#### Firmament 111

#### **Realms In The Firmament**

# **Chapter 111: Surrounded By Worries**

When Ye Xiao wanted Gu Jin-Long to know where the ring was, he would intentionally activate the ring.

With that, their positions were completely exchanged.

Ye Xiao got the higher position with the use of initiative in the whole situation.

Well of course, Gu Jin-Long would keep on believing that things were still under his control.

That was the most important point for Ye Xiao.

After all, Ye Xiao had gained a lot of precious treasures, and now he had a huge amount of spiritual jades... He should feel rather happy at the moment...

Yet he was anxious as if he was surrounded by endless worries.

He had so many things to worry about at the moment.

Because, he knew, that the crisis in front of him had only been solved temporarily.

Danger was still lurking over him, just like a shadow of death.

Since he had made a huge lie back there, he wonder how he could make it plausible.

Where could he find a grandmaster of dan-making to be his 'master'?

Was he really going to give a number of supreme dan beads to Gu Jin-Long?

Wasn't it similar to killing himself by doing that?

What else could he do then, if he didn't give out the supreme dan beads?

Gu Jin-Long was talking like they were brothers, but he would never hesitate to kill Ye Xiao as long as he knew that Ye Xiao was useless for him.

The most efficient way to solve all the problems was to kill Gu Jin-Long. Yet Ye Xiao didn't even think about it.

Because he knew it was impossible.

Even if he put together all the forces he had including Song Jue, Ning Bi-Luo, he wouldn't have a single chance to even hurt Gu Jin-Long. That was the plain and simple truth.

Ye Xiao was too weak at the moment, and Gu Jin-Long could just kill him by winking.

To start a battle was the last thing he should do, and he would never thought about killing him...

Now that he couldn't kill Gu Jin-Long, he would expose himself sooner or later.

When that moment came, Gu Jin-Long would never let Ye Xiao get away from it.

Gu Jin-Long was a guy who would instantly kill his enemy in the first sight when he recognized it was a threat. He wouldn't leave an uncertain factor out of his control.

"What an annoying situation..." Ye Xiao sighed.

As he kept pondering deeply, he realized that there was only one solution.

Which was also the impossible solution - kill Gu Jin-Long.

There was no other option for him now.

"Oh I am going to be freaked out because of this mess..." Ye Xiao was sighing in anxiousness, "There is no way I can kill him... I only have a tiny amount of strength at the moment. Even if I gather all the forces in this world as many as I can, it is still impossible to fight against Gu Jin-Long..."

"Even if I collect all the poisons in this world and make Gu Jin-Long swallow them all, he will probably still be alive..."

"I have been going smoothly in this life. How come I would suddenly fall into such a miserable situation?"

Ye Xiao smiled bitterly.

He thought and thought again, but still couldn't come up with any practical idea.

He couldn't figure out anything useful anyway, so he just stopped worrying too much. [Screw it. If I am going to die now, so be it. At least I have live three months longer than I deserve.]

So he just opened the space of the ring and started to transport all the fine medical materials to his Spaces.

At the present, his biggest hope lied on these boundless Spaces.

However, he was well aware of the truth that even if he collected all the treasures in the world into the Spaces, it wouldn't make him improve to the same level as Gu Jin-Long immediately.

Well, it was his one last shot after all.

While transporting the materials, Ye Xiao murmured, "...Assassination...? No. Poisoning? Don't think so... Fight with honor! ... No way..."

"Sow dissension? Make troubles to him? Frame him? How...? I can't find anybody or anything to be against him in this world..."

Ye Xiao was getting through a life or death crisis at the moment.

It was some danger that he had never experienced before. Not even in his previous life.

The Xiao Monarch had travelled all over the world being invincible. Although he had been through many difficulties, he had never messed with someone who was so stronger than himself, an opponent that was too strong that he wouldn't even be able to put up a fight.

He had been through some tough times, yet he had never sensed such a dark shade of death.

Even the last battle in his previous life when he realized he would die, he didn't feel fearful like this.

At least, he was strong enough to run and to defend during that battle.

Even though he was doomed to die, he could kill a lot of enemies before he did.

Well this time, everything was different. It was completely different.

Ye Xiao could have been able to instantly kill Gu Jin-Long if he was still the Xiao Monarch.

Yet now, no matter what he do, he wasn't even able to make Gu Jin-Long die with him together.

Now that even Ye Xiao set a bomb on himself and exploded beside Gu Jin-Long, he wouldn't hurt Gu Jin-Long a bit.

That was the most annoying thing.

Ye Xiao had to face such an annoying reality after all.

He never wanted to mess with Gu Jin-Long in the present life, yet the Cosmic Hades and the supreme dan beads had drawn all of Gu Jin-Long's attention to him.

Ye Xiao was annoyed and worried while he was transporting the materials.

When he finished transporting a hundred pieces of precious medical plants, something happened in the Wood Space of the Nine Spaces.

It happened so quickly that Ye Xiao was frightened somehow. So he leaned to a tree and got himself into the Spaces to check things out.

In the Wood Space, the one hundred medical plants was put in order line after line. It was a wonderful scene.

In the air over the medical plants, there was some green mist rolling up. It delivered a strong feeling of life all over the Space.

No matter where the green mist went, the plant there would suddenly overflow with vigor and vitality.

Some of those plants were bold without leaves at the beginning, but because of the green mist, leaves grew out and the whole scene was full of life and green.

The dense breath of life kept going round and round in the Wood Space like it was some kind of rendering...

Maybe it was a perfect choice to use the word 'render', because after a while, the whole Wood Space was actually turned into a light green color. It was like the Space had been painted by the green mist.

While the Wood Space was transforming, the Water Space next to it was changing too.

The aqueous vapor in the Water Space left and entered the Wood Space all of a sudden. It went together with the relaxing green, and then the next moment, the rain dropped down in the Wood Space.

After a while, there were water drops on the leaves.

The whole space was playing a scene of silent moistening like dreams.

Ye Xiao watched all of this happen. There was a golden ginseng moving in the Space like it was casually taking a walk after a good meal. As it moved, some small root hairs slowly grew out from the its bottom and stuck into the floor of the Wood Space...

The next moment, the leaves were shaking.

Ye Xiao felt like he was dreaming. He blinked his eyes and looked at the golden ginseng again. He felt a lot happier, and it was like his vitality was stronger...

The water vapor was flying in the air of the Wood Space and then it flew out of it. The green mist was actually flying out of the Wood Space along with the water vapor. They slowly flew through the Gold Space, the Fire Space and other Spaces. After they got through all the other Spaces, there were some other kinds of energies in it now...

After that, those magical energies from all Nine Spaces entered a tunnel at once.

That tunnel was connecting to where the egg was staying.

Ye Xiao was shocked after witnessing this.

He was like staying in a dream. He watched the energies from all the Nine Spaces enter the tunnel like wild wind...

After a while, he followed the energies into the tunnel.

He saw the energies rush to the egg like tidewater.

Some of the energies immediately came out of the egg after they entered it. The whole process was short but marvelous. The energies that came out of the egg went around the egg on the sides and then got back to the Wood Space again. The energies were moving in and out the egg in streams. But none of them stopped. They kept going round and round between the egg and the Wood Space.

At the moment, the egg was shaking.

Ye Xiao rubbed his eyes immediately.

And he saw what happened...

He did. That egg was moving. He couldn't be sure that the egg was alive, but it was growing in a pace visible to the naked eye... At the beginning, it was like a goose egg... And then it kept growing bigger.

It was like the egg was moving itself.

The energies from the Nine Spaces had come and gone ninety-nine times and finally stopped. Everything was turning quiet again.

Firstly, the energy that belonged to the Water Space returned.

And then the other streams returned one by one.

The Nine Spaces returned to peace like nothing had ever happened.

However, the egg was a lot different now.

It was now the same size of a melon.

There were also changes in its appearance. Starlight was twinkling and its surface, and those strange patterns on it had become much clearer.

The egg became transparent like crystal.

Ye Xiao could clearly sense a joyful emotion was coming from inside the egg.

It seemed after absorbing so much energies at a time... the egg was happy about it?

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### **Chapter 112: The Supreme Bone Ablutionary Dan**

Ye Xiao was a bit speechless, [Even though it is a strange egg, it is still an egg. How can it possibly have emotions? There are only white and yolk inside it.

But the happiness that I sensed from it was so real.]

Ye Xiao walked close to the egg, looking at the patterns all over it. He smiled bitterly and murmured, "You are comfortable now, aren't you? Just lying there relaxing and something good is automatically going to feed you... You don't need to worry about anything. You are just waiting for the day you will be born..."

"I am quite in a mess now though. I have nowhere to go. I have no plan to deal with the situation... Do you know how fucked up I am now? If something seriously happens to me, do you think you can still be happy and relaxing like now?"

He smiled bitterly and sighed.

He was a man who will never accept difficulties. He would always fight for a path through any obstacle!

So after sighing for a while, he came back to himself again. He tried so hard to figure out a solution. He believed that there was always a plan as long as he was still breathing.

There was nothing too hard to conquer!

There was always a way to do it; it was just sometimes, people couldn't figure it out!

There must be a practical solution ahead.

When it was found, everything would be solved. If it wasn't, that was because someone was too stupid to. There was always hope!

He was lost in his thoughts again. He actually didn't noticed the egg was flying up automatically. It flew up one meter high and then fell back down.

It was like the egg was responding to Ye Xiao...

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Ye Xiao couldn't think of anything useful. He came back to himself looking at the plate under the egg. He smiled bitterly, "These are the only benefits I have now... Heh heh."

On the plate, more than a dozen dan beads were comfortably lying after those strong streams of energies had come and go!

They were all supreme dan beads.

There were fifteen of them in total including five Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads, five Unblocking Mai Dan Beads and five Breaking Limit Dan Beads!

Pei-Yuan Dan was just some low first-grade dan while Bone Ablutionary Dan was in the second grade. Even though the Unblocking Mai Dan was also in the second grade, it was in the upper range of the second grade. The Breaking Limit Dan was rather extraordinary; it was a third-grade dan!

