "After all, those who live for over a millennia due to their Xuan strength only exist in myths and legends."

"Every Battle for Seizing the Heaves is tragic and catastrophic; it's a miserable calamity. Every strong expert that goes to fight in it must go only upon embracing the notion of certain death; no matter how unreasonably powerful they are. And, it's the same for their disciples. After all, the disciples have to stand aside and watch their masters sacrifice their lives to those savage outsiders. This is the way they've been able to pass-on this torch from generation-to-generation..."

Mei Xue Yan's beautiful eyes seemed somewhat pained as she spoke, "I was fortunate that the-then Lord of Tian Fa had taken me to watch the Battle for Seizing the Heavens in those days. I was still a very small seventh level at..." she didn't speak further. She only let out a deep sigh.

"Every Lord of the Tian Fa Forest has always stated that the extension of these timespans between each consecutive Battle for Seizing the Heavens is clearly a conspiracy of those strange men from the other side. They lay waiting for five-hundred years. They are willing to do that. But, we can't. Those people also go through generational changes. But, the conditions over there are extremely horrible. Their lifestyle is based on eliminating the poor. Survival of the fittest is their most important principle. So, each of their generation sees the rise of countless powerful beings in their ranks. But, this side of the continent is riddled with many faults. This time period is too long for us. Moreover, it's very easy for humans to forget things and get comfortable instead. And, this is an even bigger enemy to a person's fighting spirit than the wear and tear of continuous fighting."

"Why don't we just cross over the mountains and kill those outsiders? Won't it be better if we get rid of these future problems?" Jun Mo Xie frowned.

"Do you take all the countless extremely strong entities from earlier as fools? Your blabbing would've been a reality if it were possible! In fact, this solution has already been tried by many powerful experts. However, it is extremely difficult to cross over. There are some very powerful experts who are able to cross over to the other side. But, only a very few of such people are present throughout the continent in each generation; maybe around ten at best. However, there are countless powerful beings waiting at the other side. In fact, they are patiently waiting as if we're their prey. Moreover, there are millions of them over there. And, they live extremely scattered. So, how can we kill them all at once?"

"We'll probably be killed to the last man if we hastily rush over. The Pillars of Heaven Mountains aren't merely a moat for those creatures on the other side. They are also a moat for us people on this side!"

Mei Xue Yan sighed and continued, "Ending it once-and-for-all would obviously be great. But... it's impossible! Look at current circumstance... we're hardly able to maintain the capability to withstand

their invasion! So, what attack can we speak of? Moreover, the environment at our enemies' side is extremely harsh. The conditions over there are so harsh that humans can't even be guaranteed of their survival. Even Xuan Beasts can't be assured in this regard! So, we simply can't talk about carrying out a huge slaughter!"

Jun Mo Xie became silent for a while, but he continued to calculate in his mind. [This is a very difficult matter. Moreover, it has tons of hard-to-negotiate problems. We have the Three Holy Lands on one hand. They are planning the vicious fight for supremacy, and can't work towards one goal anymore. Moreover, we don't have enough strong fighters in our ranks. We'd need a few hundred Great Master Level fighters for something like this. Moreover, these said-fighters would need to be consolidated under one command. Such a team could easily cause a great deal of damage to the opposition's forces even if they don't succeed in destroying them in one fell swoop. It is true that the enemy eliminates the weak amongst them, and preserves only the strong. They surely follow the 'survival of the fittest' rule. But, it's unlikely that all of them would be extremely strong.]

He couldn't help but think of the troops under his own command — Heaven Destroyers and Soul Devourers. [If they...] Jun Mo Xie couldn't help but shake his head as their thought crossed his mind. [My household guards aren't strong enough yet. Even the strongest one is too weak; he's only at the Earth Xuan first rank at this time. I fear they won't even be able to cross Supporting the Heaven Mountain's passes. But... if this was to happen after a few decades...]

He shook his head. It was too late.

