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Realms In The Firmament Chapter 1041: Ye Clan's Good Harvest

Li Clan had much less men than Ye Clan, yet they still made it back safely!

Ye Clan would never quit starting a fight under such circumstances, except for one possibility. Li Chongshan submitted and gave up most of the profits...

The winner who had gained much more was Ye Clan!

Li Clan did get something, but definitely nothing truly valuable.

"You four useless fools!" The Li Clan elder stared at the four people who had fled out. He was so angry.

The four men apparently understood why. They were shaking with pale faces in fear.

It would be a better situation for them if the others all died inside the mountain.

Now, however, they were definitely going to be punished.

Ye Clan people returned in happiness and cheers.

On the other side, Li Clan's six men looked so sad like their parents were dead!

"Oh? You're all back? What about my little friend Ye?" Ye Tianchen frowned. He eventually realized something was wrong and stopped smiling. "What happened to him? Where is he?"

Everybody was stunned.

[That's right! Why only us? Where is the man who took us in?]

They had been lost in happiness and sadness, so none of them noticed that someone was missing.

They didn't really feel so bad about it, except Ye Tianchen and Li Clan elder. They might not take it seriously if they didn't know Xuan BIng's true power. Now that they knew she had such a horrible power, the thought of her wiping out both clans at once couldn't be erased. Yet the man she cared and tried to protect actually was left behind...

The two old men looked at Xuan Bing. She was standing far away with Han Bingxue, looking solemn, as if she didn't see the cheerful return of the cultivators, yet she didn't seem to have the desire to accuse anybody.

Both of them were in high level. They didn't need to care about what the others thought about. Xuan Bing was sure Ye Xiao was safe after she talked to Han Bingxue. She knew that he had entered the fourth layer. The worse thing that could happen to Ye Xiao was to be banished out. Otherwise, it would be a huge blessing that might help him dominate a land in this world if he could meet some great opportunity inside.

What she could do was wait.

Han Bingxue looked badly hurt. Apparently, he got beaten up quite hard by Xuan Bing because he didn't do well in protecting Ye Xiao.

When Xuan Bing was beating up Han Bingxue, she didn't care if anybody else saw it. The fierceness she showed had scared the men of both Ye Clan and Li Clan. Most of them only thought that she was a cruel woman who mistreated her own friend!

Ye Tianchen and the Li Clan elder knew more than that. When they watched her punching Han Bingxue, they were frightened!

Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue were both so strong that they actually looked normal. In fact, everything that showed their real strength was hidden, which made them look like normal cultivators. Ye and Li, the two old men, knew that Xuan Bing was more powerful than themselves. When she was beating Han Bingxue, it looked fierce but she was just making flesh wounds.

When Han Bingxue was beaten, his body automatically operated the energy to protect him. However, his power didn't work when facing Xuan Bing's marvelous power. She could beat him wherever she wanted! Nothing stopped her even a bit!

The two old men didn't know how powerful Xuan Bing exactly was, but they knew she was horrible. They knew she must be more horribly powerful than Han Bingxue, even though Han Bingxue was already more powerful than they could recognize.

After that, the two old men didn't even dare to look at Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue in the eyes.

"Go!"

The Li Clan elder shouted with a dark and cold face. He rushed away on his horse to lead his men out.

The time, Ye Clan had gotten most of the benefits. The biggest problem was that they lost the man who could lead them into the third layer...

Li Clan's plan failed.

They only had one choice at last.

That was why he left without hesitation.

There was more than one reason why he would leave so decisively. Things had become complicated in this place now. Xuan Bing and Han Bingxue were both super powerful cultivators, either of them could defeat both Ye Clan and Li Clan at once. If they raged up and started a fight...

That would be a disaster for either clan.

[You Ye Clan have taken all the benefits. You should take the troubles too. Just go on with the Ye boy now!]

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Not only Li Clan wanted to leave, but also Ye Tianchen.

However, looking at Li Clan's men leaving, he was lost in thoughts. He didn't leave.

He didn't dare to!

He truly didn't dare!

Li Clan had made a great contribution to Ye Clan this time. They left because they were furious about it. It made sense. However, what about Ye Clan? Ye Clan had gotten a great number of materials. They even took most of the materials from Li Clan. Besides, he had favorably talked to Ye Xiao first so many times. If he chose to leave now, he might get himself killed!

Ye Tianchen tried to see the real power of Xuan Bing and Han BIngxue and came to a conclusion beyond imagination. If they wanted to wipe out Ye Clan, it would be just a piece of cake!

How dare he recklessly take a move to leave at this moment?

"My lady, we have lost connection to young Brother Ye, but it may not be a bad thing for him. Maybe he is having a great blessed opportunity... By the way, instead of just waiting here, why don't you two come with us and wait for Brother Ye in our place?"

Then he thought for a while and continued, "Brother Ye has such a talented body and peaceful face. He must be blessed by heavens. He won't just die so young. Please don't worry."

"No." Xuan Bing coldly said, "We'll just wait here."

Then a powerful aura rose up from her that pushed all the strangers away. Apparently, she didn't want to talk anymore.

Ye Tianchen made a long sigh and said, "Since you insist, I think we should leave you undisturbed. Farewell."

Then he started to leave with his people.

"Shangxin, how many Regeneration Ink Lotus did we get from there?" Ye Tianchen asked in a low voice.

"Forefather, we have gotten forty-eight Regeneration Ink Lotus, all in top quality. Besides, we have many other materials. It is a good harvest this time. The other materials were worth three hundred Regeneration Ink Lotus in total. When we left that place, we took ten Regeneration Ink Lotus from Li Clan, leaving only one to them." Ye Shangxin was excited. "We have fifty-eight top quality Regeneration Ink Lotus and about four hundred other medical materials."

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Chapter 1042: Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit

"Good! Great job!" Ye Tianchen nodded with praise. "It seems we Ye Clan are going to take what we lost back. We may even achieve more. Regeneration Ink Lotus beyond middling is truly rare. Although it is still much less valuable than that young Brother Ye's lotus, it is valuable enough to please Misty Cloud Palace. Ye Clan is safe now..."

"However, Li Clan left earlier. I guess they are in our way..."

"I know. Why did I invite those two people to come with us back here anyway? What a shame. They didn't want to come. However, this is about the future of Ye Clan. We can't lose it."

"Okay."

"Let's all be careful. It is no further than four hundred miles away from our house. Move faster! Go home earlier!"

"Yes!"

Ye Clan people disappeared in the horizon like a wisp of smoke and dust.

Ye Chentian's voice was sounding in the wind with a sigh. "... What a shame... Brother Ye... would be better... I feel... he and our clan seem... connected... in some way..."

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"What do we do?" Han Bingxue asked Xuan Bing.

"We wait!"

"For how long?"

"Until he comes out."

"What if it takes him days?"

"Then we wait for days."

"What if it takes him months?"

"Then we wait for months!"

"What if it is years?" Han Bingxue nervily kept asking.