It was specially used for breaking through a bottleneck during cultivation!

Cultivators in different grades would need Breaking Limit Dans of different levels.

For example, one who wanted to break through the limit of the Grade of Tianyaun to reach the Grade of Lingyuan would need the 4th level Breaking Limit Dan. If he wanted to reach the Grade of Mengyuan, he would need the 5th level Breaking Limit Dan. If he wanted to reach the Grade of Daoyuan, he would need the 6th level Breaking Limit Dan, and perhaps even some 7th level Breaking Limit Dan. It depended on the person.

When someone needed help in breaking through the limits of his present grade, some Breaking Limit Dan Beads and the Cultivating Tea were the perfect things for him. They worked perfectly together!

These two things together would increase the success rate of the breakthrough by about fifty percent!

That was a fifty-fifty chance!

That was nearly the biggest chance in the world!

People would be willing to spend all they had to exchange for a success rate like that!

Fifty percent was a miracle in dreams for most people!

Surely, these two thing didn't have to work together. Either of them would help a lot. The Cultivating Tea had better efficacy; it could raise the success rate up to 35 percent. The Breaking Limit Dan could only increase the success rate by about ten percent.

The first thing people would think about was always the Break Limit Dan though, because the Cultivating Tea was too rare to find.

What Ye Xiao had now were some Breaking Limit Dan of supreme level. They were legendary treasures that people could hardly see in their whole lives. Because of that, how much it could help in breaking through the grades was still theories!

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Ye Xiao took the dan beads and got out of the Spaces. The first thing he did was to find a covert to return to the handsome young Lord Ye. He hired a carriage and got home on it.

There seemed to be nothing to worry for him.

When he got home, he took a Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead right away!

He was in the third level of the Grade of Diyuan now, so it was time for him to do something about the impurity in his body. Besides... he wanted to improve himself as much as he found himself in a real battle.

Even though he knew it wouldn't make any difference, it was better than doing nothing!

The reason why he took the Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead instead of others was because... he planned to take the Unblocking Mai Dan Bead right after the Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead! That would improve him to the fourth level of the Grade of Diyuan right away.

He didn't take any of the Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads earlier before, because he didn't have many of them at that time. He only had one, so he wanted to save it in case something happened. Besides, he had been through some bone ablution earlier, so it might not be that useful to take a Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead again.

So he hadn't decided to take it.

But now he had so many dan beads in his hands and there would be more continually coming. He wouldn't hesitate, would he?

It might not be so useful if he took it, but it surely would do something to him.

Ye Xiao learned from his previous life that the Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads would always stay far from enough for him. There was no such thing as a waste of the Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads!

He wished to take one every time when he prepared to reach a new level. The Jing and Mai would become more clear and clean, so it made it more possible to break through the limit.

In fact, it would be for the best if he took one when he prepared to reach a new level, and took two Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads, one Unblocking Mai Dan Bead and one Breaking Limit Dan Bead when he prepared to reach a new grade!

That would leave no aftereffects for him!

However, he could only do it before he reached the Grade of Mengyuan.

Once he reached the Grade of Mengyuan, he had to take nine Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads at a time to achieve the same efficacy.

After entering the fifth level of the Grade of Daoyuan, well, things like Bone Ablutionary Dan and Unblocking Mai Dan were no longer useful for him.

However, from the third level of the Grade of Diyuan to the fifth level of the Grade of Daoyuan...

As Ye Xiao kept breaking through levels to levels, grades to grades... He would need hundreds of Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads and hundreds of Unblocking Mai Dan Beads... and dozens of Breaking Limit Dan Beads!

Nobody in the world could afford such a great amount of dan beads!

That was enough to break down a sect!

The Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads and the Unblocking Mai Dan Beads might not be unsolvable problems, but the Breaking Limit Dan Beads... They were something truly difficult to find.

But now, Ye Xiao didn't need to worry about finding them anymore.

In fact, Ye Xiao might not even need so much dan beads, because all the dan beads he had were of supreme levels.

After taking a Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead, Ye Xiao sat cross-legged. Within an instant, he got rid of the bothering matters in his head by operating his strong will power.

He entered deep meditation to focus on digesting the dan bead.

All of a sudden, he entered a world where only he himself was existing.

It was his first time to take a Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead for both his two lives!

In his previous life, when he was in such a beginner's stage, he never had a chance to have such dan beads. He could only keep working extremely hard without anyone providing him help or guidance. He reached higher heights in cultivation through suicidal methods. Those dan beads that were only offered to the superior disciples of some great sects were never things he could get close to.

He just kept scrambling up and up by himself.

When he was powerful enough to seize these kinds of resources, he had already passed the time when he needed them.

The Breaking Limit Dan was useful in any level, but Ye Xiao had only seized several low quality Breaking Limit Dan Beads. Those were too rubbish that they merely had no use for Ye Xiao, so his whole previous life was a 'no-dan' life.

Well, it was different now!

Completely different!

He was going to have a huge amount of dan beads, and they were all priceless supreme dan beads!

The Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead had just entered his mouth, and he already felt a stream of wonderful scent spreading in his mouth. A vivid stream of spiritual power suddenly filled his mouth as if it had exploded!

At this moment, Ye Xiao felt that as long as he opened his mouth, the enormous amount of qi in his mouth would rush out at once!

He had heard people say, 'Opening the mouth and letting the scent spread out to the edge of the world'!

He had never seen it, so he had been sneering it all the time. He had never believed it.

Yet now he was the one who might 'let the scent spread out to the edge of the world' if he opened his mouth.

The old sayings always meant something!

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## Chapter 113: To The Fourth Level Of The Grade Of Diyuan

Ye Xiao would surely not open his mouth and waste the scent inside it to just check how far it could spread away. That would be such a waste... He had already swallowed the spiritual qi in his mouth, and the moment it entered his stomach, he immediately felt that his stomach was expanding.

At the same time, one after another, streams of pure energy was flowing along the Jing and Mai and seeped into his bones.

They deeply entered his bone marrow.

An extreme pain suddenly coursed throughout his body.

That feeling was so unbearable.

It was too painful, and even with his good endurance, he nearly couldn't help but scream out.

"Hem!"

He humphed and then kept his mouth shut right away. His face had turned pale, and the sweat on his forehead were as big as beans while dropping down. After just a short while, the accumulated sweat made streams of water.

They kept flowing down to the floor without pause.

The vigorous energy seeping into his bones seemed to be mutating it. It was like burning and roasting inside.

After a while, some black, cyan and purple impurities were coming out from his bones. The burning feeling was still going on.

It kept burning from the bones to the muscles along with the impurities... Bit by bit, the impurities came out from his body through each and every pore of his body...

For Ye Xiao, the whole process was just like a hellish torture.

He felt helpless as he suffered through the endless pain.

He was even unable to make a sound with his open mouth.

His whole body was covered by these filthy things from head to toes, even on his hair.

At the end...

After the impurities in his body were completely forced out, the burning sensation suddenly disappeared, and then the pain finally stopped.

Ye Xiao actually felt like he was losing weight at the moment.

He felt empty, but after a while, he suddenly felt relieved while he was still exhausted.

He was nearly in a coma.

However, he knew that he couldn't lose his attention at this very moment. The impurities that were covering his body had to be cleaned out as soon as possible. It was from inside his body, and basically, they were part of his body. If he couldn't get rid of it in time, some of it might return into his body. That would make the whole process imperfect, which was the last thing he wanted to see.

Holding up his exhausted body and keeping his mind clear, he took a deep breath and felt himself recovered a bit. He hurriedly started to deal with the impurities all over his body.

He held his nose and washed his body. After that, he felt like he had removed a layer of his skin. At the same time, he felt himself extremely clean that he had never been before.

Clean from inside out.

He was truly pure and clean without any flaws.

He raised his hand and smelled on the back of his hand. He could actually smell some fragrant scent.

"This is truly... fantastic..." Ye Xiao was a bit narcissistic.

He had been rather smelly a while ago, yet now he smelled so good.

He felt like he had just come out of some smelly toilet and instantly smelled some fragrant flowers.

He also felt that the bone ablution was truly incredible this time. His bones seemed to be denser and stronger.

His whole body was refreshed.

"Isn't it amazing." Ye Xiao murmured.

He had never had any Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads before, but he somewhat knew what it could bring him. However, he had never expected such an amazing outcome.

The Bone Ablutionary Dan could clean people's bones and force out the impurities inside it, but it wasn't completely clean. It could only clean up more than half of the impurities. No matter what quality the dan bead was, it would never fully clean up the impurities within the body.

The impurities were a part of the human body after all. Those tiny filthy things had already grown together with the body and became difficult to remove.

Only those who had reached an incredible level could fully remove the impurities by themselves.

People who could do that were almost as great as gods.

However, what happened to Ye Xiao this time had created history. The supreme dan beads not only had remarkable efficacies, they also had the ability to refresh the body.

Ye Xiao didn't know much about it. It was the first time the supreme dan beads showed up in the world after all.

When he cured Song Jue, although he had operated the East-rising Purple Qi and knew well about the Golden Mai Palm at the same time, he could never have made Song Jue recover in just one night without that Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead.

Different dan should be used in different issues. If Song Jue took a Breaking Limit Dan or Unblocking Mai Dan instead of Bone Ablutionary Dan, he wouldn't have recovered as much.

It was quite easy to understand. The Golden Mai Palm produced some gold materials in people's bodies. These gold materials were basically one kind of impurity for the body. So the Bone Ablutionary Dan was the perfect dan to help curing Song Jue.

However, not all the Bone Ablutionary Dan Beads could work well on the Golden Mai Palm wounds.

The reason why Song Jue could be cured was mostly because the man who had use the Golden Mai Palm on Song Jue was not that powerful at that time. It gave Song Jue the opportunity to survive. If the man was a stronger cultivator, Song Jue might have died long ago.

