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### Chapter 531: Others Will Get Because They Want. But, You Want Too? No!

Things happened as they had expected.

Jun Mo Xie sneered. Then, he hung his eyes low, and began to speak, "Is Young Lord Huyan trying to interrogate me with his words? Ha ha... You've said that an individual from Jun Family has no significance in the eyes of you highly-ranked people! But, what have you come here for if that's the case?"

"So what if we want to interrogate you? We are only concerned about the future of the common people. You've already said things you shouldn't have! Jun Mo Xie, think clearly; you don't want to become an eternal sinner!"

Huyan Xiao looked around. Then, he suddenly flashed an evil grin. [Experts from each of the Three Holy Lands are present here. But, you are merely a Young Master of a common family. How will you be able to stand upright while opposing us? I'll use this opportunity to settle all accounts with you! You had dared to pick a fight with the people of my Illusory Ocean of Blood? You're dead now!]

Ning Wu Qing sighed. His heart was brimming with contempt. [One look at the present expression of this 'Young Lord' is enough to determine that he isn't suitable to hold a position of power.]

"For the sake of the common people's future...? You're saying this merely on the basis of your superiority. But, your superiority apparently isn't enough!" Jun Mo Xie replied with contempt, "Your strength would've stood somewhere in case Huang Tai Yang had been here... But, he's not... So, you don't stand anywhere!"

Ma Jiang Ming's eyeballs quickly turned. He didn't want the situation to spiral into a deadlock again. Therefore, Ma Jiang Ming seized this opportunity to diverge the subject of discussion, "He he, that old bastard Huang Tai Yang! God knows which distant place he has run off to. I haven't met that guy for so long. In fact, I kind of miss him too..."

Huyan Xiao stamped his foot, and spoke-up in sharp tone, "Jun Mo Xie, what are you trying to pretend by looking so confused? You used your shady tricks to kill Huang Tai yang! You think I don't know about it? I don't want to make things difficult for you today. But, you can't differentiate from the good from the bad. It's hard to imagine you'd go this far. Who could've thought that you'd be so evil! An enemy to the Illusory Ocean of Blood is an enemy to the Three Holy Lands! And, an enemy to the Three Holy Lands is an enemy to the entire world. You should consider yourself lucky that this Young Lord is willing to give you some grace because of these pills and its alchemist! Otherwise..."

"What?!" Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming were taken aback by this. The four eyes opened wide at the same time, and their bodies straightened up. However, they didn't intend on taking part in the rubbish Huyan Xiao was blabbering. And, that's because a particular piece of information had seized their undivided attention... [Huang Tai Yang is dead? Moreover, he was killed by this youngster's intervention?]

[He used a shady trick? That's the funniest joke ever! What kind of a shady trick can be used to kill an expert who's above the Great Master Level? Would someone stronger than the Great Master Level have been of any value in the first place if shady tricks could've been used to deal with them?]

[We've already determined that the Jun Family has an extremely powerful expert in their ranks. In fact, I had reckoned that this individual may even be as strong as me. However, it seems that I've underestimated this individual... What sort of a powerhouse can suppress Huang Tai Yang into a position where he can't even run for his life? This wouldn't have been possible even if I had joined hands with Ma Jiang Ming! This... is that person even stronger...?]

A light burst into Ning Wu Qing's eyes. This light then seemingly congealed into substance as he looked at Jun Mo Xie, and slowly proceeded to ask, "Is that true? Was Huang Tai Yang killed by you?" A massive spiritual pressure had exploded from his body while was speaking.

Ning Wu Qing's strength was far superior to Huyan Xiao's. Even a man of Young Master Jun's self-restraint couldn't prevent his brows from wrinkling.

Mei Xue Yan had been sitting beside Jun Mo Xie in a gentle manner. However, this sudden and loud eruption from Ning Wu Qing's side shook her into making a move. But, she didn't move much; she merely raised her head, and shot a frivolous look into Ning Wu Qing's eyes.

Boom!

It seemed as if their eye-contact had suddenly marred the silence. A strange and formless force seemingly overflowed to every direction of the room! And, everyone's gowns were sent drifting upwards by this force; Ma Jiang Ming was the only exception! Consequently, the depths of everyone's eyes had been tainted with extreme fear!

Ning Wu Qing's upper body was suddenly stretched backwards while facing skywards. His tidy white hair floated backwards with a 'whooshing' sound! Then, they started to flutter, and his body slowly straightened up, and returned to its original shape! However, there was a dignified and serious look on his face. It seemed as if he was in front of an enemy! [It seems as if this enemy can pose a threat to my life with ease. In fact, it is possible that this person is frightening enough to be capable of killing all of us in one fell swoop!]

Mei Xue Yan was motionless. But, her eyes were giving out a cold expression. There was no wind blowing there, but her beautiful hair was spread out on her shoulders. Moreover, they were fluttering in slow motion. This had added more beauty to her mysterious appearance.

"I hadn't expected this girl would turn out to be a once-in-an-era expert. That is why this humble Ning failed to extend the due respect at first," Ning Wu Qing suddenly began to emit the aura of a sharp and unsheathed sword. It seemed that this sword was standing upright between the heaven and the earth while its radiance was permeating everywhere. [It bothers me that I had failed to show proper manners, but I won't stand to lose the respect of a man who stands at the peak of his generation!]

"You can't bully people in the name of the Three Holy Lands!" Mei Xue Yan spoke-up coldly, "The Three Holy Lands have been establishing their merits and greatness since countless years... Their achievements shouldn't be looked down upon. But, you mustn't bully anyone by using that name! Ning Wu Qing, Ma Jiang Ming, and Huyan Xiao... you people are intolerable bullies!"

"May I dare to ask who this girl is?" A flame of anger had been ignited in Ma Jiang Ming's eyes; he was ready to fight.

"She's my wife! I had said this a moment ago. Wasn't it clear? What? Do the Three Holy Lands wish to bully a feeble woman?" Jun Mo Xie slowly opened his mouth, "To bully someone's wife in their own house... these... Is this how the men from the Three Great Holy Lands behave? Is this what you keep repeating about? Is this your noble purpose towards the common people? Is this what you intend to bring-about for the future of the continent?"

Ning Wu Qing forced a smile; [This kid sure knows how to talk. He says that his so-called 'wife' is weak. I guess that I wouldn't be able to find any strong men in the world by this analogy!]

Ning Wu Qing waved his hands in a pressure-like motion to indicate everyone to not be hot-tempered. Then, he smiled and spoke, "Our real concern was that... perhaps the Young Master Jun doesn't know that the power of these pills. Moreover, we were afraid that these pills could be used for evil purposes if they fell into the wrong hands... So, we only wanted to ensure the safety of these pills. However, we needn't worry since the Jun Family's experts can guarantee the safety of these pills... We were under the impression that Young Master Jun didn't know enough about his pills. And, we — the people of the Three Holy Lands — needed to feel ensured... However, it seems that we need to reconsider our anxiety now..."

Ning Wu Qing's words weren't self-explanatory, but they hadn't been said purposelessly. And, Jun Mo Xie had already gotten a hint about what he had meant; [We won't be able to force you at this time!]

Jun Mo Xie twitched his mouth, and muttered in his heart... [You may have thought that you would've come out stronger. But, have you gotten the idea yet? I kill you if you dare to mess with us again!]

However, Ning Wu Qing's approach had made his declaration obvious — [We would've forced you into submission if you weren't stronger!]

However, Jun Mo Xie somewhat appreciated this approach.

[Who wouldn't wish to snatch such a divine pill? Who wouldn't wish to keep this to themselves? However, it was better to say it out loud than to play a dirty trick. Speaking this out loud might make you look like a bad person. But, you would at least be a bad person of strong moral character!]

"Let's get back to the point now. This Old Man only represents the Elusive Land of Immortals in this discussion," Ning Wu Qing looked at Mei Xue Yan, and restrained his fear of the consequences, "The Leader of my Holy Land had given strict orders to recruit the man who's capable of concocting these pills. I'm supposed to take that individual to the Elusive Land of Immortals. However, this matter... isn't worth a discussion at this time. Therefore, I would only be taking these pills to the Elusive Land of Immortals with me. However, I wish to ask for another batch of pills. But, I don't know if Young Master Jun will agree to it. He would make things somewhat less difficult for this Old Man if he agrees..."

The auction's rules stated that one faction could only have one batch of pills. Even the Three Holy Lands weren't an exception to this rule. And, Ning Wu Qing obviously knew this. But, he used his position and self-respect as an Old Man in order to request for another batch. However, he had given Jun Mo Xie a lot of face by putting his request in this manner.

Jun Mo Xie remained silent; he was waiting for Mei Xue Yan to respond. After all, he knew that Mei Xue Yan must've heard about what had happened at the Tian Fa Forest. There existed a rivalry between Mei Xue Yan's older brother — Venerable Mei — and the Elusive Land of Immortals. In fact, they even hated each other somewhat. Therefore, Jun Mo Xie considered it important to know Mei Xue Yan's opinion. In fact, he was prepared to reject this appeal if Mei Xue Yan didn't wish to sell another batch of pills to them!

"It isn't impossible for me to permit it if you want only one more batch," Mei Xue Yan said softly.

"However, you will need to declare this in public. Moreover, you will only get one more batch. And, you will have to pay the highest bid in the auction as the price of this additional batch of pills. We've looked at your reputation, and permitted the sale of another batch. And, we've already made an exception for you by doing so. Therefore, Mister Ning can drop the deal if he still has an objection."

Jun Mo Xie had mixed feelings about this. [Mei Xue Yan hasn't thought much before deciding on this. But, this indicates that she's thinking about the approaching Battle for Seizing the Heavens. And, that's still the most important thing to her.]

[Indeed, she's looking at the bigger picture! She's a Xuan Beast, but her heart is worthy of appreciation! The Three Holy Lands are blabbering about their concerns over the future of the common people, but they are busy fighting against each other in reality. These people should feel ashamed to death in front of her!]

"This condition seems reasonable. It's a deal! Thanks a lot!" Ning Wu Qing agreed to the condition at once. The business he had arrived for wasn't possible anymore. Therefore, he wanted to strive towards attaining the best advantage. He would go back, and report the matter. Then, the Empress would make the final decision. However, the procurement of even one extra batch of pills was a bonus for now. As far as the matter of paying the highest bid price was concerned — he didn't care about it...

After all, gold and silver were mere worldly possessions in his eyes.

"The Great Golden City also wants another batch!" Ma Jiang Ming also opened his mouth. He obviously didn't wish to lag behind Ning Wu Qing. Therefore, he also asked for one more.

"Sure! The conditions remain the same as those for the Elusive Land of Immortals!" Mei Xue Yan gave him a cold look. She had clearly seen Ma Jiang Ming's murderous intentions in his eyes. But, she had still agreed to it. And, that's because Mei Xue Yan knew that the Battle for Seizing the Heavens was going to start soon.

"Our Illusory Ocean of Blood also...." Huyan Xiao hadn't even finished his sentence when Jun Mo Xie interrupted him to decline his appeal. Young Master Jun had obviously done this because he was scared that Mei Xue Yan would agree to him as well. After all, she'd still be thinking about the bigger picture... "The Illusory Ocean of Blood is out from the auction..."

The Illusory Ocean of blood was already an enemy. So, would he still give them additional pills?

"What? Why?" Huyan Xiao violently leaped up. He suddenly felt as if his blood was rushing towards his head, "Jun Mo Xie! You dared to humiliate me!?"

Elusive Land of Immortals had put-up a request, and it was accepted. The Great Golden City had put-up a request. And, that too was accepted. However, the Illusory Ocean of Blood was declined when they put-up the same request! This had instigated the five people from the Illusory Ocean of Blood. After all, it was a slap on their face!

A loud and clear slap!

The complexion of those five people had suddenly distorted!

## Chapter 532: A Man Can't Be Too Shameless

Jun Mo Xie flatly raised his head to look at them. He then said, "Why? Because there's both good and bad people in the Three Holy Lands! The status of Elusive Land of Immortals and the Great Golden City is majestic. But, they are still aware of the fact that they have to follow the rules of our secular world since they're here at this moment. No one knows how the future will turn out. But, I still believe that these two Holy Lands are honorable. Well, they at least aren't as despicable as your Illusory Ocean of Blood! Besides, I believe that the two Holy Lands have certainly bought these pills to prepare for the Battle of Seizing the Heavens. In fact, I would've given these pills as a gift if I weren't auctioning them here."

Jun Mo Xie had said these words to flatter the Elusive Land of Immortals and the Great Golden City. However, he had also insulted the Illusory Ocean of Blood by doing so. In fact, his words had automatically drawn a line between them. Everyone knew his intentions, but the Elusive Land of Immortals and the Great Golden City had achieved their goals. So, why would they worry over other people's problems? Therefore, Jun Mo Xie had assessed that they wouldn't team up against him again.

Huyan Xiao's nostrils flared in anger. His entire face had turned red. His anger welled-up like a mountain, and he yelled, "Do you think the Illusory Ocean of Blood isn't preparing for the Battle of Seizing the Heavens? Do you think that the Illusory Ocean of blood is working for just me? Jun Mo Xie, you've dared to humiliate our Illusory Ocean of Blood! Are you trying to create a lifelong enmity?"

"Am I? Why didn't I see this coming? I've only seen the three people from the Illusory Ocean of Blood who came to the Jun Family on the sly in order to steal the pills. Moreover, they didn't even feel ashamed when we discovered them. Instead, they blatantly blackmailed us... Moreover, they even used their martial strength, and threatened to exterminate my Jun Family... They even tried forcing us to handover the pills..."

Jun Mo Xie's eyes were emitting electric lights as he coldly looked at Huyan Xiao and said, "The first wave of attack didn't work. So, you even sent an expert who was above the Great Master Level — Huang Tai Yang! Even he came to our house in order to steal like rats and dogs do! Moreover, he threatened to kill the nine generations of my family! Such a mean and low-class behavior has never been seen. I'm afraid that my Jun Family would've become extinct a long time ago if we didn't have some self-defense strength. Even this auction wouldn't have happened in that case. However, I still greatly admire you, Huyan Xiao. After all, you didn't even come to collect their bodies for a proper funeral once your evil plans were shattered. How can you be shameless-enough to still talk about this in front of me?

Jun Mo Xie spat out. Then, he continued in a contemptuous tone, "Huyan Xiao, where have you learnt such shamelessness from? Is this a unique magical power of your Illusory Ocean of Blood? You're genuinely unrivalled in the entire world. There must be no match for you when it comes to this shamelessness, right?"