- Puff, puff, puff, puff, puff... -

"Please... Mercy... Forgive me.... I'll wait... I will wait... no matter for how long... Holy heavens, it kills..."

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After a long time, they heard the noise of fights and shouts from far away.

It must be the fight between Li Clan and Ye Clan.

Han Bingxue looked aside but didn't move. Xuan Bing didn't even bother moving her eyelids.

For them, it didn't matter which side won. They didn't care if any of them die. They couldn't be more insensible to that...

Even if the two clan's people all died, they wouldn't care. Would they go have a look? They had seen so many fights like that.

What happened between Li Clan and Ye Clan was just some small fight!

They weren't interested at all.

They only cared about Ye Xiao.

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On the other side, it took Ye Xiao quite a while to calm down after being excited and hot-headed!

Not that he hadn't seen anything marvelous, after all, he was an influential figure who had the Boundless Space with nine Spaces in it, who was handsome and rich... However, what was happening was truly too... shocking!

What he had seen was much more pleasant than he could describe.

The first thing he looked at was definitely the Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit.

Before that, he always looked calm and steady, especially in front of Han Bingxue, as if even a landfall would never frighten him a bit. In fact, he was calm because he knew he wouldn't get it by being thrilled or excited. Deep in his heart, he was more thrilled and excited than Han Bingxue!

The Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit had an amazing quality that even Boundless Space didn't have!

Now, the fourth layer was all vividly shown in his sight. When he saw the cinnabar fruit, it looked much more splendid!

There were at least fifty cinnabar fruits on that tree, hanging there like transparent fruits. They were so attractive that he wished he could just rush over and grab a handful of them into his mouth.

"One, two, three, four... nineteen... thirty-five... seventy-seven..." He was dribbling. He took the fruits one by one and said, "This is great... There are actually this many..."

When he finished, he actually took the tree too and put it into Boundless Space. "Come with me. How incredibly long does it take you to fructify here..."

He was feeling honest and said, "Besides, this entire place is for me anyway..."

Apparently, he didn't feel guilty at all about taking the tree away after taking away all the fruits on it.

When he plucked up the tree, he realized the amazing surprise just began. The Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit might be valuable and precious, but compared to what he just found, it was just a child's toy...

Around the roots of the tree, there were lots of traces of spiritual qi.

"Is it... every time when the fruits fell, they fell around the tree... Holy heavens... How many have been wasted in here?"

He took in a cold breath.

Under the tree, there was a thick layer of spiritual paste which was half a foot thick!

It was transparent and beautiful.

The Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit took a thousand years to blossom, another one thousand years to fructify, and another one thousand years to become ripe. When it became ripe, the fruits would stay on the tree

for a hundred days, and after that, they all fell. The Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit absorbed the energy from the spiritual qi around it. It was immune to the five elemental damage and to the natural disasters. It wouldn't die just because time passing. That meant as long as there was enough spiritual qi, it would continuously grow. It didn't need the nutrients from the ground like other plants.

Most importantly, the fruits wouldn't rot when they fell to the ground. As long as a fruit wasn't eaten, it would stay on the ground forever...

The Rainbow Cinnabar Fruits took three thousand years to fructify, so normally, the fallen fruits would be taken as soon as they touched the floor. Otherwise, it would be a waste, wouldn't it?

The tree of Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit had some other special efficacy. Everything around its roots wouldn't rot. If anything dropped around its roots, it would only be converted into pure spiritual qi.

That gave the tree of Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit a special name, Spirit Root!

When more and more spiritual qi gathered around the roots, especially when it was in somewhere airtight, the spiritual qi would become spiritual paste!

Spiritual paste was the concentration of the purest spiritual qi. It was marvelous. Even the seven great sects that had been living for tens of thousand years in the realm couldn't have a little of spiritual paste!

It was such a rare and precious treasure!

Yet the spiritual paste under the tree was as thick as half a foot and as wide as three meters!

Ye Xiao figured there must be thousands of fruits that had gathered in this place to make such a big pile of spiritual paste.

He started to do the math. Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit took three thousand years to ripe. It could be no more than one hundred fruits at one time... That meant it should have taken tens of times... to make such a large-scale spiritual paste. The tree must have... been there for dozens of years!

"Incredible... unbelievable..." Ye Xiao grinned and put all the spiritual paste into his Space.

Even if the fruits fell to the floor, they would never rot. The fruit had a rather thin skin, but the skin was like gold. With that skin, not a single line of spiritual qi could leak out.

The Spirit Root converted the fruits into spiritual paste. Otherwise, Ye Xiao should have gotten lots of Rainbow Cinnabar Fruits!

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Chapter 1043: All Good Stuffs

Actually, the heavens wouldn't create things that lasted forever. The special skill of Spirit Root was to primally work on its own fruits that wouldn't rot. If the fruits were eaten by other beings, they became energy of the beings. If not, they would fall to the ground and be converted into the spiritual qi of the world because of the Spirit Root!

It was such a weird and magical existence. There was an enormous spiritual qi around the tree. The air was almost immobile around the qi so that no spiritual qi would spread out. Otherwise, the spiritual paste would spread qi in the air for sure. However, the special inner environment kept it from happening! It was such a miracle!

The reason why Ye Xiao recognized spiritual paste was that he used to see a bit of it when he was in an auction somewhere as Xiao Monarch. That was right. People measured spiritual paste with bits. That bit of spiritual paste made the entire auction hot up. The final price of it was ten thousand times of all Xiao Monarch had. Although he wasn't a rich guy when he was Xiao Monarch, he was still a top level nine Dao Origin Stage cultivator. However, he wasn't even able to buy one of ten thousand of that bit of spiritual paste. That was so shameful!

Now that he got so much of it, he figured no matter what happened, this would be worth it.

When he finished picking up the spiritual paste, he started to look around. When he looked around, he felt that he was like an ignorant countryman!

He was such a stupid man!

What he could see in this layer were all kinds of precious valuable medical materials!

He had just glanced around the area within one thousand meters when he found a few other materials that were even more valuable than Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit!

"I am going to be rich! So rich..." He was even shaking now.

"Erhuo, get in the Space and be ready to take whatever I put in. Prepare to make dan beads!" Ye Xiao shouted and walked ahead.

"Holy heavens... Blood Ginseng? There is actually such a material. Into the Space."

"Gold Ginseng? Good! Into the Space."

"This... Could it be Nine-spirits Flyer? Hmm. Nice... It looks exactly like it is recorded... Get it."

"Is this... Godly Heaven Root? It should be... Go, go, go..."

"What is this thing... all in white color? I don't care... Just get it..."

He had been acting like a country bumpkin who came to town for the very first time since he entered this layer. He just swept everything he saw.

In the beginning, he would try to recognize some materials to see if he knew it. In the end, he just took everything he could, like a peasant taking every valuable thing into his pocket!

Wherever he went, there left a big pit... No spiritual qi was left!

He didn't let go of anything at all!