If you wish to kill a real man — you must do it when he's immature. It's never easy to kill a man once he has grown up. It's possible that the man might not be able to achieve much in his lifetime. However, they will certainly have gained experience once they've matured...

"There's something I find a bit odd. The Xuan Xuan Continent has always been tolerant to the co-existence of Xuan Beasts and human. So, why can't we accept those people as well? Moreover, they can be considered as 'human'. So, shouldn't they resemble humans in some ways? Those outsiders... how are they different?" Jun Mo Xie asked since he was still confused, "Moreover, they're quite strong as well. So, why can't they be accepted and assimilated into the population here?"

"Ah, you haven't seen those outsiders. So, you don't know how horrendous they are. Moreover, you don't know what filthy and disgusting condition they are in. And, that's why you have this childish and naive way of thinking!" Mei Xue Yan looked speechless. It seemed like she felt disgusted. In fact, it appeared that she found this entire issue so filthy that she felt the filth even while discussing it.

"Oh?" Jun Mo Xie seemed quite interested on the contrary, "What do they look like?"

"The appearance of that tribe... how does one properly describe it...? Their appearance consists of dual body features. They somewhat resemble those deformed human twins who are born conjoined. But, one half of the body can't survive after the loss of the other half. In fact, countless senior experts in the past had figured this to be these outsiders' primary weakness. But, their disadvantage is also their advantage. That's because their bodies consist of two individuals. Moreover, the meridians inside their bodies can complement each other. And, they can cover any insufficiencies of the other half in this way. So, their techniques display twice the effect even with half the effort. Their appearance is also very repulsive, and their conduct is even crueler. It can be said that they aren't humans! Therefore, it would be inaccurate to say that they have no human qualities. But, that's because they can't even be considered as humans in the first place!" Mei Xue Yan frowned as she spoke.

"Moreover, the tribes of these conjoined people have extremely strange and bizarre techniques. They can hide themselves in the shortest of time period. They can merge into trees and water. In fact, you could say that they can transform their forms. And, this can cause a huge headache," Mei Xue Yan muttered to herself irresolutely.

"Conjoined people? All of them are conjoined?" Jun Mo Xie stared wide-eyed. He had often heard that being conjoined was a defect. But, he had never thought that there would be an entire tribe of such people. However, he then heard Mei Xue Yan describe their techniques... [Doesn't that sound familiar?]

"Their techniques appear similar to the wondrous techniques you had used earlier," Mei Xue Yan muttered to herself for a long while before she finally spoke-up.

"What do you mean by their techniques appear similar to ones I displayed? You can see that this Young Master is a real man – a truly handsome youngster! How can you even compare me to those shitty deformed people?!"

Jun Mo Xie had been listening carefully, and with keen interest. But, that statement from the extremely beautiful Mei Xue Yan left him feeling very angry. [The techniques used by those conjoined people can at most be considered as a 'Five Elemental Escape' technique. And, that's an extremely lowly technique! How could that compare to the incomparable Art of Unlocking the Heaven's Fortune? Or the Yin-Yang Escape? This is too big an insult!]

"Don't get mad, Young Master. I know what you're trying to say. Your techniques had a hint of similarity with theirs. But, I obviously know that the two are too far apart when it comes to the quality of it. In fact, it is like the difference between heaven and earth! You can't speak of them in the same breath. However, my World Cage technique is the greatest nemesis of their techniques. After all, I merely need to raise a hand in order to kill the greatest of enemies. My technique can even imprison you. But, it can only do so for a short while. In fact, I reckon that you might be able to break away if you put everything into disabling my imprisonment. Moreover, I guess that I can restrain you only because your cultivation is still very low. However, I'd be surprised if my World Cage worked against you once you've reached your master's cultivation."

Mei Xue Yan's words came rather unexpectedly for Jun Mo Xie. After all, Mei Xue Yan had intentionally placed Young Master Jun at the top while placing herself beneath him.

