

## **Firmament 1641**

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#### **Chapter 1641: Unperturbed, Alive or Dead**

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Thank you, Purple Dragon King."

The Purple Dragon King laughed and said, "Monarch Ye, you are being modest. In fact, you have done way more than you should! I owe you one!"

As words were said, the Golden Phoenix King knew what choice she should make. She smiled and said, "Let's put an end to whatever is between Chihuo and I. Thank you, Monarch Ye."

The two kings finished talking, and they both walked to the eggs. One was checking the dragon egg, while the other was checking the phoenix egg. They were overjoyed.

The two clans were known to be incredibly powerful, but they had too few people.

The stronger clan it was, the more difficult they bred.

The Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan had extreme difficulties to have kids. Royal people who were at the level of the purple dragon and golden phoenix could hardly have any kids. The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were almost infecund.

It was extremely difficult for them to have babies!

There had been only two Purple Dragon Kings and three Golden Phoenix Kings in the history of the two clans.

Obviously, few people could climb up to such a level.

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King surely wanted their children to take over their positions in their respective clans, but they knew it was nearly impossible.

A baby dragon needed to suffer so much before growing into a grown dragon. It was almost impossible to keep suffering until reaching the throne.

They needed talent, capability, wisdom, flexibility, and good luck!

They must have all!

The phoenix was the same.

Many people of the Phoenix Clan, who were born such talented cultivators, eventually died before reaching the top...

If Ye Xiao wasn't lying, if the eggs got the ultimate purple qi and Nine Stars Nurture, these two kids were most likely going to succeed!

It was such a great fortune!

They could get the Heavenly Life Fire since they came to the world!

That was incredible...

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were excited.

'Holy heavens!'

'Long live the god of dragons!'

Chihuo smiled bitterly and said, "Farewell now. Thank you for forgiving me. I am not feeling well. I must go now."

After that, he turned around and staggered away.

He was stooping, and he looked thousands of years older than he was. When he walked, he barely lifted his feet. He didn't look like one of the Seven Colored Lords anymore.

The Seven Golden Lotuses sighed.

A superior cultivator actually became a useless old man.

Chihuo was the last of the Seven Colored Lords now, and he hadn't improved for a long time. He messed with the dragon and the phoenix because he wanted to change, but he failed... He was saved by a young man, and he had to apologize...

Ye Xiao stood up to fix the problem for him.

All he got was a disgrace.

His fame, the stories about him... were gone.

Chihuo was just a dying old man!

Chihuo could never be seen in the martial world anymore!

Yue Youyou looked at Chihuo's back and frowned. He said, "Chihuo!"

Chihuo turned around and looked at Yue Youyou.

Yue Youyou stepped forward and said, "We have known each other for tens of thousands of years. I can't say we are friends, but we have lived through the same times. We are all old. Do you want to come and live at my place? I can really use a companion."

Chihuo was surprised. He looked at Yue Youyou, and Yue Youyou looked at him too.

After a while, Chihuo smiled and said, "Thank you, Master Yue. I have been alone for my whole life... I don't need friends anymore... In the last part of my life, I want to be alone with myself."

After that, he turned around and left.

Yue Youyou made a long sigh.

He didn't need friends anymore.

He was hurt by his friends, so he didn't need friends anymore. That could be the reason.

He was going to die, and he didn't want anybody to grieve for him. That might be the reason too.

Maybe these were the reasons.

Yue Youyou knew it, so he sighed.

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Chihuo took a turn somewhere, and he made a long sigh too. He knew he had done something wrong, but he would never cave in.

He wouldn't apologize. After all, he had only three years to live. An apology would only leave him disgrace...

However...

What Ye Xiao said had touched him.

"Should the dragon and the phoenix come, you must submit. Don't waste my efforts, please." Ye Xiao said.

"I don't have that much time to live. I don't see why I should still live." Chihuo said.

"That's right. You only have three years to live, and you will die... I want you to do something for me in the next three years." Ye Xiao was frank. "I am not trying to be demanding here. I just need your help.

"I am weak. My organization is weak. I need three years to develop.

"The Monarch's Hall has no real powerful cultivators! That is our biggest weakness!

"Besides, after three years of staying in the Hall of Life and Death, you may get a chance to live."

Ye Xiao said seriously.

"Why get yourself killed for nothing?"

"If you have one tiny hope to rise up to the top again, don't you want to seize it? Why don't you submit? Who hasn't submitted to something or someone in their life?"

"There must be somebody who can make you cave in.

"If you can't change it and you are going to die in three years, you must resolve all your problems before you die. Make yourself unperturbed before death."

Those last few words touched him.

"Make yourself unperturbed before death." It touched Chihuo.

"I will live those three years for you, Monarch Ye!"

Chihuo nodded.

"I hope after three years, I will be unperturbed, no matter if I am dead or alive!"

Chihuo was walking in the Hall of Life and Death, and Ye Xiao's words kept resounding in his head. In his heart, there was fire rising up.

'Am I really just going to die for nothing?'

'The Hall of Life and Death is my hope!'

'In the tens of thousands of years that I have been alive, he is the only person who is willing to do something for me!'

Chihuo stopped and stared at the Hall of Life and Death. His eyes lit up.

'This place is under my protection!'

'I will fight with my life whoever dares to come and mess with the Hall of Life and Death!'

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#### **Chapter 1642: Please**

After the conversation, the Seven Golden Lotuses left the Monarch's Hall and returned to their place for further isolated meditation.

The seven of them were all silent.

When they were about to part ways, Yue Youyou asked the others, "What do you think of Ye Xiao compared to Ye Yunduan?"

Guan Shanyao humphed and said, "Compare how? There is no comparison between these two!"

After that, he disappeared. The other five men were quiet. None of them said a word, and then they all flew away fast.

Yue Youyou laughed and turned into a piece of cloud flying away.

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In the Hall of Life and Death.

"Masters, what is your plan next?" Ye Xiao blandly asked, looking at the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King.

It seemed like they were trying to stay, so Ye Xiao wanted to ask them to leave.

There were secrets in the Hall of Life and Death. Chihuo was now one of them now, so he could surely stay. These two masters would only bring possible dangers to the Hall of Life and Death!

"We are going to stay for the kids." The Golden Phoenix King said, assured and bold.

"Me too." The Purple Dragon King smiled.

"I don't think this is a good idea. It is still a long time before the two eggs hatched." Ye Xiao said, "I am surprised that the two kings actually are so free."