Even though Ye Xiao had used his East-rising Purple Qi and the supreme Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead on Song Jue, the impurity that was created by the Golden Mai Palm was only partly removed. There were still wounds deep inside Song Jue's body. That was because the dan bead had limited efficacy and surely Ye Xiao wasn't strong enough.

No matter what, what the Bone Ablutionary Dan Bead had brought to Ye Xiao this time was reasonable, yet at the same time, out of Ye Xiao's expectation.

There were certain benefits for Ye Xiao that things were out of his expectation.

After having a good rest, Ye Xiao decided to keep going. He immediately operated the East-rising Purple Qi. As soon as he operated it, he felt like there was a small sun rising inside his dantian.

That feeling only lasted for a second. When Ye Xiao wanted to feel more about it, it was instantly gone.

It was like what had just happened was just his misconception... it was something that had never truly happened.

After that, the purple qi that flowed between the sky and the earth rushed toward his body like tidewater. It kept pouring into the Spaces through his Jing and Mai... It was leading all the spiritual power of Ye Xiao to fiercely hit the entrance of the fourth level of the Grade of Diyuan.

At this moment, Ye Xiao raised his head and swallowed an Unblocking Mai Dan Bead right away.

All his spiritual power was rushing to the entrance of the fourth level again and again, however, he still couldn't break through.

The Jing and Mai of his body were suffering huge pressure because of how fast the purple qi was rushing in.

Ye Xiao was confident that he could eventually break through the limit sooner or later, because it felt much better than what he had experienced the last time when he had been trying to do the same thing in his previous life.

If there was a dan bead that could make it much easier, he would surely use it. And right now, he actually did.

After swallowing the Unblocking Mai Dan Bead, Ye Xiao clearly felt some fierce strength was added to the spiritual power that was rushing to the entrance of the fourth level. It was sharp like a needle. It quickly formed inside the Jing and Mai, and then it surged.

After a while, it had reached the leading end of the spiritual power stream. It suddenly became the point... A sense of cold power suddenly appeared, and the sharp energy had broken through to the fourth level of the Grade of Diyuan.

It just slipped in.

A small little crack on the entrance to the fourth level showed up.

It seemed that there were some sort of energies spreading away from that crack.

It felt so good.

When Ye Xiao operated his spiritual power again and pushed them towards the entrance... it was like a dam filled with cracks as it immediately broke down.

The enormous amount of spiritual power rushed through and entered a new stage.

Ye Xiao's face was full of pleasure.

"The fourth level of the Grade of Diyuan. I have successfully broken through!"

The spiritual power was like tidewater flowing round and round inside his body, and he felt like he could fly up to the heavens.

It was a fantastic feeling of improvement.

He kept checking his own cultivation capability with excitement, but then he frowned and smiled bitterly.

The East-rising Purple Qi was actually still in the first level. The only difference was that the purple qi in his dantian was increased a little. Nothing with regards to the East-rising Purple Qi had improved.

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#### **Chapter 114: Getting Prepared; Accident**

"Is this some kind of progress?! I have broken through the limits several times, but the East-rising Purple Qi stays unchanged all the time." Ye Xiao smiled bitterly, "It seems that what I have achieved

meant nothing compared to the East-rising Purple Qi. Those are nothing. Worthless. Should I be happy or should I be sad about it! Fine. I should be happy. I am happy..."

He used some kind of 'spiritual victory method [1]' to comfort himself. Good for you, Xiao Monarch!

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The next moment, he returned to the Spaces again.

He looked at the Cosmic Hades in the Sky Space and frowned, seemingly lost in his thoughts.

The gelid qi that was produced by the Cosmic Hades had fully filled up the whole Sky Space and was about invade the other Spaces. That was not good and Ye Xiao knew that he had to do something about it. In other words, he had to absorb it again...

Thinking about the Cosmic Hades, he was thinking about the two crisis he was facing at the moment.

The inner crisis was an easy one. He could just cultivate the gelid qi again. He had done it before, so this time, it would be much easier. However, how was he able to deal with the outer crisis?

Gu Jin-Long was too strong for him. Thinking about how powerful Gu Jin-Long was, Ye Xiao sighed again.

Now he had barely escaped from death because of a big lie. However, Gu Jin-Long was still out there watching him. He wouldn't leave without the Cosmic Hades. He was like a ticking bomb that might explode at any time around Ye Xiao. Things between Ye Xiao and Gu Jin-Long had to be ended.

Either Gu Jin-Long died, or Ye Xiao would!

One of them had to die.

The point was that Ye Xiao couldn't do anything about Gu Jin-Long. Poison, dan bead or anything else he could think of were useless. Ye Xiao didn't have the dan beads that could get Gu Jin-Long killed!

He sighed and walked out of his room.

Song Jue was worried about Ye Xiao when he saw Ye Xiao's sad face.

Ye Xiao could only give some answers that didn't matter to Song Jue. After which, he disappeared among the people out of the house.

After a while, he was in some field outside the city. He was Feng Zhi-Ling now and he was running fast in the wild.

He was looking for a suitable location.

A mountain.

In case Gu Jin-Long would ask, he had to make things look reasonable.

"Even a perfect lie won't last long. You always need to make enormous efforts to cover up one lie you made. A tiny mistake will expose you and you will instantly lose, and that's the time that you will die." Ye Xiao smiled bitterly with helplessness.

After a while, he had found a mountain.

It was a mountain that looked like a tubular pen rack. It was tall and isolate. There was no connection between this mountain and the others. It was in a special location like all the other mountains were embracing it.

In fact, this mountain was named the Pen Rack Mountain!

It was sharp and high.

Ye Xiao looked around for quite a while and nodded with satisfaction. He took out 99 pieces of spiritual jades from the ring. He didn't need to save any of them because they were given by Gu Jin-Long. They were free.

He had moved around the mountain while placing the spiritual jades along the way. He didn't stop. He kept moving round and round from the bottom of the mountain to halfway up the mountain, placing the spiritual jades here and there. At the end, he had used up a little less than 400 pieces of spiritual jades on this mountain.

Now, he had finally set up a foundation, so he took out another 13 pieces of spiritual jades. He flew to the top of the mountain and positioned the 13 pieces of spiritual jades imitating the Eight Diagrams[2] and the Five Elements[3]. Eight pieces were set in a bigger circle and the other five in a smaller circle inside. The two circles work in concert.

At the center of the two circles, he put ten pieces of spiritual jades!

He embedded the ten pieces of spiritual jades hard into the mountain and shouted, "Done!"

The next moment, something like clouds and fogs suddenly came. It suddenly covered the whole mountain. No matter where the Pen Rack Mountain was viewed, it seemed to have disappeared!

The whole mountain was invisible.

The Stars Covering Array!

That was the most difficult array art Ye Xiao could handle! Since he was too weak to fight against Gu Jin-Long, he had to use whatever he had up his sleeves.

He checked the array he had assembled and nodded with satisfaction. And then he got down to the bottom of the mountain where the base of the whole array was found, and dug the ground to cover it.

He finally felt a bit relieved.

Now that he had such a big array as a cover, it wouldn't be too hard to fool Gu Jin-Long when it was necessary.

[Using Gu Jin-Long's spiritual jades to set up an array to fool Gu Jin-Long, that... is heart-stirring somehow. Hahaha.] Ye Xiao thought, a satisfied smile surfacing on his face.

After doing all of that, there was one more piece of spiritual jade in his hand.

He had planned to use those spiritual jades to set a Weather Array to produce rain in the Water Space, but as he had to deal with Gu Jin-Long as soon as he could, he stopped the plan. He didn't dare to use up

all the spiritual jades at the moment, because he needed to have enough energy for the Stars Covering Array to continue working.

He decided to develop the Water Space after the things between him and Gu Jin-Long got settled. Ye Xiao casually threw the spiritual jade in his hand into the Spaces!

When he was preparing to leave, he was shocked.

The gelid qi in the Sky Space suddenly overflowed!

Ye Xiao collected his mind and disappeared right away. He had immediately entered the Spaces.

He looked at the Sky Space and found that the spiritual jade, which was supposed to be in the Soul Space, was now on the surface of the Cosmic Hades.

The Cosmic Hades' release of gelid qi had been boosted. Ye Xiao had realized that the gelid qi was about to overflow, but he thought that there was still time before it would happen. Now that the Cosmic Hades was crazily releasing the gelid qi, the Sky Space had become too overwhelming for the other eight Spaces.

All of this was caused by that one piece of spiritual jade. The spiritual jade had become turbid within such a short time. Apparently, the energy inside it was rapidly decreasing.

After a while, there were some power falling down from the spiritual jade.

And then the whole piece of spiritual jade was turned into power!

The next moment, the Cosmic Hades immediately flew out of the Sky Space. It was flowing in the air outside the nine Spaces. It kept on releasing gelid qi. All of a sudden, the nine Spaces were shaking at the same time.

All the Spaces were covered by a layer of frost immediately!

Those plants inside the Wood Space were unable to bear it. Some of the leaves were starting to droop.

Ye Xiao was frightened.

[What the hell! What is going on! The Cosmic Hades is working with the Sky Space to overwhelm the other eight Spaces, yet now the Cosmic Hades itself is overwhelming the nine Spaces! The Spaces are totally in a bad situation. This is not good!]

He operated the East-rising Purple Qi immediately and tried what he had done last time; to absorb the gelid qi from the Cosmic Hades and reduce the pressure on the Spaces. However, when he was just about to get close to the Cosmic Hades, he felt a fierce absorbing power was aiming at himself! The Cosmic Hades actually tried to overwhelm Ye Xiao too. It was absorbing Ye Xiao's spiritual qi!

A small piece of spiritual jade had actually caused such a disaster.

Ye Xiao was astonished. He tried his best to defend as he slowly stepped back. When he stepped back 20 meters away from the Cosmic Hades, the absorbing power turned weak. The next moment, he sensed an emotion of 'sneering' coming over him.

It was like someone was talking to him, 'You are so lame and I don't even want to bother absorbing you'!

Ye Xiao was safe now and he was sweating profusely because of anxiousness. He had never thought that there would be such a weird thing happening in the Spaces. [I just threw a tiny piece of spiritual jade into it! How could it bring me such a disaster?!