Jun Mo Xie couldn't help but feel elated at Mei Xue Yan's flattering words. But, Jun Mo Xie continued to question even when he was swimming with pride, "What kind of weapons are these people adept at? And, how good are they with them?"

"Those outsiders seem to use only long and slender blades. Their blades have evolved over the millennia. Moreover, they know extraordinary ways of slashing and stabbing. And, they also have this habit of shouting a chant while using their blades. But, the culture and language of the rest of the continent is very different than theirs. So, we can't understand their chants. In fact, it becomes very annoying..."

"These people may be conjoined. But, they're still people, right? Is that image so very strange? Don't tell me..." Jun Mo Xie blinked. His eyes were filled with a daring and inquisitive color. In fact, he had a great urge to go and capture one of those outsiders right now so that he could examine them.

"Ahem..." Mei Xue Yan coughed. She seemed a bit uncomfortable. The beautiful woman hesitated to open her mouth for a while. However, she eventually steeled herself and spoke-up, "You don't know these conjoined people... Each one of them are one man and one woman joined together as one person."

Chapter 490: Indignant at Injustice

"So, brothers and sisters share the same body..." Jun Mo Xie exclaimed. Then, he thought of something and spoke, "It seems like the body structure of these outsiders is like this due to their very genes. But, how do they reproduce if their bodies are like this? Let's say that a man goes out to find a wife. However, he would also have to see his own younger sister and his wife's elder brother... wouldn't he? That would be embarrassing. And, that would certainly go against the accepted boundaries of human relations..."

It was natural for Jun Mo Xie to believe that the conjoined pair of a man and a woman from the same parent would make them brother and sister...

Mei Xue Yan's face became red. She seemed was anxious and embarrassed. She didn't know how she was supposed to answer this. So, she glared at Jun Mo Xie for a while. Then, she closed her eyes and spoke, "Our ancestors would've tried to accept these conjoined people if they knew what the boundaries of proper human relations were. And, that would've been great. However, those filthy creatures... don't look for mates. Those conjoined siblings... are couples..."

"Later on, some people of the Fierce Trinity decided to give these outsiders a name since it was awkward to call them strange race or conjoined twins. They were eventually termed as 'Wolf-men' since the viciousness of their characters was similar to that of wolves!" Mei Xue Yan finally finished her brief.

"Wolf... Men! Hah...! So, there are such lowly existences in this world! Those ###... ah..." Jun Mo Xie was stunned. In fact, he had blurted this out since he had been left flabbergasted. After all, he had never even dreamt that he would burst onto such news...

"What...? You, you, you are a Young Master from a noble family! Why can't you be a little more refined in front of a lady? Do you have to use those obscene words?" Mei Xue Yan's pretty face became deathly white; her extremely beautiful eyes were opened wide, and her finger was pointed at Jun Mo Xie. She stood up with a 'whoosh' sound, and was almost ready to storm off.

Mei Xue Yan had lived an experience-rich life. But, she had never expected that someone would use such obscene imagery in front of her. Those words' meaning was extremely nauseating and disgusting. In fact, she nearly fainted out of embarrassment when she thought about it...

It must be said that it was highly appropriate for Jun Mo Xie to think of those words. But, his choice of term was too graphic! Therefore, the images one would imagine while using those words... would appear extremely repulsive...

"Fu*k that shit!" Jun Mo Xie felt the anger in his very spirits being provoked. His face was full of wrath and disdain. He made threatening gestures as he sprayed saliva, "I wish their ancestors were more cultured! This Young Master has hated those shameless devils his entire life! Those lowly little dipshit ###... they've even dared cause trouble on Xuan Xuan Continent's lands! They've dared to wage these Battles for Seizing the Heavens?! Seize this goddam*it! This injustice makes my heart fill with indignation! I declare that I will strive to mortise them my entire life! In fact, I will chop off my little master if I'm not able to eradicate the very roots of that gang of ###."