Ye Xiao was being frank. He first pointed out the truth and then warned the two kings of their special positions. Was it a good idea to leave the two clans to stay in this place? Besides, the two of them were important people in the Glaze Sky. They wouldn't want anything to go wrong!

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were surprised.

The two of them were powerful, but this place was not the Glaze Sky.

The City of Chaos was an important city in the Limitless Ocean, where there was no law... The two of them were definitely safe to stay in this lawless place for a short time, but as they stayed long, people made evil plans against them. Besides, they didn't cover their traces when they came.

If somebody was plotting against them, they might be in danger.

After all, outside the Glaze Sky, there were so many people who were not weaker than these two. People were not all friendly to them.

The five sky kings were competitors... That was known to the world...

If the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King died in the Limitless Ocean, nobody would stand out as witnesses...

If they died, nobody cared how powerful they used to be. A dead man was always just a dead man!

The two of them looked embarrassed. They were waiting for Ye Xiao to speak.

"Masters, I am flattered that I actually have you as my honorable guests." Ye Xiao blandly said, "But the Hall of Life and Death is just a small organization in the City of Chaos. We are weak. If somebody comes with some unspeakable purpose, the Hall of Life and Death may fail to deal with the problem... If the eggs are in danger, we won't be able to..."

Ye Xiao stopped.

That was clear enough. 'You can do whatever you want. I am not going to stop you. If you get your children killed because of it, don't blame me.'

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King humphed. They were annoyed.

They knew the Hall of Life and Death was incredibly secured. Nobody could break the shield of this place. Security was never a problem in this place!

However, they couldn't say that. If they said so, it would sound like they were seeking protection from the Hall of Life and Death! That would be a disgrace!

"There is a second option. The two eggs are safe now. They will hatch in the traditional way of your clans." Ye Xiao said, "If you take them back, I won't stop you."

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were embarrassed.

'There is the ultimate spiritual qi here... There is the Nine Stars Nurture... What do we have back to our clans?'

'Are we going to give up this great opportunity?'

"Monarch Ye, how long do you think the eggs need before hatching?" The Golden Phoenix King asked. "I mean with the ultimate spiritual qi and the Nine Stars Nurture."

Ye Xiao closed his eyes and thought for a while. He said, "It won't take long. About half a year."

"Half a year..." The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King murmured at the same time.

It wasn't long, but it wasn't short.

If the eggs stayed in the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan, in the traditional way, it would take at least three years to hatch. In the Hall of Life and Death, it only needed half a year!

That was a clear choice!

However, the two kings couldn't stay in this place for half a year.

They couldn't even stay here for half a month.

Ye Xiao was right. It would put themselves, and more importantly their children in danger...

They were so fragile.

If there was a fight, the eggs could easily be destroyed.

The eggs were in the Nine Stars Nurture, and it couldn't be stopped.

Once it was stopped, all the work that had been done was going to be wasted!

"Oh, right. There is a third option. In ten days, your children will get the Heavenly Life Fire..." Ye Xiao said with a smile, "You can stay for ten days and then take them away with you. I believe the Hall of Life and Death can at least keep you safe in ten days."

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were troubled. They looked at Ye Xiao, and they were annoyed.

If the children could get the Heavenly Life Fire after staying for ten days, how incredible they could become if they stayed for half a year?

That was a huge difference!

Ye Xiao actually said, "I believe the Hall of Life and Death can at least keep you safe in ten days." They seemed unhappy about it. 'What? Do you think we need your protection? The Hall of Life and Death does have the capability of protecting us, but we don't need it! We have dignity!'

"Well, we are not going to disturb you anymore." The Golden Phoenix King said with her red eyes, "We will stay for three more days... After that, please... Make sure our kids are safe."

Ye Xiao was troubled too. His lips were shaking...

In fact, he wasn't pretending. He truly didn't want to do it.

If the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King took the eggs away, Ye Xiao would feel happy. He might even give them presents to take away... However, they were going to let the eggs stay...

They actually entrusted Ye Xiao with the two eggs!

That was serious. Taking good care of the children wouldn't bring Ye Xiao anything great, but if he made a mistake... He would have to take responsibility!

What was he going to do?

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#### **Chapter 1643: Such a Gift**

Ye Xiao's face was twisted. He said, "Listen, Phoenix King. I would love to take care of the kids, but I am afraid I am not powerful enough to keep them safe... If something unexpected happens, I am afraid..."

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King knew what Ye Xiao was thinking. They knew how powerful the Hall of Life and Death was. They smiled and said, "Don't worry. We will do something, maybe make an illusion before we leave. I think it will be good enough to terrify whoever dares to attack this place."

"Things can always be weird. Nobody can be sure about the future. What if somebody doesn't get fazed by the illusion and attacks us?" Ye Xiao frankly said.

"I don't see the problem!" The Golden Phoenix King humphed and said, "Your Hall of Life and Death is strong and unique. I think the eggs may even be safer to stay here than to stay with me!"

Ye Xiao was annoyed.

'Damn it... They are not going to let me rest!'

'My Hall of Life and Death is unbreakable, but it belongs to me. I have done things for the children. How can you leave them to me? Keep your dignity, can you?'

"Well, since the Golden Phoenix King trusts me, I am not going to say no, but there is something I must tell you before you make the decision." Ye Xiao said, "If you insist to leave the eggs here, you are not going to see how they hatch... I believe you know how important it is."

'If you want to play with me, I am going to play with you.' He decided to talk to them seriously.

"No matter how talented they will become, they are not going to see you when they first open their eyes." Ye Xiao pointed at himself and said, "They will see me. I will be the person they are closest to in the world. I may become more important to them than you two!"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "I wonder how that makes you feel?"

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King humphed. They realized Ye Xiao was not going to do it, so they angrily said, "So what? They are our children! No matter how close you are, nobody can change the fact!"

Ye Xiao felt helpless. He said, "Don't you care about it?"

It was weird. The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King both showed a weird smile and said, "You are a wise man, Monarch Ye. Don't you know what is the most important thing for the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan?"

Ye Xiao knew he had lost, but he still pretended to be confused. "What is it?"

“Come on. Stop pretending!” The Golden Phoenix King rolled up her eyes and said, “We need our children to go through the difficulties of the real world!”

“You know what I am talking about.” The Golden Phoenix King smiled and said, “If my child sees you when he first opens his eyes, I would say he is lucky.”

“We are leaving in three days.” The Purple Dragon King laughed.

“Before we leave, we will give you a gift to show our gratitude.” The Golden Phoenix King was happy too.

The Purple Dragon King nodded and said, “That’s right. We are going to give you a present!”