He was like a soldier slaughtering a village!

Wherever he went, it became a waste area after...

The fourth layer was several times bigger than the third.

Ye Xiao had been collecting everything he could find since he entered this layer.

Normally, the higher it was, the fewer materials there would be. It took at least dozens of meters of distance between one valuable plant and another. It made sure every plant had enough room to absorb enough spiritual qi.

Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit, especially in such a level, would need a space that was bigger than a mountain.

If a huge mountain had the Rainbow Cinnabar Fruit, there would be no other plants except grasses that could be living around.

The other plants, not to mention spiritual medicines, would never grow within the area.

That was the overbearingness of spiritual medical materials!

That was the rule about surviving the selection!

However, the rule never worked in this place. The spiritual qi in this layer was too dense and rich!

There was only spiritual qi in, not out.

It at least had been gathering spiritual qi since tens of million years earlier. It was also spiritual qi from all different lands and realms. All the spiritual qi gathered in this place and made this spiritual qi become dense like solid.

No matter how much spiritual qi the plants needed, it would be more than enough.

Thus, no plants needed to fight for limited nutrition!

There were no fights among the spiritual plants in this place!

That was why there were so many different medical materials growing in this place.

Ye Xiao kept collecting all kinds of materials. In the end, he felt that he was a bit dumb. He then started to clear hundreds of acres of farmland in the Boundless Space and put the spiritual plants into it...

It was faster and more efficient.

The excitement kept driving him to do this for three whole days until he felt incredibly painful on the back. He nearly broke down because of exhaustion.

Then he realized he was such a typical idiot!

He had been collecting the plants in one direction all along. He was now only at the center of the fourth layer. He had only cleared the path which was dozens of meters wide and tens of thousand meters long... The rest of this place was still full of all kinds of spiritual plants!

He just looked around far and felt anxious and worried. That was such a huge amount. If he kept doing it like this, it would take him at least three years to clear everything!

Besides, he would have to work so hard and exhaust himself every day in the three years!

"So many... So fxcking many... How come..." He was upset but complaining impolitely.

If somebody heard his complaint, they would definitely beat him up so hard before doing anything else. [You got the chance to have all those medicines! Yet you actually complain about having too many? Kind deeds often go unappreciated, doesn't it?] Of course, these people would have to give him a good lesson!

While he was complaining, he found something else. Over ten meters ahead of him, in the core area of the fourth layer, there was a rock stele. There were words on it.

The words nearly made Ye Xiao spit out a mouthful of fresh blood and stir the qi inside his chest.

'I know what you are doing now. You are a blessed man. I guess you have a private spiritual space that you can store the plants or something. I guess you are transplanting the medicines. I can assure you that when you see this stele, you have roughly finished collecting one out of a thousand... of all medicines in this layer.'

Then there was a smiling face at the end.

That was such a bothersome and annoying smiling face.

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Chapter 1044: So Despicable!

It seemed there were more words after that, but the grass covered them.

"Holy hell!"

Ye Xiao totally freaked out when he read it.

[Is this fooling me around? It is definitely making fun of me?]

[I have worked so damn hard. I have exhausted the hell out of myself. My legs are still aching. I have expanded a huge space in Boundless Space to make over a hundred acres of farmland, yet that only collected one of a thousand of all the medicines in this place?]

[If that is true, don't I have to spend years to clear the entire fourth layer?]

He was speechless.

At the same time, he felt weird. [The words on the stele, why does it feel so weird?]

He frowned and walked closer. He cleared the grass around the stele, looked closer, and found that there were still lots of words after that annoying gloating smiling face.

The first line was, 'I know you must be a stupid foolish sh*thead!'

"You are stupid! You are foolish! You are a sh*thead! Your entire clan is a bunch of stupid f*cking idiots! You must be a sh*thead since you actually created such a stupid f*cking place that is full of f*cking stupid medicines!" Ye Xiao never thought that such a great figure would write such words on the stele to insult him, so he shouted out at the first sight of the words. He was provoked! However, only he himself could hear what he just shouted out!

'Don't shout. An idiot who has his own spiritual space, that space must be your most valuable property! Look at your dumb face! I honestly can't be respectful to people like you. The man who is chosen by the heavens. Pah! Sh*thead idiot with some filthy money...'

Ye Xiao was gasping, staring with big eyes. If that man was right in front of him, he would punch the man in the face!

[Where did this prick come from?]

[Can't you talk decently?]

He actually wanted to break the stele into pieces!

The words went on, '... don't be unconvinced, kid. It is not a big deal. Let me tell you one thing. My boss used to have such a space for his own. We weren't so powerful back then. He was so pretentious just because he had that spiritual space... People admired him so much...'

'Don't tell me you are not the same! Damn it! I know people like you! Girls, beautiful girls, always are cheated by people like you... That is so f*cking unfair! I thought that it was so awesome to have a spiritual space like that. When I reached a certain height in cultivation, I realized such a stupid space doesn't mean a damn thing... It is something people can fart on... Look at you, cherishing it like it is what you have to keep your dignity...'

"Oh?" Ye Xiao finally couldn't help rubbing his head, even though he was still angry.

[Whoever wrote this is definitely not Master Tianji.]

When he first came to this place, the words showed up to him were so cultured and highbred. However, the words on the stele seemed more like a ruffian talking.

It was obviously a ruffian speaking.

'You actually became the fourth person yet I couldn't. Why? Is it because you always like to leave everything to only yourself?' That was questioning.

Then there was his own response, '... but I love to eat it all by myself too... Why wasn't I so lucky like you?'

Ye Xiao was annoyed. He couldn't help but swear, "F*ck you!"

What came after were all the abusive words from whoever was speaking through the stele.

'... You piece of sh*t. Your head is full of sh*t! The entire layer belongs to you now. Why don't you try to refine it? Picking up the plants one by one? Do you think you are a f*cking farmer or what? How can you become the fourth person? What a blind heaven! I didn't become the fourth person, and I married a woman who keeps punching me like it is a bloody game. I am more than just blind... I don't even seem like having eyeballs...'

"It must be your retribution! Heavens do have justice! You deserve whatever you hate! You villain! Bastard! You..."

Ye Xiao was so angry that his hairs stood straight. He pointed at the stele and started to shout and gasp.

He had never experienced such a thing. A man who he never met before actually pissed him off so badly. Whoever talked to him through the stele was definitely an annoying person.

In fact, from what the words expressed on the stele, that man was only complaining about Ye Xiao becoming the fourth person.

In other words, he was jealous.

'Wait and see! You son of a b*tch! When you see me, I will beat you up several times a day after that... The fourth person... Humph! I will beat you up so hard that you will feel like a dog...'

Ye Xiao's temples started twisting when he saw those words.

"I, Ye Xiao, swear to heavens after I know who you are, I will beat you up every time I see you! I will follow you and beat you no matter where you go!"

He swore fiercely.

