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Chapter 1691: The Four Great Spiritual Medicinal Plants; the Cane of Void

Erhuo was talking to Ye Xiao through mind connection. "This is simple. The bird must be touched or too excited or maybe jealous!"

'Touched? Excited? Jealous?'

'What is this about?'

Ye Xiao was confused. 'It got excited only by entering this space?'

'Really?'

'It that necessary?'

Erhuo said, "Master, you just don't appreciate your luck. If one is not in someone else's situation one cannot understand that person's troubles. You have lived an easy life. You don't know how much this means to the bird! I don't want to talk to you anymore!"

'What? Erhuo is getting bold! How can it talk to me like this?'

Ye Xiao squinted at Erhuo with a fierce look.

"How is it? It is a good place for living?" Ye Xiao didn't have time to talk to Erhuo anymore. He blandly smiled and talked to Bab.

Bab was emotional. It ran over to Ye Xiao and actually held him with both wings. It was sobbing... like a kid who finally found his family after suffering for a whole day...

"Are you crying?" Ye Xiao was shocked that a bird could cry.

"These are all I can give to you..." Ye Xiao pretended to be helpless. "If you really don't want to follow me, I will set you free right now. Don't use your tears... I know... I won't force you to do anything..."

"Chirp, chirp, chirp... Chirp, chirp... Coo, coo, coo..." Bab started to shout out so loud. Its both wings kept waving, and it tried to explain. It wanted to tell Ye Xiao it had made up its mind to follow Ye Xiao with loyalty... 'I am yours! I will do whatever you want!'

"What is it?" Ye Xiao pretended and asked, "Do you still want to go? When do you want to leave?"

'Damn it! I don't want to leave!'

Bab was anxious now. "Chirp, chirp... Coo, coo, coo... Chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp..."

"Oh, do you want to go now? Why so soon!" Ye Xiao blinked.

Bab was so angry.

It directly lay down in Ye Xiao's arms and kept rubbing Ye Xiao with its beak...

It decided to do whatever it took to stay...

'Please, don't let me go...'

'I am not going anywhere... I would rather die than leave this place... No... Oh...'

"Do you want to... Really? Do you want to stay? Do you want to follow me?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Chirp..." Bab kept fawning. "Master... Just let me stay... Please let me stay... You are my boss. I will do whatever you want me to do... I am yours... Please treat me well..."

Ye Xiao laughed and said, "Okay. If you don't want to go, do you want to live here? Whenever you want to leave, just tell me. I will let you go."

'Leave? I am not going to leave...'

Bab stayed in Ye Xiao's arms and closed its eyes.

'This is so comfortable... I am so happy...'

'I finally got my perfect spot in this world...'

'The man is good... The place is awesome...'

'I must do my best to be a good bird for him!'

"But... You are here... You..." Ye Xiao frowned.

Bab was enlightened. It hastily waved one of its wings to point at the exit. It dragged Ye Xiao's sleeve with its beak and pulled him out...

"What? What are you doing?"

"Are we going to get your original body? Are you sure that is a good idea? We don't know each other that much yet!"

"The sooner, the better? Are you sure? Well, you should be free to go whenever you want to, but if your original body is planted here, you can't leave! Don't you need to think more carefully?"

"You can't wait? Are you really that hasty? Are you sure?"

Bab nodded so hard that it nearly broke its neck...

Ye Xiao almost laughed out loud.

Finally... He did it...

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"Oh, right. You haven't told me what you are, have you?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Chirp, chirp, chirp..."

"What? Cane of Void?"

"Coo."

“Cane of Void? The Cane of Void?”

Ye Xiao was shocked.

He knew that it must be something valuable, but he never expected this... It turned out the bird was actually the top-class spiritual medicinal plant, the Cane of Void!

Erhuo was shocked as well.

‘Cane of Void?’

‘When the universe is created, when darkness and the light appeared, there were four great spiritual medicinal plants!’

‘The Herb of Darkness.’

‘The One Meter of Red’

‘The Colorful Gourd.’

‘The Cane of Void!’

The Herb of Darkness always grew somewhere bright, but when the herb grew too big, the entire place would fall into darkness. As long as the Herb of Darkness was there, nothing shined in the area around it.

The Herb of Darkness should be rare.

However, it wasn’t the rarest. The Herb of Darkness was seen in the world for many years. Somebody had experienced the darkness of the herb for over a hundred years. Somebody actually saw the herb!

The other three great ancient medicinal plants were mysteries! Nobody had seen them!

The One Meter of Red was described as a herb that looked extremely normal. When the herb sprouted, it instantly grew one meter, and that was it. It stopped growing. There were too many plants that could grow higher than one meter, and that was why the One Meter of Red was easily ignored. Nobody paid attention to a plant that looked so normal among the other plants. Some people knew the other names of the One Meter of Red, such as the One Meter Red Dust, Ten Meter of Red, Thousands of Meters of Red...

Where there was a world, there were men, and there was the One Meter of Red.

There was one thing people knew about it. If people could see the One Meter of Red sprout and grow to one meter high, then this person would get some incredible power which would allow him to become something immortal! It was just a story though because nobody ever did it.

Perhaps, it was a myth!

The Colorful Gourd was mysterious as well. It only existed somewhere near the sky. Who knew where it was anyway?

However, the Colorful Gourd was the reason for the rainbows.

When the sunshine went through the Colorful Gourd, the rainbow was created...

Nobody had ever seen the Colorful Gourd though. It was also a story.

The most mysterious one of the four great spiritual plants was the Cane of Void.

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Chapter 1692: The Original Body of the Cane of Void

Nobody had ever seen the Cane of Void. In fact, there weren't any records about the Herb of Darkness, the One Meter of Red, or the Colorful Gourd. The Cane of Void only grew with emptiness. Nobody knew what it looked like. Nobody knew what power it had. People weren't even sure if the Cane of Void really existed...

That was why people called it the cane that appeared nowhere.

All in all, the Cane of Void was much more mysterious than the other three great spiritual plants!

Ye Xiao was so surprised... The bird who was so close to him in his arms...

It was actually a Cane of Void!

That was the true top-class spiritual medicinal plant in the universe!

When he told Fang Wudi it was the world's most valuable medicinal plant, he didn't know it was true...

'I...'

Ye Xiao felt like he was drunk, lost, unconscious...

Erhuo was not affected that much by it though. 'Yes, it is the Cane of Void, so what? Okay. It is the rare treasure of the world. That doesn't change the fact that I am the boss! I am the Primal Spirit in Chaos! Every living creature is under my command...'

'Come on... Master... You can't just forget about how important I am because of the bird... When I was an egg, I already fought with you side by side... You can't forget about the egg over the bird! The egg is important!'

'Be careful!'

The bird... No, Bab was... Hmm... No. The Cane of Void was dragging Ye Xiao to find its original body so that Ye Xiao could have it...

Ye Xiao could plant it in the Boundless Space after that...

The bird must have heard the cat's complaint... so it wanted to be settled as soon as possible to make a prestige!

'Holy hell...'

Ye Xiao felt like he was dreaming. 'Is this real?'

'I... I must be dreaming...'

'This is definitely a sweet dream... Please, don't wake me up! I want this!'

Erhuo thought, 'Holy hell... My master sucks. I can't believe this is actually enough for him. What an ignorant prick... Well, I can't deny it though. If the cane moves to the Space, it will bring us great benefits...'

Ye Xiao was ready to get something extraordinary, but he truly didn't expect to have such a great gain. The prime spiritual plant of the universe was falling into his hands!

He had followed Bab for thousands of miles, but he still felt like he was in a dream.

Bab was moving extremely fast leading the way. It kept looking back to urge Ye Xiao.

Bab couldn't wait anymore.

The sooner it settled in the Boundless Space, the sooner it could develop into a Divine Spiritual Root.

That was totally different from being just a great spiritual plant...

'This is so good!'

'I can't wait...'

'Why is the master so slow...'

'Oh, thanks to the master. He helped me see clearly what kind of person my former master was. He showed me how nice a human being could be...'

Ye Xiao was a little hasty after being urged by Bab for many times.

He asked Hawky to turn bigger so that he could ride on it. Suddenly, thunder had struck down, and he rushed out on the hawk's back.

Bab was shocked. It competed with Hawky earlier when it was a big bird. It had been a little better than Hawky, but now it wasn't!

Hawky was moving at top speed, so Bab couldn't stay behind. With a sound, it became a big bird too. With some colorful lights around its body, it rushed forward with a dash...

The two giant flying beasts were flying at the highest level among the clouds. They moved tens of thousands of miles within a second.