Ye Xiao’s eyes lit up and he said, “What is it? I like people giving me presents... You know what? It is my birthday the day after tomorrow... It is so kind of you...”

Ye Xiao’s eyes glittered. The kings of the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan were going to give him a present...

What could it be?

They couldn’t just randomly give him anything normal, could they? Ye Xiao looked forward to it.

Ye Xiao had tried to be kind, friendly, decent, elegant, but he couldn’t now. The two kings didn’t feel annoyed though. In fact, they thought this was better because it was real. If Ye Xiao was too honest and stubborn, they might not leave their children in this place. It must be either too honest or too cunning!

The Purple Dragon King smiled and said, “I am going to give it to you now. Happy birthday, Monarch Ye.”

He suddenly reached out a hand and tapped Ye Xiao on the chest. Ye Xiao didn’t have time to react, and his entire body suddenly felt warm. He couldn’t move.

The strong spiritual power had controlled Ye Xiao’s body and broke the spiritual qi inside his body.

Ye Xiao was powerless at the moment. He couldn’t run the energy inside him.

He was wasted!

The Purple Dragon King dragged Ye Xiao up and said, “Let’s go outside, and I am going to give you the birthday gift.”

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Before the Hall of Life and Death.

The Golden Phoenix King stood in front of the Purple Dragon King. They were a hundred feet away from each other.

The Purple Dragon King suddenly said, “Watch this.”

He pushed Ye Xiao’s waist and turned him up. Ye Xiao’s body was turned around, his face touching his butt. His two legs were on his shoulders.

He was like a ball right now.



The Purple Dragon King didn't stop. He threw Ye Xiao up and kicked him on the stomach.

Ye Xiao was like a rolling ball, and his belly was showing. If it hit him lower a little bit, he might lose his penis. That was close.

Ye Xiao was kicked so hard, and he flew up so high that he felt like he was moving among the clouds.

The Golden Phoenix King said, "Good move!" She stepped aside and lifted her feet. That was a hard kick right on Ye Xiao's thigh. Ye Xiao was kicked away, and he flew back to the Purple Dragon King.

The Purple Dragon King kicked him away before he touched the floor. It hit his dantian, a little lower from his belly, and pretty close to his crotch. With a sound of boom, Ye Xiao flew out again...

He was a man in the air!

Oh, he was a flying ball! That was right!

Ye Xiao had been kicked for almost an hour... That was almost a thousand kicks...

He didn't say anything, but he was sobbing in his head. 'What the hell did I do wrong?'

'Why are you doing this to me?'

'What the hell are you doing?'

'Are you going to kill me?'

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#### **Chapter 1644: Essence of Dragon and Phoenix**

The pain that was caused by the two kings on Ye Xiao wasn't so unbearable. After all, Ye Xiao had been through some special training in the Qing-Yun Realm that was given by the three great elders. That was one of the most extremely difficult and painful trials that Ye Xiao had ever experienced. However, this time, he felt utterly humiliated. 'No matter how powerful you are, I will take revenge someday! I know there is nothing much I can do for the time being, but your children will be in my hands! There will be a day when I am powerful enough to humiliate you back!'

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were officially on the revenge list in Ye Xiao's heart! That was not going to end well!

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After one hour, the Golden Phoenix King finally stopped kicking. She gently stopped Ye Xiao with one hand and then tapped him with the other.

Ye Xiao was free to move again, and he immediately shouted out abusive words. "You two are f..."

Before he finished the unspeakable words, the Golden Phoenix King tapped him again on the chest. Ye Xiao's mouth was still open, but he couldn't move again.

What happened next was smooth. The Golden Phoenix King pushed him on the belly and turned him over...

Ye Xiao became a ball again... This time, his head was touching his own crotch...

The next moment!

Puff! –

The Golden Phoenix King kicked Ye Xiao again on the butt... Ye Xiao flew up to the sky again...

The game kept going for one more hour...

Ye Xiao was put down again.

All Ye Xiao could see was a spinning world in his sight. He felt painful everywhere on his body. His head was buzzing, and he was going to be broken down! Every piece of bone in his body was kicked at least five hundred times! Every fiber of his muscles was kicked at least five hundred times!

Even the weakest part... of a man... was kicked at least five hundred times!

Ye Xiao felt like he was totally broken into pieces!

Even though he had been through some special training, he couldn't endure more of such inhuman torture.

He tried to open his eyes, but his eyelids were so swollen that he couldn't even do it...

He felt like the world was going to end. He was furious, so he shouted and said, "You two are..."

He was so angry, and he wanted to say something but turned out to spit out some saliva mixed with blood...

"Monarch Ye, this is the gift that we want you to accept. Happy birthday!" The Purple Dragon King laughed and said, "You don't need to thank us."

Ye Xiao spat out the mixture of saliva and blood again angrily and said, "Thank you... Thank you so very bloody much... I won't stop thanking you until death stopped me! I will remember what you have done to me today! I will remember you!"

Suddenly, he was surprised. He felt something different in his body.

The Golden Phoenix King walked over and smiled. "We will accept your gratitude. I believe you will need time to truly understand what our gift is, and what it means to you."

Ye Xiao felt that something was not as he thought. He said, "You... What..."

The Purple Dragon King smiled and said, "We want to give you something that you will have to experience with full concentration. We have set the extreme Yin and the extreme Yang in your body and then gave you the most precious thing for the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan."

"Chihuo risks his life to get it." The Golden Phoenix King blandly said, "Each time we hit you, there was a slight bit of the Essence of Dragon and Phoenix injected into your body."

“From now on, you are a person who has the essence of the pure energy of both our clans. It is a great enhancement for you...” The Golden Phoenix King smiled and said, “You will have to spend some time to figure out how powerful it is.”

The Purple Dragon King laughed and winked at Ye Xiao. “It especially enhances a particular part of you...”

The Golden Phoenix King blushed and angrily stared at the Purple Dragon King. She was going to smash him to death.

The Purple Dragon King stepped back a little and laughed loudly. “Monarch Ye, you will soon find out how it has greatly improved your capability. Hah hah hah hah...”

“It is... the Essence of Dragon and Phoenix?” Ye Xiao was shocked. His swollen eyes suddenly opened big and wide.

Did he really get such great benefits while being beaten up to the sky?

He suddenly felt much less painful now.

If getting beaten up like that could bring such a good benefit, everybody would want it... Everybody would love to be kicked like that as long as they could still be alive in the end.