'An idiot like you, who has a full head of sh*t, can never think of refining this stele... You f*cking prick. After all I have said to insult you, why don't you stop reading this. Don't read if you are brave enough not to...'

Ye Xiao was so angry that his eyes became blue.

"After being insulted like that, why would I stop now! I am brave or not, you will see when I put you down! Do you think I will just endure all the insults and get nothing in return?"

"I truly can't think of anybody who has such a filthy mouth like you!" Ye Xiao murmured with curses, "Great figures from old days... great ass! You are just a f*cking d*ckhead who needs to be fed with punches!"

'You stupid f*cking moron, read carefully now... If you want to refine... you must... and...'

That was a long speech. Ye Xiao got it.

However, what pissed him off was that almost half of the words were useless abusive words!

The last line was, 'If you can't succeed even after I have told you so much, just forget every abusive word that I put there. What is left about you will be all nice words... I won't bother to talk like that to a man who is no longer the fourth person and is full of sh*t in the head... I am a lonely man... Remember?'

- Puff! -

Ye Xiao was so angry that he sat down to the floor and spat out a mouthful of dark blood, shouting in full power, "You bastard! Wait and see! When I see you... I will... You bloody f*cking motherf*cker... whoop..."

He was gasping after spitting the blood out. His eyeballs popped up in anger!

However, about seventy percent of the grudge that he had in the chest was let out along with the dark blood!

If that man showed up now, even if Ye Xiao knew he couldn't win, he would decisively rush ahead and fight that man with his life!

Even if he would be defeated, he would try to bite that man a few times hard!

He couldn't believe there was such an annoying person in the world!

That was absolutely too despicable!

So despicable!

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Chapter 1045: Be Fooled

Ye Xiao was truly pissed. "God damn it! I am going to melt this stele even if it will cost my life! To catch this man and punch him hard in the ass is good enough to be a reason for me to risk my life on this! One reason is enough!"

Then he took a deep breath and calmed himself down.

He stared at the stele and read the instruction again.

'It is fairly simple. Whoever can read is capable of mastering it. However, for you, kid, I don't know. I don't think you are clever enough, because after all, you are a man who is so pretentious with your stupid spiritual space.' The words went on, 'First of all, hold the stele. Simple move... You can do it, can't you?'

There were no words after that.

Apparently, Ye Xiao had to do the first step before he got the hint of the second step!

He had gone this far now. He had to do it. He gritted his teeth and then held the cold stele with both hands.

Then a line of words appeared in the air before him. '... Second, put your jaw on top of the stele, tightly.'

Then it disappeared.

Ye Xiao stared and put his jaw on it carefully.

That was it. When a man made the first step, the rest would become much easier!

'Third, most important step, keep your dantian close to the stele. Keep it tight enough so that the spiritual qi in your dantian could contact the spiritual qi on the stele. Don't make mistakes on this step. Keep this in mind.'

Ye Xiao sighed. [What kind of stupid method is this? Well, to connect the spiritual qi of me with the spiritual qi on the stele seems to be a reasonable move after all.]

So he did it as the words instructed.

What was displayed was Ye Xiao holding the stele with both hands, putting his jaw on it, standing out his dantian to touch the stele. That was such a weird posture.

'Fourth step, operate your spiritual power. Run it in full power for ninety-nine cycles.'

It wasn't so difficult to run his spiritual power, even though he was in such a weird posture...

When he finished running the power for ninety-nine cycles, some new words appeared, 'Keep your tongue out of your mouth with spiritual qi and move around the stele for one round and then withdraw the spiritual qi to your dantian. Then you will feel the true nature of the stele.'

[What... What kind of strange method is this? To keep my tongue out?]

[Is it for the purpose of secrecy or just fooling me?]

He had no choice but to follow the instruction. Then there were more words showing up. 'Sixth step, let out your spiritual qi from your dantian and cover the stele with the qi.'

'Seventh, raise up your left hand and put it on your right face. Raise your right hand and put it on your left hip. Keep your jaw and dantian close to the stele. This is important. Do remember it.'

Ye Xiao felt the anger rising up from deep inside his heart. [Bloody hell. Is there really such an embarrassing cultivation method? It can't be more awkward and stupid!]

He was thinking. [Am I being fooled?]

However... he had to do as it said, so as to find out what the man was exactly doing.

He did as it told him.

'Eighth, the most important step, make sure your spiritual power is perfectly running. Operate it and make three farts loudly. This is the only way to let you feel the internal concussion of the stele. Remember, I am not fooling you! This is the only way to melt and refine this stele. Once you miss this, you lose it forever!'

Ye Xiao was so embarrassed. However, he had gone this far and it seemed that man was also being serious. No matter how unwilling he was, he had to do it.

Deep in his heart, he had cursed that man for thousands of times.

Operating the martial art...

- Bang, bang, bang... -

After that, he exactly felt the concussion inside the stele. A few words appeared after that.

'Ninth step... Hahaha... Laugh my ass off... You actually did all. I guess I am always right about your stupidity. Hahaha... What a retard. I was fooling you... Hahahaha...'

- Puff! -

Ye Xiao spat out a mouthful of blood on the stele!

It was not dark blood this time. It was fresh!

[That is so despicable!]

"You f*cker!" Ye Xiao raged up like crazy. He had never been pranked like this ever even if this was his second life!

Whoever talked to him through the words on the stele actually treated him like he was the biggest idiot in the world...

He fooled Ye Xiao as he wished. What annoyed Ye Xiao the most was that he actually believed it and he did everything. He was actually pranked a hard one. [Holy heavens... Holy earth... I am so painfully fooled...]

[How do I keep my dignity anymore...]

He kept shouting and swearing like crazy. All kinds of abusive words came out of his mouth. His face turned totally red, and his eyes were opened so widely!

He couldn't help waving one hand and hit the stele, which had been fooling him for two hours!

"Bastard! Ahhhhh... I am going to kill you! I will kill you! Ahhhhh..." He was totally mad!

"You f*cking bastard! You f*cking despicable prick! Ahhhhh..." He jumped up nearly thirty meters high. Apparently, if he saw that man right now, he would kill him through all the abusive words from his mouth!

The grudge and hatred in his heart were so heavy!

"F*ck you! Nobody fools people like this!"

"You f*cking prick!"

"You most despicable motherf*cker!"

"This gets me so furious..." Ye Xiao spat out a mouthful of blood again... He couldn't even breath smoothly.

The next moment, what happened shocked him.

He recalled every detail since the beginning and felt quite weird about it. After that, he laughed out loud. "Holy hell! Hahaha... You f*cking bastard are truly talented. I have traveled worlds and looked upon all heroes. This is the first time that I am screwed so badly! Holy heavens... Hahaha..."

He started to laugh loudly like a madman.

He thought about how he followed every instruction... even though he knew it was weird and stupid, he still did it...

He felt it and he said, "It doesn't prove your cleverness. It only proves my obsession. I lost my true heart!"