The lovely faces of the two beautiful Xuan Beast ladies became red. The two women felt extremely embarrassed as they saw the Youngster jumping up and down while spewing out these unbearable obscenities.

[This is too aggressive. I had only spoken about those outsiders; that's all. So, why is this Young Master so full of resentment? It seems like someone has dug up his ancestor's grave or something...]

[Moreover, one look at him is enough to tell that his anger isn't fake! It genuinely comes from the bottom of his heart!]

How would those two understand where that anger in Jun Mo Xie's heart was coming from? After all, someone from their cultural heritage and history could never understand where Jun Mo Xie's resentment had stemmed from.

These wolf-men weren't the same as those outsiders. However, they had still succeeded in mobilizing the nationalist sentiment of hatred which had been buried in the deepest abyss of his heart. And, this was the reason why he had decided to behead those shameless people!

Moreover, their Xuan strength and numbers... had made the similarities more striking...

It seemed as if the Young Master had decided to eat the dog since he couldn't find the rabbit. Consequently, Jun Mo Xie's resentment was quite a heartfelt one.

"Are you alright, Young Master Jun?" Mei Xue Yan's face had remained reddened for a while. Therefore, she had asked this in a tone full of disdain. After all, the Young Master had just given vent to his feelings.

But, his manner of doing so was entirely contrary to what one would expect of a Young Master from a noble family.

"I'm fine. What would happen to me?" Jun Mo Xie rolled his eyes and roared, "You don't worry! I'll make your request come true! I'll back it to the hilt! You have my absolute and full backing in this matter! We must eliminate those outsiders before they become a bigger threat! We must resolutely implement the policy of eradicating those outsiders. We must eradicate this problem forever! This Young Master will personally participate when the time comes. I will kill them all. I'll wreak havoc in their world! Such filthy and shameless creatures don't deserve to live in this peaceful world!"

Young Master Jun made a fist and thumped his chest. His eyes looked straight ahead as he assumed an oath-making pose. Then, he spoke-up while trembling with energy, "This Jun Mo Xie will guard this Xuan Xuan Continent since I'm a part of it. I swear on my honor that I won't shirk. I will sacrifice myself and spare no effort to kill them. Their blood will soar glittering in the light. It will turn into an all-round bloodbath! I will kill their entire kin. I will feed them to the dogs!"

Mei Xue Yan laughed and said, "I admit that your skills are marvelous, Young Master Jun. But, your strength is still quite shallow. And, the Battle for Seizing the Heavens is almost upon us. So, you won't be of any use in that decisive battle even if the speed of your advancement increases two to three times. Your heart is laudable, and I can sympathize with your emotions. Hehe..."

Jun Mo Xie snorted and replied, "That is yet to be seen."

"What is yet to be seen? You think that you're extraordinary because you're strong enough to crack rocks right now? Your divine sword can cut gold and dissect jade. That light and wondrous skill can transform your body and redouble your power. But, do you think that turns you into a never-before-seen hero of this world? We're all friends here now. So, I'll take the responsibility of telling you even though it might hurt your confidence. You wouldn't be able to match up to a genuine expert with your current strength. In fact, you'll pose no threat whatsoever!"

The Young Master Jun glanced at Mei Xue Yan, "A genuine expert? For example...?"

"Any supreme expert can take you down with ease. It wouldn't even matter whether they're one of the Eight Great Masters or a Beast King from Tian Fa — you'll be nothing more than an ordinary man in front of them," Mei Xue Yan said in a dull tone.

"Ah. And, this means that you two sisters could also do the same?"

"Of course it includes Green Hunter and me as well. I only need to use five percent of my strength to send you to your doom. In fact, it wouldn't matter how wondrous your agility or martial technique are. You must never doubt this fact!" Mei Xue Yan gave a gentle smile as she looked at Jun Mo Xie, "So, you must train properly, Young Man. You'll understand somethings once you grow up."