A tragedy caused by a spiritual jade?!]

And then he was astonished to notice that within such a short while, the nine Spaces were shaking more heavily and the frost covering them became thicker...

If he couldn't stop this, the Spaces might actually break. If the Nine Spaces were broken, the Boundless Mind Space wouldn't survive.

Ye Xiao made up his mind quickly and left the Spaces. He got into the Stars Covering Array and operated the East-rising Purple Qi in full range to absorb the gelid qi!

This time, the gelid qi was aroused in an instant. It was so dense. It was something Ye Xiao had never dealt with before!

He was not sure whether he could handle it this time, but he was sure that he couldn't just wait and see the fall of the Nine Spaces! He had to try!

The gelid qi was so fierce. Ye Xiao was capable in controlling gelid power and he had dealt with the gelid qi before, but when he came into contact with gelid qi now, he was instantly frozen. He became an ice sculpture right away!

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### Chapter 115: What A Coincidence, You Are Here

Ye Xiao was concentrated on operating the East-rising Purple Qi which was revolving in his Jing and Mai to absorb the gelid qi.

Ye Xiao could even hear the sound of it from the Jing and Mai.

Inside his dantian, the gelid qi was gathering with an amazing speed.

At the same time, the gelid qi was transforming to Yang Power inside Ye Xiao. Luckily, they were running at the same rate. Otherwise, he could have exploded or frozen because of the large amount of gelid qi.

The East-rising Purple Qi was marvelous in converting the powers of Yin and Yang. It created a cycle inside Ye Xiao's dantian and digested the massive amount of gelid qi. It decreased the damage and converted it into advantages.

Ye Xiao was extremely focused on operating it. He didn't dare to be reckless.

His body was covered by a lot of frost.

It was summer time though.

That was truly a scary scene.

While he was working so hard on converting the gelid qi inside the Nine Spaces, some of the gelid qi unavoidably fled outside, as a stream of cold current ran around the mountains.

And this cold current kept going out...

Ye Xiao had been sitting there for a whole day.

When he stood up, he still felt scared. His bones were making cracking sounds when he stood up. The crisis that was brought by the spiritual jade didn't lead to any real damage to him after all. The gelid qi inside the Nine Spaces was finally suppressed under his hard work. The Cosmic Hades had returned to the Sky Space at the end.

The Nine Spaces had finally returned to a stable condition.

There were always opportunities during a crisis. Ye Xiao felt that after what had happened, his Eastrising Purple Qi had obviously improved.

He made sure that the crisis was over and got in to check the Nine Spaces. The frost on the Nine Spaces was gone, leaving only a few damages on the Nine Spaces. For example, the leaves of the plants in the Wood Space suffered frostbites. To fully recover them, a long time was needed. Even so, Ye Xiao could only rejoice that there was nothing worse that had happened.

If he stopped the gelid qi a bit later, those medical plants were doomed to die. Now their growth had only been slowed down. Wasn't that lucky?

How come the Cosmic Hades made such a disaster this time?

That was unfathomable.

It was just a small piece of spiritual jade. How come it could cause such a dangerous crisis?

Ye Xiao looked at the Cosmic Hades. He didn't understand anything at all.

[It is like I can't put this kind of energy crystal into the Nine Spaces.]

He tried touching the Cosmic Hades and surprisingly found that he could actually touch it physically.

It wasn't like the Pure Heavenly Crystal, which he could only watch, not touch.

[Oh...]

Ye Xiao tried to move it out a bit.

- Puff. -

The Cosmic Hades appeared on the mountain.

It actually got out!

Ye Xiao actually moved it out from the Nine Spaces!

Looking at the Cosmic Hades, which had just knocked out a pit on the floor, Ye Xiao was astonished.

He truly had no idea what was going on now.

The spiritual jade had made the Cosmic Hades turn regal...

And then the Cosmic Hades could be taken out from the Nine Spaces after that...

Ye Xiao kept thinking for a while but failed to figure out anything useful. He gave up thinking and moved away from the Pen Rack Mountain which was now completely covered by ice. He wanted to change the look of the mountain back to how it used to be. But before he could do anything, he noticed a figure coming over fast like lightning.

It seemed 'lightning' wasn't good enough to describe the man's speed. With just a blink of an eye, the man showed up in front of Ye Xiao. - Shoot! -

Ye Xiao was surprised when he saw the man, he shouted, "Brother Gu?"

The man was Gu Jin-Long indeed.

Gu Jin-Long acted like he was surprised too and said, "Oh, it is you, Brother Feng. What are you doing here?"

Ye Xiao cursed him in his mind a hundreds of times, [You motherfxxker! You have noticed I am here. That's why you came!]

He was surprised that Gu Jin-Long was that fast.

He had just taken out the Cosmic Hades for seconds and Gu Jin-Long sensed it and came over from hundreds of miles away...

Luckily, Ye Xiao had set up the Stars Covering Array. Otherwise, he would be exposed right away.

[I have to be more cautious from now on. Nothing can be considered as too cautious when facing this prick.]

"I am delivering some medical materials to my master..." Ye Xiao said, "I just left my master and now I met you. What a coincidence. We truly have an affinity."

Gu Jin-Long looked forward and felt some strange power. Even though he was experienced, he couldn't figure out what it was. He asked, "Brother Feng, is your master here?"

Ye Xiao nodded and pointed, "Yes. He is on this mountain, Pen Rack Mountain."

"Pen Rack Mountain?" Gu Jin-Long looked to where Ye Xiao pointed, but saw nothing.

There were only some clouds and fogs.

Ye Xiao realized it and explained, "Brother, don't get me wrong. I don't know why it becomes so. After the Purple Lotus Decree Master came, the mountain became invisible. However, I can still get in. I grew up here. I can find it with my eyes closed.

"I see." Gu Jin-Long looked at the fogs and said.

At the same time, he thought, [My capability was indeed far weaker than those big figures in the Qing-Yun Realm. The Purple Lotus Decree Master was about to go to his end, yet this array he casually set here could easily fool me. Impressive.

He is indeed a man who has fought against the Xiao Monarch. He is remarkable.

However, he is going to die soon... Humph.]

Thinking of that, he heard Feng Zhi-Ling's voice, "Come. Brother Gu. Come with me. I will bring you to my master."

Gu Jin-Long was planning to see his master, so he nodded, "I just want to ask for it. It is my pleasure to see the grandmaster of dan-making."

He stepped forward while saying that.

"Brother Gu, you should better follow me tight. Don't make any mistake." Ye Xiao was walking in front. He was truly like walking with his eyes closed. After a few steps, they disappeared in the fog.

After more than twenty steps, Feng Zhi-Ling, who was leading the way, took one more step forward and instantly disappeared in Gu Jin-Long's sight.

Gu Jin-Long thought there must be some small arrays there covering things, so he followed on.

He was expecting to see Feng Zhi-Ling after stepping over, but...

- Poof! - Things around him was changing. He felt a bit dizzy all of a sudden. When he came back to his mind and opened his eyes, he found himself back to where he talked to Feng Zhi-Ling earlier.

He could only hear the voice of Feng Zhi-Ling coming over, "Brother Gu... Brother Gu? You... Where are you? Why don't you follow me in? Where are you?"

Gu Jin-Long was speechless.

[I did want to follow you in... But... What was that?]

Gu Jin-Long was confident that he had never taken any wrong steps. Yet what happened just now was the array was activated and sent him out of it.

He was thinking about what mistake he had made when he suddenly saw Feng Zhi-Ling was moving out from the array. Feng Zhi-Ling looked at Gu Jin-Long and asked, "Why are you still here?"

Gu Jin-Long frowned and smiled bitterly, "This array is truly weird. I was following you step by step. I am sure I didn't make any mistakes. But... I just got kicked out of it..."

Ye Xiao frowned, "Why? I have been in and out for many times and everything is ok... Hmm. How about this. You close your eyes and hold my hand. Let me lead you in."

Gu Jin-Long nodded, "Great idea. Thanks, Brother Feng."

He grabbed Ye Xiao's hand and closed his eyes. They got back into the fog.

Gu Jin-Long was so dutiful on this, but he didn't truly trust Feng Zhi-Ling. He felt ok about it because in his eyes, Feng Zhi-Ling was no better than an ant. That was why he wasn't afraid he would get sneak attacked by Feng Zhi-Ling or something.

Ye Xiao was holding Gu Jin-Long's hand. They were moving forward together. Things went well at the beginning, but after they took about twenty steps inside the fog, Ye Xiao took one more step and Gu Jin-Long was confused again. He was still holding Feng Zhi-Ling's hand, but he couldn't feel his body.

Gu Jin-Long decided to follow him and took one more step forward again. Suddenly, things around him were changing again. He heard Feng Zhi-Ling screaming, and the next moment, he was out of the array again.

This time, Ye Xiao was out too.

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### Chapter 116: He Killed Her?!

Feng Zhi-Ling opened his mouth and rubbed his arms, "Ouch... What's wrong? My bones are about to break down. Brother Gu, you grabbed me so hard. My arm was going to be ripped off!"

Gu Jin-Ling kept his eyes wide opened. He was speechless.

[I grabbed you out? I broke your arm?

Was I that reckless?!

I swear to god I didn't grab you too hard. I was just casually grabbing your hand. It was the array that was grabbing your arm!]

Gu Jin-Long stayed silent for a while and eventually gave up. He said, "I think that the Purple Lotus Decree Master must have set some weird spell on this mountain to keep it safe from anyone else. I think you are the only person who can get in and out of this mountain. I am afraid your master couldn't get out until he is done making supreme dans!"

Gu Jin-Long imagined what himself would do if he were the Purple Lotus Decree Master. He also imagined what should have happened to Feng Zhi-Ling's master. Well, Ye Xiao was glad that somebody helped him making up the story!

Gu Jin-Long failed to get in so he just said, "I think I should just quit. I will go meet your master when there is a chance."

Ye Xiao tried persuading him to try again, "Let's try again, Brother Gu. Maybe you will just get it this time..."