"You are a despicable prick, but I shouldn't blame you. It was me being obsessed so I got fooled! I deserved it!"

"My greediness got me trapped!"

"He who has no desire has no weakness. He who desires is easy to be controlled!"

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Chapter 1046: True Start!

Ye Xiao laughed and laughed, but then sighed at the end.

"Fooled me, teased me, whatever you did to me, in this place, in this way, knowing what I would do, knowing what was in my mind... it proves you are stronger than me!

"I still want to punch you in the face. I would do anything it takes to punch you to death. I will take revenge for what you have done to me today. However, you are stronger than me. You are much more powerful than me!

"In my eyes, you are a superior cultivator who stands beyond the clouds! However, this won't last forever. From now on, you are my example!

"If I can't take revenge for this, I will never laugh in my life!

"I have to defeat you! I have to completely destroy you!"

He smiled and said, "Wait and see! Nobody can stop me from laughing!"

He meant every word he just said.

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Somewhere far away.

A lazy guy who was laughing so wildly suddenly trembled. He looked around in confusion and said, "Who's there? Who's plotting?"

Another man who looked dishonest casually said while wagging his head, "Arrogant! Look at your dumbass face. Who would plot against you? Don't think much of yourself!"

"That's not right... Something is wrong..." The lazy man rubbed his head and said, "I felt the heavenly curse strike on me. It feels so real..."

"Come on!"

A few voices sounded together.

"What could be so wrong. Look at you. How could you possibly get stricken by something that advanced? You are having daydreams for sure. What a lunatic idea..."

The lazy man humphed and frowned. He thought for a while but didn't think of anything. It had been such a long time. How did he remember when and where there was a man cursing him...

Besides, he never feared the heavenly curse. It was just a bit difficult to take care of!

Then he stood up excitedly and said, "Who would like to play a game with me. The loser will take off all the clothes and block the spiritual power, walk around the Chief Xie's place like the emperor in his new clothes. Go and say hello to the host. Just say hello, no endearment..."

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After a while, he himself was wearing nothing but a short underwear as he strode around a huge palace like he was vigorous and energetic. Whenever he wanted to be a dragon, he was like a worm... wanted to be a tiger, he was like a cat...

A white figure dashed out from inside the palace. He saw the naked man and became furious. The next moment, he started to beat that man fiercely, "Bastard! Bastard, bastard, bastard... I told you not to behave like a lunatic. Don't go! I won't kill you! I promise..."

"Mercy... Mercy..." The man's exclamation was resounding in the world. "Chief Xie, please... Mercy... Brothers, save me... Why are you standing there... Why are you just watching... Come to help me... Ahhhh... It hurts..."

"I said I wouldn't kill you, then I definitely won't kill you! Hahahaha..." The man in white didn't care about that man's exclamation at all. He just kept punching and punching. None of that man's brothers showed up to help. Instead, they were all standing far away, watching and cheering, "Get him down, Chief Xie! Bravo!"

"Harder! Chief Xie!"

"Nice one!"

"That was awesome!"

"One, two three... Clap!"

- Pah, pah, pah... Pah, pah, pah... Pah, pah, pah, pah, pah, pah...-

"Nice punch! Great! One more!"

"Yes! Yes! One more!"

"Oh yeah!"

"Keep going!"

After a long time, that lazy guy had been punched over ten thousand times and kicked over one hundred thousand times. At least, he was slapped as far as a few planets away...

"Go suck yourself there!" It ended with an angry shout.

After a while, the world returned to peace...

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Ye Xiao shook his head and stayed silent. What happened had happened. He decided not to waste more time here. When he was about to turn around, he saw...

Under the stele he just destroyed, there was a much smaller jade stele!

On the jade stele, there was a line of words glowing saintly lights.

'You were screwed real hard, weren't you?'

Just a few words.

Ye Xiao twisted his mouth and answered, "Why don't you try it?"

That was weird.

When the glowing words showed up, Ye Xiao felt that it was Master Tianji coming back.

It was exactly how Master Tianji talked.

Although it was arrogant and high-sounding, it was also elegant and transmundane!

There was no actual evidence. It was just his instinct.

'Heh, heh. That was something you can't skip. I was thinking about doing this all by myself, but a lazy guy insisted that he should play a role in this. We are brothers, which means I couldn't just turn him down. That is why I let him leave something here... However, it doesn't matter. After all, this is a game. It won't do any harm to people. It brings delight.'

Ye Xiao made a big sigh.

[Game? Delight?]

[I think I am being so generous and nice. If somebody else plays this game of yours, he or she should have been driven crazy long ago! I think it is quite reasonable that even he or she would go to extremes and spit out a mouthful of blood and die.]

Then he thought deeper and got enlightened. [Why am I bothering about this? I am here to get huge benefits for myself. People are willing to do anything for only one percent, one of a thousand, one of ten thousand, or even just one piece of grass!]

[After all, if I wasn't greedy for more, how would I fall into his trap?]

'However, if you want to truly own this layer, you have to refine this stele! It is the first test that you have to pass! In fact, to break that stele is the only way to get to this jade stele.'

Master Tianji's words showed up on the jade stele. 'Now that you have broken the stele... here comes the true challenge!'

Ye Xiao was speechless.

[To refine a stele again?]

[To be fooled again...]

He was obsessed with what he might get in this place, so he fell into the trap. It was forgivable after all. However, if he jumped into the same sh*t hole for the second time, that would be utterly disgraceful. 'Relax. I am not that vile.' One more line showed up on the jade stele.

It relieved Ye Xiao. He stopped hesitating.

It seemed the words of that man was totally convincing to him, that he would absolutely trust it with his heart.

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Chapter 1047: Dominator of the Firmament

'Operate your full power and wrap the stele with it! If you can refine it, the entire Nine-layer Valley will be yours! You may not be able to enter the fifth layer yet, but the fourth layer has more than you can get. You will get to know that in the end, it is everything in this place that can support you to become a super powerful cultivator in the starry sky!'

'If you can't refine it within twenty-four hours, you will be banished out, and then you are no longer the fourth person anymore!'

'By the way, take this as an advice from a friend. With your cultivation capability, you can only hang around in no higher than the fourth layer. Before you reach the level of saint spirit unification and become the heaven's chosen, you should never step into the fifth layer!'

'Young man, I don't know your name yet, but... from now on, before you can go higher, this is the last time for you to see my words.'

'I will wait for you in the fifth layer!'

'If you can't enter the fifth layer in three years, you are no more the fourth person!'

'Take care of yourself!'

Master Tianji didn't tell much, but Ye Xiao realized none of his words was a joke

It seemed there was plenty of time for him, yet it was actually quite pressing!

If it wasn't urgent, Master Tianji, who was powerful to control the universe, wouldn't particularly warn him.

Ye Xiao felt the pressure now.

He closed his eyes and started operating East-rising Purple Qi in full power.

It was the first time since he was reborn that he was so concentrated on one single thing!