Finally...

They had arrived at the entrance of a foggy valley. Bab stopped.

"Is your body in this valley?" Ye Xiao asked.

It should be, or Bab wouldn't stop there.

"Chirp, chirp, chirp..."

Bab chirped excitedly and jumped around. That was arrogant and domineering. The colorful lights were shining on it, which looked splendid.

“What? Not in the valley?” Ye Xiao was confused. “What? Here? At the entrance? How come?”

Was Bab playing? Was it a trick? Ye Xiao didn’t understand.

Bab chirped proudly. It stood up on two huge rocks at the entrance of the valley and chirped.

Ye Xiao was shocked.

“Do you mean... these two rocks... are your body?”

Ye Xiao widely opened his eyes.

The two rocks seemed to be a part of the mountain, which at least weighed tens of thousands of kilograms. The rocks seemed to be the most eye-catching things in this valley.

Bab chirped. It shook its head and then the rocks actually changed. Ye Xiao’s jaw fell to the floor.

With some weird sound, the mud on the rocks was getting off as if something mysterious was going to appear.

As expected... After a while, the two rocks cracked into pieces. It became a crystal cane that didn’t touch anything, not the sky, not the earth. It was like a fake vision.

The cane just stayed in the air, which was as thick as a human finger, tens of feet long. However, Ye Xiao felt like it had no end.

“Is this the Cane of Void?”

Ye Xiao looked at the crystal cane.

He could feel the life energy in the cane. It seemed the energy in the cane was inexhaustible.

“Chirp...”

The bird proudly raised up its head.

That was right. It was the eternally changing great Cane of Void.

Ye Xiao was shocked. That was such a perfect disguise.

Without Bab’s instruction, nobody in the world could possibly find the cane. The Cane of Void was actually just some rock at somewhere conspicuous.

There must have been tens of billions, even hundreds of billions of people who had walked over this place...

Nobody ever noticed the rocks.

The Cane of Void was incredibly good at hiding. How impressive!

Ye Xiao thought about it and felt shocked and inspired.

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Chapter 1693: A Lesson

“Now, tell me how to transplant your original body. There must be a special way, right?” Ye Xiao asked.

Bab chirped and suddenly dashed toward the Cane of Void. The bird disappeared.

The next moment, many crystal roots were sticking out from the body of the Cane of Void. Ye Xiao reckoned there must be hundreds of thousands of roots...

The Cane of Void was a giant monster...

Within one second, all the roots disappeared...

One small piece of cane slowly flew over and landed on Ye Xiao’s hand.

The cane was about thirty centimeters long. It felt so smooth and looked like a branch of a tree.

‘Is this the mysterious Cane of Void?’

Ye Xiao was still astounded.

The Cane of Void jumped in his hand, urging him to leave.

“What are you waiting for? Just take me! Take me to my new home...”

Ye Xiao rolled his eyes up.

‘I just got a great spiritual plant. It should be obedient to me. Why do I feel like I am obedient to the plant?’

‘This is truly a bad-ass spiritual medicinal plant...’

Erhuo elegantly paced out and quickly scratched the cane. Bab immediately showed up and pointed at Erhuo, chirping angrily. It was emotional.

‘I am the master’s bird! Master is the only one who can touch me! Who the hell are you? What gives you the right to touch me?’

The bird stretched out its wings. It tilted its head and shouted at Erhuo like an angry woman. As it shouted at Erhuo, it kept getting close to Ye Xiao as if Ye Xiao was giving it the courage to do so.

‘Humph! I have my master backing me up! What do you have?’

Erhuo tilted its head. It paced aside and rubbed its ears with its forepaws. It looked at Bab just like Ye Xiao had looked at Fang Wudi. The bird seemed to be a big idiot in Erhuo’s eyes.

Hawky, who had been hovering in the sky on guard stared at the bird, gloating... ‘What a naive fool. How could anybody fully trust the master? He is full of lies... Chief Erhuo is the true owner of the Boundless Space... It controls all the resources in the Boundless Space...’

‘Erhuo is the true boss...’

‘The silly bird actually thinks it could do anything it wants only because it has the master’s support... So stupid...’

‘Oh, I shouldn’t worry about the silly bird’s future, shouldn’t I? Hah hah...’

Ye Xiao smiled and said with a twisted face. "Well... Bab... That is Erhuo, and that is Hawky. We are a family. You three must get along well with each other. We need good cooperation. We are brothers... We support each other..."

Before Ye Xiao finished nagging, the bird proudly turned its head away. 'I am not listening to this nonsense...'

'I am noble-born! I should hold my pride!'

'I am one of the four supreme spiritual plants! I am the Cane of Void! Nobody, except my master, can get my respect!'

Ye Xiao felt a headache.

'It seems this little thing will have to suffer a little from Erhuo someday...'

He turned his hand and put the Cane of Void into the Boundless Space.

Bab was pointing at Erhuo like a champion, arrogant and domineering.

Erhuo half-closed its eyes. Its ears stood up and then fell down, and they stood up again and went down again...

It didn't really care!

'Your body is in my place now. You better stop being such an arrogant prick!'

'You will see what you will get from this!'

'One of the supreme spiritual plants? What a nice title. Well, it means nothing compared to the Primal Spirit in Chaos. I am like the sky, and you are low in the dirt!'

Hawky obviously had become as crafty as the cunning cat. It kept blowing the coals, so Bab was getting more and more excited while Erhuo looked more and more impatient...

After a while, Bab seemed to be hasty. It chirped and chirped, asking to enter the Boundless Space to enjoy the splendid spiritual qi.

Ye Xiao twisted his head and didn't know what to say. He couldn't tell Bab not to go because it was dangerous, could he? No. Even if he said that, Bab wouldn't believe it!

'I have been loyal to you! I have given my whole heart to you! Now you are telling me the Boundless Space is dangerous?'

'You should at least make up a better story!'

'Don't you dare fool around with a bird!'

'Is this just a lie? Are you lying to me?'

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Ye Xiao didn't want Bab to think that way. Even though he knew that Bab would have to face a really difficult time in the Space, he had to let it go.

There was nothing he could do. He must let the bird learn its own lesson! Reality hurt!

As expected, the next moment, before Ye Xiao had time to tell Erhuo not to hurt the bird that much, Erhuo was already gone. The cat couldn't wait to give the new subordinate a tough lesson.

Erhuo wasn't good-tempered at all. Bab had offended it so frankly. It was already such a difficult thing for Erhuo to tolerate it.

Now, the bird was in the Boundless Space, so Erhuo didn't want to tolerate it anymore.

It moved as fast as it could!

Ye Xiao was speechless.

There was nothing he could do, so he just let the beasts play their game.

He wondered how long could a supreme spiritual plant hold on before it surrendered to the Primal Spirit in Chaos.

The bird didn't have a big chance to win anyway!

There was nothing Ye Xiao could do, so he decided to just leave them be!

He asked Hawky to get down, and he jumped up on the hawk's back. After a while, he was back to where he had been. If his old friends heard about him, they might come to look for him.

He must stick on the route!

He couldn't change it. He must continue as the One Meter Higher Sky!

Hawky felt upset.

Ye Xiao hit it on the head from time to time and said, "You idiot! You should at least keep yourself out of that trouble! You should try to stop that, not stir it!"

Hawky kept its head low while being beaten again and again.

"Stirring up some trouble, huh?"

"Gloating, huh?"

"Easier said than done, isn't it?"

"I have only three spiritual beasts! Why do you have to fight each other? What is the point?"

"Do you understand?"

"Don't make the same mistake again!"

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Chapter 1694: : Erhuo's Court

As Ye Xiao spoke, he hit Hawky's head, and Hawky tottered while turning over its head to explain for itself.

“Do you really think you were right? Where the hell is my pure and honest little Hawky? If I knew you would become like this, I wouldn’t... Well, I would still take you with me, but I would beat you up three times a day!” Ye Xiao angrily said and slapped Hawky on the face.

Hawky cooed and chirped to apologize.

“You must be united. Do you understand? No more fighting and scheme-playing among you.” Ye Xiao humphed and Hawky nodded.

‘Finally, one is done.’

Ye Xiao took a breath of relief.

However, Hawky didn’t think as it said. ‘Pah! Nobody is fighting or scheming for you! I am just enjoying my days. Why should I get beaten? I have nothing to do with the trouble today! The bird is going to take away a part of the pressure on me, and why would I not want it to come? Well, I will hold Boss Erhuo’s legs with my heart!’

After a while, Ye Xiao couldn’t stop feeling troubled, so he entered the Boundless Space. What he saw actually astounded him.