Jun Mo Xie became dizzy with madness. [You think that I don't know the difference between our strengths? You feel that I don't know that I can't contend against your strength? But, that tone of yours resembles that of an age-old person who is preaching the ways of the world to an extremely young person. Or like a mother comforting her young son...]

[How can this Young Master speak of being a real man of great stature when he's being considered so lowly?]

Green Hunter was standing on the side. And, she was also stunned. In fact, she had opened her big and beautiful eyes wide. [How can Elder Sister say that? Moreover, this tone isn't her usual one. In fact, it is almost as if she's trying to appear strong when she's feeling weak inside...]

Mei Xue Yan's expressions had showed no change, but she was quite frightened inside. She had been shocked by his words and deeds. And, she was already on guard against him as a result.

However, it wasn't the kind of guard one would put up while facing an enemy. Instead, it was a guard against a man — a woman's guard against a man!

There had never been such a man for many years who had made her raise her guard like that. And, that was because they weren't much in her eyes. But, this youngster had given rise to this feeling inside her.

[What am I scared of?]

"I might surprise you," Jun Mo Xie responded in an extremely calm manner.

"Oh? The Young Master has admittedly surprised me to a fair degree. But, you're talking about an unprecedented feat if you're claiming that you will go from a mid-level Sky Xuan Expert to becoming at least as strong as a Great Master in these insufficient three years. In fact, this would seem like the fancies of a lunatic! I'm only telling you the truth. And, I hope that you don't take offence," Mei Xue Yan replied insipidly.

Some truths needed to be mentioned with regards to Mei Xue Yan's words. Many great heroes had been born in the Xuan Xuan Continent ever since these Battles for Seizing the Heavens had started. After all, times of trouble give rise to great heroes. Therefore, many individual with frightening talents had come up in the past. And, they had achieved miraculous feats.

However, even those who had achieved the greatest of levels at wondrous speed had always reached the Great Master Level after forty years. And, there had never been an exception to this. Baili Luo Yun was already a rare talent with respect to the past thousands of years. After all, he had reached the Earth Xuan Level at the mere age of twenty-five. But, even this genius was nothing compared to the talents this continent's long history could boast about. In fact, Baili Luo Yun wouldn't be able to reach the level of Great Masters before the age of sixty. However, even that was a rare achievement!

Young Master Jun was certainly a once-in-a-millennia rarity for reaching the Sky Xuan Level at the age of sixteen or seventeen. But, there had been around eight-or-ten people like him in the past. But, a young genius doesn't always evolve into an old genius. And, many of those who had reached the Sky Xuan Realm below the age of twenty hadn't reached the level of Great Masters before they had turned hundred despite training without breaks for their entire lives. So, Mei Xue Yan wasn't entirely mocking Jun Mo Xie when she had called his words the 'fancies of a lunatic'.

"Young Mei's words are jewels of wisdom. So, how could this Young Master mind them? But, there are many strange things in this world. And, they are rarely ever achieved by people. Everything depends on the individual. Young Mei is perhaps speaking of things she couldn't do. But, it doesn't mean that others can't do it. After all, the frogs peering into the sky from the well don't know the extent of the stars in the sky; do they?" Jun Mo Xie coldly replied.

Green Hunter was standing on the side. However, she couldn't help but lash out when she heard this, "How dare you have the gall to call us frogs in the well, Jun Mo Xie?"

"Did I say that? Don't tell me that the two of you are such people? I apologies to Young Mei if you've taken that seriously," Jun Mo Xie replied in a calm and collected manner.

"Stop, Green Hunter. The Young Master must have something up his sleeves if he's boasting so deliriously. And, perhaps we are frogs peering out of a well," Mei Xue Yan's speech seemed worded to scold Green Hunter. But, anyone who'd listen to her tone could tell that she clearly talked of Jun Mo Xie overestimating his capabilities.