He had been in trouble for many times before. For example, when he was attacked by the Cosmic Hades' extreme cold qi, when he was fighting in the battle of the war, when he tried to get every force he could use to kill Gu Jinlong... He almost concentrated himself to do those things. However, it was almost. He always had something else in mind, unlike this time. This time, he was wholeheartedly working on that one thing. The only thing he had in mind was...

[Refine the stele! Refine the stele!] He kept talking to himself, extremely concentrated on it.

Before what just happened, if somebody told him that he would fully concentrate on doing something just in order to beat somebody up, he would definitely just laugh and call it hilarious.

It was absurd to work this hard just because he wanted to beat somebody up!

However, if somebody told him so now, he would see the person as his best friend who knew him the best!

It was obvious that he had one more thing that he had to cultivate harder for! That was to beat somebody up real hard!

In fact, at this very moment, that was the only thing he would work hard for! He had to make it come true!

The energy of the East-rising Purple Qi gradually flowed over and wrapped the entire jade stele. The stele suddenly shined in countless streams of lights.

One stream of the lights suddenly shot up to the sky and then disappeared into the universe.

Ye Xiao didn't notice it at all. He just focused on operating the martial art. Countless purple qi flows rushed over to the stele, like hundreds of rivers ran to the sea at the same time.

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Somewhere far away.

A man in white clothes was sitting in meditation, with his eyes closed. His clothes were white like snow. He sat in a void and that made the void look deep and elegant.

A beam of purple light shot over, shocking the sky.

In the void where the man in white was, the light showed up and there appeared a vortex.

That beam of purple light exactly shot to the center of the vortex.

The vortex started to spin drastically.

The man in white clothes slowly opened his eyes. He looked at the vortex with his profound eyes and blandly said, "Here he comes, the fourth person!"

A shadow swayed. A man in black clothes showed up behind him.

The aura of this man was boundless, and it filled the entire firmament.

It was like his power never ended!

The man in white didn't look back. He knew who it was, so he asked gently, "Chief, you have improved again?"

The man in black blandly responded with a smile, "Finally made it to the fringe of the firmament. However, the energy flow was too exposed. I am in the initial phase after all. It will be perfect when I can make it feel like nothing and even you are unable to sense it." The man in white sighed and said, "Congratulations, Chief. After reaching the top of your path, you finally took another step up. I guess you are invincible in the starlit world?"

"Maybe, maybe not." The man in black smiled and said, "I am afraid not. I have a feeling that Jun Moxie must have reached this height long ago."

The man in white smiled, "Work harder then, Brother."

"It is such an unspoken status. Everybody has his or her own starlit world." The man in black smiled and said, "I believe you will all catch up soon, brothers."

The man in white nodded.

"Has the fourth person appeared?" The man in black turned around while looking at the vortex.

"He just did." The man in white stood up, showing a solemn face, "The Gate of Time was just activated."

"Hmm. Let's see how this one goes." The man in black nodded.

"There were eight times before this. Those eight all failed." The man in white spoke in a low voice, "The best of the eight only became a dominator of the starlit world. It was still a long way for him to go before the almighty greatness. Now it is the ninth."

The man in black suddenly smiled, "Tianji, don't you think it is quite familiar with the word 'ninth'?"

The man in white laughed and nodded. "That's right. That is why I have an optimistic view on him."

"Not just optimistic." The man in black blandly said, "He can do it!"

"Because this is the ninth!" He continued, "However, do not let anybody take any reckless moves! After the fourth person is confirmed, you should obscure the grand universe at once!"

"Yes." The man in white laughed, "They are all unsettled men who would love to see the world in chaos. They said they wouldn't stick their hands into this, but they probably will still do it. At least Ji Mo has had a conflict with the young man already."

"Nonsense!"

The man in black frowned. The vortex was slowing down and starting to turn into a flat screen. He saw it and said, "Tell the brothers to come now."

The man in white said, "Aye!"

"Tianji, after this, we are in halfway of predestination. What we have been worrying about will be all solved. However... about Ji Mo...just get it done. If they keep putting it off... I am afraid it will only lead to a greater regret," the man in black slowly said.

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<u>Realms In The Firmament</u> Chapter 1048: Gamble of the Strong "Okay. We will figure out a way." The man in white clothes smiled and said, "I did think about doing it for him. I just felt that it wasn't the right time for the girl to get married. However, the fourth person has shown up, and before the fifth, the star of love is rising. I guess it is about time to let her get married... Let's make an arrangement this time."

"Yes. To finish a job that has to be done," the man in black nodded and said.

After they finished talking, several figures showed up from all directions. - Shoot, shoot, shoot... -

They already shouted before they landed on the floor. "Chief!"

The vortex suddenly froze. An image showed up on the screen in the middle of the vortex.

It was Ye Xiao cultivating.

The men all turned solemn. "Is it the fourth?"

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In the Mountain of All Medicines.

The fourth layer.

Ye Xiao was covered by flowing purple qi, sitting quietly.

Nobody knew, but he had been transferring the energy for a long time. Even though his East-rising Purple Qi had long-lasting power, he already felt a bit exhausted... He slightly opened his eyes and he was shocked. The surface of the stele started to melt.

The stele was one round smaller than it should be.

He took a breath of relief and spirited up. He was now sure that he could eventually refine the stele.

He closed his eyes again and focused on transferring energy. It lasted for another period of time until something resounded from inside the stele.

It seemed disorderly.

However, rather than some random noise, it was more like several people talking.

How could people talk inside a stele? Ye Xiao was distracted, so he failed to keep focusing on it with his East-rising Purple Qi. The weird sound inside the stele weakened.

He was an experienced cultivator. Although he didn't really understand what it was, he could have a good guess about how it worked. He hurriedly ran his spiritual power in full effort and gathered the energy of East-rising Purple Qi to focus on pouring the energy into the stele.

The purple qi from the Boundless Space rushed into his Jing and Mai like tides.

Insensibly, his Jing and Mai had expanded largely. The veins became so flexible and bouncy!

When he was crazily operating the martial art, East-rising Purple Qi was enhancing his Jing and Mai!

He didn't notice it at all. He was lost in the weird sound inside the stele...

As expected, this time, he clearly heard the voice.

It was somebody talking.

"Come! What about a bet? I say this guy can never successfully refine the stele! Let's make an exciting one this time. Whoever loses the bet has to roll on the floor naked and then have a farmland shag! Who has balls? Hahaha! Ahwooh... Dog Aunt!"

When Ye Xiao heard the voice, he knew who he was. He gritted his teeth so hard because of hatred. That man was definitely the man who left the words to humiliate him.

"You idiot! Rolling on the floor naked? How is that exciting? Farmland shag? Come on. We don't have farmland. We only have floor shag!"

"Wait, not just that. How to shag without a girl? What are you shagging exactly? If you ask for my advice, I would say to ride a horse and have a horse shag! That is bloody exciting!"

"Holy hell. You d*ckhead bird without wings! That is vicious! What do you say we let whoever loses ride on your back and have a bird shag!"