"Did this really happen?" Ning Wu Qing frowned. His face sank, and his eyes inclined like two swords. They then swept out towards Huyan Xiao. Ma Jiang Ming's face also showed a look of despise on the other side. That's right. The Great Golden City also wanted these magical pills; they too wanted the man who had refined them. But, they would've never behaved as lowly as the Illusory Ocean of Blood had!

"This is utter nonsense!" Blood rushed to Huyan Xiao's face. He suddenly felt ashamed under the gaze of those ten experts from the other two Holy Lands. So, he said, "Jun Mo Xie, that's a malicious attack! You know the reason behind this matter..."

"I am talking nonsense? How can I talk nonsense? Huyan Xiao... Did you not send two of your Great Level experts to gate-crash the Jun Family's residence that night? Did they not trespass into the courtyard where the Jun Family's women live? Weren't they your subordinates from the Illusory Ocean of Blood? Didn't you order them to do this? You're the Young Lord of the Illusory Ocean of Blood. So, how can you get away from the responsibility of this act?" Jun Mo Xie interrupted and asked in a cold tone.

"That's nonsense! They had acted on Huang Tai Yang's instructions. How could I have ordered them?" Huyan Xiao blabbered under the gaze of three experts — Ning Wu Qing, Ma Jiang Ming, and Mei Xue Yan. He hadn't had the time to think clearly. Therefore, he had blurted-out the truth this time.

"On Huang Tai Yang's instructions...? Maybe Huang Tai Yang had given the orders. But, wasn't Huang Tai Yang a man from your Illusory Ocean of Blood? You're pushing the blame onto a dead person? You don't have any guts! Do you think you can get away from your responsibility? This is a joke!" Jun Mo Xie smiled in mockery.

Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming also sighed.

[Did he just tell Jun Mo Xie that Huang Tai Yang had ordered this course of action? Fancy that... This Illusory Ocean of Blood's Young Lord can speak without using his brains! Aren't Huang Tai Yang's orders derived from your father's instructions? How is it any different from a direct order from Huyan Aobo?]

[Besides, you are the Young Lord! Huang Tai Yang may have given the orders. But, that man is already dead. And, you are the Young Lord. So, you should take the responsibility for these matters now. But, you are not willing to take the responsibility. In fact, you are making stories instead. How can this not make your subordinates sneer at you...]

"Well, I'll also be honest in that case! Huang Tai Yang personally came-in the second night. Then, he stood on the tallest tower of Jun Family's residence in a fearless manner. His actions and words were wild and willful. His sound was powerful and outstanding. His footsteps could intimidate the entire Tian Xiang City. So, it could be said that everybody had noticed his arrival. No one in the entire Tian Xiang City knew if anyone from my Jun Family managed to survive this or not. Some were even thinking that we were destroyed a long time ago. My Jun Family had become a joke in the entire capital because of this



matter. My Jun Family has faced some tough time over the last several years. But, nobody has ever trampled their way into our residence in this manner. And, this stands true even when we were facing the worst of times. So, I dare to ask the Young Lord whether he still wants to say that this matter was entirely an arbitrary action on Huang Tai Yang's part?! It hadn't been approved by you? Will you still pretend that you didn't know these facts till this moment? Wouldn't this make you rather pathetic for a Young Lord who's supposed to be in command?"

Jun Mo Xie had been smiling mischievously. However, he had hardly relaxed with his words; he had been asking these questions very intensely and forcefully.

Huyan Xiao had been left stunned. After all, he simply couldn't deny these facts. He couldn't even blame Jun Mo Xie for not making the entire fact clear even though Jun Mo Xie hadn't mentioned everything about the incident. After all, the incident had occurred because the Huang Family had deliberately distorted the truth; they had planned to use Huang Tai Yang's power and the Illusory Ocean of Blood's influence to suppress the three influential families. Huang Tai Yang had stepped-in because he was related to the Huang Family. And, that was understandable to some extent. But, the fact still remained that this had happened because of the Huang Family's mistake. Therefore, it would be senseless to bring up these reasons...

In fact, it would've completely meaningless to put forward these reasons. After all, they would've made no sense.

And, that's because Huang Tai Yang's intentions had included two objectives – First was revenge. And, the second was those miraculous pills! Moreover, one thing was very obvious at this point — the Illusory Ocean of Blood had intended to hog all the pills alone; they hadn't planned on leaving anything for anyone else!

Many of the people present were experienced in worldly matters. So, how could they not understand this? Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming looked at Huyan Xiao with cold eyes once they had understood this matter. [It's fortunate that the Jun Family had some experts to keep a watch and repel the attacks of the Illusory Ocean of Blood's troops. Otherwise, wouldn't the Illusory Ocean of Blood have succeeded?]

Jun Mo Xie snorted. Then, he turned to Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming, and said, "There's no need to say that his request doesn't make sense. Both the seniors must've understood as to what comes next? Our Jun Family has already routed the two waves attacks the Illusory Ocean of Blood had sent. We've killed those who came to Jun Family to steal the pills. And, there was also someone who was above the

Great Master Level amongst them — Huang Tai Yang... Now, I would like ask the two seniors... Will the Illusory Ocean of Blood let us get away with this once they find out?"

Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming forced a smile; [Is it even necessary to ask this? You killed a man of their faction. So, it doesn't matter who was right or who was wrong... or what was the reason. This incident has already tied a knot of enmity between the two parties. This is a world where the clenched fist is the absolute argument. So, who will be willing to take things lying down? And, this becomes even more obvious when the Illusory Ocean of Blood's arrogance is involved...]

"The two seniors' expressions make it pretty evident that the Illusory Ocean of Blood won't let our Jun Family go. The Illusory Ocean of Blood's conduct was wrong in the first place. But, they are still a part of the Three Holy Lands. So, they won't accept such a defeat. Therefore, the Jun Family is facing the tip of the sword at this time. We will be facing the sword if we go forward, and we'll be facing the sword even if we go backwards! So, why would I wish to give the pills to the Illusory Ocean of Blood? And, free of cost at that? Why would I help them in cultivating talented individuals who can come and deal with us?"

Jun Mo Xie's expressions were very sincere. His expressions even seemed aggrieved as he continued, "The Aristocratic Hall is a business house. And, its rules have never been broken. It's true that this auction hall was only supposed to sell you twenty pills because of its rules and restrictions. But, I had no option but to sell additional pills since I was thinking about the Battle for Seizing the Heavens. It would even be consider as my Jun Family's contribution towards the common people of the mainland! There's no need to say much about this. After all, would the Jun Family have given twenty of these pills to its enemy for a mere three-hundred-thousand in gold? But, we still did it. However, Illusory Ocean of Blood is still in its self-delusion. They still wish to enjoy the same treatment that the Elusive Land of Immortals and the Great Golden City do. That's a daydream!"

Jun Mo Xie's words had made it obvious that he had made-up his mind.

And, the reason was justifiable as well. [You will kill me if I don't give you the pills! And, I will be dead if I give you the pills. So, why would I give them to you?]

[Why I would give these valuable pills to my enemy? Wouldn't it be stupidity to make this mistake?]

However, Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming were rejoicing in others' misfortunes at this moment.

[The efficacy of this Pill is so magical. I've tried it myself. Our two factions can have forty pills each, while the Illusory Ocean of Blood will have only twenty pills. So, the Illusory Ocean of Blood's strength will be far lesser than the other two sides in the future if we follow this calculation! And, this means that we can effortlessly win in case there's in any dispute in future.]

Both the men were so much overjoyed at this thought that even considered thanking Jun Mo Xie for this.

However, now wasn't the time to laugh...

Huyan Xiao shivered from head to toe. He was staring at Jun Mo Xie. He spoke-up bitterly at this moment, "Jun Mo Xie, you... Don't do something that you'll regret later!"

Jun Mo Xie snorted and replied, "I'm certain of what you want to say next — You wait for my Illusory Ocean of Blood's revenge!" He looked at Huyan Xiao in a sarcastic manner, and continued, "This Young... Lord... I'm a bit embarrassed to call you this when I look at your age. But, I guess I still have to call you — 'Young... Lord'. Anyway, can I ask you something? Huang Tai Yang died at the hands of my Jun Family. But, let's that I sell you these magical pills... or even give you a batch of pills for free... Will your Illusory Ocean of Blood let me go in that case? Will you? Umm...?"

Huyan Xiao was suddenly rendered speechless. [An expert who was above the Great Master Level died for this. So, how can we let you go so easily? Isn't this rubbish? How many people in this world are above the Great Master Level? Nobody will ever be loyal to the power of the Illusory Ocean of Blood if we gave up the revenge for some pills!]

Jun Mo Xie snorted, "The matter has already reached this far. So, there's no point in discussing this. In fact, I've been waiting for your acts of revenge since the day Huang Tai Yang died! But, you're asking to consider not doing something I'll regret even at this point? Are you cracking a joke?"

He burst into a loud laughter at first. Then, he squinted and continued, "Was your head kicked by a donkey? Perhaps your head is filled up with some kind of a paste? How can you speak when you're retarded? Is this genetic? Is your dad also retarded? I feel very sorry for you in that case. After all, your entire family will soon become brainless if this trend follows... Um, I am curious about one thing... Are you looking for a wife? Does she have a sound mind? I'm very afraid for your next generation's well-being... After all, the future 'Young... Lords' may be born without brains. Maybe there will be bacteria in their brains! Wouldn't that bring-about a huge disaster, ah!"

## Chapter 533: Suspicions

Huyan Xiao's complexion turned from green to red. Then, it went from red to white. His face then turned an eerie shade of white, and an intense desire to kill spread out on it. He howled in anger, and single-handedly charged towards Jun Mo Xie in order to grab him. His fair and sleek palms turned into blood-red color when he was midway. And, they also began to emit a black aura along with a fishy smell!

"Blood Ocean's Withered Bone Palm!" Ning Wu Qing's gaze flashed to the side as he stated in a deep voice.

He had clearly said this to warn Jun Mo Xie to defend himself.

Jun Mo Xie snorted. He had readied himself to face this attack. The Art of Unlocking the Heaven's Fortune was a remarkable technique. And, it was capable of routing any evil technique. In fact, it would be more effective against a more powerful evil technique. Therefore, Young Master Jun wasn't bothered even though this Young Lord's strength was a few levels higher than his own. In fact, Jun Mo Xie was quite confident. After all, the natural attributes of the two attacks were bound to entangle in an attempt to control each other once they'd collide. Consequently, the power of Huyan Xiao's attack would deflect in the reverse direction. Therefore, it would be a trivial matter in case Huyan Xiao was defeated on the spot. Moreover, it could be reckoned that this guy's heart would be injected with the poison of his own technique in case he was careless and didn't use his full strength to resist this rebound. In fact, it was possible that he might even die there-and-then.

Suddenly, a 'bang' sound came. Then, Huyan Xiao's body was shot upwards with a 'whoosh'. He broke through the ceiling, and flew upwards. However, his blood spilled down from the air like rain drops.

The four masters from the Illusory Ocean of Blood were extremely shocked at first. Then, they rushed after their Young Lord since they were afraid that he might have sustained serious injuries.

Mei Xue Yan stood motionless and at ease in front of Jun Mo Xie. She faintly said, "Huyan Xiao, even arrogant people should know their limits. You should've come with your father — Huyan Aobo — if you

wanted to act this atrociously! You are too weak to behave like this!" her voice wasn't very loud, but it still travelled far into the distance.

It turned out that Mei Xue Yan had suddenly charged-in to grab Huyan Xiao when he had pounced. She had then thrown him away. However, her movements had been so quick that no one present on the scene had seen her actions clearly.

Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming had been far better-off than the others. But, even they had only seen a white shadow flash in front of them. Then, Huyan Xiao had flown out. But surprisingly, they hadn't seen how Mei Xue Yan had moved and when her hands had come out to grab him!

The two of them looked at each other in shock. This kind of speed had evidently surpassed their knowledge! This was truly astonishing and terrifying!

However, they were unaware of the facts. Mei Xue Yan's speed had been very fast even a few days ago. In fact, it had been far more than theirs. But, it hadn't reached such a shocking level. However, she had then taken the Vitality Linkage Pill, and her speed has increased by three times as a result. Therefore, it was only natural that the speed of her sudden movements had shocked these two super-experts.

A sullen sound came from a distance. This was followed by the sounds of clothes and bodies being slammed and shattered. However, these sounds gradually faded away. It was obvious that the people from the Illusory Ocean of Blood had decided to leave. In fact, anyone in their position wouldn't have had the face to return...

It could be reckoned that the water from the entire mainland would be insufficient to wash away this shame from their faces!

"Young Lady, may I dare to ask your surname?" Ning Wu Qing profoundly looked at Mei Xue Yan at first. He then asked her with a serious expression on his face.

"My surname is Mei," Mei Xue Yan faintly answered.

Jun Mo Xie had intended to say something in order to dodge the question, but Mei Xue Yan had already answered it by then.

Ma Jiang Ming and Ning Wu Qing's eyes exposed a strange light at the same time. It was evident that the surname 'Mei' had left the imaginations of these two men to run wild. Ma Jiang Ming laughed in his usual grim manner, and said, "Mei... this surname... It is rare to across a person with this surname. In fact, there have only been three top-experts who have carried this surname in the last thousand years or so. But, I haven't heard of you, Young Lady. Are you a descendant of one of them?"

"One of them was Mei Gu Ying. He had shaken the entire world with his might about thirteen-hundred years ago. He had later joined the Elusive Land of Immortals. He then fought in a Battle for Seizing the Heavens a thousand years ago. He had sacrificed himself while fighting the Leader of those 'outsiders', but he had managed to take that enemy down with him. Consequently, his name became a legend. And, the songs of his bravery have been sung ever since. The other was the previous Sacred Lord of Tian Fa Forest — Mei Chang Tian. And, the third has been shaking the Three Holy Lands ever since he has appeared — Tian Fa Forest's Venerable Mei..."

Ning Wu Qing's eyes were closely watching Mei Xue Yan's face. His sword-like gaze was radiating brilliant rays of light all over the place. He then said, "Miss Mei, you have excellent skill. You must be highly knowledgeable as well. Have you heard about these three individuals?"

"I've never heard of them," Mei Xue Yan's expressions remained stagnated and unchanged. She then faintly looked at Ning Wu Qing and said, "I don't understand what you mean by this? Is it necessary to investigate someone's personal history?"

Ning Wu Qing unsheathed his sword-like gaze. His gaze then came in contact with Mei Xue Yan's calm eyes. However, he suddenly felt as if his heart had become sluggish. In fact, it seemed as if his sword-like gaze had broken and rebounded to stab him in reverse. He couldn't help but retreat a step back as a result. The pupil of his eyes contracted as he said, "I was just joking. But, I must say the Miss is highly tolerant. Please don't blame me."