The main space of the Boundless Space was totally changed.

Thirty of the forty-eight Silver-scaled Golden-caruncled Snakes piled up together like a big chair with the back, the handles, and the footpad... It wasn’t really a typical throne, but it was quite like one!

Erhuo was sitting on a big chair. It was actually lying on the chair. It crossed its legs, looking down upon everything else.

A cat sat on a big chair and crossed its legs...

That was quite an unbelievable scene!

Ye Xiao almost got his jaw to fall to the floor.

The rest of the Silver-scaled Golden-caruncled Snake were standing in rows on both sides of the chair.

In front of Erhuo, there were two snakes standing like two police officers escorting a criminal.

Between the two escorting snakes, it was Bab!

‘This is...’

Ye Xiao was totally lost. ‘Is this... a court?’

‘Holy hell... This is like a court of law...’

Bab wasn’t as domineering and arrogant as before anymore. It kept its head low and looked upset.

Ye Xiao thought, ‘Well, something must have happened already. The bird caved. Otherwise, it wouldn’t be like a criminal on the court!’

Suddenly, Erhuo shouted.

“Meow! Kneel!”

“Shhh...” The snakes went along, “Or... der...”

“Meow, meow? Do you submit yourself to justice?”

“Coo...” Bab lowered its head. “I do...”

“Meow! Louder!”

“Coo... Chirp... I really do.”

“Meow? Will you behave now?”

“Coo... I will...”

“Meow? Will you go against my will again?”

“Coo... No, I won't dare.”

“Meow! Will you dare covet my position as the chief?”

“Coo... No... I would rather die...”

“Meow! Who is the boss now?”

“Coo... You.”

“Meow! Meow! What are you waiting for? Bow to your boss now! I am the boss, and I will always be the boss! Do you understand?”

Ye Xiao was staring at Bab in shock, and Bab humbly got down and held both its wings on the floor like a man who confessed to false charges under torture. Both of its small legs bent and it knelt down.

Puff! –

It actually kowtowed...

Ye Xiao always thought that he was a knowledgeable man who was living a second life, but this had opened his eyes again. First, the cat sat on a chair with its legs crossed, and then the bird bowed down and kowtowed like a confessing man. That was such a shocking scene!

Well, deep down, he knew these two weren't truly just a cat and a bird. He understood why they could act like a human.

Erhuo sat on the chair and accepted the bird's kowtowing. Suddenly, it was like a king!

“Shh...” The snakes cheered. “Bravo! Boss! Long live Boss Cat!”

“Meow...” Erhuo puffed up with the success and laughed wildly.

Ye Xiao was totally lost.

He couldn't believe this was happening right before his eyes...

“Ahem!”

Ye Xiao coughed to show everybody the true boss was here.

‘I am the master of the boss!’

“Chirp, chirp...” Bab suddenly flew up and got into Ye Xiao’s arms. It started to weep loudly. Tears filled its small eyes.

Countless pieces of Tear of Soul dropped on the floor. As the Tear of Soul appeared, it became the purest spiritual qi in the Space. It was killing Ye Xiao to watch all the valuable treasures becoming spiritual qi in the air! What a waste!

The spiritual beasts must have seen Ye Xiao’s expression. The Silver-scaled Golden-caruncled Snakes immediately got down to the floor, and Erhuo elegantly walked over to Ye Xiao. It didn’t get into Ye Xiao’s arms like it usually did and just rubbed his ears and stood aside.

Bab stayed in Ye Xiao’s arms and burst into tears, sobbing and crying.

Ye Xiao held Bab and looked at Erhuo helplessly. It was such a headache.

He knew Erhuo was going to do something but not like this...

Bab must have been tortured really badly before the trial...

What did Erhuo torture Bab with to make the proud bird cave?

Ye Xiao really didn’t want to imagine!

Ye Xiao owned the Boundless Space, so he should be the most powerful one... However... The only thing he could do was to control the supply of spiritual qi. He did it once to punish Erhuo... That was all. There was nothing else he could do, unlike Erhuo, who actually ruled this place!

Ye Xiao was like the owner of a computer, and Erhuo was the central processing unit with self-consciousness. Ye Xiao owned the computer, and he could shut the power of the computer, but only Erhuo, the central processing unit, could control and run the computer!

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Chapter 1695: Benefaction and Intimidation at the Same Time

No matter how capable Bab was, no matter how noble Bab was, Erhuo was the one who ruled the Boundless Space. Bab was not at the same level in this place. After all, Bab was weaker than Erhuo as a spiritual beast. The Cane of Void was the best of the four great spiritual plants, which must be peerless in this world, but not as powerful as the Primal Spirit in Chaos!

“Bab, Erhuo rules this place. It is true. There is nothing I can do...” Ye Xiao bitterly smiled and touched Bab. “Listen, you three are going to be brothers. Don’t fight against each other...”

Bab cried even louder.

‘What? What did master just say? That is not what he told me! Not at all!’

‘I was so excited when I got here, and then I couldn’t move...’

'That damn cat...'

'The cat teased me, tortured me...'

'Finally, you are here. I thought you would help me, yet there is nothing you can do...'

Bab really didn't know how to live like this...

Ye Xiao turned over and gave Erhuo a hint through eye contact.

'Come on. Just stop now. You have to live together. You have shown your prestige, so it is time to show your kindness!'

Erhuo was a clever cat. It would always be the boss, and nobody could change that, so it decided to show kindness to the bird.

With a meow, Erhuo proudly walked over Bab. It suddenly turned around and raised up its claws. A storm of purple spiritual qi was created...

The purest purple qi appeared like a tornado rolling in the air.

After that...

Dang, dang, dang... –

Purple dan beads popped up from nowhere...

The dan beads were all purple, crystal and shiny. Colorful clouds were over the dan beads...

These supreme dan beads weren't like what Erhuo used to make before. They were not actual dan beads with specific purposes... In fact, they were more like the essence of the purest purple qi!

These dan beads were extremely valuable for cultivators, but it was difficult to absorb the energy from inside the dan beads. They weren't as useful as some normal dan beads in practice... However, these were treasures for the creatures that loved the purple qi...

The bird froze. It was shocked!

The crystal essence pieces were right there. Bab stayed in Ye Xiao's arms like it was begging for them...

Erhuo stopped. There were dozens of those dan beads on the floor... Well, those were dozens of pieces of the essence of the purest purple qi...

Erhuo elegantly walked over the dan beads like a king checking his own army. The forty-eight snakes were looking at the dan beads with greed in their eyes, but none of them dared to do anything.

Erhuo finally did enough of showing off.

It waved its tail, and a few dan beads flew up...

Every snake got one of the dan beads.

"Take it then. You are lucky to have me as your chief."

All the snakes were overjoyed. They caught the dan beads and swallowed it immediately. Suddenly, they all started to glow a dim purple light...

Erhuo had used the purest spiritual energy from the Nine Spaces and the Cosmos Purple Qi from the Boundless Space to make these dan beads...

These were the best and purest crystal of the purest spiritual purple energy in the world!

If he took one out and showed it to the public, the world would shake because of it!

Bab was astounded.

'Such marvelous dan beads... There should at least be one for me... The damn cat actually fed them to the snakes!'

'What a waste!'

Bab couldn't help being greedy at the moment.

'Those are... Those are the essence of a massive amount of the purest purple qi... Those are some extremely valuable supreme dan beads...'

'Holy hell...'

'Boss... Boss Cat... Boss Erhuo... You should tell me earlier you can do this! I would have given in to you right away if you showed me this earlier! You should have been my boss for quite some time now! Why didn't you tell me about this?'

Apparently, the bird wasn't so righteous either. It didn't care about being tortured now because all it saw was the dan beads!

Ye Xiao felt pain in his heart as he saw the essence of the purest spiritual energy. 'Erhuo, you are prodigal! Do you have to give it this much? What should I do to build my prestige after this? You have given too much to Bab!'

Erhuo had given the snakes the dan beads, and there were four more on the floor. It looked at Bab with a weird look.

Bab tried to get up. It stared at the dan beads on the floor and looked at Erhuo which showed its surrender.

Erhuo proudly meowed. "Do you want some? Come down then!"

Bab anxiously moved in Ye Xiao's arms. Ye Xiao gently tapped it and said, "You are going to live together... Just... be united."

Bab knew it now. It was never going to defeat the cat. It chirped and got off Ye Xiao. It stood on the floor and looked scared. Apparently, it was still terrified.

"Chirp..."

"Meow!" Erhuo proudly raised its head.