Ye Xiao tried to move his body, nearly screeched out. He kept rubbing the muscles and bones that were nearly broken... He knew the two kings didn’t intend to hurt him. He still couldn’t help complaining though. “I know you just want to give me the Essence of Dragon and Phoenix... That is very kind of you, but the process... hurts...”

“Can’t you do it gently? Do you have to...” Ye Xiao kept moving his body, but he felt like he was powerless to move at all.

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King were both smiling, staring at Ye Xiao for a while. The Golden Phoenix King finally couldn’t hold it in anymore and said, “Well, we don’t need to do this if we were giving it to others... Because we were doing this for you, so we decided that we must make you suffer.”

Ye Xiao was shocked. He spat out saliva with blood and said, “So... You actually beat me up that hard by giving me something valuable at the same time... In fact, you don’t have a reason to beat me...”

“Oh, it is good that you understand it.” The two kings laughed loudly.

They just couldn’t stop feeling angry when they thought of the fact that their children had to be closer to Ye Xiao than to them, their parents. They just felt it was unfair.

‘This young man is nothing! Why does he get to have our children’s love!’

‘Humph! You are taking great advantage of us! We have to beat you up really hard to vent the anger in our hearts!’

Ye Xiao kept cursing in a low voice but didn’t dare to let the two kings hear him.

'The Dragon and the Phoenix... If you think I am taking advantage of you and beat me up for it, you better know what I may do someday in the future! When I am powerful enough, I will take revenge!'

'I will get back to you someday in the future!'

'Your kids are going to come to the world soon... I am going to beat them up eight times a day!'

'I can't beat you, but I can beat your kids! Hell yes, I can!'

'It is never too late to take revenge!'

'Pah! No matter how much I want to be a decent man, I have already given you my help! Next, I need to take revenge!'

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#### **Chapter 1645: Theft!**

Three days later.

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King left after pacing up and down.

An important message had spread to the world.

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King had traced down Chihuo, one of the Seven Colored Lords, after traveling seven hundred and fifty thousand miles, and they eventually killed Lord Chihuo in the City of Chaos. They were leaving for the Glaze Sky at the moment!

Lord Chihuo of the Seven Colored Lords had died. That was a big issue for the entire Human Realm Upon Heavens!

Even though Chihuo had lost his fame in this world, the Seven Colored Lords were on top of the martial world of the Human Realm Upon Heavens!

The news shocked the entire world.

The Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan had shown their power and prestige.

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However, the news was less shocking in the Limitless Ocean especially in the City of Chaos. The Seven Golden Lotus had returned to their own places and continued their isolated meditation. They didn't even pay attention to the matters about their own clans.

They didn't care how things were going...

After staying quiet for a few days, the Great Ye Army started to restore order in the City of Chaos. They were clever this time. From the north of the city, they started to set their forces into the city. One by one, they checked everybody and everything.

Wherever they went, they destroyed those who disobey and spare those who support them!

It was effective, only not thorough! It greatly decreased the possibility of a riot!

When they started to do it from the north, somebody jumped up to resist, but the Great Ye Army just kept crushing everything and everybody that was in their way. After their fierce repression, nobody dared to stand up against them anymore...

The City of Chaos belonged to the Great Ye Army!

Everything went so well, so Ye Yunduan started to pay attention to the only place in the city that didn't belong to him. It was the Hall of Life and Death.

In the Hall of Life and Death, there was a man who was a threat to the Great Ye Army.

Ye Xiao!

Even though things were different and Ye Yunduan had finally controlled the entire city, he still wanted to kill the man who was named Ye as well! Apparently, he was unable to do it yet.

Ye Xiao was in the City of Chaos surrounded by the Great Ye Army, but the Hall of Life and Death was unbreakable.

Although the Monarch's Hall was weak, nobody dared to mess with the marvelous doctor who could save anybody from death! After all, no matter how powerful a man was, he only had one life!

Many leaders in the Great Ye Army had gotten their lives back with the help of Ye Xiao.

Ye Yunduan would have to deal with these people on his side before reaching his hand to Ye Xiao...

These men all made a vow to Ye Xiao.

The vow was ensured by the Heavenly Dao, and whoever violated it would die immediately!

The Great Ye Army was still recruiting new members. If people heard that the Great Ye Army people were dishonorable men who went against their own words, people would refuse to join them!

Ye Yunduan hated Ye Xiao so much, but there was not much he could do about it yet.

However, Ye Yunduan wasn't worried. The Hall of Life and Death still only provided treatment for dying men.

It only opened for its patients.

That was a message. 'I am here, and I don't want any trouble. No matter what you do out there, I won't interfere. I will only run my own business in my place, and that is all!'

The Great Ye Army was expanding fast, and Ye Yunduan was happy. Weird things had happened though.

First of all...

Many cultivators who were rich in the City of Chaos loved breeding fish, not to cultivate their sentiment, but to aid their martial art cultivation. This fish was a special species in the Human Realm Upon Heavens, which was called Energy Gathering Fish.

The Energy Gathering Fish didn't require special breeding conditions. It could be kept in a bedroom, a study room, a sanctum... It gathered the spiritual qi around the place.

It was a great tool to help with cultivation.

When something was rare, it was dear. Only rich people could keep the Energy Gathering Fish.

Ye Yunduan was rich and powerful, so he built a pond with an arbor in the middle over the water. The arbor was small, and it only had room for one man sitting in meditation.

That was enough for Ye Yunduan!

In the pond, there were hundreds of Energy Gathering Fish.

Ye Yunduan felt good whenever he sat here for cultivation.

However, one day, he realized that he was improving slower and slower. After some investigation, he found the reason.

Half of the fish in the pond were gone. That was why he was slowing down!

Ye Yunduan raged in fury. "Who stole my fish?"

Every Energy Gathering Fish in the pond was about forty kilograms. How could they just disappear without being noticed?

A big Energy Gathering Fish like these was top-class. It could be sold for one hundred purple spirit coins each, and it was hard to find in the market.

It was priceless.

And it was definitely rare in the market.

Half of his fish were gone. That was killing Ye Yunduan.

Not only Ye Yunduan but also many other people in the City of Chaos had lost their fish.

"A marvelous thief hides in the City of Chaos! Energy Gathering Fish is the target!"

That was the news.

Ye Yunduan's lost fish could be a notable case. It was not easy to make a big fish disappear without a sound. The truth was that Master Ye Yunduan had lost half of his fish, which meant over a hundred fish were gone. How powerful was the thief? It must be a marvelous thief!

How could anybody do this if not a marvelous thief?