Mei Xue Yan sighed and walked out with Jun Mo Xie.

Ning Wu Qing blinked his eyes. Suddenly, he stepped up and spoke-up in a deep voice, "Young Master Jun, the two of you make a strong and remarkable couple. You can rampage the entire world. So, this Old Man will not blabber nonsense. But, there's one thing I feel that this virtuous couple needs to pay attention to."

Jun Mo Xie stopped walking, and said, "Please enlighten us, Senior."

"I believe that you both can go anywhere in this world since you possess such Xuan strength. But, you need to be careful in case you meet a certain individual," The three long strands of Ning Wu Qing's beard suddenly started to float even though there was no wind.

"May I ask who that individual is? I genuinely don't know if there's such a power in this world!" Jun Mo Xie smiled faintly. However, he seemed full of confidence.

"This person is Tian Fa Forest's Venerable Mei!" Ning Wu Qing's eyes lit up as he looked at the backs of those two. He then continued, "Venerable Mei is the Lord of the Tian Fa Forest. He doesn't belong to our human race. And, he thinks very differently as well. His heart is very malicious. In fact, he's heartless. It can be said that he hadn't shirked from any crime in the past. He was exceptionally powerful, and nobody could control him! However, Old Xiu had once collaborated with nine masters to stop him. Unfortunately, Venerable Mei had still managed to escape. Moreover, no one was able to find his traces later. We had only derived one pleasant outcome from that battle — Old Xiu had managed to stab Venerable Mei with his sword! But, Old Xiu had paid a heavy price for this. He had gotten himself kicked in the chest, and he suffered a serious injury. It took him thirty years to recover from that injury! No one heard of Venerable Mei for many years after that. In fact, there had been no traces of him. But then, I heard the news that he had showed up in Tian Fa Forest some time ago. However, he still didn't hesitate in stirring up havoc. In fact, he has become more bullish now. I've heard that Young Master Jun also had met him once... You need to be very careful! It must be borne in mind that world peace will be affected very badly in case these divine pills fall into the hands of a frantic like Venerable Mei. In fact, the disaster wrought might not be less than that of the outsiders!"

Jun Mo Xie shivered from head-to-toe. It seemed as if his heart had been gripped by a lingering fear. He then said, "Such a power exists in the world... I will be more careful. I won't let bad people succeed. Thanks a lot for the enlightenment, Senior Ning."

The two of them stopped talking. Then, Jun Mo Xie slowly walked out.

Ning Wu Qing and Ma Jiang Ming fixed their eyes on the backs of these two individuals, and didn't speak-up again.

The two of them turned a corner, and their figures had disappeared from the line of sight. Then, Ma Jiang Ming's lips moved in a manner that his voice only transmitted to Ning Wu Qing's ears, "Hey, Old Demon Qing, what do you think of this?"

Ning Wu Qing shook his head since he was at a complete loss. However, his lean face filled with suspicion as he replied, "It's not certain; I'm not sure."

Ma Jiang Ming uttered an 'oh'. Then, he said in somewhat profound manner, "What a pity! Yun Bie Chen could've perhaps been more certain if he had been here with us."

Ning Wu Qing slowly shook his head. He then strolled a few steps and said, "There have been many suspicious matters ever since that battle in the Tian Fa Forest. The Xuan Beasts of Tian Fa Forest seem to have a vague standpoint. They didn't attack any of the Jun Family's subordinates. And, this can be considered a very suspicious thing. Moreover, there's a mysterious expert in the Jun Family... And, this Miss Mei's Xuan strength is clearly above ours... But, I've never heard of her... Moreover, there was some news some time ago... The Bear King and Tiger King had come to deliver the herbs to Tian Xiang City... Old Ma, what do you think of this?"

"That man in black robes had appeared in Tian Fa when Venerable Mei was present at the scene. So, they're obviously not the same person," Ma Jiang Ming's gloomy face was exposing an expression of uncertainty. It was evident that he was somewhat suspicious.

"But, who apart from the Beast King of the Tian Fa Forest can order so many Xuan Beasts? Your City's Lord and our Empress possess amazing strength. But, when it comes to commanding the Xuan Beasts... Can they do that?" Ning Wu Qing had stretched his voice while saying this. He then muttered to himself, "There's some connection even if they aren't the same person!"

"What do you think?" Ma Jiang Ming looked at Ning Wu Qing with some vigilance in his expression.

"The Three Holy Lands have been the leaders of the mainland for thousands of years. Brother Ma, what do you think about the current strength of our Three Holy Lands?" Ning Wu Qing smiled.

Ma Jiang Ming snorted and replied, "Others don't dare to admit this, but the current strength of my Great Golden City is far more than it used to be in the ancestral times!"

"Then, what are our odds of winning the Battle for Seizing the Heavens according to you?" Ning Wu Qing squinted, and his eyes emitted sharp and cold rays of light.



"It will be a great victory this time! This is already determined! The Three Holy Lands will certainly win if each of them has progressed at the same rate. Moreover, the victory will be an easy one!" Ma Jiang Ming said darkly. However, his eyes flashed with extreme arrogance as he added, "I don't intend to look down on those grotesque outsiders. But, their appearance is peculiar... Brother Ning, they might be very strong. But, how powerful can they be?"

"That's right! We've been accumulating our strength for five-hundred years. So, how could it be trivial?" Ning Wu Qing's expressions were also gloomy as he said, "Do we still need to ask the Tian Fa Forest to fight in that case?"

Ma Jiang Ming seemed to be taken aback by this, "Brother Ning? You mean to say..."

"The Tian Fa's Beasts can transform into human form. But, can they change their true nature? We already have the great men needed to resist the invasion of those outsiders. So, do we still need to rely on a group of Beasts?"

Ning Wu Qing snorted. Then, he suddenly added in a bitter and hateful tone, "Every battle in the last ten-thousand years has seen the Tian Fa Forest's participation! But, nobody has ever thought that drawing support from these beasts is a huge disgrace on mankind!? Can't we win this battle if we don't rely on these beasts?"

"However, the Lord of our City still holds Tian Fa's Xuan Beasts in high regard," Ma Jiang Ming muttered to himself for a while before he was able to speak-up in a serious tone.

"But, our Empress has already decided on a large-scale program to get rid of the Tian Fa Forest!" Ning Wu Qing gave a shady look as he said with a cold voice, "Won't the Xuan Beasts still have to participate in the battle if we can make them our pets... Moreover, isn't this situation bound to increase our strength and provide assistance?"

Ma Jiang Ming was completely shocked by this. Therefore, he asked, "Brother Ning? Is this what your noble Empress intends?"

"That's right!" Ning Wu Qing nodded. Then, he asked in a deep voice, "Old Ma, you have met Yun Bie Chen... He's the first-ranked amongst the Eight Great Masters of the human world. He's the strongest here. But, how strong do you reckon him to be...?"

"His strength... I believe....I believe that his strength isn't lesser than ours by any means!" Ma Jiang Ming wasn't sure at first. Therefore, he had used 'I believe'. But, he immediately felt that his assessment was inaccurate. Therefore, he corrected it in a positive tone, "However, he's very aloof. He's fond of travelling around. And, he's least interested in worldly disputes. But, his strength has reached a level where it will be considered extra-ordinary in the Holy Lands as well. And, he could even beat the two of us if we are to bring his Beast pet into the equation!"

Ning Wu Qing smiled in a cold and cheerless manner, "But, what if we also have a Beast pet?"

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Ma Jiang Ming was startled at first. Then, he suddenly patted his thigh and exclaimed, "How come I didn't think of this? This is great! This makes sense!" the two men had been talking in secret cipher via their spirit sense. But, he had ended up shouting-out now since his heart had begun to throb at this realization. This obviously attracted everyone's attention towards him. Consequently, the others casted side-long glances at him.

"Shh!" the sound of Ning Wu Qing's stern voice reached him. Then, Ning Wu Qing continued further, "Now, you ought to be capable of imagining the advantages of having a beast pet, right? That Yun Bie Chen is a generation younger to us. But, his strength advanced by leaps and bounds after he came to possess a Xuan Beast pet... So much so that he even became stronger than us! This is the biggest advantage of having a beast pet!"

"That's right! It's already tough to find a worthy opponent for us because of the realms we've reached. So, wouldn't leveling-up our realms further be akin to scaling the heavens? Having a beast pet of considerable strength would make a huge difference. In fact, it wouldn't matter even if it's somewhat weaker. After all, its strength would still be ample for our mutual progression since we could train with it every day. And, the benefits won't be limited to skills and training... it could even help in making a speedy breakthrough! We might even be able to cross the bottleneck quicker! And, those outsiders won't be able to pose us any problems when the time comes..."

Ma Jiang Ming had spoken this part out of sheer excitement.

"Therefore, it's better if we let go of our personal grievances from the past at this time. Instead, we must erase this humiliation wrought upon us by the existence of Tian Fa! And, we will also have better odds of success in the Battle for Seizing the Heavens if we do this! Moreover, these Xuan Beast pets will be able to fight in many more wars than us humans!"

Ning Wu Qing exposed a shady smile on his face as he continued, "This is exactly what our empress had planned on doing. And, this is why this Old Man has personally arrived here. The first advantage of doing away with the Tian Fa Forest is that... only our Three Holy Lands would remain as the most-powerful entities in the continent. Therefore, all the glory will be ours. We'll also be able to wash-off the shame brought upon us by our ancestors since they had been using the strengths of these Xuan Beasts to protect our mainland over these last thousands of years!

"Second advantage — each of us can use the strength of an individual beast, and we would be able to enhance our strengths!" Ma Jiang Ming was stroking his chin. His eyes brimmed with satisfaction as he chuckled. "And, we can also take the beast's Xuan core in they become useless to us. And, that too would be amazing for us!

"And, there's still a third advantage to this!" Ning Wu Qing recited as he recalled the list, "The Jun Family and Tian Fa have the greatest of relationships with each other! We can use the beasts to get to that mysterious alchemist behind those pills... Do you get it? This is called... 'pull a hair, and the whole body moves'!"

He let out a long sigh. Then, he added, "It's a pity that I somewhat like this Jun Mo Xie's nature. I liked meeting him today. But, we have no other choice. This is for the sake of the common people's future! This sacrifice has to be sacrificed!"

"Also, wouldn't it be possible for us to have an endless supply of these mysterious pills in the future?" Ma Jiang Ming had ingested one of these pills a while ago. Therefore, his mind was still full of their fancy.

"Hey! This is why I say that you have no foresight. You only desire this one type of pills?" Ning Wu Qing gave him a profound glance and spoke, "The Aristocratic Hall has already auctioned three kinds of magical pills in the past as far as I remember. So, would you only desire an endless production of these kinds of pills, Old Ma? I sure there must be a fourth kind. Perhaps there's also the fifth kind. And, who knows... maybe this person can also produce pills that can make us live longer!"

Ma Jiang Ming's body started to tremble. His deathly pale face flushed, and remained like that for a long time before it got back to normal. Then, his eyes emitted an extremely avaricious and mysterious ray of light, "Old Ning, it's needless to say that I'll go and report this to the Lord of my city. Moreover, I'll strongly advise him to bring this plan into action!"

"This entire matter would've turned cold by the time you come back. Our empress has already sent communication to the Lord of your city. So, they must be negotiating over it right now. Therefore, they would've likely reached a conclusion by the time you got back!"

Ning Wu Qing gave a meaningful glance, "Anyway, we must concentrate on the Jun Family at this time. Perhaps I should say that we should focus on this woman named Mei! Furthermore, I estimate that this Mei woman could possibly be the strongest link in the Jun Family. Therefore, everything should go as per plan as long as we can beat her."

"That's right!" Ma Jiang Ming heavily nodded in agreement.

"Moreover, I can already confirm that this woman is a Xuan Beast in human form," Ning Wu Qing said with a gloomy expression on his face, "Brother Ma, this woman doesn't appear to be more than twenty years of age. So, she has to be a Xuan Beast. After all, how else does she possess such a terrifyingly Xuan strength that even you and I can't fight against her? I know that some people are able to enhance their Xuan strength through external medication. But, there are numerous conditions for using those medications. An Earth Xuan can be upgraded to a Sky Xuan if given a chance. And, a Sky Xuan can go as far as a Spirit Xuan with the help of external medicines. I must say that going to a Spirit Xuan is difficult, but it isn't impossible. But, have you ever seen anyone reach the Great Master Level like this? Besides, how can someone find so many heavenly treasures?"

"That's obvious! Attaining strength that's higher than the Great Master Level requires a great amount of training and self-discipline. And, it takes a very long time as well. How can some medicine push an individual to that level so easily?" Ma Jiang Ming's eyes lit-up as he continued, "Perhaps there exists a heavenly treasure which can increase a person's strength by leaps and bounds. However, even such treasures can't enhance an individual's experiences... I must say that Brother Ning's words sounds reasonable. This is only possible if she's a Xuan Beast in human form!"

"Therefore, I boldly determined that this woman is a Xuan Beast in human form! Moreover, it's extremely probable that this person is Venerable Mei himself!" Ning Wu Qing clenched his teeth as he spoke this out.

"What? That's impossible!" Ma Jiang Ming opened his eyes wide, "Venerable Mei is a man! Everyone knows this for a fact!"

"That may not be true!" Ning Wu Qing groaned, "No one has seen Venerable Mei's true appearance ever since he's made his debut. So, no one knows his true identity. Hence, it's hard to verify whether he's male or female! Even the ten Great Masters hadn't been able to force him to reveal his body and face when they had besieged him. However, it's not necessary that he's a man! In fact, I'm even hoping that the two of them are the same individual."

"Why do you say this?" Ma Jiang Ming asked; he seemed somewhat surprised.

"That Venerable Mei's strength isn't lesser than that of our empress. However, the Beast Kings under his command have been extremely sluggish in their advancement over the years. Therefore, none of them have been able to surpass the Great Master Level. But, this Mei girl's strength is a profound mystery. She's definitely stronger than you and me. Therefore, we will have to re-evaluate Tian Fa's strength in case she's not Venerable Mei. And, I'm afraid that this will even bring a change to our previous plans."

Ma Jiang Ming contemplated in silence.

"Moreover, this is a good time to act. We were able to inflict serious injuries to Venerable Mei even though we couldn't stop him from escaping the last time around. So, there's a chance that he still hasn't made a full recovery. And, this means that he may not be as strong as he used to be. Consequently, his strength may be nothing in comparison to our empress. However, we still need to be very careful...