Gu Jin-Long rolled his eyes indifferently.

[Try again?

Try your ass, you fool! There's no way I can get in no matter how many times I try!]

"No need. I am bound not to get in this mountain." He held up the gloom in his mind and smiled, "Brother Feng, since you have already given your master those materials, he must be working on it right now. It may be interrupting if I just get in. Besides, there is this powerful array. I think I will just leave..."

He stood there with his hands on his back looking around at the mountains. Confusion flashed in his eyes, but it instantly disappeared.

He looked at Ye Xiao and said, "Brother Feng, may I ask you to look around that mountain over there with me?"

Ye Xiao looked at where Gu Jin-Long was pointing. It was an average-size mountain. It was only about 300 meters high and about a dozen miles away from them.

Basically, it was within their reach.

Things on that mountain, they could see them clearly. The most obvious thing on that mountain was a big tree. The tree was so big and it nearly covered the whole mountain top.

"That small mountain? What for? There is just a big tree there. There's nothing worth looking for!" Ye Xiao was confused.

Comparing to the other mountains around it, that mountain was just like a hill.

"Heh heh. Brother Feng, you grew up here, so you don't think there is anything special." Gu Jin-Long spoke sadly, "In fact, the reason why I keep coming to the Land of Han-Yang is because of this small mountain."

Ye Xiao was stunned and said, "What? What's on it that makes your care so much? There is nothing on it. All right then. Let me be your company. Maybe after a walk with you, I will learn something. I really want to know what is it that you care so much about."

Gu Jin-Long smiled and started to move.

It was only more than a dozen miles away. It took only a while before they arrived.

Gu Jin-Long stood on the foothill looking at the small mountain. The expressions in his eyes changed fast. Eventually, they were filled with sadness. He said, "Let's go."

They walked so slowly onto the mountain.

The narrow paths on the mountain had been covered by wild grasses.

No matter where Gu Jin-Long walked through, the grasses and the bushes disappeared right away.

He kept walking in silence.

Ye Xiao was following him and thought, [He looks sad. Was someone important to him buried in this place? Does he have a story about it?]

When they were about to reach the hillside, Gu Jin-Long jumped off and reached the big tree. The crown of the tree was like an umbrella covering most of the mountain.

Under the tree, there was a small grave. It was lonely and desolate.

There was no gravestone; only a small mound.

Gu Jin-Long started to clean the weeds that had grown around the mound. He used his powerful spiritual power to move the hidden spring water to get through the tree. He also used his spiritual power to kill all the insects on the tree.

And then, Gu Jin-Long kept looking at this grave that seemed to be very old. He was quiet for a long time.

After that, he sat down.

His head was down and he was quiet.

After a long time, he raised his head and murmured, "Brother Feng, thanks for your company. Do you want to hear a story?"

Ye Xiao said, "Sure. I am glad to."

Gu Jin-Long bitterly smiled and said, "Long, long ago... There were two villages under this mountain... One was called the Li Village while the other was called the Gu Village. There was a young man in the Gu Village, named Gu Da-Long. There was a girl in the Li Village, named Li Ming-Han. They grew up together like brother and sister. When they grew up, naturally, they were engaged and then got married."

"Li Ming-Han was the most beautiful girl within a hundred miles from the villages. Gu Da-Long was surely flattered to have a wife like her. He cherished her like she was his life."

Ye Xiao immediately realized the implications of Gu Jin-Long's words. [Gu Da-Long must be Gu Jin-Long. It turns out that the Land of Han-Yang was Gu Jin-Long's homeland.]

"One year after they got married, Gu Da-Long met the most important man in his life, his master, a man who came from the upper world that got badly injured and fell to this land. Because of this man, Gu Da-Long started his cultivation... He turned out to be a remarkable genius of cultivation... After his master fully recovered, he wanted to take Gu Jin-Long to his sect for cultivation..."

"...at that time, Han-Er held on my leg and insisted that I should stay..." Gu Jin-Long's voice became a bit like sobbing. He was a bit lost in thoughts too. He actually spoke out 'my leg' instead of 'Gu Da-Long's'.

He didn't notice what he had said. He just continued, "I only want to focus on cultivation and obtain greater achievements, so I ignored Han-Er's sadness and left home. When I left, Han-Er was crying, 'I will wait for you... Please promise me that you will come back for me'."

"When I arrived in the Qing-Yun Realm, I was so concentrated on cultivation. It was such a wonderland for an ignorant fool like me... I was obsessed... When I started to think about the person who was waiting for me in my hometown, fifty years had passed!"

Ye Xiao sighed.

Although Ye Xiao hated Gu Jin-Long a lot, he couldn't help but sigh for him.

For the girl.

Fifty years!

Waiting fifty years just for the guy!

She started waiting since they just got married.

Ten years after another ten years!

How many years did a normal person have?

A girl in the mortal world...

A love-struck girl spent her whole life waiting for a man...

"So I returned as soon as I could." Gu Jin-Long said, "But when I saw her again, she was still waiting there... like she promised. But... I was still a young man at that time, the girl I missed had become a white-haired old woman in front of me..."

"I was so sad and I was in pain."

Gu Jin-Long looked extremely sad when he spoke about that. Yet Ye Xiao noticed that there was a sense of viciousness on his face too...

"Fifty years of waiting, she finally saw you again. She got her husband back." Ye Xiao spoke lightly, "Her wait had come to an end after all... Oh."

"Yes. She got me back..." Gu Jin-Long gritted his teeth, "But... She was so old and ugly by then..."

Ye Xiao turned around and looked at Gu Jin-Long right away.

He couldn't believe what he just heard. [Unbelievable!

A girl who had spent all her life waiting for you to keep the promise, and you actually called her old and ugly?

Old and ugly for what? Wasn't it because of you?]

"When I saw that old woman, I wanted to call her 'Han-Er'... But... I couldn't." Gu Jin-Long closed his eyes and murmured, "And... When she saw me, she was so excited. She cried. The sound she made was so harsh. It was no longer the lovely sound of my Han-Er..."

Ye Xiao sighed and felt sad about it.

[After waiting for fifty years, she finally got her husband back.

She lost her youth. She lost her beauty!

That was so cruel for a girl...

But the crueler thing was that the man she was waiting for was such an asshole!]

"What happened next?" Gu Jin-Long stopped talking, so Ye Xiao asked him.

"And then..." Gu Jin-Long's face was twisting. He looked like a mad animal.

Ye Xiao was stunned. He felt that Gu Jin-Long was about to say something horrible.

[No way...]

Ye Xiao really didn't want that feeling to be right. [Is a man really able to be so evil?!]

Well...

"...And then... I killed her..." Gu Jin-Long's face was twisting. It looked like he was in enormous pain.

"You killed her?!"

Ye Xiao screamed out!

[He killed her?!]

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## **Chapter 117: Cruel And Unscrupulous!**

She had spent all her life waiting for him and had been living a miserable life, yet he just killed her without any hesitation?!

Ye Xiao couldn't believe what he had just heard.

[How is it possible? How could he? Unbelievable!]

"Why?" Ye Xiao felt extremely angry about it. He could barely suppress it. So he asked, "Why did you kill her? She had been waiting for you her whole life... All she did in her whole life was to wait for you. It was the only hope that kept her living... Finally, you came back and she got to meet you once again. Why did you treat the woman who loved you so much like that? You didn't even comfort her, care for her, felt sorry for her... It was horrible enough that you didn't want her to recognize you. Why did you kill her?"

Although he had thought about it, he still felt that it was extremely ridiculous when he heard Gu Jin-Long say it.

A man who had a bit of humanity would never do something like that.

That sentimental woman had finally met her husband again, yet she would have never thought that her husband was no more the man she loved; he turned into a mere cruel wolf.

What she got after waiting for her whole life was not a warm hug; it was a sharp sword.

There was nothing more cruel than this in the world.

Gu Jin-Long closed his eyes and his tears stayed in his eyes. He shouted furiously, "Why couldn't I kill her? In my heart, there was only the young and beautiful Han-Er who had a voice like an angel. That was the most beautiful thing I kept in my heart. Can you imagine how I felt when I came back and saw an old, ugly woman?"

"Her face was full of wrinkles. Her body was dirty. Her breasts were shriveled and droopy. And that harsh voice kept calling my name. Was she still my Han-Er? Was she? No! She wasn't..."

Gu Jin-Long shouted crazily.

Ye Xiao looked at him indifferently.

[She was old and ugly, so she was no longer Han-Er to you? Hadn't she spent all her life waiting for you?]

For a man like that, Ye Xiao felt that furious was not enough to describe how furious he was at the moment.

"That was not my Han-Er. No. Absolutely not. Han-Er is the most beautiful girl in my heart. That ugly old woman was not my Han-Er." Gu Jin-Long spoke fiercely, "That old woman was just desecrating my Han-Er. She destroyed the beautiful image of Han-Er in my heart. I killed her. I killed her without any hesitation. I buried her here. It was my Han-Er that was buried here, not that old woman. Absolutely not!"

Ye Xiao turned his head and looked at that lonely grave.

The lonely grave that stayed here for such a long time kept on telling a sad story.

Ye Xiao felt a certain coldness rising in his heart.

He had absorbed the gelid qi from the Cosmic Hades, so he had been confident that there would never be anything that could make him feel coldness in the world. However, that feeling of coldness was now freezing him from inside out.

It was not Gu Jin-Long that made him feel that cold; it was the woman inside this grave.

She had been waiting her whole life for that memorable husband. She loved him her entire life and waited for him her entire life. What did she get in return?

Only a sword.

And a wolf who cruelly ended her life.

Ye Xiao suddenly felt that the world was big. It was so big that everything seemed to be so small...

If Han-Er still had consciousness after death, what would she think?

Ye Xiao didn't want to imagine it. He couldn't. He felt both pain and coldness just thinking about it.

He was living his second life and he had always been a brave man. He did what he wanted and took responsibility for it. There was hardly anything he didn't dare to imagine. Yet now he didn't dare to imagine the thought of a dead person.