"Stop! Can't you stop making such complicated gambles? Let's make it simple. Whoever loses will have to go to a planet and yell in the sky with the voice that reaches every resident of that planet, saying 'I, Ji Mo, is a d*ckhead!' We are brothers. Don't embarrass each other so badly. Just be nice, will you?" A gentle voice sounded.

"That's a good idea, Wizard."

"That's right. Wizard has a good point."

"Hahaha..."

Several men talked at the same time.

The man who first talked was silent for a while, until he suddenly shouted, "You bloody villainous Wizard! Do you want to die? Whoever loses will shout his own name! Why does everybody have to shout my name? Do you know what a gamble is?"

Several men beside him started to laugh loudly.

A heavy sound appeared, "I bet he can do it. I will bet my blade on it!"

A sharp voice coldly sounded after, "I bet he can do it. With my sword!"

A few others seemed dissatisfied. "Those are not what we agree with. What is wrong with you, betting a blade and a sword on this? Trying to be smart? Nobody is going to take those things, alright?"

Another man came up with an idea, "Let's change the rule. Whoever loses fights against Chief for one whole day. He will not be allowed to retreat or to end the fight earlier. How is that?"

Everybody was silent when they heard it.

After a while, that man who was called Bird Man gulped and said, "That... That is a bit... too hard... It is okay not to retreat, but not to end the fight... That..."

A few others shouted at the same time, "I know you are a coward even though you are known as a man who would always risk your life long ago. That's why you are Bird Man! You deserve it!"

Bird Man was pissed, "You talk like you f*cking dare! I always risk my life because I have confidence! It doesn't mean I will go court death myself! To look for death time and time again, that will leave a trauma in the heart!"

A bland voice sounded, "Let's stop arguing. We just each propose our own stake. We don't have to make the same bet. Whoever loses just follow what he agrees."

A gentle voice sounded, "I am in. I will be the judge. I guess nobody has a different opinion, have you?"

Hearing the gentle voice again, Ye Xiao confirmed that this Wizard must be Master Tianji, who left the stele for him.

The guy Wizard had only spoken twice so far. His voice was clear and elegant like it contained all the secrets of the universe, that everything was under his control, and that even if the entire universe exploded in front of him, he would still be calm and steady.

"It's a good idea." A clear and loud voice sounded, "Okay. I would like to bet one golden scale against Hua Hua. If Hua Hua, well, Rabbit loses, I get one flower from him. We will use it on the fifth person and the sixth person after all."

Another voice blandly sounded, "Okay. Not a problem. Deal. However, I would like to add a Dragon Slayer Sword to the stake!"

The clear and loud voice seemed angry. "Dragon Slayer Sword? What do you mean?"

"What? Don't you know what I mean? If you only called me Hua Hua, I won't be pissed. But you actually called me Rabbit! I am certainly going to get the sword from you! So what?" The bland voice seemed annoyed. "I haven't let the flower blossom on your skin. That shows my generousness and respect too much! Don't you think so!"

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Chapter 1049: To Let You Get Punched!

A few others talked around them. "That's good. Nice bet! It gets things done and makes one of them happy."

The sharp voice sounded again, "Okay. I am betting with Dong Wushang. My sword for his blade. The souls of my sword and his blade will be merged as one. It will be hidden in the firmament. When the right person finds it, it is the winner's credit."

The heavy voice responded, "Deal!"

As the heavy voice sounded, Ye Xiao felt shocked, as if the man who had that voice was invincible and overwhelming.

The suppression from the power of the blade suddenly struck on him.

He was frightened.

Before this, Fierce Blade Li Wuliang was the most capable blade user in Ye Xiao's heart. However, Li Wuliang was at most second from now on. Maybe Li Wuliang was far from the first from now on. The man who had that heavy voice had a marvelous capability not only in sword art but also in cultivation it was way beyond what Ye Xiao could imagine. To compare him to Li Wuliang was definitely humiliating the former.

Not to mention Ye Xiao, if Li Wuliang knew Ye Xiao compared him to such a powerful figure, he would fight Ye Xiao for it. It was a humiliation to the art of swordplay to compare him to such a great figure! He would have to kill whoever made such an absurd comparison!

The Bird Man who sounded a bit wretched talked again, "I bet with a one day fight against Chief. I bet he can pass it. Ji Mo, will you accept it?"

"F*ck y..." The voice who Ye Xiao hated to hear was sounding. It seemed the man was shocked. "You asshole! I will rip your hair off tomorrow!"

"Just tell me if you dare!" Bird Man was provoking him. Apparently, he was quite confident. He just wanted Ji Mo to accept it.

"Only cowards will say no!" The man responded, "Since you want to be beaten so bad, go to the Chief and prepare for the punch!"

"I also bet with Ji Mo the young man can pass. If I win, Ji Mo go fight against Chief Xie one whole day! No retreat! Can't end the fight earlier! It has to be one full day!"

"What's the matter with you two? Why are you all f*cking with me?" The man sounded upset, "Don't we just want to have some fun from this? Why are you doing this to me? Do you really have to?"

The others laughed together. Somebody said, "Cut the bullsh*t. Just tell us if you dare! Don't you always say that you are the bravest among us?"

"Deal!" Ji Mo gritted his teeth and said, "I am sure this young man will fail! Why wouldn't I dare to bet? Since when did I see things wrong?"

At this moment, Master Tianji's voice sounded again, "All deals are set. Nobody changes. Let the Heaven's Will be the witness. Ring the bell and it's done! Whoever violates it will be considered losing all bets!"

The others exclaimed. They were shocked. "Holy hell! Wizard, aren't you vicious! We are just playing! You actually used Heaven's Will on this?"

Master Tianji seemed smiling. "What a fun game. We must make it a big one. Otherwise, somebody will certainly repudiate the bet. That would be boring."

"That's true." The others laughed. "We never repudiated anything after all. Hmm. Ji Mo must be quite annoyed now..."

"Hahahaha..." People laughed loudly.

Meanwhile, one man was also laughing so loudly with them. He was so happy that his face looked like a blossoming flower!

It was certainly Ye Xiao who was laughing so happily!

Apparently, that elegant and mystic Master Tianji must also be a wicked person since he suddenly made that game so serious. Although Ye Xiao didn't know what the Heaven's Will Witness meant, he knew it must be something advanced. It must be something that made sure Ji Mo couldn't refuse to do what he should after losing the bet!

As long as he lost, he would have to do as he promised. That Chief was unknown to Ye Xiao, but he must be quite powerful. It must be a torture to fight against him!

It was such a delightful thing for Ye Xiao to know that Ji Mo would suffer!

What was more important was that the bet was all about him. As long as he passed the trial, Ji Mo would lose it!

Although he was yet to know what the trial was, he knew he had to win! He had to pass it!

He was thrilled and fully motivated now. The East-rising Purple Qi was running beyond the limited rate. Maybe he concentrated more than ever at the moment, but the voice from inside the stele became clearer!