The theft was not the only weird thing that had happened...

In the City of Chaos, all the spiritual birds, spiritual beasts with feathers, suddenly became depressed... They didn't eat or sleep. Some of them actually died...

Ordinary birds were normal.

A Saint Origin Stage cultivator reluctantly dissected his dead bird, and he found that the inner core of the bird was gone. The inner core of a spiritual beast was important. Without the inner core, a spiritual beast wouldn't live long... It was like a cultivator who had lost all cultivation, who would die soon...

When the news spread, people started to check their own beasts, and they found the inner cores were all gone!

The entire City of Chaos was shocked.

“Who killed our spiritual beasts?”

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#### **Chapter 1646: Worst-hit Area**

Everybody was thinking about the same question.

Nobody gave the answer. They were clueless.

Ye Yunduan didn't lose the most, but his pond was the worst-hit area.

He had brought a few Golden Shuttle Falcons from the Great Ye Clan, and now they were all gone.

All he had left were some feathers on the floor. The birds were gone...

Ye Yunduan was blank.

The Golden Shuttle Falcon was not an ordinary spiritual beast. It transported messages, which was fast and persistent, always survived the worst situation. It was a powerful spiritual beast. No other spiritual beasts could defeat a Golden Shuttle Falcon in the sky. It wasn't invincible, but it could always escape because of its incredible speed. There was a reason why it was called the Golden Shuttle Falcon.

The falcons were all gone at the same time. Whoever did this must be incredibly fast. To catch a few Golden Shuttle Falcons at the same time was much more difficult than to catch one. It wouldn't be a surprise if they were eaten, because that wasn't difficult as long as the birds were caught!

Ye Yunduan didn't want to think about those, because it was important. He just wanted to know how to contact his family if he didn't have the falcons!

Ye Yunduan did lose a lot, but he was in the worst situation. Somebody suffered more than him.

One day, somebody shouted in the city!

“Who stole my Sky Spirit Herbs?!”

That was short, but it shocked the entire city. The shout was loud, but people cared more about the man himself!

It was clear and people all recognized the voice. It was one of the great ancestors of the Seven Golden Lotuses, Ju Weisheng!

The great ancestor of the Ju Clan actually got burgled as well. He had lost some spiritual medical plants, the Sky Spirit Herbs!

The Sky Spirit Herb didn't work in the human body, but it was great for the spiritual beasts. The older the herbs were, the better it worked on the beasts.

Ju Weisheng had lost some priceless Sky Spirit Herbs. He had been planting them for a hundred thousand years!

He must have spent so much time and resources on those herbs!

The ten-year-old Sky Spirit Herbs were magnificent. If a spiritual beast ate them, they would enhance its connection to the sky and the earth, to the Heavenly Dao. Most importantly, a Saint Level spiritual beast could rise up to an upper level by eating the herbs!

A low-level spiritual beast could rise up to the high-level with it! A high-level beast could become a superior divine beast!

A divine beast!

It was in the same league with the dragon and the phoenix!

Ju Weisheng's great Sky Spirit Herbs were priceless and rare!

He was furious about losing his hard work of one hundred thousand years.

His powerful spiritual mind immediately covered the entire city. He was going to find the thief. However, after a long time, after searching every corner of the city for a few times, he found nothing... It was a waste of time...

One day after that...

Guan Shanyao's furious voice shouted out loudly. "Who is it? Who stole my Soil Vein Vine?"

After one more day...

It was Yue Youyou's turn. "Where is my Moonlight Flower?"

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The great ancestors had lost their precious treasures, so the seven lotus clans sent people out to search for the thief. This time, they worked even more thoroughly than the last time when they searched for Chihuo...

However, precious things kept being stolen... Some of them actually disappeared in front of people's eyes... It was like a myth...

After one month, all the Energy Gathering Fish in the city were gone... Nothing left!

Dead ponds were everywhere...

In the same month, all the spiritual birds were dead!

The fish might still be alive, but the beasts were definitely dead. After all, the feathers on the floor proved everything!

After that... things kept getting more and more horrible!

Everything valuable in the City of Chaos was gone one after another... They just disappeared!



That was not horrible enough. Nobody caught the thief! That was horrible. Nobody found any trace of the thief...

The Seven Golden Lotus great ancestors sat together. They were all so angry!

They all lost something, and they didn't know what to say!

They didn't expect this to happen, but everything happened for a reason. They had a lot of valuable things, and many of them were stolen!

"I don't know who the City of Chaos has pissed off... It is fine that somebody does something out of hate for the city. I just don't understand how anybody can steal things in such an unimaginable way..." Guan Shanyao rubbed his beard and frowned. "I still remember the world's best thief in the Human Realm Upon Heavens. He didn't have such capabilities. If anybody stole something from us, we must be careless. Well, somebody stole our things again and again... This is..."

"What did you lose?" Yue Youyou seemed to be gloating.

"My Ocean Tablet is gone..." Guan Shanyao looked annoyed. "My Ocean Dragon Pearl as well... My Flying Roc is gone too... It took thirty thousand years to hatch! Its inner core was ripped out... And my Sky Ring Flower... It is a hundred thousand years old... It is gone... More than that, my favorite bead is gone too... What angers me the most is that my Energy Gathering Fish are stolen too... Three hundred! All gone! I got nothing left! How vicious the thief must be! I have lost everything!"

The other six men were all shocked.

'Master Guan has been quiet... yet he actually lost the most.'

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#### **Chapter 1647: Two Thieves Sharing Spoils**

"Brother Guan, I must say something about you." Yun Duanlu stared at Guan Shanyao and said, "We all lost something, and I won't say anything about it... However, you actually lost the bead that you have been carrying, and also three hundred wonderful Energy Gathering Fish... That is too much. Ye Yunduan's fish is less than fifty kilograms each. Your fish is over five hundred kilograms... Now they are gone... Just like that..."

"Is it even possible?" Yun Duanlu said, "This is unbelievable..."

Guan Shanyao's red face turned purple. He said, "They are just gone. Just like that. What can I do? You guys keep teasing me. Didn't you lose something too? Did you catch the thief? Well, you know what? I would shut up if you only saw the thief, not to mention catch him! What have you got? Show me!"

The seven men were in chaos.

However, after arguing for a long time, a depressed sigh was the end of the argument.

They had become great cultivators for over a hundred thousand years. It was the first time they were so disgraced like this!

The treasures were gone just before their eyes... They were just gone...

Their spiritual minds didn't sense a thing...

Nobody would believe it!