At this moment, the eagerness he felt to kill Gu Jin-Long had increased a thousandfold.

He actually hated Gu Jin-Long more because of what had happened to Han-Er than what had happened to himself.

[He isn't a human.

He is just a wolf, an animal.

He has no humanity. He has no heart. He is a wild animal that makes people bristle with anger.

What a monster.]

Gu Jin-Long stood up, he sadly looked at that grave and murmured, "Han-Er... How are you? I am back to see you. Brother Da-Long is here to see you..." While he was speaking, tears started to drop down from his eyes.

Ye Xiao was stunned. He looked at Gu Jin-Long and couldn't understand how could tears come out from such a shameless man like him.

He couldn't understand how shameless he was that he could actually come back here and call the woman 'Han-Er' and call himself 'Brother Da-Long'...

Didn't he feel any self-accusation?

Didn't he understand that from the day he had chosen the cultivation life, he was no longer Gu Da-Long?

Gu Jin-Long murmured and spoke, "Brother Feng, I am a sensitive man... I can't forget the day when Han-Er looked at me with a face adorned with tears. I can't forget her eyes and her beautiful hair. The purple dress she was wearing was a gift I gave her. That day, she was wearing it and it danced in the breeze... Her eyes, wet with tears, were looking at me... It was so sad and beautiful. I can never forget that scene..."

He suddenly cried out and said, "Every time when I think about it, my heart breaks..."

[My heart is broken now. Ok?

My heart breaks not because you are 'sensitive', you asshole, because the sentimental woman was so poor. Her heart must be broken into pieces.]

Ye Xiao sighed.

Gu Jin-Long was lost in sorrow for a long while before he finally stood up. He looked at the grave and said, "Han-Er, I am leaving. I will come to see you again... Please take care of yourself in the heaven. Don't make me worry..."

Ye Xiao saw him take out some paper-money [1] and candles and lit them up sincerely. At this moment, he didn't know how to describe the feeling in his heart.

To Ye Xiao, this man was totally insane. He was a lunatic.

Maybe when Gu Jin-Long stepped on the cultivation life, he was still Gu Da-Long. When he met Han-Er again, he was still Gu Da-Long. However, the man who killed Han-Er was Gu Jin-Long and Gu Da-Long had died along with Han-Er at that moment.

Ye Xiao took over some incenses from Gu Jin-Long and lit them up. He sticked them in front of the grave with sincerity. He bow to the lonely woman who was inside this lonely grave for thousands of years.

He spoke in his mind, [Your name is Han-Er, Li Ming-Han, right? ... I promise I will avenge you. I will kill this monster for you. I will do it not only for me, but also for you, for your life that was wasted waiting for him.

I am going to kill Gu Jin-Long no matter what.]

Ye Xiao made a vow in his heart.

He had never been so eager to take someone's life.

The eagerness in his heart was so strong that he nearly couldn't suppress it.

After he finished speaking in his mind, the wind suddenly howled in the quiet sky. The fallen leaves and grasses were blown up to the sky.

In front of the grave, there seemed to be a whirlwind. A lot of leaves and grasses were circling in front of Ye Xiao...

It was like the woman's spirit was answering him...

When the wind stopped and everything calmed down, a small mound showed up in front of Ye Xiao.

Gu Jin-Long looked at Ye Xiao and spoke with gratitude, "Brother Feng, thank you. You incensed for my Han-Er. I knew it was right to be your brother..."

Ye Xiao forcibly smiled, "It's ok, big brother."

Gu Jin-Long raised his head and felt the breeze on his face. He smiled and said, "Look, Han-Er is happy... She is happy that I am here to see her. It didn't waste her life waiting, did it..."

Ye Xiao rolled his eyes with disdain and was speechless.

Gu Jin-Long was lost in thoughts and then he said gently, "All these years, I have never told anything else about this to anyone... I must have looked stupid in front you."

Ye Xiao said, "I didn't realize you are a sentimental man."

That was full of irony.

Gu Jin-Long was so moved now, so he actually didn't get the irony in Ye Xiao's words. His tears dripped down on his face and said, "In my life... My biggest flaw is being sentimental..."

Ye Xiao swallowed.

He nearly puked out because of that sick words.

[How can a man be so shameless?]

Gu Jin-Long was speaking as if his cruelness was because he was sentimental.

That was truly indescribably shameless.

When they left the grave and got to the foot of the mountain, Gu Jin-Long seemed reluctant to leave. He walked a few steps and looked back, as if he was so unwilling to leave...

People might have thought that he was truly a sentimental man.

Ye Xiao took a deep breath to suppress the anger inside of his heart. He was afraid that he would let it explode all of a sudden.

They left the mountain and went back to town together. When they reached the city gate, they took separate ways.

Gu Jin-Long had invited Ye Xiao to the salesroom before they left each other, but Ye Xiao didn't have the mood to do so.

He felt nauseated about Gu Jin-Long's 'love story'. He didn't want to stay with him any longer.

Since then, Ye Xiao's cultivation was obviously improved.

To improve further, Ye Xiao threw one piece of spiritual jade, sometimes two, into the Space every now and then. It was for activating the furious mode of the Cosmic Hades. He wanted to achieve big progress in cultivation through the dangers.

Every time when he did so, he was in great danger. Yet he was always smiling when he was doing it...

That smile was a representation of a cold and murderous desire.

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## Chapter 118: What's Wrong?

The next few days, Ye Xiao focused on cultivating. He naturally didn't go out and make any trouble. The world wouldn't stop running just because of his absence. Many things had happened.

The king had finally decreed that Prince Hua-Yang should prepare his army for the battle in the south.

The Crown Prince's side had been quietened down. It was as if he was waiting with patience.

Ye Xiao knew that the Crown Prince was obviously waiting for his death.

He had been hit by the Melting Bone Palm for over seven days...

But it was not enough for the wound to be activated!

The wound was still hidden, waiting to explode.

Therefore, Ye Xiao was still vigorous. He showed up a lot. Naturally, he had to squeeze some time during his cultivation to show up in front of people. He really felt that time was not enough for him, yet he still had to spend time showing people he was still doing ok!

Guan Zheng-Wen secretly came to check on Ye Xiao once. When he got back, he said, "Ye Xiao looks fine. But his eyes have turned a bit blue. I think... the wound was about to show effect."

Hearing Master Guan's words, the Crown Prince and the Crown Princess felt relieved.

The Crown Prince said, "In fact, I have this feeling that... it is quite a waste about this Ye Xiao."

He showed pity for Ye Xiao and it made the Crown Princess become mad.

However, they thought Ye Xiao was going to die soon under the wound of the Melting Bone Palm with a horrible look.

The Crown Princess was furious, but she didn't stick on it too much.

The Mu Clan's men had never showed up in the Capital again these days. They tried everything in order to apologize to Master Bai and the House of Chaotic Storm.

However...

The House of Chaotic Storm was such a mystery. No matter what the Mu Clan did, they just couldn't get in touch.

During these days, Zuo Wu-Ji hadn't shown up. It was said that he had been studying at home all the time. He was studying knowledge from all aspects at full stretch... However, he had sent someone to give Ye Xiao several bottle of Sunny Liquor.

Well, the Sunny Liquor had a sunny name. In fact... it was the same as Viagra. Since Lord Zuo himself was impotent, he just gave them all to Ye Xiao and Lan Lang-Lang.

Lan Lang-Lang was surely happy to have them. He was so happy as if he found out some priceless treasures.

Ye Xiao was different.

Because Ye Xiao was chaste!!!

Eh-hem. Ye Xiao was truly chaste. He was even a bit too chaste. He had been a virgin since he had been born in his previous life. How could he possibly know how to use this kind of thing? He had no idea what this liquor was for. He knew who to share pleasure though, so he asked the kitchen to prepare some food and invited his Uncle Song to drink the liquor together.

So his friend gave him some liquor as present and he shared it with his Uncle Song. It was quite reasonable, wasn't it?

Ye Xiao thought so. And he also did so.

Song Jue was happy that Ye Xiao had prepared him a treat, so he came.

Because of the Golden Mai Palm, the boozy Song Jue had quitted drinking for over a dozen years. Now that he was asked to drink some, he thought he needed to get drunk.

When the meals were all prepared, Ye Xiao took out the Sunny Liquor and showed it to Song Jue proudly.

"Look! Uncle Song! Fine liquor!"

Song Jue was stunned right away.

[My nephew prepared a full table of tasty foods for me. That's great. But how come he would bring up some liquor that enhances male capacity?

I am kind of alcoholic, but I really am not so into that kind of alcohol!]

Song Jue's face was twisting. He wanted to say, 'I don't think I need that...'

Yet he couldn't say it. He stared at Ye Xiao.

Ye Xiao was confused, "Uncle Song, what's wrong? I thought you love drinking? Why are you still holding your cup? Come on. Put it down and let me fill it up."

Song Jue held the cup tight and said with a strange face, "Xiao Xiao, you want me to... drink that with you?"

Ye Xiao answered with certainty, "Of course. I have heard it is a fine liquor. Normal people don't have the luck to drink it. Zuo Wu-Ji had it because of the connections his grandfather had. He only had a few bottles and he sent them to me right away... Thank god this guy is very loyal and always remember to give me things. I know you love fine liquor a lot. How can I forget to share it with you? Uncle Song, drink as much as you can."

Song Jue's face kept twisting. He didn't know whether he should cry or laugh.

It was thoughtful words Ye Xiao had just spoken, yet Song Jue felt it uncomfortable!

It was indeed good stuff.

Normal people couldn't even see it.

However...

[Don't you know what it is for? Really? You are a foppish young lord who had been fooling around a lot. How can you not know about it? I don't remember you are that chaste...

Since when do I love this kind of liquor? When?!

You little bastard, you are cursing me, aren't you? What do you what to say!

You want to get kicked, you should just tell me so!]

Song Jue thought that he himself was shameless enough. However, he just couldn't sit here and drink this kind of liquor with his nephew. If his big brother got to know such a 'glorious thing' of him, he would be completely beaten up to death...