The sharp voice sounded, "Kiddo, come up earlier and beat the guy up hard!"

The heavy voice sounded too, "I would love to lose the bet if it gives you the chance to come up earlier and beat him up to death."

The man who bet with gold scale spoke, "He may not be able to succeed though... Back in the old days, Chief was such an incredibly talented person... That thing we set up is simple, but it is impossible for ordinary people to pass."

"You stupid!" Another man said, "Then you bet he can't do it?"

"I do," the prior answered.

The latter said, "Fine!"

"Wait! This isn't right. You guys are doing this against me! How can you do this? No!" The man named Ji Mo sounded full of grudge, "This is unfair! You should give me all your stakes if I win!"

"Good dream! Guys, let's beat him up in advance now! Have fun!"

- Bang, bang, bang... -

"Mercy... Please ... "

Another wave of laughter echoed out. The sound inside the stele stopped after that.

Ye Xiao was shocked.

A long time after the voice inside the stele disappeared, he finally returned to himself. Apparently, it was so unbelievably mysterious to him.

Some men who must be bored of their lives... eight or nine men... making bets together, gambling, having fun from it... They were making bets about whether he could achieve certain success.

[Since when did I become so awesome... I didn't know that...] Ye Xiao touched his own face. He was stunned. [Those guys... any one of them is powerful enough to dominate a huge piece of land in the world, yet they stay together to bet because of me? Even if they are truly bored... that is still too flattering... I am so stressful!]

The men who bet he couldn't pass were just having fun and making jokes, except that man Ji Mo... He truly didn't believe Ye Xiao could do it. That bothered Ye Xiao.

"Even if only to let you lose the bet! To let you be beaten up hard!"

"I have to refine the stele."

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Ye Xiao closed his eyes.

The stele was gradually melting not as fast as it started though. It was getting slower and slower.

Ye Xiao understood that it wasn't a sign of completion. It was instead the beginning of the true trial. At the moment, his head was full of delusions that moved his heart.

The delusion in his head was more than just illusion. It was more like the reflection of the reality that had entered his mind. At first, he saw an elegant scholar, who was wearing a white robe and holding a purple jade flute, casually walk before his eyes. It would be too simple if that was all. Behind the scholar, it was the splendid starry sky—the limitless universe—as if the scholar's casual walk undesignedly brought the starry sky.

He moved, the starry sky followed; he walked, the universe served!

Ye Xiao's mind was almost lost in that endless starry sky immediately. That man in white robe had created something Ye Xiao absolutely couldn't resist! At an important point, East-rising Purple Qi burst. The rising purple qi stirred around and the man in the white robe was gone.

However, his profound eyes seemed still staring at Ye Xiao after that.

The next moment, Ye Xiao realized he had just woken up from the delusion and then he had another reaction. It was his cultivator's spiritual sensation for danger. It was a strong feeling of danger. He was not just shaking. His entire body was aching.

After that, from far away in the sky, a dot of light showed up. The next moment, it had become a shooting huge stream of sword light, with the light filling the universe.

It was a sword.

A man in black was holding a long sword. His body seemed straighter and tougher than even the sword. He was flying over with his sword, destroying all the stars along his way. No matter how the dust and cloud covered everything, the sword light was still dazzling and illuminating the world.

That man in black looked handsome but cold and indifferent. His eyes were sharp, emotionless as if everything was dead before his sword—he wouldn't show mercy to anyone.

Ning Biluo's avenging sword attack was just one out of a billion as powerful as this man. Han Bingxue, who was known for his coldness, was less than one out of a billion to this man. There was a natural difference between them. Han Bingxue was more or less pretentious. That was why he liked to play cold. Instead, the man in black was really cold. He didn't need ice to make people feel his coldness!

His appearance and his sword, both were beyond the coldness of ice!

"The power of this sword attack..." Ye Xiao took in a cold breath. "It is actually capable of destroying the universe and the stars... Just how powerful is this man and his sword art that it's possible to do such damage?"

Although he had never been to Human Realm Upon Heavens, he was sure even the most powerful man in Human Realm Upon Heavens could never possibly make a sword strike like this man did!

It was definitely the supreme play of sword!

The splendid sword light flashed by.

Such a powerful sword, such a frightening power, Ye Xiao had no words to describe how shocked he was. He was totally soaked in this astonishment, just like he was lost in that starry sky which was created by the man in white robe!

Suddenly, something happened...

A grand light of a saber appeared from far away. When it just showed up, it lit up the entire space. All the stars exploded into specks of dust when it appeared.

The saber did no different to the sword if considered only the result. They both destroyed all the stars in an irresistible way. However, that sword strike destroyed the stars one by one while flying. That saber struck the entire space and destroyed all the stars at the same time!

That saber attack actually turned the entire space into a tens of million miles wide and long horrible dark hole!

Eventually, even the entire space was gone under the attack of the saber.

After the saber light, a shadow of a big tough guy flew over. As this guy just showed up, his vigor and the overwhelming aura of fierceness filled the firmament.

It seemed this man was standing on the ground reaching the sky, filling the entire space.

Such incredible saber art was also unknown to Ye Xiao. He hadn't even heard of such a powerful saber art in any myth. He was quite knowledgeable about all kinds of weapons and martial arts. however, he always favored the sword. That was why even though the saber was more powerful and more shocking

than the swordplay, the sword astonished him more. In fact, it calmed him down a little bit after being stunned by the sword!

Suddenly, Ye Xiao had a thought in mind. If Li Wuliang saw what had just happened, or any other saber user, they would die in satisfaction!

As the saber flashed by ...

A huge and long golden dragon appeared. It was a tens of thousands meters long dragon hawking over within seconds.

After the golden dragon, a phoenix showed up.

The wings of the phoenix was so huge that Ye Xiao couldn't see the edge in this boundless universe.

After the phoenix, the entire universe was filled with flowers. It was a strange flower that Ye Xiao had never seen before. It was so beautiful, and it was in the color of dreams.

Blooms filled his sight.

One after another, all blossomed. The flowers kept blossoming again and again. It was a scene that enchanted anybody!

However, Ye Xiao felt terrified from deep inside his heart. He felt cold in the bottom of his heart.

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One after another marvelous figure showed up in different splendid scenes...

He was shocked and shocked again and again.

Unconsciously, his dantian had been shocked again and again.

His dantian was cracking. Unconsciously, he was lost in the disorientation array. He couldn't get out of it.

If his dantian broke, it meant he thoroughly failed. In fact, he might even be destroyed and couldn't accomplish anything anymore in his life.

If the East-rising Purple Qi didn't burst and save him at the beginning, he would have been lost in the starry sky, the sword, and the saber scenes soon. The appearance of the saber play eased him a bit from the astonishment of the sword. The first three scenarios gave him a certain extent of resistance. Otherwise, any one of the golden dragon, the phoenix, and the flower... could instantly disorient him!

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