"Therefore, we need to be immensely careful if a serious action has to be taken this time. Moreover, this should be kept a secret so that the enemy isn't alerted beforehand! Ten experts couldn't finish this task the last time. So, a minimum of thirty individuals will be dispatched for this task this time..." Ning Wu Qing took a deep breath, "A group of ten experts will be asked of each of the Three Holy Lands! Thirty experts shall certainly be able to kill him. In fact, this shouldn't leave any room for luck."

"That's right. Moreover, the Illusory Ocean of Blood has also started to harbor animosity towards them after this incident. Therefore, the Illusory Ocean of Blood is likely to participate actively if any action is taken!" Ma Jiang Ming flashed a cold smile, "Old Ning, we've been fighting for a long time. I had never imagined that we would come together to cooperate with each other in good faith."

"It still won't be too late to sort out our mutual grievances even after this matter has been taken care of," Ning Wu Qing gave him a cold shoulder, and began to speak, "We will have to gear up for the Battle for Seizing the Heavens after this matter is over. How about... whosoever among us is able to destroy a higher number of those outsiders would be considered the winner. What do you say?"

"This sounds like a wonderful plan!" Ma Jiang Ming burst into a loud laughter.

"The afternoon round of the auction is about to begin. Besides, we still need to get hold of another batch of these pills!" Ning Wu Qing leisurely began to walk away with a faint smile on his face.

"Yes, I'll be going around Tian Xiang City to meet someone after this is over," Ma Jiang Ming nodded and followed him outside.

"Who?" Ning Wu Qing asked with some interest.

"It's one of Lei Wu Bei's disciples. I would be recommending him to the Great Golden City. He seems like an appropriate candidate for the next generation's Battle for Seizing the Heavens. In fact, this Old Man will personally train him if he appears suitable for this. Then, I'll recommend him to the Great Golden City."

Ma Jiang Ming sighed in a sorrowful voice, "We haven't been able to rout those outsiders in their entirety since our people can't cross the Pillar of Heavens Mountains. These once-in five-hundred-years decisive battles are a serious problem. Our generation might be able to win this time. But, who can be sure about the next battle?"

"Do everything you can as a human, and obey the orders of the Heaven. What else can you do for the world? Things will work out as long as we do our best. And, let's hope that the later generations will also listen to their calls. Anyway... Has that Lei Wu Bei joined the Great Golden City yet?"

"No. But, Lei Wu Bei is great... He's close to the Great Golden City as well. So, his joining shouldn't be far into the future..." Ma Jiang Ming exclaimed with a strange laughter, "Oh Damn it! I'll be training the greatest heroes for the next generation...!"

Ning Wu Qing sneered, and began to walk away without speaking another word.

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Jun Mo Xie and Mei Xue Yan had taken a few turns after they had exited the room. However, Jun Mo Xie's face had sunk after they had ensured that they were away from everyone's line of sight. Meanwhile, the usually elegant face of Mei Xue Yan had turned somewhat pale. It had hard to guess what she was thinking about...

Jun Mo Xie tightly grabbed her wrist, and pulled her a few more turns until they reached the place where Tang Yuan was present. Then, Jun Mo Xie reached out and pressed a point on the wall. Suddenly, a squeaking noise was heard, and the passage to a secret room was opened in front of them. There was an emission of magical jewel-like lights as soon as the room's door closed with a 'bang'.

Mei Xue Yan seemed at a loss. This scene was nothing short of magical, but she wasn't in the right frame of mind to appreciate it. She only knew that she was supposed to follow Jun Mo Xie. They descended into to a private room, and silently closed the door behind them.

However, Jun Mo Xie's face looked unsightly under the illumination of the night pearls...

"They're suspecting you," It had become difficult to look at Jun Mo Xie's face. In fact, his face had turned green.

"What?!" Mei Xue Yan was startled by this. So, she suddenly responded, "What would they be suspecting me over?"

"They doubt that you are the mysterious alchemist! They suspect that you are a Xuan Beast in human form. Moreover, they're convinced that you are the Lord of Tian Fa — Venerable Mei!" Jun Mo Xie narrowed his eyes, and two sharp rays of light flashed in them.

Chapter 535: Venerable Mei... I Had Recognized You Long Ago...

"They have a doubt on me? Are you sure about this? He he... they have always been mistrustful. So, what's so weird about it? But, I don't understand what they doubt me over. What do they know about me?" Mei Xue Yan faintly hung her eyelids.

"Nothing in this world is absolute. So, people look for tiny hints until there's no mystery left. You shouldn't have rushed into action today. You should've let me handle it. In fact, you shouldn't have acted out even when they had attacked me with that pressure!" Jun Mo Xie sighed.

"This would've made them target you! In fact, they would've come after you in case that. The Jun Family isn't strong enough at the moment. So, how could it have endured these waves from the Three Holy Lands," Mei Xue Yan replied in a faint voice.

Jun Mo Xie had already guessed this. However, he couldn't help but feel moved when he listened to Mei Xue Yan say this. He lowered his voice as he spoke, "That might not have been the case for sure. I could've used my skills to restrain them. And, I would've handled it so as to flatten the situation. However, you've inflicted serious dangers upon yourself now. You're made yourself a target by doing this. You are so young. Yet, you possess such an imposing momentum that you could make a level three Spirit Xuan expert run for his life. There would be no way of explaining this if one were to evaluate from human standards. Therefore, the only probable explanation for this is... the Tian Fa Forest. However, not many individuals in the Tian Fa Forest possess this kind of strength. In fact, there's only a few. That is what makes Venerable Mei the biggest suspect!"

Mei Xue Yan smiled sweetly and said, "Do you also have these doubts?"

"I have no doubts about this," Jun Mo Xie snorted and said, "That's because I've been certain about it for a long time now. So, why should I have a doubt about it?"

"You're certain about what?" Mei Xue Yan opened her beautiful eyes wide.

Jun Mo Xie stood in silence for a very long time; he didn't say a word. Then, he suddenly turned his body like a tornado, and looked at Mei Xue Yan with his sword-like sharp eyes, "Venerable Mei, for how long had you planned on hiding this from me?"

"How did you know...?" Mei Xue Yan stared at him with her eyes opened wide.

"What's so difficult to guess in this matter? I've known this since the time you had thrashed my ass outside the city!" Jun Mo Xie groaned with a twisted face, "No one has ever been able to thrash my ass like that throughout my life as Jun Mo Xie! Furthermore, you managed to thrash it twice! My ass had



been left to swell! Moreover, I had felt the same way both the times! And, both individuals had used that 'World Cage' trick on me... Is that the kind of trick anyone can use? I would be a very dumb man if I wasn't able to figure it out. And, the most important fact is that... you couldn't fully conceal your specific balmy fragrance even though you had used a regular woman's bodily odor to conceal yourself. I must admit that the smell was awfully faint. But, it was still enough."

Jun Mo Xie spoke unhurriedly, "Perhaps I forgot to tell you one thing — I'm extremely sensitive to smell. Especially if it's an enemy's... or that of a woman!"

"Okay! So, you've been playing with me this entire time?" Mei Xue Yan opened her eyes, and growled at him, "Did you have fun teasing me like that? Did you have a great time?"

"You believe that I've been messing around with you?" Jun Mo Xie snorted, "I didn't know that you would be so foolish," Jun Mo Xie slowly started to walk forward, and gradually came extremely close to Mei Xue Yan. In fact, they had come so close that they could hear each other breathe. Then, Jun Mo Xie fixed his eyes on her, and spoke-up in heavy voice, "You need to trust me!"

Those two fiery eyes of Jun Mo Xie were constantly gazing at her. His warm breath was heating up her face. Mei Xue Yan suddenly began to panic without any reason. In fact, she had been left flustered. Moreover, this had been happening every time he'd start acting like this. [I've cultivated my strength to be at the peak of this world. But, why do I feel scared whenever I'm confronted with his insignificant sky Xuan strength? Why do I feel such fear? Why does it feel like I'm scared in bones? Why can't I cope up with it?]

She couldn't bear it anymore, and took two steps back. Her face had already started to blush. However, she suddenly put up an arrogant and indifferent expression, and spoke, "I trust you! But, what are you trying to do by looking at me like that? Are you trying to scare me?"

"I don't want you to make up stories anymore. Tell me everything. You need to let me handle this matter!" Jun Mo Xie once again went to being cheerful, "They had attacked you once in the past, right? Did they hurt you at that time?"

Mei Xue Yan bit her lip, hung her head to one side, and nodded in a gentle manner.

[This silly girl!]

Jun Mo Xie slowly began to get angry at her again.

"Then, how can you expect that you would be able to work alongside them towards the common purpose of winning the Battle for Seizing the Heavens? Life isn't so pleasant so that you can have such willful expectations. You genuinely believe that this is going to happen? Do you really wish to join hands with those who wish to kill you? You've probably never had any brains. Perhaps your brain has fungi inside it. Now will you tell me what's good for you?"

Jun Mo Xie was unable to restrain his anger at this moment. The more he spoke, the angrier he got. It no longer mattered to him as to what he could say to her, and what he couldn't; he said it anyway. His anger was shooting up.

"How they treat me is an internal matter of our continent. However, the Battle for Seizing the Heavens concerns the future of the entire continent's common people. I may be a Xuan Beast in human form, but I can't put the future of the billions of people at stake because of my personal grievances," Mei Xue Yan sighed and said, "I would use my strength to its best even if I were the only one on this continent to have such intentions. I will try to appeal to their conscience!"

"But, they might not have one!" Jun Mo Xie had started to worry, "It is extremely stupid to join hands with a tiger who wishes to hunt you!" Jun Mo Xie genuinely wanted to say something — [Is it your goddamn business to think about the common people of this entire world?] However, saying this out loud might've led to a huge argument. Therefore, he decided to keep shut.

"Everyone has their bottom line. I'm obviously not going to sit and wait for my death!" Mei Xue Yan smiled faintly. She then gently lifted her eyes to look at Jun Mo Xie, "You rest assured! Besides, I have to carry on with the responsibilities given to me by the Old Lord."

"The problem is that I don't feel assured! How is it possible for me to calm my heart down?" Jun Mo Xie wrinkled his eyebrows, "Ning Wu Qing has already begun to suspect. He's the kind of person who's certain to make a move once he starts to doubt something. And, he will act big... Moreover, they had sent ten Great Masters to capture you the last time... So, their line-up would be even greater this time."

Jun Mo Xie took two steps, and spoke with a heavy voice, "You would have acted the same way if you were in my position!"

"Huh! It wouldn't be easy for them if they desire to kill me... especially if you consider my strength!" Mei Xue Yan snorted coldly, "And, I wouldn't mind killing them if they're genuinely like this!"

"The safest place for you is the Tian Fa Forest at present!" Jun Mo Xie took two steps and spoke, "You will return to Tian Fa once this affair is finished here. Okay? And, I will hasten the refining of those pills. I will deliver those to you in Tian Fa once they're done. You can use them to increase Tian Fa's strength. Then, you will have all resources for a battle!"

"Let us put off this discussion until later!" Mei Xue Yan softly sighed. She then thought; [You idiot! How can I walk away at such a time? What would you do I left at this time?]

It must be said that the afternoon session of the auction was even more lively and exciting. Everything seemed exactly like the morning session. The entire scene of the auction hall was busting with fiery energy. However, the speed of the auction's progression was much greater this time.

The only odd point was the moment when the Elusive Land of Immortals and the Great Golden City had asked for another batch of pills. And, that was because their announcements hadn't created any hustle. Instead, it was met with silence!

In fact, most people didn't even consider this as 'unfair'. After all, this was world where the clenched fist was the absolute argument. However, the Holy Lands' purchases weren't equal to the capacity their fists could ordain. After all, they had only asked for one extra batch. It could even be said that this was contrary to the expectation of most of the families since the Holy Lands had only stopped at one batch each. After all, there were a total of fifty batches of pills. Therefore, most of the families had expected each of the Three Holy Lands to buy at least ten of them in total. However, these Three Holy Lands had only acquired five batches of pills in this instance. And, this was already an unexpected event for most of these families.

Jun Mo Xie was more unlikely to be polite. He sold these extra two batches of pills at the highest price of 1.4 million. It was pretty obvious that the Elusive Land of Immortals and the Great Golden City didn't care about these worldly possessions such as gold and silver. However, a sky-high price of 1.4 million had still hurt their pockets. In fact, Ning Wu Qing's face had even twitched when he had handed-over the money.

Jun Mo Xie had hardly cared about his reaction. After all, the existence of the Three Holy Lands was a potential threat to him. In fact, it could be reckoned that there would remain no room for reasoning once they had assessed the real value of these pills!

This is why Jun Mo Xie had realized that he couldn't co-exist with them since the moment they had arrived. And, that's because he would never sacrifice his freedom in order to be their alchemist.

However, the Three Holy Lands were very ambitious when it came to knowing the identity of the man behind these mysterious pills. After all, they had never made an appearance in this world in the past. Therefore, their presence at this auction was a proof of their determination.

Jun Mo Xie didn't consider it important to think about their approach. However, it was still gnawing at his mind on an end.

[Do these Three Holy Lands even deserve a glance from me? Are they worthy of my attention?]

[I've been hero of this world since the day I've arrived here!]

[And, I genuinely deserve to be the hero here!]

Therefore, Jun Mo Xie curled his lips, and continued to manipulate the atmosphere of the room.

The color of the night was gradually getting darker. However, all fifty batches were fortunately sold by the end of the day.

The massive quantity of gold earned by the end of the auction had made Young Master Jun's blood turn cold!

[68 million in gold!]

[That is 3400 tons!]

[In gold!!!]

[Oh! It feels like I've fallen from the heavens!]

A hand was seen raising the gavel, and then dropping it down slowly. Jun Mo Xie was trying to look calm on the outside. But, he was inwardly unable to restrain the excitement once he had calculated the final amount. In fact, his body had even shaken... he had almost lost consciousness!

[This much money would be sufficient for my children and grandchildren. They wouldn't be able to exhaust it even if they strived to. All of them could have three palaces, six courtyards, and seventy-two concubines each! And, they would still have more gold to spend. Could even the mythical Mountain of Gold compare to this?]

#### Chapter 536: Fatty Sets Weight-Loss Record

Jun Mo Xie arrived at the treasury-storehouse. This huge treasury-storehouse had been meticulously created by the 'Money Crazy' Fatty Tang. It had been built in the Aristocratic Hall's basement. The space was so huge that it was hard to measure. Anyway, it looked like a pitch-dark playground. Tang Yuan's lifetime goal was to cram it with silver. In fact, he had once said, "I — Tang Yuan — will go to Hell with a smile as long as there comes a day when this place is loaded with silver to capacity..."