Even the five sky kings couldn't steal things from them so quietly. It would be easier for the five kings to kill them than stealing things from them.

"This is..." Song Poxiao said, "Unbelievable!"

Luckily, no matter how strange it was, it had stopped.

The theft stopped because there was nothing valuable in the City of Chaos to steal anymore.

In fact, people did notice something during that time.

For example...

Guan Shanyao had seen a wild cat in his house several times... The cat was lovely...

In fact, many people had seen this weak and adorable cat.

Nobody put that in mind...

A cat that was the size of a human hand... How could a cat like that have anything to do with the thief?

Yue Youyou didn't just see the cat though. He had seen a small hawk once... However, it was just a bird. He didn't pay extra attention to it...

A bird like that was most likely a message carrier. He was sure it was a spiritual beast...

It wasn't important!

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Ye Xiao had finished some cultivation for a few days, and there was nothing he needed to do about the patients, so he entered the Boundless Space.

As he got in, he happened to see somebody cutting the spoils.

"Meow... This is mine!"

"Coo... It is mine!"

"Meow... Meow... That one is mine!"

"Coo... Coo... Bullsh\*t! This is not yours!"

"Meow? How can you talk to me like that? You are not going to get anything!"

"Coo... Please... I am wrong... This is yours..."

"Meow. Good. I am glad that you have grown... These are yours..."

"Coo... Coo... Thank you, boss. You are so generous and elegant..."

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Ye Xiao nearly passed out.

A small kitty and a small hawk were sharing the spoils!

The cat grabbed something with its paw, while the bird got something else with its wings.

One cat, one hawk, and a huge pile of treasures were right in front of his eyes.

Ye Xiao was shocked. 'How did they get all these wonderful treasures?'

He was confused. 'Where do these things come from? They don't belong to the Space...'

"Ahem!"

Ye Xiao coughed to remind the beasts of his arrival.

It worked. The cat and the hawk suddenly split away and ran. Within one second, they were gone, and the huge pile of treasures was left behind.

After that...

"Meow... It scared the hell out of me... I thought..."

"Coo... It scared me too. I thought they were here to get these things back... It turns out the Master arrives..."

'Why can't you just come and don't cough? Does it make you feel special?'

A white shadow flashed. Erhuo got into Ye Xiao's arms, rubbing his chest with its furry head. Hawky flew over as well, stood on Ye Xiao's shoulder and rubbing his cheeks with its head...

"When someone suddenly become nice, he must want something!"

Ye Xiao looked at the two small things and said, "Say it. What have you done? Where did you get all these things?"

Ye Xiao knew these two things so well. Hawky used to be an innocent animal with a pure heart, but it must have been staying with the cat for too long. They must have done something unspeakable!

Well, they didn't just get these things from others!

The cat and the hawk both kept their heads low, grumbling...

"Did you steal them?" Ye Xiao was shocked.

He had thought of this possibility, but he wasn't sure about it. Now he was sure. How did they get all these valuable things if they didn't steal them?

"Meow..." "Coo..."

"Where did you steal them from?"

"Meow..."

"How many?"

“Coo...”

“All these things? You stole all?” Ye Xiao was shocked.

“Meow...”

“Wait... Are you telling me you have stolen everything in the city that are useful to you? You stole everything?” Ye Xiao’s voice changed.

“Coo...”

“Oh my god...”

Ye Xiao held his own forehead...

He turned around and saw the Silver-scaled Golden-caruncled Snakes... They were eating several giant fish...

‘The snakes are at the top level... but they are still from the lower realm. They should be some low-level spiritual beasts in the Human Realm Upon Heavens. The fish they are eating... seems to be... the Energy Gathering Fish!’

‘Those are some huge Energy Gathering Fish! Priceless!’

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#### **Chapter 1648: Confiscated**

‘Oh my heavens... Some cheap Silver-scaled Golden-caruncled Snakes are enjoying some top-level Energy Gathering Fish! How is this possible?’

“Oh, help me! How did I end up with two monsters that bring me endless troubles?” Ye Xiao was having a headache. He truly didn’t know how to deal with it anymore.

The food should be easy to get rid of.

The beads, tablets, and tokens... They were mostly connected to their owners, and nearly impossible to destroy... How was he going to deal with them?

It should be safe to keep them in the Boundless Space, but what is the point to keep a lot of valuable things in there?

Ye Xiao was completely speechless now.

‘I have just set these two monsters free for a few days... They actually made such trouble!’

‘These are all extraordinary treasures!’

‘People are chasing after these things... The owners of these things must be powerful! This is a mess...’

“You two!”

Ye Xiao pointed on Erhuo’s head and it was put down on the floor. It stared at Ye Xiao with anger and grudge in its cute small eyes.

He pushed Hawky down with the other hand. Hawky laid on the floor and groaned.

“Can’t you just be smart?! Can’t you do it in a clever way?”

“You two are such idiots!”

Ye Xiao stared at the two little things, and they just kept their heads low.

“Here comes my final decision. The spoils are confiscated!” Ye Xiao waved one hand and decisively said.

“Meow!”

“Coo!”

The next moment, the two little things were moaning.

‘You are vicious! We have been busy for a long time for these treasures! How can you just confiscate them? This is unreasonable!’

‘Why do we have to follow this man? Oh heavens...’

In the end...

Ye Xiao had taken away all those that Erhuo and Hawky didn’t need.

That was a lot!

He had obtained a huge amount of valuable treasures, which made him incredibly rich!

However, it was not a good thing for him.

Ye Xiao didn’t care about it though. In fact, he was a little happy about it now, because he was going to get a lot of valuable treasures. He just put them into the Nine Spaces. The cat and the hawk weren’t going to need a lot. Ye Xiao was going to get most of the spoils!

He truly knew how to be content with what he had.

‘Well, if I am going to take something that you need, you are going to give it to me anyway! Even if you two get everything, and you two get greatly enhanced, I get the biggest benefit, don’t I? I am the master!’

That was truly shameless!

The inner cores were already shared by Erhuo and Hawky. Nothing was left.

The hawk got about seventy percent of all the inner cores. Erhuo was greedy, but it always treated Hawky well. Erhuo had taken the most valuable ones, but given a lot to the hawk at the same time!

The two monsters swallowed the inner cores while the snakes were dripping saliva off their mouths.

Ye Xiao was shocked.

It was difficult to imagine how a kitty swallowed an inner core that was as big as a watermelon, but Ye Xiao witnessed it... Erhuo kept swallowing big inner cores one by one...

That was a blast in Ye Xiao's mind.