“Coo...”

“Meow...”

Two supreme dan beads flew over.

Bab’s eyes lit up. It reached its beak forward and swallowed the two dan beads. A strong flow of pure spiritual energy entered its body and exploded inside. That cheered Bab up!

“Chirp, chirp...” Bab was a little embarrassed though.

“Meow, meow...” Erhuo still looked like a king. “All you need to do is follow my lead. You will be satisfied with what I can offer you! I have plenty of this!”

It was true! Erhuo had more than Bab wanted!

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Chapter 1696: Matchless Soul Valley

The Boundless Space had more resources than Ye Xiao could imagine. Now the Cane of Void had joined him. Bab absolutely consumed a lot of spiritual qi, but it was also good at purifying the spiritual qi. Erhuo knew a secret about the Cane of Void that even Bab didn’t know about itself. The Cane of Void could absorb energy from emptiness. However, the power of the void was turbulent, and the Cane of Void couldn’t control it. Erhuo was good at conquering everything in the world! No matter how turbulent the energy was, it was tamed for Erhuo!

Dan making was to convert one energy into another one. Turning the turbulent energy into something else was not a big deal. No matter how strong the power was, it was no different from the Ghost Ganoderma or the Chaotic Soul Clouds... It meant nothing!

Erhuo wasn’t extravagant at all!

Bab could eat whatever it wanted!

Bab walked over with hesitation. Erhuo stood still.

Bab touched Erhuo with its beak. Erhuo didn’t move. Bab touched it again...

Erhuo lowered its head and licked the bird like giving the bird a great favor.

“Chirp, chirp, chirp...” Bab happily shouted. Apparently, it was flattered.

“Meow.” Erhuo looked calm and relieved.

Ye Xiao knew that Erhuo had successfully recruited one subordinate again. The cat and the bird started to play together, having fun... That was quick...

They were enjoying it.

It had been just a few minutes, and they became so close to each other!

‘I truly don’t understand how the world runs...’

'The bird was just complaining about being tortured by the cat... Why is everything changed all of a sudden?!

'Is the supreme dan such a great treasure that nobody, no living creatures, can resist?'

'Forget it... It is a good thing that the Boundless Space is in peace anyway...'

As Ye Xiao was already in the Boundless Space, he must go to see the original body of Bab.

The Cane of Void was floating at the center of the Wood Space. After the Cane of Void settled in the Wood Space, the Wood Space changed a lot. The lively green Wood Space had been crystallized everywhere because of the cane. At the same time, the Cane of Void changed as well. It used to look dry and wrinkled, but now it became energetic and a little green...

No matter how powerful the Cane of Void was, it was just a spiritual plant. When it became full green, it would become the Magnificent Root!

Ye Xiao only took a look at the Wood Space, and he knew what was going on. The Wood Space and the Cane of Void were both going to be completed soon!

After the Cane of Void came, the Wood Space and the cane completed each other. Nothing else was needed in this place...

Ye Xiao felt relieved. He took away two of the supreme dan beads from Erhuo. He ate one and saved the other for Hawky. He wouldn't forget Hawky...

He could finally feel relieved now!

One of the Nine Spaces was almost completed!

When the Magnificent Root appeared, it would be another trump card in his hand!

"It is the Matchless Soul Valley ahead of us." The King of Poisons looked at the mountains that pierced through the clouds. He seemed to be worried.

A few days earlier, Ye Xiao suddenly disappeared for one and half a day.

When Ye Xiao was back, something changed. Ye Xiao even gave him a book—Marvelous Five Poisons.

For the next few days, Ye Xiao seemed to be much nicer than before.

The King of Poisons had learned a lot about poisons, but this book was something he had never read before. As he got the book, he was lost in it...

The King of Poisons still remembered what Ye Xiao said when he was back with the book in his hand.

"King of Poisons, I don't care what your name is. There is one thing I do care about. I don't want you to just feed my snakes while staying with me.

"You should have your own life, your own path, your own ambition. I want you to be more and more powerful after you decided to follow me.

“No matter what the future has, you are the one who can make a difference. Talking doesn’t help. Just go for it!”

When Ye Xiao said these, the King of Poisons was touched.

His dream had been dead for a long time, and now it was coming back in his heart.

It took them three days to reach the Matchless Soul Valley. This was the first place that the King of Poisons forwardly introduced to Ye Xiao.

“The Matchless Soul Valley is the first pass of the route from the west to the east in the Limitless Ocean. It is the most dangerous one.”

The King of Poisons said seriously, “The Matchless Soul Valley is a great scene built by fates. People die, and others survive. Fate decides a hero’s death!”

Ye Xiao said, “It seems this Matchless Soul Valley is guarded by some really powerful people. Am I right?”

The King of Poisons bitterly smiled and said, “The Matchless Soul Valley is the territory of one of the nineteen Limitless Ocean Overlords. They rose after the Great Master Ye, and because of these nineteen fellows, there were the nineteen passes.”

Ye Xiao took a cold breath.

The name sometimes showed the power of a man. Ye Xiao knew how horrible the top-class cultivators in the Human Realm Upon Heavens could be because he had seen the Seven Golden Lotus in person. He had defeated a man who was so close to the Immortality Stage, but he was still much weaker than the Seven Golden Lotus, the Purple Dragon King, and the Golden Phoenix King. He would still shiver when he thought of those horribly powerful people. In fact, Chihuo was much more powerful than Ye Xiao could imagine!

“Well, these fellows... Are they at the same league as the Seven Golden Lotus?”

The King of Poisons nodded and said, “Well, roughly. That is why the nineteen passes became restricted areas of the Limitless Ocean. Nobody dares to invade these places!”

“However, this is the first pass, in the west of the Limitless Ocean. Lord Monarch, you can still get over it, though the chance was small.” The King of Poisons was frank. “I don’t think you should take the risk...”

Ye Xiao looked at the foggy Matchless Soul Valley, and said, “Is there another way to get over this place?”

The King of Poisons shook his head and said, “Unless we go around the entire Limitless Ocean. We need to get through it if we have to go forward.”

Ye Xiao took a deep breath and said, “What a pity! I have to go forward... I think I can’t escape this Matchless Soul Valley then.”

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Chapter 1697: Decision of the Brotherhood Alliance

Ye Xiao had traveled over twenty thousand miles now, and the area he went over had become a part of the Monarch's Hall's territory. Some leaders followed Ye Xiao and expanded the territory along with him.

There was a rule in these new territories.

Any local people in trouble should ask the Lord Monarch for help.

Anybody from the headquarters of the Monarch's Hall must take care of their own problems.

All in all, these places all belonged to the Monarch's Hall. No matter what happened, it couldn't be a problem for the Monarch's Hall!

Meng Youjiang and his wife had been making an inspection tour in these places. Bu Xiangfeng had been bringing punishments to the people who violated the rules of the Monarch's Hall. Chihuo was guarding the Monarch's Hall, who had been focusing on breaking his own limitation. Once he broke it, he would become one of the top cultivators in the world again...

All in all, the Monarch's Hall was growing because of the One Meter Higher Sky rising. Ye Xiao and the Monarch's Hall had almost ruled the entire west of the Limitless Ocean.

They didn't have enough high-class cultivators yet, but they had recruited hundreds of thousands of people in those days. The Monarch's Hall should be even bigger than the Great Ye Army now...

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The Monarch's Hall was expanding fast, so it surely would draw the attention of one super-powerful force.

The Brotherhood Alliance.

"It is such a surprise. The Monarch's Hall, such a small gang, actually grows so fast! It feels like they are going to swallow the entire world, starting from the west." Shangguan Lingxiao frowned.

There were nine other seats around him.

The ten leaders of the Brotherhood Alliance never took different seats when they had a meeting. No matter how many of them attended the meeting, there would always be ten seats encompassing a round table.

"The Monarch's Hall only recruited good men in the beginning. That made it strong. However, now they recruit anybody who wanted to join because they wanted to expand the territory badly. They had many more people now, but most of them were useless. The entire organization did not get enhanced much from recruitment. I don't see anything dangerous toward us. Brother, you are overestimating them!" Peng Zhuiyun said. He was the youngest of the ten leaders who had shown up in the City of Chaos with Shangguan Lingxiao the other day.

“Oh, Little Brother, you must have grown up. That was good reasoning. I should change my view of you now!” Shangguan Lingxiao smiled and said,

“Brother, we should spend more time to think about the Great Ye Army than to tease me.” Peng Zhuiyun said.

“What do we think about the Great Ye Army for?” Shangguan Lingxiao frowned and said, “The Great Ye Army... If we want to destroy it, it won’t take longer than two hours!”