However, Fatty Tang hadn't expected that his wish to 'go to Hell with a smile' would've been realized so soon. Moreover, he hadn't crammed silver therein... Instead... he had managed to do so with gold!

Fatty was obviously going crazy...

Jun Mo Xie didn't get to look at a pitch-dark room when he arrived at the treasury. Instead, he was looking at the splendor and radiance of Gold. There weren't many shiny-lights in the treasury. But, it had shockingly turned into a golden world. Perhaps, it was more like a majestic golden-mountain!

[It's so dazzling!]

This spectacular scene made Jun Mo Xie's eyes appear like spangles that were reflecting the golden color. This illumination was very similar to the one produced by a Gold Xuan expert's Xuan Qi!

A burst of strange sound came at this moment. It seemed like it was a combination of cry and laughter. It was at a distance, but it was coming closer. Jun Mo Xie then saw a tall and heavy figure dashing out from the depths of the treasury. This individual continued to roar as he passed from Jun Mo Xie's side. But, he entirely ignored Jun Mo Xie. Then, this figure continued to move like a hurricane. This figure ran a circle around the Golden Mountain... And then, he took another lap around it...

[It must be hard for his thick legs to run this fast...]

That running individual was obviously the 'Money Crazy' Young Master from the Tang Family — Tang Yuan.

Fatty Tang was madly waving his hands while running. The corner of his mouth was splattering saliva everywhere, and his brows were beaded with sweat. He looked intoxicated. He had opened his eyes to a shocking degree, and he was shouting himself to hoarse, "Gold! So much gold! This entire place is full of gold, and I have earned all of it! This is entirely mine! Gold! Damn the ancestors! I'm rich! I'm very rich..."

Fatty Tang had only engaged in hard labor for one day. But, his physique had unexpectedly turned much thinner. This was obvious from the fact that he had... been able to run laps around this huge area...

It could be said that the result of this weight-loss tactic had been remarkable. But, Fatty's mental state seemed somewhat abnormal at this time...

Fatty's mind had exhibited the highest level of concentration over the last day. He had remembered to eat two drums of pig trotters to supplement his nutritional requirement in the beginning. But, he hadn't even had the time to swallow his saliva as time had progressed...

Somebody had once reminded him to drink water, but he had impatiently bawled out at that individual — "That can wait, but money can't." Then, he had again gotten busy in filling his eyes with gold... filling his hands with gold... and covering himself in gold... It must be said that this amount wasn't sufficient to fill the entire place... But, it was sufficient to bury ten people of Fatty's size!

Counting so much gold could leave anyone with a sprain. But, Fatty Tang had continued to count this enormous amount of gold even after his body had gotten cramped...

Sweat had oozed out of his body, and had dripped to the ground like rainfall. An eyewitness that recounted that Young Master Tang's robes had been thoroughly drenched in saline and dirt...

In short, Tang Yuan had involuntarily fallen into Young Master Jun's plan. Consequently, he had merrily over-drafted his body today...

It could be estimated that Tang Yuan had lost over twenty-five kilograms today!

And, that was a frightening number!

Tang Yuan was singing and dancing. And, he had been ignoring Jun Mo Xie while passing from his side like before. Therefore, Jun Mo Xie finally shouted when Fatty passed him by the next time, "Tang Yuan!"

However, Tang Yuan straightaway turned a deaf ear since he still wanted to 'skate' around the golden mountain. Jun Mo Xie's eyes swiftly turned, and he grabbed a piece of fat from the back of Tang Yuan's head. He then went ahead, and lifted Fatty to his side. It seemed like he was carrying a huge cloth-sack. He then dropped the Fatty to the ground. But, Jun Mo Xie's hands had gotten full of... this thing didn't feel like fat this time... Instead, it was sweat; huge amounts of sweat!

Tang Yuan's vision had been blurred with fanaticism. He continued to pant for some time. But, the upper part of his body was unable to move since Jun Mo Xie had pinned him down. Fatty's sweat was seemingly melting-away in the same manner that a glacier thaws.

This amount of sweat had even left Jun Mo Xie in great shock! [I reckon that I would've gotten dehydrated by now if I was sweating in this way. In fact, it's possible that I could've died by now. But, this Tang Yuan has been at it for nearly the entire day, and he's surprisingly still capable of churning out multiple hundred-meter sprints! I have no choice but to admire this Fatty. He's amazing!]

Tang Yuan's consciousness gradually returned to him as the sweat dripped out of his body. And, his eyes also regained their focal length as time passed. He then shook his head since he felt dazzled and

perplexed. After that, he asked, "Third Young Master, why do you seem to have three heads? Is this some martial arts technique of yours? This is awesome!"

His voice was hoarse, and he couldn't even make out Jun Mo Xie's appearance...

Jun Mo Xie remained silent. [This dizziness has been caused by the excessive perspiration. It seems that he needs to replenish his body's water content. Losing weight is a good thing. But, losing this much weight can also cause problems...]

Suddenly, Tang Yuan jumped-up. He then grabbed Jun Mo Xie's shoulder. It's unknown where this strength came from, but he had even managed to lift Young Master Jun in the air to sway him! It appeared as if he was shaking a scarecrow. The Fatty even roared madly while doing this, "Wow! Ha ha... wa ha ha... Third Young Master, I love you! I love you more than anyone else in the world! I want to love you! We are rich! La la la la la wu hu ao ao... Damn it... This is my day!"

Jun Mo Xie fluttered in the air like a piece of paper. However, he started to feel dizzy when he listened to Fatty's 'Love Confession'. Fatty's saliva had splattered on his face like rainfall. And, this had left him very indignant. Therefore, he roared in anger since he couldn't bear this anymore, "Fatty! You damned fat rabbit, put me down right now!"

Young Master Jun hadn't used force to free himself because Tang Yuan's body had evidently been over-drafted to a very dangerous degree. However, the Fatty's spirit was still extremely stimulated. Therefore, there was a possibility that Jun Mo Xie could've ended-up taking down Fatty Tang's arms with him if he had used strength...

Bang!

Jun Mo Xie fell to the ground. Fatty Tang had no option but to stop his madness. However, his physical strength had drained out by now. So, he merely sat down on the ground. After that... he lost his consciousness...

"What happened? What happened? What's going on?" Sun Xiao Mei dashed-in helter-skelter.



"What happened? This 'Money Crazy' guy is exhausted and dizzy!" Jun Mo Xie stated in between laughter and tear.

"How did he suddenly become so thin?" Sun Xiao Mei asked in distress, "How did he lose so much weight this quickly? Can his body bear this?"

Jun Mo Xie glanced at Tang Yuan's body as it lay down on the ground. And, Young Master Jun realized that he could already make-out the Fatty's facial features... Therefore, he could help but swallow his saliva in fright. [Isn't this result too good?]

"Miss Sun, you should take this Fatty back at first. I am afraid that he won't feel like eating for a few days... But, you don't need to worry about that. It's just that he's very exhausted. So, he won't be able to eat for a while. I estimate that he won't regain his appetite for another five-six days. And, he will lose a significant amount of weight during this time. He should only be given water to drink in case he's thirsty. And, he should only eat vegetarian food if he's hungry; he must abstain from meat. In fact, don't let him eat any meat. He mustn't eat anything greasy either. So, he can't eat oily food. I will also give him a course of treatment before he returns to normal. And, that will help him in losing more of his weight. In fact, he will end-up looking like a model," Jun Mo Xie laughed twice.

"He couldn't lose weight earlier. So, how is possible for him to lose so much weight in a single day? My Yuan was chubby, but he was still good-looking..." Sun Xiao Mei was hesitating. Tang Yuan had lost so much weight today that Sun Xiao Mei had gotten a little worried. After all, a fat husband is always better than a dead husband...

"You are being foolish! He will put on weight again if you act so indecisively. And, he will eventually die of his fat; excessive fat is also a kind of illness!"

Jun Mo Xie said furiously, "You don't have the heart to do it. So, I will have to be the bad guy. Somebody come and help me lift this Fatty! No one is allowed to visit him without my permission! And, this rule applies to his father, mother, or fiancé as well! Song Shang, come and take care of him. I will peel your skin if you let him eat even a small amount of fatty foods!"

He then went out while spitting anger.

The aggravated Sun Xiao Mei gazed at Jun Mo Xie's back profile as he left. She then muttered in a low voice, "This man is so unreasonable. He's too much..."

Then, she squatted down, and gently stroked Tang Yuan's face. She felt sorry for him. She softly said, "Fatty, you must hold on. You mustn't eat meat for a few days. That shouldn't be a big problem..."

Fatty suddenly started to giggle in the midst of his coma-like state. He unconsciously lifted his hands lifted in the air as saliva flowed out from the corner of his mouth. Then, he suddenly howled while drooling with desire, "Gold... so much gold... so many wives and concubines... Wow ha ha ha..."

Sun Xiao Mei opened her eyes wide in disbelief since she had been stunned by this. Then, she stood up and firmly kicked on the Fatty's ass. She then walked out with an ashen face while saying, "Come on and get him. Song Shang, you must keep a tight watch on him. Forget about Third Young Master Jun, I will peel your skin first if you let him eat even a small amount of fatty stuff!"

Then, she walked out while fuming with rage...

Song Shang laughed mischievously as he repeatedly complied with everyone's orders. He then stroked his chin proudly, and said, "Ah Fatty, you've finally fallen into Uncle Song's hands. Now see how this Uncle Song sets you right! Let's see if our Young Fatty will sit on my neck and shit after this... I will cook lavish meals every day. And, I will eat them in front of you. But, you won't be allowed to touch even a single dish..."

Things happened as they were expected to...

Tang Yuan slumbered for two days. And, the first thing he did after he woke up — was to rush and find the latrine! After all, he had been holding back for three days. So, God knows how much poison had gotten stocked in his body... This amount would be even harder to calculate if one were to consider Fatty's capacity for consuming food...

His head crashed into the bed after he returned from there. He was feeling dizzy, and his eyes had dimmed. His appetite had reduced very significantly, and he felt vexed. In fact, he wanted to vomit most of the time. Consequently, he only ingested two small bowls of rice porridge on the first day...

Sun Xiao Mei was greatly amazed by this; she had been secretly observing these activities. [Was Jun Mo Xie right?] It must be said that Miss Sun's was angry with the Fatty, but she still couldn't stop herself from worrying about him. Therefore, she had hid herself at secret place to investigate. [I will even help Tang Yuan in stealing some food if he apologizes to me.]

However, Sun Xiao Mei's kind intentions were destined to be overlooked. Tang Yuan had offended her twice, but he had been so preoccupied at that time that he hadn't even been aware of what he had said. So, how could he apologize to her?

Tang Yuan was still dispirited and listless the next day. He ate some appetizers, and had a few bowls of porridge. However, he only frowned when he looked at the steamed bread.

Tang Yuan had slightly regained his vitality by the third day. So, he wanted to eat a little. Therefore, Song Shang meticulously cooked a banquet, and set up the dinner table. Then, he and Hai Cheng Feng merrily ate in front of Tang Yuan. However, the Fatty could only scratch his cheeks and tweak his ears in anxiety while jumping up-and-down.

However, the two Sky Xuan experts had gotten this chance to get back at him after much difficulty. So, how could they miss it so easily? Therefore, they kept a tight watch on him. Fatty Tang jumped up-and-down in helplessness for half a day. Then, he eventually couldn't take it anymore. So, he went on a day-long hunger-strike in a fit of pique...

#### Chapter 537: Fatty's Bad Luck

The fourth day was even more awful. Tang Yuan looked through the archway, and saw that he had only been given three steamed rolls for meal. He devoured them in the blink of an eye. But, he wasn't satisfied yet. [Abstaining from meat is harder than one would expect! There's a lot of vegetarian food here. But, I can't help but starve no matter how much I eat of it!]

Fatty Tang suddenly noticed that his belly had reduced to a great extent by the fifth day. In fact, he could even see his toes now. His two eyes were now visible in their proper shape; they had only been peeping out of a seam earlier. However, they were entirely exposed now...

Tang Yuan got very excited when he noticed this. So, he ran to the weighing scale that was used for weighing animals. Two burly men came to raise the weights as he stood on it. And, he was pleasantly surprised to find out that his body's weight had dropped.

The measuring needle had stopped at the frightening number of 265kgs five days ago. But, this weight had come out to be only 185kgs at this time. This meant that his weight had decreased by 80 Kgs in only five days!

Tang Yuan's surprise couldn't be described in words. [This is extremely frightful, right? How is it even possible! Am I Dreaming? I wouldn't even think about something this good in a dream!]

However, his ineffable surprise was interrupted by an unexpected situation...

And, his extreme joy turned to sorrow when this happened. Two big men showed-up at the Aristocratic Hall's gate. Moreover, they held long knives in their hands. They then pointed their weapons at Tang Yuan, and roared, "That's the Fatty! Let's kill him!"

Tang Yuan simply couldn't comprehend the situation. [Who could they be? Is it possible that the Huang Family has hired assassins?] However, it was useless to think about these things in the current situation. Therefore, he turned around, and broke into a run. And, those two burly men also began to chase after him since they weren't willing to let go of him. Tang Yuan was shouting for help on top of his voice while running. However, the guard-posts were somehow empty at this time even though the security at the Aristocratic Hall was very tight on normal days.

Tang Yuan had been rendered helpless because of this. Therefore, he ran towards the garden without a better alternative. Then, he started to run in circles around the buildings in the Aristocratic Hall's courtyard. Those two huge men also started after him. They screamed on top of their voices as they chased after him while holding their cold and glittering sword high. However, it could be assumed that their knowledge of martial arts was very poor. After all, they hadn't even realized that they could use a pincer-attack method in this case! Instead, they simply ran after him in an attempt to overtake catch him.

Fatty's running speed wasn't that good. But, nothing great could be said about the speeds of the two men either. The two men had been running at a distance of 4 or 5 feet behind Tang Yuan's body the entire time. Moreover, they had been constantly yelling whilst striving to strike him in vain. However, one of them was able to approach closer at one point. And, he had slashed at the Fatty's back in that

instance. This attack had slashed open a big gash in Fatty's robes, and blood had begun to ooze out of the wound. The Fatty had obviously been left to scream in pain as a result...

Fatty wailed loudly. The pain obviously made him run faster; there was a look of terror on his face. [Oh God. This is terrible. Is this how I'm going to die?] Fatty began to run even faster in a fit desperation for the fear of death...