Well, what if his big brother was too angry so he kicked Song Jue's dick to death... That was the true tragedy that Song Jue feared!

To avoid such tragedy, Song Jue turned Ye Xiao down and explained something like he was not feeling well recently, so he couldn't drink it and thanks for asking and so on...

Ye Xiao was surprised that Song Jue actually didn't drink. So he filled up a cup of liquor for himself instead...

Song Jue looked at him indifferently and thought, [Well, show me you are joking with me. If you really drink it, that's fine. If you don't drink it... that means you are fooling with me!

Then I will beat you up.

Well, I may not be able to beat you up, but I will die trying!]

Of course, Ye Xiao didn't know anything about what Song Jue was thinking.

In fact, he had been fond of drinking in his previous life. Looking at the crystal liquor inside the cup, Ye Xiao felt that it was attractive somehow. It smelled so good that Ye Xiao truly wanted to drink it up. He wouldn't get seriously drunk, but he would have several cups.

He casually ate some food and then drank it up under Song Jue's stare.

Song Jue immediately grinned.

He was a bit of a gloat, [Is he... not so well in that thing? Or is he really unaware of this liquor? Anyway, this cup of liquor he had will make him suffer for some time...]

Even an impotent man needed only a little bit of this liquor.

Yet Ye Xiao drank up so much at once!

[I want to see what you are going to do later! I won't allow you to go out for whores! Drinking so much of that... will only make you suffer for one night. That's all.

You bastard actually tried to make me drink that?

You deserve it tonight!]

Ye Xiao clicked his tongue after that drink and said, "It tastes so good, but there is slightly some flavor of medicine. It is good anyway. Are you sure you don't want some, Uncle Song?"

Song Jue's face was dark and he affirmatively shook his head.

He stared at Ye Xiao with a strange look.

Ye Xiao shook his head and said, "Well if you don't want it, I am not going to save it. It truly is some priceless liquor. That boy truly has some treasures for me. I kind of like it."

And then he took up the whole big bottle and raised his head. He started to drink it all...

- Cooroo... -

Song Jue was astonished while looking at him!

He was so shocked that he didn't have time to speak. He totally forgot to stop Ye Xiao.

When he realized that, Ye Xiao had already drunk half of the 2.5 liters of liquor.

"Oh shxt! You fool! Don't drink it. You can't drink it like this!" Song Jue's face was twisted and he kept stomping the floor.

[Oh damn it! That's not cool...

It turns out he doesn't know anything about this liquor...

Look at how excited he was...

What the hell! What should I do!

Bad things are going to happen!]

Ye Xiao put down the bottle and wiped his mouth. He curiously asked, "I can't drink it like this? Why? What are you talking about? Do you think I am wasting it because I drank too much at a time? Don't worry. I have several bottles. If you like it, I will send the rest of the bottles to you and let you enjoy them all alone. How about that, huh?!"

Song Jue was stunned.

[What the hell... Drink them all? How do you know I like this kind of thing? Bullshit. You are going to know why soon!

How can I frankly explain such a thing? [1]]

He coughed and said, "I am not so into it. Don't send me anything. This liquor... You can't drink it like that anyway. You shouldn't drink that much at a time... You will know it soon..."

Ye Xiao was indifferent, "Uncle Song, you are a good man, but you are a bit narrow-minded. You don't feel well today so you can't drink. That's fine. I have a lot saved for you..."

He raised his head again and finished the rest of the liquor right away.

He wiped his mouth and said, "Good!"

Looking at that, Song Jue was totally stunned. He had lost his language at the moment.

[Good? You will feel even better later...

Will he get sick after drinking that much of this kind of thing?]

As expected, after a while, Ye Xiao's face became strange. It turned red. He murmured, "What's wrong? Why is it so puffy... I don't feel well..."

Song Jue found him both funny and annoying. He said, "Well, Xiao Xiao..."

"Something is wrong..." Ye Xiao felt an urge in his head, and then he felt his private part turning hard like steel... He kept his legs together and took a deep breath, "What's happening to me..."

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## **Chapter 119: Everything Is Ready For The Kill!**

Ye Xiao had spent his whole previous life in cultivating the Pure Yang Martial Art, but he apparently knew that his private part would turn big and hard sometimes. Yet it was the first time it happened to Ye Xiao because of some liquor.

Moreover... he felt it rather difficult to suppress the urge.

Song Jue said, "Xiao Xiao... What you drank... is a top quality male-strengthening liquor..."

Ye Xiao was stunned.

And then he jumped up high.

"Male-strengthening liquor? What?" Ye Xiao screamed out.

[I have been a virgin in all my lives... Apparently, I don't need that shit.

This is a huge joke...]

Song Jue said, "Ah? You... No way... You... You didn't know that?"

Ye Xiao bowed like a prawn trying to cover his 'outstanding part', "What are you talking about... I... I haven't done that thing ever... How could I know... Oh no... This... It feels so weird..."

[Ne... Never done that thing... ever?]

Song Jue was surprised. He said, "You you you... You are still a virgin? A virgin chicken?"

Ye Xiao showed disdain, "You are talking superfluous words... Ahhhooo..."

Song Jue was about to faint. [A virgin drank 2.5 liters of male-strengthening liquor?

What should we do?

How do I save this stupid little virgin...]

He angrily said, "No way. You used to fool around with those girls... What did you do then? You are not a baby now. How could you not know such a kind of thing?"

That was absolutely not some proper thing that an uncle should talk about to his nephew. He actually blamed Ye Xiao for not having sex...

Ye Xiao groaned and moaned. He knew that he had showed something that may expose his true status. He said, "I was just talking about life... about dreams with them..."

Song Jue opened his eyes staring at Ye Xiao for a while, and then he spat out and angrily shouted, "What did you say? You spent all night to talk about life with those girls... And about dreams?"

Ye Xiao nodded, "Yes, of course. What else could I do..."

Song Jue was stunned again for a while, and then he turned furious, "Why the fxck didn't you tell me earlier... You fxcking... You you you... Fxck! You are a saint..."

[Staying with a girl all night only to talk about life and dreams... Isn't it something only a saint would do?

Well of course it could be because of impotency. But look at this guy's little tent there. He is absolutely not impotent.]

"Well... What now?" Song Jue furiously said.

[I don't know what to do now.

If he is a randy goat, things would be much easier. I can just throw him into some brothel. But he is still a virgin. He doesn't know anything about doing that kind of thing...

Well... That is not cool.

Such... Such a waste...]

Ye Xiao was moaning. He murmured, "Hey hey. Don't worry... Let me have a cold bath and get this thing done..."

Song Jue watched him leave bowing like a prawn.

And then he heard a sound from the pool... - Splash. -

[Finally, this young lord had his lesson today...] He followed up hurriedly and shouted, "Somebody come... Go get more water from the well..."

The 36 blood guards came...

Song Jue knew that the water in the pool wouldn't work...

That night, the sound of water in the House of Ye didn't stop.

One bucket after another of ice cold water were splashed on Ye Xiao. He put his head into the water first, and then he poured it on his own body.

- Splash... -
- Splash...-
- Splash splash splash...-

The guards, who were all experienced men, were watching their young lord being embarrassed. They watched him pour the water and noticed the 'tent' on his pants. They were holding themselves trying not to laugh out...

Some of them just threw aside the buckets and sat on the floor laughing out like hell when they were carrying the water. They just couldn't help it...

That was so hilarious.

One of the guards got close to Song Jue and spoke in a low voice, "Chief, that's not a tough task, is it? ... Simply go to the brothel and everything will be fine... Right? Our young lord, he is an expert on that, isn't he?"

Song Jue stared at him and said, "Bullshit. Do you think I am fool? He is an expert, huh? Expert my ass. He is just a little virgin... Do you know how he got all this? He didn't know what kind of liquor he drank, yet he still took in a whole bottle of it. How could an expert not recognize that kind of liquor..."

The guard was surprised. He returned to his position, and then after a while, he started to laugh. Apparently, he just figured out how hilarious it was.

[A virgin? He is a virgin... Hahahaha...]

He looked at Ye Xiao's little 'tent'. That was huge...

[That... is not some ordinary virgin... That's a big-cock virgin... That's huge...] He was laughing, but then he stopped all of a sudden.

He lowered his head and looked at his own. Suddenly, he felt sorry about himself...

They had been busy for the whole night.

Dawn was about to come.

Ye Xiao started to feel that the urge inside him was reduced a bit. He shouted, "All right. All right, everybody... Fxck this shit. I have spent every minute that I should have spent in my entire life washing myself in only one night... I think I have lost a full layer of skin."

He just finished talking and people started to laugh again...

After this special night, Ye Xiao never dared to have that kind of liquor in his whole life again. He didn't really need it, and it was so embarrassing for him now. That was the biggest disgrace he had.

However, he had stored the rest of the liquor that was given by Zuo Wu-Ji. He wouldn't drink them anymore... He had made some changes on those bottles of liquor.

He was planning to make some trouble by using that liquor, but it turned out that Ye Xiao had finished something great with that liquor... That was a story after a long time after all.

Because of this special night, Ye Xiao went to the Zuo Wu-Ji's house and beat him up seriously.

He just beat him up without saying anything.

Zuo Wu-Ji felt that he did nothing wrong and was innocent. He just didn't know what was wrong with Ye Xiao...

When he got to know the story about all that, he nearly died laughing... And that was the story that Zuo Wu-Ji liked to say the most for the rest of his life.

Every time he narrated it, he felt so proud of it.

He always said, "Do you guys know the Xiao Monarch?... Hahahaha... He drank up a full bottle of the male-strengthening liquor that I gave to him and he got so 'filled with man spirit'. Hahahahaha..."

And then whoever was listening to him will respect him...

Well that was what would happen when he became the Prime Minister Zuo.

The next two days after that special night, Ye Xiao went out of town a lot.

Song Jue didn't know what he was up to. He tried to followed Ye Xiao twice, yet he always lost Ye Xiao somehow...

Apparently, he was not qualified to stalk Ye Xiao.