It just didn't add up!

On the other side, Hawky was also swallowing the inner cores that were as big as cantaloupes.

It was also a shocking picture, but Hawky used to be huge, so it didn't astonish Ye Xiao that much. Erhuo was different... It was always just a small thing that was as big as a human hand... It was a small adorable kitten... The way it swallowed the inner core was horrible... That was shocking...

Ye Xiao stared at Erhuo's belly and he was confused.

How did Erhuo swallow so many things like that? It was just such a tiny cat?

Was Erhuo's stomach another Boundless Space?

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The spiritual qi in the Boundless Space was howling.

The storm of spiritual qi was brushing the eggs of the dragon and the phoenix.

They needed a lot of spiritual energy to hatch. If they were placed somewhere normal, even if they could absorb all the energy within three thousand miles and drained all the energy from all living things within that area, they still couldn't hatch.

In the Boundless Space, the spiritual qi was rich.

The Boundless Space produced spiritual energy itself, and it stored a huge amount from the outside. Ye Xiao was in the core spot of the Great Formation of Stars. The great formation was refining itself, absorbing energy from the world. The spiritual qi it gathered was shockingly huge, and it was horrible for ordinary people. However, it was just a tiny part of the energy in the Human Realm Upon Heavens. In fact, it was worthless. A method to gather a lot of spiritual energy from the world was important. The Great Formation of Stars and the Boundless Space together made a perfect method!

The two eggs in the Boundless Space stayed in the densest spiritual qi!

They got more spiritual qi than they needed, and the qi inside the Boundless Space was the purest ultimate purple qi!

The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King could never get such good spiritual energy. That was why they would leave the eggs to Ye Xiao.

The eggs had some extraordinary changes now.

Ye Xiao looked at the eggs under the light. He clearly saw the two living creatures were moving inside the eggs... They were moving slowly...

They were wriggling!

Ye Xiao was excited. Maybe it was his fate to be a friend to some eggs.

He used to receive Brother Egg that became Erhuo in the end. The Egg actually made supreme dan beads for him and killed Gu Jinlong when Ye Xiao was in danger. More than that, it helped Ye Xiao killed Bu Jingtian! Brother Egg was awesome!

Now, there were two eggs with him.

He wondered... what the creatures were like when they hatched. Were they a tiny dragon and a tiny bird? Were they just two babies?

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#### **Chapter 1649: You are Ineligible!**

The two kings were man-shaped, and they talked like human beings. What would their children be like?

Ye Xiao had no idea!

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Ye Xiao left the Boundless Space and went to Chihuo's room to check if he was fine.

Chihuo didn't have much time left, but he wasn't lying on the bed waiting for death!

Chihuo couldn't have a breakthrough in his Fire of Dragon and Phoenix, and that was the only reason he was going to die so soon. If he couldn't make progress in the three years, his life would not be extended to a great deal!

At the moment, Chihuo was concentrating on cultivating. The spiritual qi was rushing into his body.

He looked like a different person now, compared to the weak old man who talked to the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King earlier. He was energetic and lively.

Ye Xiao just entered the room, and Chihuo already noticed him. He slowly opened his eyes and smiled. "Lord Monarch, you are here."

He spoke blandly, but his voice was full of respect.

Ye Xiao was young, but he had done such a great thing in the world. Everything about him was impressive. Chihuo sincerely respected him.

"Master Chihuo, how do you feel?" Ye Xiao smiled and asked.

"Well, I guess I am better than I expected. I didn't know the spiritual qi here is this dense and pure." Chihuo looked happy. "My wounds are cured. I think I will break the barrier on my way to the eighth level of the Fire of Dragon and Phoenix. I think I will make progress in half a year! I will be an immortal!"

He sounded so excited.

He thought three years were the longest time he had got left. Now he realized the Hall of Life and Death could save him!

As long as he could reach the eighth level of the Fire of Dragon and Phoenix, he could have a hundred thousand years ahead to live on!

He would become one of the best cultivators in the Human Realm Upon Heavens again!

That was such a great thing for him.

Nobody wanted to die.

Even though Chihuo had lived such a long life, he didn't want to die.

In fact, because Chihuo was so close to the top of the world, he didn't want to die!

"Lord Monarch, what can I do for you?" Chihuo asked.

Ye Xiao smiled and frankly said, "Master Chihuo, the Monarch's Hall doesn't have a really powerful cultivator. I've come to invite you... I want you to join the Monarch's Hall!"

Chihuo's eyes glittered. He said, "I knew you would ask me to join the Monarch's Hall, Lord Monarch. However, I wonder what position you want me to take?"

Ye Xiao said, "The Prime Guardian! What do you think?"

"The Prime Guardian. I thought you wanted me to be the Prime Elder..." Chihuo nodded and said, "I am glad that you invited me... I was worried because I really must not be an elder or something like that!"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Master Chihuo, was it because I might threaten you of not allowing you to stay here and cultivate?"

Chihuo seriously said, "To be honest, that is exactly what I am worried about. It would disappoint me if you did."

Ye Xiao blandly smiled and said, "There is no need to worry about that. I will look down upon myself if I do that to you."

Chihuo suddenly laughed loudly.

He was happy. Shaking his head, he said, "I have traveled the world, and I have been through one hundred and thirty thousand years in this cruel life. I think I have already reached the top of the world at some point... Although I am never the most powerful person in the world, I am still an influential one. Now, a young man, a kid, is asking me to join his organization... Does it mean I have to follow his orders from now on? Am I going to lose my freedom? Am I going to be a servant...?"

Ye Xiao just kept listening to him quietly.

"Before what just happened recently, I wouldn't accept such an invitation. Even if I know I only have three years to live, I may slap you to death!"

Chihuo said, "However, at this moment, I don't see why it is unacceptable. I am glad. In fact, I was excited about joining the Monarch's Hall before you asked me to! I really don't know what is wrong with me!"

Chihuo shook his head and said, "I don't know what I am thinking about."

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Don't you? Don't you really? You do!"



Chihuo laughed again and said, "Great! Lord Monarch, I am joining the Monarch's Hall. There is nothing left to talk about. However, there is something I want from you."

"What is it that you want? Please, just let me know." Ye Xiao said.

"I think the position of the Prime Guardian is lower than I expected." Chihuo's eyes glittered.

"Oh? I think you misunderstood me. The Prime Guardian is only second to the Prime Leader of the Monarch's Hall. You will be as important and powerful as the Great Executor. You will be only second to me. Well, if you don't want to be the Prime Guardian, do you want to be the Prime Elder? Or perhaps the Great Dedicator? Would you like that?" Ye Xiao said.