The two men blindly went-on yelling and abusing at him from behind, "We will squeeze all that fat from your body! Then, we will use it make a lantern out of it!" Their curses made it evident for Tang Yuan that they had been hired by the Huang Family to take revenge upon him...

And, this made the Fatty run even faster out of fear. In fact, he had been scared so witless that his brain had left his skull, and his soul had left his body... [Oh crap! I have to shortage of gold if they had wanted money! But, they're here for revenge... They're here for my life!]

Fatty started to run even faster in desperation. He was aware of his situation. So, he knew his own speed as well. He knew that they could catch him if he stopped for even a little while. In fact, he didn't even dare to look back...

He soon found himself gasping for breath and sweating profusely. His legs felt heavy as if they had been loaded with lead. His throat felt pumped out like a bellow. However, those messengers of death were still chasing him, and didn't seem willing to stop. So, how could the Fatty stop and get slaughtered like livestock? Therefore, he bravely continued to run faster with those swollen feet. Then, Fatty suddenly felt a burst of relaxation in his entire body; he suddenly felt an ineffable strength in his legs. Consequently, Tang Yuan rejoiced and continued to run like a wild horse!

Jun Mo Xie, Hai Chen Feng, and Song Shang were on the rooftop at this time. The three individuals stood in a circle, and were merrily chatting while cracking melon seeds. They didn't seem worried about anything. However, Jun Mo Xie suddenly felt astounded at something, and began to speak, "Oh, this is interesting! This Fatty has made a breakthrough! This is amazing! Isn't it?" However, Hai Chen Feng and Song Shang were amazed by this since they were unable to understand what he was talking about...

Meanwhile, Tang Yuan was running violently. And, he was constantly screaming out of panic. He kept calling for help, but couldn't find anyone. So, he kept running for his life. He felt as if there was no strength left in his legs at one time. But then, he suddenly felt as if his strength had revived-enough to allow him to run again. Then, he again felt as if his strength had vanished and he couldn't run. Yet again, his strength revived, and he could... Thereupon, this cycle continued for seven or eight times in total...

His energy eventually got drained in its entirety. So, he fell down to the ground since he was too exhausted. His hands and feet twitched, and he began to vomit blood. He then spoke-up in desperation, "Do whatever you want to do... but... But, give me a good end..." he passed out after he had said this.

The two burly men dropped their weapons with a 'clanging' sound after the Fatty fainted. They then bent down, and propped their hands against their knees for support. Then, they stuck out their tongues, and started to pant so heavily that it seemed as if their organs would drop out. They complained to themselves as they gasped; [Young Master... You killed us... How can this Fatty run like this... He didn't stop the entire morning... Oh God...]

The entire circuit they had been running on had been drenched in sweat by now...

However, Jun Mo Xie felt satisfied at his initial success. So, he came down to take a look at the Fatty. Then, he smiled and said, "That's fine. He has once again resumed to his state from five days ago. That's good. You will continue doing as I say. Continue to prohibit him from eating fish and meat. It won't be good if we make him dependent on those Mysterious Yang Pills either. So, only give him one per day. Moreover, the number of steamed buns in his daily meals shouldn't exceed three..." Jun Mo Xie left after he had said this.

Tang Yuan leisurely woke up, and found that a worried Song Shang was sitting by his bedside. Song Shang said as soon as he woke up, "How did this happen? I went out for a moment, and so much happened? Fortunately, I came back in time. Else, those two men would've turned Young Master Tang into a ghost! Even the guards have died... And, you would've been buried alongside them if any mishap had happened!"

Tang Yuan felt that he was very lucky. Therefore, he thanked Song Shang even though he didn't have much strength left in his body. Then, he finished a bowl of porridge, and went back to sleep. And, the same cycle was repeated for another five days...

Fatty had revived his strength by the tenth day, and felt a lot better as a result. However, he then recalled that he hadn't seen Sun Xiao Mei for quite a while now. So, he decided to visit the Sun Family's residence. However, he ran into a certain young man when he reached at the gate of the Sun Family's residence. This young man had oiled hair, and a powdered face. Moreover, he was one of Tang Yuan's former love-enemies, and was said to have attempted wooing Sun Xiao Mei...

It must be mentioned that Sun Xiao Mei's figure and beautiful face had become extremely popular of late. Therefore, numerous good-looking men had been trying to woo her. In fact, a multitude of men would come to woo her from every part of the city...

That greasy-headed young man heard that the man standing in front of him was Tang Yuan. And, he got extremely angry. However, he didn't seem inclined on starting a one-on-one fight either. So, he shouted out orders to kill Tang Yuan without delay... Tang Yuan had also brought many bodyguards along with him. However, his bodyguards fled the scene since they had noticed that the situation wasn't good. This meant that they had left behind Young Master Tang to confront those shining swords by himself...

Tang Yuan was struck dumb by this!

"Oh Crap! Why doesn't all of this end! ...Everyone... everywhere... is waiting to kill me! I don't have any other option..."

"But... to run!!"

Thus, Fatty turned his buttocks around without much of a choice, and ran like a wild horse at full gallop. He ran wherever he could, and didn't think much about which road he chose. But, that young man was unwilling to let go. Consequently, Tang Yuan was chased to every street of the Capital City by that young man!

It was very strange that no officers or soldiers were present around to intervene. Moreover, there was no one chivalrous-enough to show up in order to fight against this injustice. Not a single one of Fatty's acquaintances could be spotted in the vicinity either. Furthermore, every family in the city closed their doors upon him. Therefore, Tang Yuan had no choice but to run from one street to the other...

Tang Yuan probably covered every street of the entire Tian Xiang City. However, there eventually came a time when he wasn't able to endure it any further. So, he fell on the ground out of exhaustion, and couldn't get up again. In fact, he felt as if his body had been paralyzed. However, it must be said that this condition was still slightly better than the last time's. After all, he didn't faint this time. An individual sharply spoke some words of righteousness at this 'critical' moment, "Who dares to harm Young Master Tang? I'll kill that man!"

This voice belonged to Hai Chen Feng.

The savior had finally arrived for the rescue!

Tang Yuan felt so grateful that he was... nearly moved to tears...

[He's such a good man. Had my fat blinded my mind? Why did I order him around like that in the past?]

The half-fainted Tang Yuan could hear a lot of screaming in the background. This was also accompanied by sounds of clashing weapons. Then, he heard someone shout, "This doesn't look good... Everybody... run for it!" This was followed by the sounds of people fleeing away without a trace...

Hai Chen Feng picked Tang Yuan up, carried him on the shoulder, and began to walk back. However, Hai Chen Feng didn't feel that Tang Yuan's weight was much as it used to be...

Poor Young Master Tang Yuan had reached the verge of collapse after this round of intimidation. His eyes had turned green. He was once again served porridge after his return. So, Tang Yuan said with tears in his eyes, "I feel like my intestines have squeezed-in due to starvation... Can't you give me something nice to eat?"

Another five days passed in the same fashion. Then, Tang Yuan's weight was measured once again. However, he was scared witless this time. [Crap! Only 115kgs!]

He had gone from the initial 265kgs to the present 115kgs. This meant that he had lost 150kgs after only twenty days of hard labor. Fatty still looked a little obese at present. However, he looked as handsome as a jade tree if one were to compare to the Fatty from before.

Tang Yuan had finally been able to lose weight owing to the crazy tortures of his devil-like friend Jun Mo Xie!

This was a huge success. Moreover, it was a unique accomplishment. After all, losing weight at such a rate was unprecedented... no matter which world's context we were to bring this up in! In fact, this was an archetype for a legendary folklore! Tang Yuan's name would've been mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records in case this had happened in the modern world!



Mentioning this in a 'bro-talk' would've sounded something like this — "How did you get so thin so quickly? Did you get cancer or something?"

A normal person wouldn't have been able to stand this if they had been in Fatty's place. However, Tang Yuan had been eating enriching delicacies throughout his life. And, this had made his body strong and sturdy enough to endure this. Moreover, Jun Mo Xie would often sneak into the Fatty's room at night when he would notice that Tang Yuan wasn't able to bear it. Then, Young Master Jun would transfer his spiritual energy into Tang Yuan's body in order to open and unblock his meridians while he slept. Consequently, Tang Yuan would find himself recovered by the time he would wake up the next morning. His energy would be reinstated as well. But, he was still unaware of the reasons for it. So, he continued to lament his bad luck...

However, his body-weight had decreased by a significant margin. So, his appetite had also reduced... Moreover, he had gotten accustomed to the diet of vegetables and tofu over the last twenty days or so. Therefore, he couldn't get back to fatty foods even if he wanted to.

This was obviously extremely painful for Tang Yuan. [I desperately wanted to eat more. But, my mouth gets exhausted very quickly. It's taking too long to swallow. Moreover, my stomach can't withstand these fatty foods anymore...] That is why Fatty clenched his teeth and stamped his foot as he declared — "I won't be eating fat from now on!"

Tang Yuan's weight-loss success was officially announced at this point!

A grand celebration was organized to commemorate this success on the very same evening. Sun Xiao Mei had made the arrangements for it. However, Tang Yuan found many familiar faces there... The two burly men who had wanted to kill him with their swords... And, that young man from some rich family! i.e. his so-called 'love rival'. All of them were present on the scene. And, Tang Yuan couldn't help but be stupefied as a result...

Chapter 538: Under Pressure; Can Only Strive To Do The Utmost!

Fatty was also an intelligent man. So, he also understood when he thought about it. Everything indicated that it was Jun Mo Xie's strategy. In fact, this matter had a lot of loop holes from the start. But, who thinks so much when it comes to a moment of life and death... Fatty didn't even know whether he ought

to laugh or cry. He didn't know whether he ought to step forward and thank his friend... or go and settle the accounts...

Then, Jun Mo Xie carefully selected a martial technique, and told Sun Xiao Mei to force Fatty into practicing it.

Fatty Tang's weight loss also managed to produce a small joke. He was returning to Tang Family's residence one day, but he was stopped by the guards. Moreover, the guards refused to let him enter no matter the Fatty said. The guard only state, "I don't recognize you..."

However, Jun Mo Xie had been feeling tremendous pressure during this time!

The Three Holy Lands were like three huge and irresistible mountains which were putting a lot of pressure on him. Jun Mo Xie himself hadn't anticipated that the auction he had organized to earn some money would lead these three behemoths to target him...

Jun Family's current strength was at a level where they could proclaim themselves as hegemons among the families of the secular world; they could even claim themselves a super-family without earning anyone's disapproval. However, the strength of the Three Holy Lands had been at the peak of existence for the last several thousand years. And, the Jun Family was far from enough in comparison. Let's consider the Three Holy Lands to be like eagles; the ordinary families would only qualify to be like free-range chicken by that analogy. And, the Jun Family was only one level higher than the ordinary families. That is — they were a fowl at best!

Jun Family seemed to possess tyrannical power. But, they didn't even have the strength to retaliate if the Three Holy Lands genuinely determined to destroy them. In fact, the Three Holy Lands could destroy them in-between dawn and dusk!

This had rendered Jun Mo Xie with a feeling that he was on the edge of an eminent crisis which could strike him anytime and anywhere. And, this had left him very annoyed. But, he had no way out...

He had no way out for the time being at least...

The Jun Family's strength had indeed undergone tremendous changes ever since he had arrived in this world. It had move up in the hierarchy from being an ordinary noble family, and had quickly turned into the most valiant and influential family. They had even developed strong relations with Great Master level individuals. And, they had also gained support from the Tian Fa Forest. Therefore, it could be said that he had already transcended to the top of this world's secular society...

Jun Mo Xie had never felt arrogant over these achievements. He had certainly built everything with his own hands. He had produced clouds with one hand and rain with the other. He had turned every situation to his advantage. In fact, he had sailed with the tail wind. This had obviously left Jun Mo Xie to appreciate his own intelligence.

He felt a sense of achievement since he had created something from nothing. It was as if he had conquered an entire city whilst being unarmed.

However, this accomplishment seemed entirely worthless in front of the on-coming crisis. It was as if his accomplishments would collapse at the first blow!

But, Jun Mo Xie wasn't willing to resign to a situation wherein his family's fate was between the palms of someone else. After all, it was possible that these people could flip it over anytime they-so-chose. He needed to do something for self-preservation; and, also to suppress that sullenness of his heart.

Therefore, Jun Mo Xie had been striving in a state of desperation during this moment...

He had been striving in the Hong Jun Pagoda to refine the pills this entire time. Or, he was practicing his martial arts. Or, he was running to the treasury in order to refine his Blood of Yellow Flame Sword. He had refined eighteen pills of the Vitality Linkage Dan after three successful attempts in these twenty days. However, there had also been a curious incident that was crying to be explained — he had managed to refine twelve pills of the Vitality Congregation Dan owing to two successful attempts. However, when it came to the Heavenly Vitality Pills...

Jun Mo Xie's face had stained with two steams of tears when this issue had been brought up...

He had believed that these Heavenly Vitality Pills were the most important one among the three types of dans. Therefore, he had figured that they would be the most difficult pill to refine. However, he had

surprisingly succeeded in the first attempt itself! Moreover, his attempt had left-behind ten perfectly-round and best-quality pills in the furnace!

Jun Mo was left baffled in the end. [It turned out that I was wrong. It was the easiest! Poor me... I had always regarded it as the most difficult mountain to climb... Ah! I'm truly... speechless.]

The Young Master brushed his gloom aside, and attempted the process for more times in one session. And, he succeeded each time. He then whimpered and ingested one of his pills. He chewed it with a crackling sound. But, he only had to chew it twice before the vitality was pushed into his body.

It must be mentioned that he was constantly practicing to refine pills, constantly refining pills... continuously over-drafting himself, and constantly recovering his energy during this period of time. Therefore, the bottleneck of Jun Mo Xie's Sky Xuan Peak had eventually loosened. Consequently, Jun Mo Xie succeeded in upgrading his cultivation right after he took one Heavenly Vitality Pill. And, he reached the Spirit Xuan level!

The bottleneck had already loosened. And, his meridians were then supplied with fifty years-worth of pure aura. Therefore, he had broken past his bottle neck with ease! However, Young Master Jun didn't rest even after that. Instead, he straightaway swallowed a Vitality Congregation Pill. After all, he could bear the burden since he had reached the required realm. Moreover, this pill could increase the benefits even if it was a bit excessive to take it right now. Anyway, it wouldn't hinder these benefits in any manner. Also, Jun Mo Xie's Art of Unlocking the Heaven's Fortune would help in reducing the overload in case there were any issues with his current cultivation...