Song Jue felt embarrassed, so he could only say something like, "I am gonna beat you up you little shit!"

However, when Ye Xiao returned, Song Jue didn't dare to say anything. He was too embarrassed.

He used to be quite a great cultivator in the old days...

But now, he couldn't even follow the trail of a teenager. He had been misled to a toilet once, and to a brothel the other time...

He could catch up with nothing.

Obviously, he was not that good now. He was too embarrassed to say anything about it...

Gu Jin-Long could feel something everyday, 'Feng Zhi-Ling came to town today', 'Feng Zhi-Ling left town now', 'Feng Zhi-Ling...'

He was satisfied because he felt everything was under his control.

He felt even pleased when he thought that Feng Zhi-Ling didn't know he was under control...

He thought that he had successfully fooled Feng Zhi-Ling, and Feng Zhi-Ling trusted him so much. He believed that the supreme dan beads and the Cosmic Hades would be in his hands soon, and Feng Zhi-Ling would still trust him. Gu Jin-Long was so happy about it.

He smiled a lot because he thought about all this a lot. That was some kind of smile with confidence, self-obsession, pride, satisfaction...

Every time Wan Zheng-Hao saw his smile, he would immediately walk away.

He felt scared about that smile on Gu Jin-Long's face...

He felt like he was about to shit his pants whenever he saw that smile.

If he had the chance to see the smile on Ye Xiao's face, he would understand that there was never only one pervert in the world...

The smile on Ye Xiao's face could only be more unbearable than Gu Jin-Long.

Now he was on a tall mountain around the Pen Rack Mountain. He was setting up another array. He was smiling. Hmm... That was a smile of a scary psycho...

This time, he was setting up a Disappearance Array.

He was sure that Gu Jin-Long could break down this array if he wanted to.

On the mountain, Ye Xiao spent days and dug a ventilated cave that was connected with tunnels.

It was a spacious cave.

He had put some decorations in it and even painted some lotus on the wall...

After that, he checked around the whole place again and again.

After he made sure that everything was perfect, he nodded while looking at the cave.

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### Chapter 120: Gu Jin-Long Is Coming!

At the end, Ye Xiao piled up some big stones in the corner of the cave and put some weapons behind those stones...

- Pah pah pah... -

"All done!" Ye Xiao clapped his hands and looked around the super trap he had just set in front of him. He was satisfied, "Now I will just wait for Gu Jin-Long, that bastard, to fall in front of me."

On the other side, Gu Jin-Long was sitting inside the salesroom.

He suddenly opened his eyes and stood up.

What he sensed had suddenly made him excited like he had never been before.

[That's it!

That's the spiritual energy I left touching me.

The Cosmic Hades has been found.

That's it! The tiny stream of gelid energy is impossible to fake.

I know Feng Zhi-Ling is outside the city. My ring won't lie.

Finally, the Purple Lotus Decree Master shows up and the Cosmic Hades is found!]

- Poof! -

Gu Jin-Long moved up and suddenly turned into a rainbow.

- Shoot! -

That rainbow rapidly flew out through the window. After only a second, he was outside the city already.

That was the movement, Rainbow Rush.

His speed could even distort the air.

However, he was suppressing the shaking of his movement. He didn't want to show himself, so he was trying not to be discovered.

Even if the Purple Lotus Decree Master was about to die, Gu Jin-Long didn't dare to be reckless facing him.

He knew that a tiny mistake could lead him to failure.

It was a man who had fought against the Xiao Monarch in the old days he was facing now after all.

And the Xiao Monarch was able to slaughter most of the men in the three factions.

At this moment, Gu Jin-Long was extremely cautious. He tried to move as fast as he could towards the point that kept transmitting the spiritual vibration to him.

While he was getting closer, the vibration became heavier.

The feeling of the Cosmic Hades was clearer.

It was like the Cosmic Hades was waving its hand to him.

Apparently, the Cosmic Hades was quite close to him now.

Gu Jin-Long calmed down and tried to sense it further, and then he moved slowly towards it with cautions. He was about to get to the Pen Rack Mountain, where Feng Zhi-Ling's master was supposed to be in.

[Hmm. It seems that the Cosmic Hades is not in the Pen Rack Mountain.]

He didn't stop. He went over the Pen Rack Mountain and moved ahead. Suddenly, a tall big mountain surrounded by cloud and fog showed up in his sight.

It looked like the cloud was devouring down the mountain.

Gu Jin-Long was surprised and pleased when he looked at the mountain.

"Disappearance Array it is!"

[The Purple Lotus Decree Master actually set up a Disappearance Array in his own place. Humph. Nobody in the Land of Han-Yang can break this array indeed. However, that is excluding people of the Qing-Yun Realm. That means I can break it.] Gu Jin-Long was so happy about it.

"The array he has set in the mountain of the dan-maker is so mysterious and firm. I couldn't break it indeed. This array here is not an easy one either, but I can absolutely break it. I guess there are two possibilities about him. First one is that he didn't have enough material to set up two good arrays... The second one is that he was so injured that he couldn't set up another powerful array again."

"According to how people described him, it is unlikely that he would face the situation of lacking materials. Such a wealthy man, how could he not have enough materials for only some arrays? So... I guess he must have been at the end of his days now. He must be dying now. That's why he kept on leaking out the breath of the Cosmic Hades."

Gu Jin-Long was smiling in a cruel and happy way.

"I think the Purple Lotus Decree Master is doomed to die in my hands."

He then got close to the mountain and started to break the array.

Although he was assuming the Purple Lotus Decree Master was dying, he didn't dare to break the array in a forcible way. He was afraid that the dying man would escape with the Cosmic Hades if he noticed someone was breaking in.

The Purple Lotus Decree Master was an experienced man from the Qing-Yun Realm after all. He might do something great even when he was about to die the next moment.

While Gu Jin-Long was trying to break the array, he couldn't help praising it.

[The Purple Lotus Decree Master is a great guy indeed.

He was actually able to set up such a fantastic array even when he was dying...]

Eventually, he had broken through the last part of the array.

Gu Jin-Long stepped forward and then laid down on the floor immediately. He was in the middle of a small road... If someone was looking up on the mountain, he would be discovered.

Gu Jin-Long was down on the floor moving like a snake. He slid into a bush beside the road. He silently moved along the road on the floor towards the top of the mountain.

He looked like a big lizard, ugly but fast.

He could feel the Cosmic Hades getting closer.

It was close to him now.

About a hundred meters away from him, before he saw the mouth of a cave.

The breath of the Cosmic Hades was coming from inside that cave.

He was confident that the Purple Lotus Decree Master was inside the cave too.

Gu Jin-Long even stopped his heart beat and pulses right away.

Things were always easy to go wrong when they were close to success.

Gu Jin-Long knew clearly about this.

[I can't be too happy about it.]

[I have to be cautious.]

[I have to be careful.]

[I can't be reckless before I get the Cosmic Hades and kill the Purple Lotus Decree Master.]

Gu Jin-Long kept warning himself. He was getting closer and closer to the cave.

He was extremely cautious.

There was no sound from the cave.

Gu Jin-Long felt everything was proceeding as planned and reached out one of his hand to climb up to the cave.

He was smiling now.

He had confirmed one thing at least. The Purple Lotus Decree Master must be very weak at the moment. Otherwise, he would be discovered easily. He felt right about all of this.

He was confident that he would get a lot of benefits this time.

There must be so many treasures with the Purple Lotus Decree Master that he wanted.

Suddenly, a cool and merciless voice sounded from inside the cave, "Who's there?"

The voice was full of horror.

Gu Jin-Long was steady. He was happy and he couldn't help smiling.

The voice was horrible and scary indeed, but it was a voice of a weak man.

Normal men might be unable to bear the threats inside the voice, but for him, it was nothing but a boisterous sound of a dying man.

"The Purple Lotus Decree Master?" Gu Jin-Long didn't hide. He stood up and stepped into the cave casually. He said with with a sneer, "I am Gu Jin-Long. I am here to visit you. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the well-known Purple Lotus Decree Master of the Qing-Yun Realm become like homeless dog. Hahaha, hahaha..."

He was laughing loudly and impolitely. He had slipped into the cave quickly.

His sword flashed and suddenly, his sword, the Breeze Sword, became like a thunder moving around the space.

"Gu Jin-Long!" A scream came out from deep inside the cave. It was filled with both surprise and fear.

Gu Jin-Long rushed into the cave like a lightning, and he saw a man rushing to the other side of the cave at the same speed. He was also as fast as lightning. Gu Jin-Long was highly cultivated with his eyes, yet he could only see a shadow of the man's back. The man rushed out of the cave all of a sudden and disappeared.

That man only left a fierce sound coming over to Gu Jin-Long, "Gu Jin-Long, I know you are from the Sunlight Sect. You took advantage of my perilous state. I won't forget this. When I recover, I will go wipe out every single living thing in the Sunlight Sect at once. I will take all you people's lives to avenge this insult today!"

The sound of this 'Purple Lotus Decree Master' was getting weaker and weaker. He was even coughing at the end.

"When you recover? Do you really believe that you have the chance to get away from me today?" Gu Jin-Long followed up. The Purple Lotus Decree Master was his first target at the moment. He had to take him down.

When he was about to rush out, he suddenly stopped.

He saw something with his sharp eyes.

There was a dark-cyan metallic object inside the cave.

It was the Cosmic Hades.

That was the thing that he wanted the most.

Compared to this priceless treasure, the Purple Lotus Decree Master meant nothing.

He didn't expect that the Purple Lotus Decree Master was so weak that he just escaped from the fight today. He had decided to fight hundreds of rounds for the Cosmic Hades today. Now he was relieved that he didn't need to. However, he still had regrets. He was too cautious. If he could have been braver and attacked earlier, the Purple Lotus Decree Master would have surely died in his hands. Now he had escaped.

[Purple Lotus Decree Master escaped from me... So be it. I still have Feng Zhi-Ling to get to you.

There will be lots of chances to kill the Purple Lotus Decree Master in his current state.]

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