Chihuo smiled and said, "I know how important and powerful the Prime Guardian is. It is such an influential position. I know it is a good position for me. I won't be a Great Dedicator or an elder in the Monarch's Hall either... Well... In fact, I heard that there are five positions that remain vacant which are called the Five Kings... I am wondering if I can be one of the Five Kings of the Monarch's Hall?"

Ye Xiao said, "Are you going to give up the position as the Prime Guardian for a position as one of the Five Kings?"

Chihuo nodded and said, "Exactly."

Ye Xiao paced a few steps and shook his head. "No!"

"What? Why not?" Chihuo was shocked. He couldn't believe Ye Xiao would refuse him. Ye Xiao actually refused him so decisively. Chihuo asked, "Why not?"

"The reason is simple. You are ineligible yet!" Ye Xiao blandly said.

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#### **Chapter 1650: Erhuo was Jealous**

"I am what? Ineligible?" Chihuo felt fuzzy in the head all of a sudden. He couldn't believe it.

*'Holy hell? How good do you think the Five Kings of the Monarch's Hall should be? Isn't the standard too high? I am Chihuo, one of the Seven Colored Lords, and you are telling me I am ineligible to be one of your Five Kings?'*

*'Besides, the Monarch's Hall has no great cultivators at the moment! I am doing you a great favor to join you! You should beg me to choose the position I want, shouldn't you?'*

"Listen. Truth to be told, the positions of the Five Kings will remain vacant. Let's just assume that these five don't exist." Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Let me be clear to you. The Five Kings will remain vacant until the day when the Monarch's Hall becomes great. When the Monarch's Hall is great, I, the Monarch, will appoint the five persons. Before that, these are just five meaningless titles.

"You are ineligible not because you are weak. You are obviously powerful. In fact, anybody in the Monarch's Hall has his chance to be one of the Five Kings. It is just that... You have to fight for it. You have to earn it." Ye Xiao blandly smiled and said, "In fact, two thousand men in the Monarch's Hall were aiming at the positions of the Five Kings, including Bu Xiangfeng the Great Executor, Meng Youjiang the Head of all Departments, the leaders of the twelve units, the Seven Stars... Everyone is watching..."

“If you tell people you want to be one of the Five Kings, they won’t be surprised. ‘I want to be one of the Five Kings too. Let’s work hard on it!’ That is what you will hear in return. No matter how powerful you are, you don’t get the privilege!

“Nobody will just let you take the position.

“It is not only your dream!

“But also all the others!

“You want that position, then you need to be powerful, but not only to be powerful. It is not enough to have my approval!

“That is why you are ineligible.” Ye Xiao looked at Chihuo and said, “I can’t give you the position of one of the Five Kings. You can start from the Prime Guardian, or just forget about it.”

Ye Xiao was decisive. There was no room to negotiate.

Chihuo was a bit upset.

*‘Who am I? I am Chihuo! One of the Seven Colored Lords!’*

*‘I am not just somebody!’*

*‘I can get a high position even in the Hall of Returning Nature, or the House of Chaotic Storms. They will let somebody go to make room for me! They will even treat me so well as if I were their ancestor...’*

*‘How could you... Why is it so difficult to ask for just one position in the Monarch’s Hall, such a small organization? I am ineligible... Well...’*

“The Prime Guardian...” Chihuo said, “Do you have another position for me? Well... Not a dedicator or an elder...”

Ye Xiao said, “Sure!”

“What?” Chihuo was spirited.

He thought Ye Xiao was going to give him a special position!

“I need a steward.” Ye Xiao smiled and said, “You can be my steward if you want. You will be free. I don’t have a home in the Human Realm Upon Heavens yet. My steward won’t have much work to do yet. You don’t even need to report anything to me. You just have to mind your own business!”

Chihuo raged up in fury and said, “How dare you! You actually want me to be your servant!”

“I am not forcing you... You can choose the Prime Guardian... That is not my servant, but my brother!” Ye Xiao smiled and said, “Two options for you. Just pick one. You are free to choose.”

*‘Free to choose’*

Chihuo stared at Ye Xiao’s smiling face and really wanted to punch him hard!

It wouldn’t ease the anger in his chest even if he did.

*'How could you say the word free? You only give me two options... One is to be your slave and the other is to be your brother...'*

*'That isn't free to choose, is it?'*

*'Free your arse!'*

Chihuo was so angry that he couldn't say a word. After a while, he took a deep breath and said in a weak voice, like a rooster who just lost a fight, "I am free to choose... Well, I will choose the Prime Guardian..."

Ye Xiao clapped his hands and said, "You do know how to make a good choice! Brilliant! Now, in the name of the Monarch's Hall, I welcome you, Chihuo, to be the Prime Guardian of the Monarch's Hall!"

After that, he reached out a hand and sincerely said, "I believe you will know what a brilliant choice you just made in the future."

Chihuo nearly spat out blood.

*'Brilliant choice?'*

*'Choosing to be a subordinate over a slave? That is not a difficult choice to make, is it? Nobody wants to be a slave!'*

*'Do I need to praise it too?'*

Chihuo didn't know that somebody else was starting a fight against Ye Xiao at the moment!

Erhuo was angrily shouting at Ye Xiao. "Meow! Master! What the hell? What was that? How dare you offer the position of the steward to somebody else? What about me? Do you think anybody can be a steward? Do you know how hard it is to be a good steward? A steward must be powerful, educated, experienced, knowledgeable, and responsible! Look at that old man! How could you give him the offer? You are overestimating him!"

Ye Xiao was surprised. "What? Is it important? What is that? A good steward? Erhuo, do you know what you are talking about?"

Erhuo was still angry. "What do you mean? I am talking about you! Say it! You were wrong, weren't you?"

Ye Xiao was still in shock. He didn't understand why Erhuo had such a bad reaction. He softly said, "Can you please explain to me why I was wrong?"

Erhuo was less angry, so it said, "Master, you must understand. I am doing the steward's job for you. I am doing a great job as a steward! I am hard-working, careful, attentive, and responsible. That is why we can expand so fast recently! What do you think that old man can do? Do you think he can be as capable as I am? I am perfect! I am noble! I am pretty!"

Ye Xiao finally understood why Erhuo was angry. Erhuo felt threatened because of Chihuo! *'Holy heavens... What the hell? Aren't you such a paranoid?'*

*'Erhuo is jealous...'*

*'Wait... My steward is a cat?'*

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