This twenty-day-long struggle finally came to an end.

Jun Mo Xie had found time to return to his home and check-in besides helping Tang Yuan in losing his weight. However, he would instantly return to Hong Jun Pagoda if there'd be no news of activity. After all, the smoke and fire from the meteors was already visible in the sky. And, this indicated that the times of trouble were approaching...

Big Bear and the Earth Cracker had indeed had a great time during this period. They'd spend the entire day in Tian Xiang City. They had been living life of debauchery, and forgotten their home and duties in their entirety. Moreover, Jun Mo Xie hadn't bothered to send them back. Instead, he had urged them to stay and wait for the day when he'll finish refining the pills. He had done this so that their strength could be upgraded before they'd start on their return journey.

Jun Mo Xie was almost certain that these two Beast Kings would encounter a powerful besiege on their return journey. But, the pills could enhance their strength, and provide them with a life-saving insurance by doing so. Moreover, he felt that it was very important to help the Tiger King in breaking through his bottleneck. After all, he ought to have sufficient strength for self-defense...

Jun Mo Xie had finally refined the Blood of Yellow Flame further by constantly adding elements from the gold he had acquired in the auction. And, he had also refined those nine swords he had previously smelted once his skills had improved. However, the amount of gold in the treasury had reduced as a result.

He would've probably been dearly sorry in case Fatty had caught sight of it. [This is a loss! This is a huge loss! Millions of gold coins... have disappeared in silence...]

Jun Mo Xie came out from the Hong Jun Pagoda at dawn on this day. He bathed himself, and neatly put on white robes. Then, he embraced the fruit of his labor, and turned towards Guan Qing Han's courtyard.

Everybody was anxiously waiting to see it! So, there was no time to tarry...

Elegant Fragrance Courtyard...

One mustn't say that only women stroll crazily down the streets whilst going on insane shop sprees. In fact, men who've never strolled across the street before... are also the same.

And, this was particularly true for these two men — Big Bear and the Earth Cracker. After all, how many shopping streets had they seen? It could be reckoned that even the craziest shopaholic woman would also concede defeat in front of these two men's current state.

They would buy whatever they would see. They wouldn't even bargain. They wouldn't simply buy it and leave. After all, a man's biggest advantage is his frankness!

They had been wantonly sweeping across the Tian Xiang City's markets. However, they could've never imagined that the Lord of Tian Fa would wish to return these items. Moreover, Big Bear and Earth Cracker would simply be reduced to bowing their heads while enduring the admonishing.

The two Beast Kings had the gold and silver that Jun Mo Xie had given them. So, their attitude was similar to a millionaire who had entered a village. They'd frantically rake-in every big shop of Tian Xiang City. They'd buy whatever pleased their eyes, and whatever they deemed precious. Consequently, the amount of gold and silver notes rapidly shrank, but the number of things that they had bought increased with each passing day. In fact, these things had eventually risen to the size of a mountain when piled-up.

The two Beast Kings were very smart about it. They had kept everything they had purchased in the front courtyard since that place was outside Mei Xue Yan's line of sight. After all, Mei Xue Yan was generally in the Elegant Fragrance Courtyard, and was unlikely to go out. Therefore, these two had thought that they could get away with this. And, everything would be easy to handle once they'd return to the Tian Fa Forest... It's a pity that God's plan supersedes our own... Thus, they were caught in the end...

They were stopped at home by Mei Xue Yan when they were leaving to continue their frantic shopping spree on this day.

Both the Beast Kings were kneeling on the ground by the time Jun Mo Xie arrived. There was cold sweat on their forehead. Their facial muscles were twitching with fear, and they weren't even daring to move. However, Green Hunter seemed to be rejoicing at their misfortune. In fact, there was no trace of sympathy for them in her eyes. It seemed as if the sight of these two men getting admonished was very pleasing to her eyes. Meanwhile, Guan Qing Han was smiling with lips pursed...

This situation was very strange. Mei Xue Yan had instructed these two guys to pack up and return in a couple of days. However, they were fortunate that Guan Qing Han had spoken a few words of advice in the beginning. Her words had gone something like this, "These guys have no shame. All traces of shame have evaporated from their beings, and only this rotten shamelessness is left behind. So, there's no point in saying anything."

It was obvious that anybody's face would expose a bemused expression upon watching their crazy action. Therefore, one couldn't be blamed for mischievously fawning in the hope of getting a better show. After all, it was unlikely for anyone to speak in their favor under these circumstances...

Mei Xue Yan's anger still hadn't calmed down by now. She grabbed a women's silk shirt, and threw it at the Tiger King as she said, "Earth Cracker! See, this is what you've bought. I've considered it if you had

bought something useful. But, I can't understand this. Tian Fa is where the Xuan Beasts live. Who else lives there? But, you bought so many women's clothes. What will you do with them when you go back? Will you wear them?! Or will you give them to your subordinates for accessorizing?! And this... and this... you're losing your head!"

Several 'brushing' sounds were heard as many items were thrown at Earth Cracker. One box even opened with a 'bang', and a fragrance spread everywhere. It had turned out to be a perfume. Some of the liquid had also made its way into the Tiger King's mouth. And, he was left to issue incessant 'e... e...' hiccups as a result.

Mei Xue Yan furiously said, "Why did you buy this nuisance? Do you want to put this on your hairy body? Hmm...? Earth Cracker, you seem very interested in this stuff! You... you bought a large amount of women's products. But, you didn't buy anything else... You even have bracelets here... this is..."

Then, she suddenly got even angrier, and said, "What is this? A Foot-binding cloth...? Earth Cracker! Who did you buy this for?"

Earth-Cracker continuously wiped his cold sweat, but didn't dare to speak-up. Earth Cracker's eyes were continuously glancing towards Big Bear. It seemed as if Earth Cracker wanted to say, [Fourth Brother, you should say something. You told me to buy this stuff. Ah! You told me to buy these things for the maids of Elder Sister's future Palace. That's what we were preparing for... I'm being treated unjustly. Why don't you say something...]

Big Bear was squatting on the ground. However, he finally couldn't prevent himself from laughing. And, his entire body started to twitch while he rejoiced in other's misfortune.

Jun Mo Xie was standing at the door. He too couldn't prevent himself from letting out two 'he he' sounds.

"What are you laughing at? You still have the audacity to laugh? Big Bear, you stupid bear! Take a look at this stuff you've bought! See... See... See... This... and this one..." Big Bear's face was suddenly pelted with various kinds of objects.

"Tea cups. Golden glasses! This glass is so small. Can you even use it? Is there anyone else who can use this? And, these clothes... You're one level ahead when it comes to the clothes, Big Bear! You even

bought a coat made of bear-fur?! You are a Bear King, Big Bear! You like things that are made from your people's bodies? No. You like these things so much that you even bought them?" Mei Xue Yan continued even though her charming face had paled, "You want to harm your own race now? Has this gold roasted your brain?"

## Chapter 539: Mei Xue Yan's Happiness

"It's... such... a cold winter..." Big Bear stammered; he had begun to choke and sweat. He had been laughing at other people's misery a moment ago. But, a whole lot of abuses had suddenly rained on his head now. This had left him flabbergasted. And, a strange expression had emerged on his face as a result.

"Cold...?" Mei Xue Yan raised her leg, and let a kick loose at Big Bear. This made him roll away on the ground, "You go into 'torpor' as soon as the winter arrives! Isn't that's how you've been managing things your entire life? So, what 'cold' nonsense are you talking about? Moreover, you're the Bear King! Are you going to wear a coat made of bear skin? You're very talented! You're exactly like that dim-witted Jun Mo Xie... you have no shame either!"

Jun Mo Xie's smile turned into an expression of sorrow when he heard this. [How did this land on me? Don't you know that I'm not foolish? I've only been pretending to be foolish this entire time. So, why would you mock me like that?]

Bear King and Earth Cracker were scowling in misery, and weren't able to say anything.

"So, our Old Bear hasn't gone into torpor this year? He's leaping and frisking-about instead?" Jun Mo Xie had seen that the two individuals were in a wretched and embarrassed state. Therefore, he decided to change the topic with the intention of smoothing things over.

"Why have you come here? He's the Bear King. How does it matter to you if he wants to torpor or not? And, I'm not done talking to you either. Tell me, why did you give so much money to these two fools?"

Mei Xue Yan looked at him, and waited for him to speak. However, she then noticed that he had a smile of contentment on his face. She couldn't help but ask, "What are you smiling at?" However, Mei Xue Yan had sensed that Young Master Jun had already procured more pills. In fact, her expectations were faintly evident in her voice.



Jun Mo Xie stepped forward with a 'whoosh'. Then, he smiled and said, "Fortunately, I don't feel insulted. Oh, Xue Yan! You can start counting the number of people on your side. There shouldn't be any problem as long as the number of people isn't unusually large!"

Mei Xue Yan shot up her eyebrows. [He dared to call out my name?] However, she quickly came back to herself. [Are the pills ready?] She suddenly forgot to settle these matters with him. Instead, her fingers began to dance in counting without any music.

Bear King and Earth Cracker gazed in Jun Mo Xie's direction, and secretly gave him a thumbs up. [Wow! That's an amazing speed of progress! He's worthy of being hailed as Big Sister's husband! He called her by her first name! And, he even took control over her anger so quickly!]

Both the Beast Kings were gazing at Jun Mo Xie with an expression of admiration in their eyes...

[He's an awesome man!]

"Ten... Ten are enough!" Mei Xue Yan had closed her eyes while counting. She then sighed, and exclaimed.

"Ten? Are you sure?" Jun Mo Xie was surprised by this. He had thought that Mei Xue Yan would include all the Xuan Beasts who had reached close to the Ninth Level's peak. Therefore, it was shocking for him since Mei Xue Yan had only asked for ten pills.

"Without a doubt," Mei Xue Yan took a deep breath. "Ten pills are enough. One doesn't have to be greedy. Those level nine Xuan Beasts are only one step away from transformation stage. But, how can we allow them to achieve it without any efforts? Moreover, upgrading the strengths of only the Beast Kings would be more beneficial for the Tian Fa Forest's management. As far as the rest are concerned... I'll go back, choose among them, and train them carefully later on. After all, I'll have a major headache in case some of them turn out to be extremely wild and untamable."

Jun Mo Xie clapped his hands in appreciation, "That's right! That's good! This is the proper way to handle this situation. After all, the soldiers can be effectively governed in this manner. The Beast Kings would have absolute authority over other Xuan Beasts if we follow this. And, we can then consider the follow-up development plan without any constraints. Mei Xue Yan, you are extremely thoughtful!"

Then, he took out the fruit of his labor. He took out a jade bottle from his chest pocket, and placed it on the table; the bottle instantly attracted everyone's gaze like a magnet.

"There are five pills in this bottle. I've given you four in the past. And, you've already taken one. So, that's an exact ten!" Jun Mo Xie exclaimed in a heavy voice, "I recommend that Tiger King, Bear King, and Snake King not return to the Tian Fa Forest for the time being. Instead, they must take the pill here, and advance their levels without delay. The sooner — the better! What do you think about it?"

"Green Hunter has already taken one. But, these two guys are extremely short-tempered. Moreover, this matter needs to be handled wisely. Their strength would increase by a solid margin. But, what would I do if they go around abusing their powers after they return to Tian Fa? Wouldn't that... make things difficult for me?" Mei Xue Yan looked extremely worried as she cast solemn glances on Big Bear and Earth Cracker.

The Bear King and Tiger King had heard the news that one's abilities could be enhanced by merely consuming these mysterious pills. And, they had suddenly become extremely overjoyed to have come here for this delivery assignment. [This is exactly what I had expected when I had come here... ha ha...] Therefore, they couldn't contain their happiness. But, their faces flattened like a sheet of paper as soon as they heard Mei Xue Yan's words...

It could be said that Mei Xue Yan understood them very well. Both of them had been thinking of this a moment ago — [We'll enhance our strengths, and go back. Then, we'll show-off our abilities in front of that Old Crane! And, we'll let everyone know how powerful we've become...] But, how could they have anticipated that Mei Xue Yan would reject the idea even before their beautiful dream had come to reality...

"Bear King and Tiger King are extremely simple-minded. But, they're understanding individuals nonetheless. So, how can they do something like that? It must be said that they had created a killing ring at Tian Xiang's gates the other day. But, the stupid prince was unlucky to not have opened his eyes to see everything clearly. It's essential for them to take these pills. They've walked the entire way from Southern Heaven to Tian Xiang as far as I know. It must be admitted that they've killed many people on the way, but they never provoked anyone on their own accord. They had acted-up only when they were provoked by the other party."

Jun Mo Xie spoke sternly with an air of righteousness, "That's why I don't think these two can do something like that...!"

The two Beast Kings were very moved by this. In fact, they even looked at Jun Mo Xie with eyes full of fervent tears. They thought — [He's a genuinely amazing Brother-in-law. He should be our brother-in-law forever! We wouldn't let Big Sister change her husband even if she wants to!]

"They would grab and beat up Long Crane if worse comes to worst. They might even take the command from him for a short while. But, they won't do much more than that," Jun Mo Xie continued.

The two Beast Kings felt like fainting... [Do we look like the kind of people who'd try to take the command by force?]

"Don't tell me that you... haven't thought about 'it' already? They have to return to Tian Fa. But, their return trip won't be as smooth as their journey to this place," Jun Mo Xie took the lead, and spoke-up with a dignified expression, "Enhancement of strength should be done without delay! You might think that the journey back to Tian Fa might be easy. But, don't forget that they might have to face some opposition from the Three Holy Lands! Their current strength barely gives them a hope of being able to defend themselves in a one-on-one situation. But, there's no point in even mentioning an ambush situation! It's not a cakewalk to survive in this situation! Their existing cultivation would probably suffer great harm even if they were lucky enough to return to Tian Fa. Do you want them to be like the Sixth Lion and the Seventh Monkey?"

Mei Xue Yan irresolutely muttered with a heavy look on her face, "What's the probability that they would intercept these two?"

Jun Mo Xie said with a bitter smile, "It's not that you don't realize this yourself. You just don't wish to believe it. There's at least an 80% chance that they will attempt to intercept these two! But, would you like to gamble with their lives even if there's only half-a-chance?"

Mei Xue Yan was rendered speechless for a while. Then, her graceful eyes emitted bursts of anger as she spoke-up in an objective manner, "Your words make sense! I hadn't thought of it in this manner. But, I now think that it's better to let these two upgrade their strengths before embarking on their return trip to Tian Fa."

Jun Mo Xie nodded his head, "This should be handled in this manner!"