“Then let’s do it! I will never forget what they did to us!” Peng Zhuiyun fiercely said.

“Little Brother, you know what? The Monarch’s Hall is the key to the entire plan!

“It looks like a small and peaceful gang.

“Ye Xiao, the leader of the Monarch’s Hall... He has made quite a noise on the way. I don’t understand why he did it. I don’t think he cares about the size of the territory! He doesn’t really want to rule those places!”

Shangguan Lingxiao frowned and said, “The Monarch’s Hall... Our men all failed to get into it while most of our men successfully got into the Great Ye Army...

“The rest of our men didn’t have a chance to be undercover in the Monarch’s Hall.”

“You think they are a bunch of useless people...” Shangguan Lingxiao was worried. “The Limitless Ocean is full of these unruly people... The Monarch’s Hall will recruit a lot of men from the lowest class in the Limitless Ocean. Two or three superior cultivators should be enough to lead... The Monarch’s Hall can become a top-class force in a short time!”

Shangguan Lingxiao said, “The Monarch’s Hall didn’t rise, but it will rise. It is ten thousand times more terrible than the Great Ye Army... Brothers, we must not underestimate it.”

A tough man in golden robe silently listened to him. Suddenly, he said, “Brother, will the Monarch’s Hall become our enemy?”

Shangguan Lingxiao was surprised. After a while, he said, “It depends.”

“Do you think the Monarch’s Hall will become even bigger than the Brotherhood Alliance?” The man in the golden robe asked again.

Shangguan Lingxiao hesitated for a longer time, and said, “It depends.”

“Well, do you think we will definitely become a competitor to the Monarch’s Hall, and we can never be their friends?” The man in the golden robe asked again.

Shangguan Lingxiao stood up. Apparently, he realized what the point was. He said, “Big Brother, you are right. I thought too much about it. How unexpected! I actually suffered from imaginary fears!”

The man in the golden robe nodded and said, “Brother, a wise man always thinks further than others, but sometimes you thought too much. Lingxiao, the Brotherhood Alliance is always just an alliance of individual cultivators in the martial world.

“There are all kinds of people in the martial world, and we are doing great to live among them. We always get what we really need, and give up those we don’t. We should always do no more than we need to, so we can make as few mistakes as we can...”

The man in the golden robe was serious.

‘We give up those we don’t need, not those we can’t get.’

‘When we get something we don’t really need, it may not be helpful at all!’

That was quite a different view!

“Everybody knows that the Brotherhood Alliance has a lot of people... No one can deny it. However, we never aspire to rule the world.” The man in the golden robe said, “That is why we always survived.”

“Lingxiao, you are going extreme. You treated a rising new force as a threat to us before anything really happens... That is wrong. We shouldn’t think that way!”

The man in the golden robe smiled.

“There more different forces in the Limitless Ocean, the better. The stronger a new organization is, the better...”

He thought for a while and blandly smiled.

His bland smile was a hint to everybody, and they all got the point.

The man in the golden robe said, “Remember what we always say... We are brothers in the martial world.”

Shangguan Lingxiao nodded seriously and said, “That’s right. Big Brother, you are right. I was ignorant, and I nearly led us to the wrong point.”

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Chapter 1698: The Heart of the Strong; Indomitable Spirit

“The martial world is the martial world. The court is the court. The territories of the five sky kings are the territories of the five kings. Maybe somebody can make a change, but not Brotherhood Alliance...”

The man in golden robe blandly said, “We can live with the Hall of Returning Nature and the House of Chaotic Storms. Can’t we live with the Monarch’s Hall? No matter what, the rise of the Monarch’s Hall will never be a problem for us!”

Shangguan Lingxiao was sweating. “That’s correct.”

“If possible, we should even share our resources with the Monarch’s Hall. Well, let’s call it cooperation.”

The man in the golden robe said, “We should give up something to keep out our brothers from death. What we want is to bring survival to our brothers when they have lost hope to survive.”

The man in the golden robe said, “The last thing we should do is to treat a new organization as our enemy! That is our principle!”

Shangguan Lingxiao was sweating heavily. He stood up and lowered his head. "Big Brother, I was wrong."

The man in the golden robe nodded and said, "We should watch the Great Ye Army, and be ready to attack at any time. Meanwhile, we should keep an eye on the Monarch's Hall but just wait... We will try to be a friend rather than an enemy to the Monarch's Hall!"

He spoke slowly, but strongly.

Everybody was thinking and nodding.

"Now, tell me about the Xiao Monarch..." The man in the golden robe smiled and said, "Where is he now? We must pay attention!"

"The Matchless Soul Valley!" Shangguan Lingxiao said.

"Oh, he has reached the Matchless Soul Valley..." The man in the golden robe blandly smiled and said, "That really is quite a barrier for him."

"If Monarch Ye can pass three of the nineteen restricted areas, somebody come and tell me." The man in the golden robe stood up and said, "Lingxiao will take charge of the rest. I should go to sleep now. I have used too much of my brain. I got a headache!"

He stood up and directly walked out.

Shangguan Lingxiao bitterly smiled. *'That is typically my dear Big Brother.'*

'It seems smart to only take care of the important parts.'

'Well, it could also be irresponsible.'

'If he can be more responsible, I don't need to spend so much time, and I won't treat everybody as our enemy! I am just worried!'

"The monster in the Matchless Soul Valley isn't easy to deal with..." Peng Zhuiyun smirked.

"It is not our problem. What concerns me is the Heaven's Leaf. Anything?" Shangguan Lingxiao asked.

"None. The Seven Golden Lotuses aren't moving either. Nobody is showing up." Somebody answered.

Shangguan Lingxiao frowned and said, "That is weird..."

"Well, if nothing happens in the City of Chaos, let's pay more attention to the Matchless Soul Valley." Shangguan Lingxiao gave the order.

"If the Xiao Monarch can't get through the pass, we make no change on the former arrangement. If he passes it, call our brothers in the Matchless Soul Valley back immediately!"

Shangguan Lingxiao took a deep breath and said, "We want the martial world... What does the Xiao Monarch want?"

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What did the Xiao Monarch want?

In fact, even Ye Xiao didn't know yet.

"I just have to keep going forward."

Ye Xiao looked at the clouds and fog over the Matchless Soul Valley. He looked expressionless.

"Forward. That is the way to the Matchless Soul Valley.

"I want to go forward... I am not sure where I am going. I am sure about one thing though—I will kill anybody who dares to stand in my way!

"There are two options I have when people stand in my way. I will either be cut into pieces or cut the enemy into pieces. I will go to the end of the world!

"No matter what stops me, I will break through and keep going!

"I have no choice!"

Ye Xiao showed a weird smile. He had a strong will.

The Matchless Soul Valley!

What a matchless place.

After thousands of feet, Ye Xiao realized that there were no living things in the Matchless Soul Valley—no plants, no animals, no living beings!

There were only rocks.

It seemed no souls could live in this place!

"Lord Monarch, I might not make a clear explanation. If you only want to get past the nineteen passes, it wouldn't be too difficult!"

The King of Poisons hastily said, "All you need to do is to keep yourself low. Don't act like the One Meter Higher Sky anymore. As some ordinary people, we can easily get past the passes... The nineteen restricted areas won't just stop everybody... After all, this is the only artery that connects the east and the west of the Limitless Ocean."

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Oh? It turns out to be pretty easy to get past the nineteen passes..."

The King of Poisons was sweating. "As long as we stay low, we will make it. Well, there is one thing we have to do. Put some money on the rock before the foothill... Just a casual amount will buy us safety."

The King of Poisons was nervous.

The Matchless Soul Valley was one of the nineteen restricted areas in the Limitless Ocean. It existed for such a long time that nobody remembered who the owner of this place was anymore. However, everybody knew that anybody who messed with the owner was killed in the recent one hundred thousand years.

Those who humbly paid the money got past safely. In fact, the rest of the nineteen passes were no difference. All it took was some money to safely get through the passes!

Ye Xiao frowned and said, "What? Isn't it a toll?"

In fact, Ye Xiao knew that the King of Poisons was being thoughtful. Nobody was asking for a toll after all, but spending a little money on safety was always a good choice. Fighting against a super-powerful cultivator for a little money was the worst choice. It was stupid.

However, Lord Monarch wasn't willing to accept it.

Since he came to the Human Realm Upon Heavens, he had been through a lot. After Ye Yunduan and Yue Youyou showed up, Ye Xiao had changed. He started to dislike the acknowledged powerful cultivators. He wanted to challenge every one of them. Paying a toll touched his nerve!