Big Bear and Earth Cracker were extremely overjoyed. [I never expected that Big Sister would go as far as accepting that she was inconsiderate! Oh... our brother-in-law is brilliant! He made her re-think her decision with just a few words! Wow! When has Big Sister ever changed her mind in Tian Fa?!]

[Our brother-in-law has such a high position! Oh dear, Big Sister's husband... we like you so much!]

The two Beast Kings had nearly shouted out that last sentence. They had somehow managed to hold it back, but it hadn't been easy for them.

However, these two battle-minded Beast Kings hadn't paid much attention to this talk of 'ambush on the trip to Tian Fa'. After all, the two Beast Kings had been fighting battles throughout their lives. Therefore, fighting was ingrained in their nature! [What's so special about the people from these Three Holy Lands! We're not even aware of how many battles we've fought and how many life-and-death situations we've dealt with! Aren't we capable of killing anyone laying in ambush there-and-then?] This was particularly true for the Bear King. After all, he had made a breakthrough very recently. Therefore, he wanted to test how far his strength had progressed...

[Killing us off? Ha-ha! That is an enormous joke!]

[Let them try and kill us! We'll see who kills who!]

[The cultivations of Sixth Lion and Seventh Monkey had only reached the early stages of Beast Kings back then; they were far from the peak of a Beast King's strength at that time. However, they had been attacked by four Great Masters. It was very unfortunate. And, that's why they had suffered that miserable defeat. But, we've been at the peak of a Beast King's strength for some time now. So, we'll be far more prepared than them if we make another breakthrough! We'll see an astonishing growth in our strengths! We might even go-around looking for these Great Masters if they don't come to ambush us half-way!]

The Snake King had already taken one pill. Therefore, Mei Xue Yan was only left with three more pills.

She was about to give the two Beast Kings their doses when she heard Jun Mo Xie speak up, "Wait! Don't rush!"

Everyone was astonished as they heard him. So, they looked at him in a strange manner. But, he soon took out another jade bottle from his pocket. He then said with a mischievous smile on his face, "These are Heavenly Vitality Pills. There's a total of ten here. Each of these pills can provide 50 years-worth of strength upgrade. But, one person can only take one pill. I think you should take this first and increase your skills. So, you should take the Vitality Linkage Pill to enhance your speed once you've done this first. I guess that this would lead to better results!"

Mei Xue Yan exclaimed, and her body began to tremble.

[One pill has the ability to enhance strength by fifty years!]

[These two kinds of pills are so precious that their value can't even be assessed. But, Jun Mo Xie has taken these pills out without any hesitation!]

[Jun Mo Xie had been missing for the last few days. He must've been trying hard to procure these pills for the sake of my safety! He's been worried about me!]

Mei Xue Yan suddenly felt that she was being loved and taken care of in that split second. And, a surge of happiness took her over! This feeling was new for her. She had never felt this way in her entire life! Moreover, her Xuan strength had already reached the pinnacle of the world. So, who could've even gotten a chance to make her feel like this?

However, these feelings had suddenly emerged in her heart at this time. And, she had been left to feel enchanted and content as a result. But, this warm and tumultuous feeling of happiness was also accompanied by a faint yet bitter sensation. It seemed as if she was too reluctant to part with this feeling...

#### Chapter 540: Guan Qing Han Incites Passion

Mei Xue Yan looked at Jun Mo Xie's thinned-out handsome face. His eyes were filled with a frivolous look. Her heart leaped up in excitement and joy. [This... He did all of this for me!]

Young Master Jun's good conduct was meant for the Tian Fa Forest and its numerous Xuan Beasts. In fact, he even wanted to impress her. But, Mei Xue Yan was overthinking things if she felt that he had done everything for her. After all, he had been doing everything solely for his own purposes.

But, it wasn't very surprising. After all, woman is the most self-indulgent creature! This fact can't be denied! A woman's beloved may do something in order to save the world. But, she wouldn't hesitate to believe... [He did it for me! Oh, I'm so emotionally moved by him...]

"Oh wow! This will deliver twice the effect with half the work! Let's carry out this plan at once. After all, you know the most about these magic pills after your master!" Mei Xue Yan's faint voice reflected bashfulness, and tenderness; a sense of submission to Jun Mo Xie was also visible in her body language. Even her face had turned somewhat red.

Big Bear and Earth Cracker suddenly lifted their heads, and looked at their eldest sibling in an incredulous manner. Then, they looked at Jun Mo Xie in disbelief. In fact, they nearly exclaimed aloud in amazement!

The two Beast Kings had always followed their leader very closely. However, they had never seen such an expression on Mei Xue Yan's face. And, they had never heard such tender words of submission from her mouth either. Therefore, they were obviously shocked since they didn't know how this had happened...

[Are Brother-in-law's methods so overbearing? He has even managed to tame our fierce Big Sister?]

Mei Xue Yan her anger rose to its heights when saw the two of them popping their eyeballs out. So, she raised a foot to kick them, and shouted, "What are you two doing? Are you stupid?! I think you want a thrashing, isn't it?"

The two Beast Kings screamed in pain. But, they still managed to make gestures with their eyes. [That was such amazing skill. It was unfathomable. How could we ever be able to understand the things that are at play here...] Therefore, they only repeated, "Oh... It's nothing... nothing... It's nothing... He he...!"

Mei Xue Yan's anger grew by leaps and bounds as soon as she heard their mischievous giggles. And, her face reddened even further...

Guan Qing Han calmly watched the two sides. She had a big smile on her face, but a densely sour taste had sprouted in her heart... She secretly cast a glance at Jun Mo Xie. This was man who had taken her virginity. However, he hadn't tried to seek her out in a long while since they had returned to Tian Xiang City. [He used to come to me every time his heart burned with desire in the past. But, I used to drive him out mercilessly... Was I too cruel to him?]

She was still thinking about the past when Jun Mo Xie came closer to her face. She couldn't prevent herself from jumping scared, and tried to move away from his face.

However, Jun Mo Xie laughed in a mischievous manner, and moved closer to her ear. He then whispered, "Older Sister Qing Han! I... I've been infected with that malicious poison again... Please have mercy on me one more time. Please help me get rid of this poison like you had in the past. Oh! I urgently need your help! I feel very uncomfortable... I'm your younger brother... And, this is for the sake of your younger brother's life..."

Guan Qing Han was stunned to hear these words. She wasn't like Dugu Xiao Yi since she was much older. So, she knew a lot about men and their matters. Therefore, she couldn't prevent herself from feeling greatly ashamed when she heard these teasing words from his mouth. Consequently, she twisted her waist to turn around. Her usually cold face had suddenly turned sparkling red. Even her earlobes had reddened.

Jun Mo Xie had already moved closer to her. He couldn't help but stare at her sparkling earlobe and the flawlessly beautiful one side of her face that was visible to him from this angle. [So beautiful... Nothing can be more beautiful than her.] Jun Mo Xie's heart was suddenly set on fire. What happened next could only be described as a curious incident — he extended his tongue, and licked...

Guan Qing Han exclaimed in the face of his attack. She suddenly felt as her body had gone weak. She felt as if she had no strength left in her. In fact, she nearly fell down. However, her body began to heat up soon after... She then flushed with anger, and struggled up. Then, she looked at Jun Mo Xie in a manner that made it seem as if she was saying... [You need to let go of me...]

However, Jun Mo Xie began to laugh loudly. He even ignored the fact that others were present there... He then grabbed her by her waist, and took her in his arms. Guan Qing Han had never imagined that Jun Mo Xie would be so audacious to hold her like that. She became a bit shy as her body heated up. She then spoke-up with a sense of urgency, "Let me go! Quickly!"

Jun Mo Xie gave out a mischievous laugh, and whispered in her ear, "Why should I let you go? You're my first woman! My third uncle will accept you as his foster daughter in tomorrow's ceremony! So, you'll be his foster daughter after the ceremony! And, I'll make my grandfather yield to my request once that happens. And, I'll have you in my bed on the very same night. Will you still try to escape then? He he... don't worry my Little Han Han. I can assure you that my bed is very nice and warm..."

Guan Qing Han cried out in fear. She had read the book 'Lessons of Morality for Women' multiple times since childhood. Therefore, she was well-versed in the strict codes of ethics. So, how could she endure such blatant words from him? She couldn't help feeling ashamed, and her entire body started to tremble. It was unknown how she gathered so much strength within herself. But, she pushed him away, and quickly ran away.

Jun Mo Xie burst into a loud laughter, and turned around. However, he saw that Mei Xue Yan and Green Hunter were looking at him with faces that had been fumed into reddening from excessive anger. It seemed as if their eyes were about to erupt into a volcano. However, Big Bear and Earth Cracker were gazing at Jun Mo Xie in admiration on the other hand. In fact, it seemed as if they were looking at a God!

[He's a deity! This man is a God!]

[He can make our big sister submit to him. Moreover, he also has the guts to play around with other women in front of her! Oh... his guts are... stunning... too overbearing... he's too fierce! He's awesome! He's my idol...]

Jun Mo Xie was stunned. And, his heart had already started to shout out that he was in trouble.

[I said that out aloud... I clearly recall that I was supposed to use a cipher code to encrypt my words. But, I lost control over myself and forgot to do that. And, I ended-up saying that in direct speech. Moreover, the expression on everyone's face makes it seem as if they've heard everything I said...]

Mei Xue Yan he looked at him in anger; her face was still flushed red.

[It's so difficult to know what goes-on in this guy's heart. His actions had moved me emotionally a moment ago. And now, he has the guts to fool around with other women in front of me! He's too gutsy!]



Snake King gave Jun Mo Xie an awfully malicious expression. It appeared as if she would return to her beast-form at any moment and open her mouth to swallow this shameless man down her belly.

Jun Mo Xie had quickly realized that the situation was far from re-assuring. So, he hastily coughed twice. He was well-aware that even a million explanations wouldn't repair the damage that had already been done. Instead, it would only make matters worse. And, that would certainly lead to a major disaster...

He quickly averted his eyeballs, and decided to use astonishing 'subject-changing' skills. So, he coughed twice, and spoke-up in a dignified tone, "The four of you can take the pills here itself since you're all in agreement with the idea. I don't have any issues with it either. Moreover, I can even stand guard for you. And, I can even use my Xuan skills to help you with your advancement. My master obviously has some matters he's busy with. And, it won't be good to disturb him either. So, I will oversee this..."

He added a few more words of urgency after he had finished speaking, "Miss Mei, you're also clear about this thing. Strength is the sole deciding trait in this matter of life and death. Even a small progress can help influence the final outcome of the Battle for Seizing the Heavens! And, that's vital for the future of the common people. We need to grasp every opportunity of enhancing our strength. Then, we need to add onto it as time passes..."

Jun Mo Xie's throat had dried up by now. So, he stopped speaking, and gave out two loud laughs. However, it was extremely unpleasant to hear. It felt as if an owl was screeching at night. In fact, it was like someone was forcefully trying to carve out sand on a beach using a dustpan.

He knew that Mei Xue Yan would be very annoyed at this time. Therefore, he had addressed her as 'Miss Mei' instead of 'Xue Yan'. No one had ever dared to call her like that. He had never retracted his big-talk so quickly in either of his lives. Moreover, he had also managed to feign the expressions of a great saint who was bemoaning the fate of humanity while he had said this last part.

It must be said that his ability to divert the subject was as remarkable as Charles De Gaulle's astonishing feats...

Mei Xue Yan was seething with anger. She snorted and grabbed the jade bottle. Then, she overturned it, and took out the four pills. She then handed one to Snake King, and glanced at Big Bear and Earth Cracker. However, both of them were still standing with their mouths open. It was evident that they were staring in admiration. She obviously got extremely angry when she saw this. However, she didn't beat them down this time. Instead, she raised her finger and shot the pills into their mouths... Consequently, the pills hit their tongues like bullets.

The pills were extremely tiny, but they had been backed with Mei Xue Yan's strength. Therefore, they hit the two of them very forcefully. Big Bear and Earth Cracker were left to shout in pain. In fact, their teeth nearly got knocked down by the impact. Suddenly, a stream of warm energy began to gush about their mouths along with a balmy smell. And, this heat soon burst into their limbs, bones, and meridians...

They felt as if an immense power had been simulated inside their entire body. A massive turbulence was created, and the energy inside their meridians started to flow in a reverse direction. The terrified beasts remained standing still with their wide opened eyes. However, Mei Xue Yan and Snake King had already sat on the floor with their legs crossed; they had already started absorbing the efficacy of the pill.

The two Beast Kings didn't dare to neglect this either. And, they also hurriedly sat down in a meditation.

Jun Mo Xie breathed a sigh of relief. [Hoof. I've finally overcome this massive problem. Let's go step by step from here on. I had ended up offending two people today since my mind got overtaken by lust. This could've been a catastrophic day...]

[I fell weak in front of Guan Qing Han's beautiful face, and I ended up taking liberties with her in front of so many people. This has spoilt so many days of my hard work. I had started making some headway with Mei Xue Yan, but this rogue behavior is sure to make a bad impression on her. I've lost the rice while trying to lure the chicken. I've done a massive damage to myself!]

[Ugh!] Young Master Jun sighed with sorrow and grief. He felt infinitely wronged. [Ugh. I've held it back for so long now. Would no one have mercy on me? I've been restraining myself for this long. But, even that can cause problems. Moreover, I live around such beautiful and enticing women. And, more than one at that! So, wouldn't my urges be fiercer? I'm just trying to look after myself? So, how am I wrong? Where am I wrong?]

[Damn it! When will this test end? I'm living around the most beautiful women in the world! But, I can't do anything. I can only do something in case I end-up being poisoned by an aphrodisiac... There's no torture as painful as this one! This is most terrible one...]

[It's just that I possess excellent determination! Anyone other person would've lost their 'weapons' due to this torture if they had been in my place...]

Mei Xue Yan's body began to emit a thick and dense fog after a while. Then, it slowly started to condense over her head in the shape of a flower. Then, another one was formed... And, this went-on until three flower-shaped things had emerged from the thick fog.

Jun Mo Xie smacked his tongue in surprise... [I think this is that so-called 'three flowers converge on top when the five energies combine' condition. I had heard about this peak condition of strength in my previous life, but I had never gotten to see it. But, I never thought that I would see it here. Moreover, I didn't get to see via my internal aura; nor did happen via someone's Xuan Qi. Instead, this happened via... a Xuan Beast's Primal Qi!]

This incident made Jun Mo Xie realize one truth — [It doesn't matter which name one learns martial arts under. It doesn't matter which world the martial arts belongs to... All of them lead to the same end once they've reached a profound stage!]