'I am not going to pay a toll to somebody who doesn't even show himself, am I?'

'I will fight for my own safety. I don't buy safety!'

Luckily, Ye Xiao had just eaten the supreme dan bead Erhuo made and got a breakthrough after that. He was now at the eighth level of the Saint Origin Stage.

Since the Cane of Void took root in the Boundless Space, the spiritual qi was several times purer than before. That accelerated Ye Xiao's improvement. He was improving nonstop all the time.

With a treasure like that, he became more confident. He even had a delusion. *'I can even compete with the five sky kings if they dare to challenge me!'*

That was supercilious!

However, he soon realized it. He was truly impressively experienced as this was his second life.

"It has been too easy for me to be the One Meter Higher Sky these days. I must have been too arrogant."

Ye Xiao blandly smiled. "If I don't make a change when something hit me in the head, I may never be able to get up again. Well, if I am truly invincible, the confidence may enhance me..."

"I must have a sober mind, and take a careful adventure.

"If I can make it, it will be the start of my matchless journey!

"If I fail, I will learn a lot more to keep my mind sharp. I will get more experience in fighting a top-class cultivator.

"I have overestimated Fang Wudi before. I showed my trump card too early, and that fight didn't teach me anything. It was boring. Now, in the Matchless Soul Valley, any possible fight will be my first practice!"

Ye Xiao moved ahead.

It seemed he was explaining to the King of Poisons. However, the King of Poisons knew that Ye Xiao said those words to himself because the Lord Monarch didn't need to explain anything to anybody.

He just wanted himself to keep it in mind.

'He has the Heart of the Strong and an indomitable spirit!'

The King of Poisons thought. *'He knows there is a powerful man who stares at him fiercely, but he isn't scared. He won't back off.'*

'If he retreats, his heart becomes imperfect.'

'He can accept failure!'

'At least he has tried when he fails. At least he knows how far he is from a really powerful cultivator!'

The King of Poisons looked at Ye Xiao, who was casually walking ahead. He had one thing in his head but didn't dare to tell that to Ye Xiao.

'Failure could be a good thing. That is right. However, what if you die because of the failure? A dead man is a dead man. There is nothing to learn for a dead man!'

He didn't dare to speak it out.

After all, although he wasn't willing to follow the young lord, in the beginning, he respected the young lord now.

He respected Ye Xiao sincerely.

'At least he has the courage and spirit that I never have.'

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That was the day.

In the history of the Human Realm Upon Heavens, it was an important day.

'Eleven years before the Monarch Calendar began, the great lord, Xiao Monarch, aged twenty, wearing a long cyan robe, and holding a sword in hand, with the power of level eight of the Saint Origin Stage, stepped onto the soil of the Matchless Soul Valley. The legend started!'

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Chapter 1699: The Flower King

Walking on the bare mountain path, Ye Xiao kept both hands behind his back. He was so tall and slim, like a big tree with his long robe flickering the air. He was handsome and elegant. He walked slowly like it was an enjoyable trip to a scenic spot.

"The Matchless Soul Valley; the Matchless Soul Valley. The world's unique scenery. Life depends on fate here; heroes rely on luck!" Ye Xiao chanted and laughed. "Life depends on fate here; heroes rely on luck! Hah hah hah... It is fate, and it is luck... Perhaps, it is fate that pushes everything. Well, this is too pessimistic."

An insidious voice sounded from nowhere as if it sounded everywhere. "Oh? Pessimistic? How come?"

Ye Xiao blandly said, "When you submit to fate, you give yourself up to others. What cultivators do is to go against the will of the heavens. We make use of the energy that doesn't belong to us. We steal the chance that isn't given to us. If somebody like us talks about letting fate decide life, that would be ridiculous!"

The insidious voice sounded again. "Well, you think life doesn't depend on fate, and a hero doesn't need good luck, don't you?"

Ye Xiao walked up on the hill and said, "Well, I control my life, and I decide my future!"

The man sneered and blandly said, "You must be confident. Well, the truth may fail you. Since you are here in the Matchless Soul Valley, your life is in my hands, and I decide your future."

Ye Xiao blandly smiled and said, "Not in my hands? In your hands instead? Oh, I don't think so."

The insidious man sounded surprised. He stopped for a while and said, "An arrogant and ignorant kid!"

Ye Xiao said, "You are speaking to me. I think you are interested. Why don't you just show yourself? So I can see who on earth actually believes he controls my life!"

The man blandly said, "If I show myself, you are dead. For one hundred thousand years, nobody escaped death after seeing my face!"

Ye Xiao laughed and said, "What? Would you keep hiding if I don't invite you out? I have offended you, and if I leave safely today, what would people think of you when they know this? A young man breaks your rules!"

The man was quiet for a while. Apparently, Ye Xiao touched his nerve.

All of a sudden, the cold wind blew up. Countless shadows of a man showed up from everywhere. As Ye Xiao looked carefully, he realized those shadows were the same guy.

The shadows were moving in the fog.

"The Matchless Soul Valley; the Matchless Soul Valley. The world's unique scenery." The shadows spoke at the same time. "Young man, do you know why this is the unique scenery?"

Ye Xiao frowned and looked around. All he could see were bare rocks everywhere. He honestly answered, "I truly have no idea. This is just a bare mountain of rocks. I don't see any unique scenery at all."

The man laughed and said, "You are frank and honest. You didn't lie like you knew everything. Truth to be told, the unique scenery is something every man saw before they died in my hands."

Ye Xiao's pupils shrunk. He said in a deep voice, "If this is what you mean... The unique scenery is the scenery only a dead man can see?"

"The Matchless Soul Valley is foggy, and heroes are buried. The soil covers the flowers up, and they won't blossom before I show up."

The man chanted. The shadows in the sky suddenly scattered away. Only one shadow still stood in the air.

The man slowly stretched both hands and pushed downward.

Countless shiny spots flew out from his two hands like stars all over the area. Within seconds, they had reached the entire Matchless Soul Valley!

The next moment, a unique scene was showing up!

The bare mountains in the Matchless Soul Valley suddenly became an ocean of flowers.

The Matchless Soul Valley was full of flowers in different colors. Ye Xiao didn't just see the flowers. He smelled the beautiful scent of the flowers. It permeated a thousand miles away.

Ye Xiao was sure that it was not a magic or a delusion trick. He saw something green growing up on the bare land and quickly becoming flowers... They blossomed immediately at the same time in the end...

That was the most beautiful picture of flowers.

Everything happened within seconds.

All he could see was an ocean of flowers. His feet were surrounded by flowers as well.

The wonderful scent of the blossoming flowers immersed him.

Within seconds, just the time of a click of fingers, the bare hillside—completely bare mountains of rocks suddenly became the ocean of colorful flowers.

'What was that?'

'What is this incredible power?'

The King of Poisons behind Ye Xiao was totally astounded.

He had the thought again. 'If Lord Monarch wants to risk his own life, it is his own business. I have nothing to do with this! Why was I so stupid there? Why didn't I leave some money on the rock?'

'I am getting caught in the crossfire. This is wrong. I shouldn't die like this!'

The man slowly flew out of the ocean of flowers. He was wearing a long robe that was white like pure snow. He didn't look at Ye Xiao, just stood aside with his hands behind the back, as if Ye Xiao or anybody else didn't exist. He soulfully looked at the flowers around him, and spoke to Ye Xiao in a low voice, "Xiao Monarch, this is my unique scenery. Are you satisfied?"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "The owner of the Matchless Soul Valley actually knows my insignificant title. I am flattered."

The man blandly said, "Don't be. The Lord Monarch, known as the One Meter Higher Sky, has been winning his way from the west to the east of the Limitless Ocean. I must pay attention to it. You are truly just as good as people said."

Ye Xiao said, "Thank you. I am truly flattered. Thank you for the special scene that you bestowed upon me."

The man in the white robe kept his hands behind the back and looked at the ocean of flowers. He blandly said, "Lord Monarch, don't be too modest. There were a lot of people who did not follow my rules when they came to my place. I showed them this unique scenery. This is the most beautiful scenery in the world. I killed them after that."

"Every dead soul in the Matchless Soul Valley saw what you see before death descended. They died with no regrets." The man in the white robe gently said, "The Matchless Soul Valley; the Matchless Soul Valley. The world's unique scenery."

He stopped for a while as if he was leaving time for the audience to think. He said, "What you see is... the unique scenery of the world. This blessed wonderful scenery is built by me with my own hands."

He slowly turned over and looked at Ye Xiao. His eyes were clear, and they were full of indifference and coldness. It was like he was staring at a dead man.

When the man turned to look at the ocean of flowers, the eyes became lively again.

There was a heat like fire.

"Ye Xiao, you are lucky to have the chance to see the world's unique scenery. You should die in peace." The man in the white robe gently talked to Ye Xiao.

Ye Xiao laughed again. In a deep voice, he said, "I won't talk about dying in peace so soon. Let's talk about what you just did. It was a surprise, but not as incredible as you think. At least, this is far from the unique scenery I expected. This is much worse. Sometimes things are better before they are seen! This is disappointing!"

The man in the white robe showed a fierce look for the first time. He coldly said, "Oh? Not as incredible as I think, really?"

Ye Xiao said, "What you did was impressive. You absorbed the dead qi and used it to create the blossoming flowers. Within just a few finger moves, you played the Yin and Yang. All the flowers are at the prime moment of their lives. It did shock me very much, but for people who know what it truly is about, this is not so incredible after all."

The man in the white robe coldly smirked and said, "Oh? In your opinion, is there anything better than this? More magical than this?"

Ye Xiao was surprised. "Do you actually think what you did represents the highest performance in the world? This is weird. It is true that sometimes people are better in the stories than in reality! Well, you are quite much... stronger than what they said indeed!"

That was ambiguous. The man in the white robe felt surprised, but he didn't get mad. He just waited for Ye Xiao to continue.

"You made this area a wasted land, but let it free before the eyes of the people you wanted to kill... It is the life energy that you unleash... Well, you accelerate the growth of the flowers, which is magnificent. However, you don't do it for the beautiful scenery."

Ye Xiao blandly said, "What you really want from it... You just want to gather your own energy. The lively flower sea here is the source of your energy. As long as the ocean of flowers is here, the energy supply will continue. You are invincible in your own ocean of flowers!"

Ye Xiao coldly raised up his head and stared at the man in the eyes. "You are using the flowers here to create the endless energy for you. The life qi will eventually become death qi, and that is why you always win the fight!"

"And now, I know who you really are, Master Flower King!"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "The Flower King used to travel the world. Wherever you went, beautiful flowers followed. What a surprise! You are actually the owner of the Matchless Soul Valley, the first of the nineteen passes!"

"Compared to the world's unique scenery, your real identity shocked me much more!"

The man in the white robe didn't move. He just stared at Ye Xiao with a pair of cold eyes, which was full of murderous intent at the moment.

"It is said that the Flower King used to travel the world, looking down upon the martial world. Whenever you gave it a thought, flowers blossomed around you. However, look at you now—you can only play your own tricks in the Matchless Soul Valley, playing a stupid role. What a shame!"

Ye Xiao asked with curiosity, "Master Flower King, what actually happened to you? Did you mess with the big boss who you shouldn't mess with? Is that why you hide in this place, playing these tricks, pretending to be somebody else? Please. I will be so glad to hear your sad story!"

The man in white robe heard Ye Xiao. His face turned colorless, and he took a deep breath. His eyes were full of murderous intent. He slowly said, "What happened to me is none of your business. Apparently, you have forgotten what the most important thing is. You have seen my unique scenery, and you will die here for it. Trust me, it is easy for me to take your life!"

That was fierce, but he didn't deny his true identity.

Ye Xiao blandly said, "Take my life? Easy? Is it really? Let me tell you something. There are millions of people who want to say the same thing and truly want to kill me.

"However, I am still here, alive!"

Ye Xiao blandly smiled and said, "Master Flower King, you used to be such a handsome man. Wherever you went, ladies chased after you... They were crazy for you... However, that is what the stories tell. As I can see now, you looked boring and dull. I don't see how impressive your face is. That is such a surprise to me as well! I wonder if the story about your appearance has anything to do with your misfortune?"

The Flower King's eyes became extremely sharp. It seemed he had almost gone mad now.

What Ye Xiao said seemed to touch his raw nerve.

The Flower King made a long shout and angrily said, "Xiao Monarch, Ye Xiao! You are going to die today! I can assure you!"

Ye Xiao casually smiled and said, "What is this about? Are you ashamed of anger? It is said that the Flower King is such a generous and lenient person. What a surprise again! The stories lie again! Are you really the great Flower King? I did not mistake you, did I?"

The Flower King coughed badly but didn't say anything afterward.

"Don't you at least have the courage to answer me?" Ye Xiao blandly said, "If you truly are the Flower King who controls the ocean of flowers, I should respect you. However, you can't even leave this Matchless Soul Valley. You are like a prisoner here. It seems that you set up this unique scenery trick to create a legend, but I think you just do not have the confidence to fight somewhere else. You have no faith in yourself anymore, so you have to create a place that is definitely good for you. Otherwise, you don't dare to fight. Many people died here, but none of them was at the same level as you. Am I right? You are a coward. Do you really think you can kill me? Come on."

The Flower King angrily shouted and jumped up to the sky with a dash.

The flower sea was waving because of it. Many petals flew up to the sky.

The petals immediately gathered in the sky and became a giant colorful sword!

The sword was hundreds of feet long and dozens of feet wide. The handle of the sword was as big as a house.

When the flower sword was formed, the Flower King had flown over the sword and reached his hand to the handle. The sword suddenly shrunk and eventually became a sword of normal size, shining colorful lights.

The Flower King held the sword and made a slash down from the sky.

He was confident, and he was furious, but he was careless when making the first attack on the Xiao Monarch.

Ye Xiao was new to the Limitless Ocean, but he had already defeated a lot of superior cultivators. Besides, he had defeated Fang Wudi, one of the most powerful people in the west of the Limitless Ocean. How did the Flower King dare to underestimate Ye Xiao?

Ye Xiao suddenly made a dash. He jumped up to the sky and abruptly became two men. Two Ye Xiao appeared at the same time.

When he held the sword and stood on the floor, he was like the king of the world!

The king descended with his sword!

The next moment, when he jumped up, there were two streams of sword lights going toward the Flower King.

Two streams of rising purple qi were rolling in the sword lights, which was splendid!

The Flower King was rushing down from the sky, while Ye Xiao was moving up to fight back.

The Flower King didn't underestimate the enemy. Ye Xiao was using some martial art that he had never used before.

It was even more powerful than the Xiao Monarch's Nine Laughters.

It was originated with the same energy of the East-rising Purple Qi.

The first move.

"Initiation of chaos with the purple qi from the east!"

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The strange flower sword looked weak and soft because it was made from petals. However, Ye Xiao felt the extreme pressure, which threatened his life!

Ye Xiao used to face many powerful cultivators before. Some of them were much more powerful than Ye Xiao. However, it was his first time to feel threatened like this. Only the Flower King did that.

The purple qi from the Extreme Purple Sword brightened up the mountains. The light was like the first ray of sunlight when the sun was rising.

It brought warmth to everything. It was powerful and fierce like sunlight piercing through the cold fog!

In fact, the Flower King's sword slash was over ten times stronger than Ye Xiao's sword attack. However, the weaker one won! The powerful flower sword was cut into halves by the purple sword.

It was like a burning steel knife cutting into the cold butter.

It was sharp and fierce!

The Flower King made a weird exclamation. He suddenly made a dash and jumped away. Billions of petals flew up and rolled around in the sky along with him.

The weird flower sword scattered away right after the clash.

The Flower King's sword was broken, but he didn't lose yet!

"What was that?" The Flower King looked at Ye Xiao. He seemed frightened.

He had made a powerful attack with an incredible power wave, but when the power wave touched Ye Xiao, it was cut off by Ye Xiao's fierce purple sword qi. The power wave went over Ye Xiao from both sides and didn't even scratch Ye Xiao a bit.

The Flower King was quite surprised. He had fought millions of people in his life, and even those who were at much higher levels couldn't cleavage his energy wave with one move like that.

Ye Xiao was way weaker, and that only made it harder to believe!

The Flower King had reached the late phase of the Immortality Stage, which meant he was one of the most powerful people in the world. Ye Xiao could be no stronger than level eight of the Saint Origin Stage. It should be a huge gap...

Normally, the Flower King should have won the fight easily. Ye Xiao did not have any power to fight back. However, what happened didn't make sense.

Ye Xiao was surprised too!

This was the first time he used the Extreme Purple Sword. He had never used it before. First of all, he only got to learn the techniques when the East-rising Purple Qi reached the third level. Second, the techniques were designed for people at a really high level in cultivation. Ye Xiao had fought many enemies before, but he could never make use of these techniques.

Luckily, he had improved greatly, so he was good enough to use the Extreme Purple Sword. He only used it casually, but it turned out to be much more powerful than he expected. It truly surprised him!

(Off-screen Voice: Erhuo speaking, "What is so surprising? The East-rising Purple Qi is the primordial martial art in history! The techniques should surely be at least this powerful. You are too weak, and that is why you can't make full use of the magnificent technique. If you are a little stronger, the Flower King could never get away from the lethal attack. Don't you feel ashamed? The great technique didn't make its first kill because of you!")

Ye Xiao heard the Flower King, and it drew him back to the reality. He coldly said with a smile, "What was it? Did my sword technique impress you?"

The Flower King humphed and said, "The technique is magnificent. However, you are too weak for it! What a waste! Watch this!"

He waved one hand again, and the petals started to roll and gathered up fast. A saber appeared this time.

It was a saber made from many petals!

The saber was colorful like the flower sword. There were different kinds of colors on the saber, but it looked harmonious like an artistic masterpiece.

When the flower sword appeared, it was about a hundred feet long. When the saber appeared, it was only thirty feet.

It didn't need to shrink this time, which saved quite some time, but what did that mean?

The Flower King held the flower saber and raised up his head. He stared at Ye Xiao and said in a deep voice, "Xiao Monarch, you are a monarch, while I am a king. Now, use your sword to fight my saber!"

After that, he made a stride ahead.

He was several hundred feet away from Ye Xiao. With that stride, he immediately reached Ye Xiao.

The millions of petals actually all withered behind him.

The flower saber started to shine in different colors, brightening up like a scorching sun in the sky.

The saber slashed down!

The flowers withered.

The Flower King looked sad about it. He shouted, "Xiao Monarch!"

The saber started to shine white lights.

The fierce power had locked on Ye Xiao. Ye Xiao felt like falling into an ice pit!

The Flower King's attack was so horrible, but Ye Xiao was actually lost. He forgot to resist!

Luckily, the East-rising Purple Qi was running. It kept Ye Xiao sober when he was about to completely lose his mind. The extreme pressure from the Flower King cracked because of the East-rising Purple Qi.

The pressure kept pushing over to Ye Xiao!

However, there was one moment, in which Ye Xiao could make his move freely!

The purple qi was unleashed in the sword!

The bright purple light shined up and it went up to the Flower King's flower saber.

They were like two weird bolts of lightning clashing in the sky!

The Flower King's saber attack was incredibly strong.

Ye Xiao's sword operated the great power of the Extreme Purple Sword, but it only cut ahead about ten meters.

The power of the saber attack was oppressing like a huge mountain!

Ye Xiao didn't hesitate. He couldn't move forward, so he backed off. He moved backward incredibly fast.

As he kept moving backward, he kept making the sword moves.

The saber attack was like a storm with lightning coming after him. Ye Xiao kept waving his sword like crazy. Purple sword lights kept coming up. He was weakening the saber attack of the Flower King bit by bit...

It was like a flock of wasps attacking a powerful hawk.

The wasps were beaten up so hard, and they kept falling off. The hawk was still chasing, and it was still fast and fierce. However, every inch it moved ahead, it had to deal with the strong resistance of the wasps.

Was the Flower King's saber attack going to fall first, or was Ye Xiao going to be exhausted? That was the only two possible results!

Finally...

Ye Xiao made an exclamation. The fierce saber attack eventually went through the sword lights and hit him. He spat out a mouthful of blood, and the blood erupted to the sky.

He was hit so hard that he flew out like a kite with a broken string.

The Flower King's full-power attack was way beyond Ye Xiao's resistance.

Ye Xiao flew out thousands of feet and finally stopped by a huge rock. He hit the rock, and the rock was broken into pieces.

Ye Xiao shakily stood on the floor. His face turned pale, and he kept spitting blood!

The Monarch's Sword was in his hand with the glittering purple lights, making an impassioned sound. It was like a raging king, ready to make a thundering strike.

It was like an angry king preparing for a massacre!

Ye Xiao knew it wasn't real. He couldn't make that splendid sword move again.

That beautiful sword attack had used up his spiritual energy.

The East-rising Purple Qi had reached the top of the third level. Ye Xiao was almost there to reach the fourth level. If he could reach level four, his cultivation level could reach the Immortality Stage, and he could stay undefeated in this fight. However, he was losing now!

Ye Xiao clearly knew the situation.

There were a few things that caused his failure!

First, the Extreme Purple Sword consumed too much energy. The Extreme Purple Sword was extremely powerful, and it shocked the Flower King with the first move, but it had used more than sixty percent of Ye Xiao's purple qi. In another word, Ye Xiao couldn't even make the same attack twice. This was the main reason why he was defeated. He didn't have enough energy to master the splendid sword technique!

Second, Ye Xiao underestimated the Flower King. The Flower King didn't show a strong power when Ye Xiao saw him. When Ye Xiao made the first sword move, it successfully broke the Flower King's powerful attack! Therefore, Ye Xiao underestimated the Flower King! Unexpectedly, the flower saber was even most powerful. Ye Xiao couldn't resist it. He was meant to fail!

Ye Xiao didn't have the right judgment about the Extreme Purple Sword. The East-rising Purple Qi was the peerless martial art in history, so the Extreme Purple Sword must be extraordinary too, and it obviously consumed a lot of energy. The Flower King couldn't resist a great sword technique like that, and Ye Xiao thought that the Flower King was just weak. When the Flower King made the second attack with the flower saber, Ye Xiao had the tendency to take the enemy lightly!

Ye Xiao didn't accept the result. If he knew the Extreme Purple Sword would consume too much energy, he wouldn't use it. He must learn something else to replace the Extreme Purple Sword. The Xiao Monarch's Nine Laughters had become too weak as the enemies were too powerful now. The Extreme Purple Sword was powerful enough, but he didn't have enough energy for it. In fact, he still had the confidence to survive this situation, but he couldn't stop worrying about the fights ahead of him! He needed a new sword technique!

Ye Xiao took a deep breath and tried to stay sober. He stared at the Flower King. Blood ran off his lips. In a bland and indifferent voice, he said, "Is that all? Not as good as I expected."

The Flower King walked out from the ocean of flowers.

The gentle breeze waved over the flowers.

The flower saber had become petals and flew away after hitting Ye Xiao. The petals were flying around the Flower King. The Flower King could always make it back with simply a thought in his mind. The powerful flower saber was with him all the time.

The Flower King had made a full attack. After all, he was a little frightened by the Extreme Purple Sword. If Ye Xiao made that attack again, the Flower King might not be able to get away from the blast. That was why the Flower King made a full-power attack. No matter how powerful Ye Xiao's sword technique was, he couldn't resist that domineering saber attack. Unexpectedly, Ye Xiao didn't make the same move again. He made a change, and started to move backward while making continual sword lights to deal with the saber attack.

Every wave of sword lights from Ye Xiao became three thousand sword cuts. The sword cuts kept weakening the saber attack. They had decreased eighty percent of the power of the saber attack.

Ye Xiao still got severely injured, but at least he survived.

The Flower King wasn't expecting his survival.

The Flower King had been winning since the saber attack began. However, he didn't feel good like a winner.

"Ye Xiao, I have to admit, that your sword technique and martial art, even your battle experience, are some of the best. However, you are too weak." The Flower King breathed a sigh and said, "If you have more time to grow, you will become one of the peerless cultivators in the world. What a shame! You are going to die here today..."

"You came to my place, yet you decided to break my rules... That decision took away your future!"

The Flower King shook his head and said, "What a pity!"

Ye Xiao staggered and stabbed the sword on the floor to support himself. He blandly said, "Master Flower King, you are the first Immortality Stage enemy of mine. That was shocking! However, it was not as good as I expected..."

He showed a peaceful smile and said, "I lost this. However, I will come back again. You can defeat me, but you can't kill me."

"Do you think I would break the rules in the Matchless Soul Valley while having no plan to survive this?" Ye Xiao laughed.

He kept staring at the Flower King.

When he said, "However, it was not as good as I expected..." the Flower King clearly looked upset. Ye Xiao saw the pain in the man's heart.

Ye Xiao sensitively captured the slight emotion change of the Flower King.

The sadness made Ye Xiao think, 'Does the Flower King have a secret that he can't tell me?'

'Does it mean... the Immortality Stage cultivator must be more powerful than this?'

'After all, he has been hiding in the Matchless Soul Valley. He never showed himself outside.'

Ye Xiao made a guess in his heart.

It was only a guess, but it gave Ye Xiao quite an inspiration. The inspiration might bring him a great danger, but he decided to take the risk!

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