

Chapter 2731: Kill The Python

Strong Exponents from all over the place felt the heart of the whole island shaking and couldn't help being surprised. They asked in surprise what was going on. However, they were very far from the heart of the island, so even if they wanted to know, there was nothing they could do.

They were shocked when they realised something could have happened in the centre of the lake. But, what could happen there? Could it be that the Immoral Ascension Ladder had appeared earlier?

When they thought of this, they sped up and headed for the place. However, on their way there, they found that the heart of the island that had been shaking was no longer shaking. It seemed to have calmed down and returned to its original state.

Even so, they were still stunned for a moment and rushed to the place.

In the heart of the island, all that was left was a deep hole in the lake in front of Feng Jiu, as if it had dried up. There was no water at all, and even Feng Jiu, who had been standing by its side, had disappeared.

At this time, Feng Jiu was actually drawn into the lake in space. When she had introduced the water into space, a huge white python had appeared in space and its tail had coiled her up and dragged her into space with it.

In space, she climbed up from the lake, her body was dripping wet. She held a dagger in her hand, but the blood on the dagger had been washed away by the water in the lake and it was as clean as ever.

Several contract beasts stood around the lake. When they saw her coming out, they pulled her up quickly and asked: "Master, how are you? Are you injured?"

"Ah! Master, look quickly, the blood of the white python has disappeared." Old White exclaimed and pointed to the blood disappearing in the lake.

"Go and fish out the corpse. Don't contaminate the water." Feng Jiu signalled, then she put the dagger away and took out a pill and ate it.

She hadn't expected there to be a white python inside the lake. When the white python had coiled itself around her and pulled her into the water as it tried to swallow her, she killed it without thinking.

The consumption of her spirit energy was too great, and the battle at the bottom of the lake had made her a little tired. So after she had changed out of her wet clothes, she ordered her contract beasts: "Don't touch the golden lotuses." Then she fell into a deep sleep.

While she slept, her contract beasts were so frightened that they stayed by her side and dared't leave. It wasn't until she had regained her spirit energy a few days later that she woke up and realised that she had slept for three days.

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However, she thought about it, and three days inside was only one day on the outside. So, instead of going out in a hurry, she studied the golden lotuses.

When the Old Man Tianji had asked her to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder, surely it couldn't have been for this? After all, there was an ancient blue lotus in her body, and this golden lotus didn't seem simple.

She frowned slightly and couldn't help but think of Old Man Tianji's half-spoken words as she stared at the golden lotuses with her arms across her chest. Finally, her eyes flashed slightly and she revealed a smile.

"Whether or not it was for the golden lotus, the golden lotuses are indeed good things. If it is used to refine pills, what kind of elixirs will they become?" She murmured softly and looked forward to the results.

Her eyes swept away and fell on the lotus pod. She tiptoed, then her red figure swept past and she plucked off the lotus pod.

Chapter 2732: Advancement

She took a lotus seed and ate it only to feel that her spirit energy was multiplied. Her cultivation base that had been stuck at the peak of the Immortal Emperor stage faintly showed signs of advancement. She was shocked to her heart, and so she put away the lotus pod and gave her contract beasts some instructions, then she came to a place and sat down to cultivate.

The aura of the spirit energy surged up in her body, like water flowing into the sea and caused a violent wave in her body. The surging aura of spirit energy expanded her tendons and muscles again and again, and her spirit energy poured into her dantian as every pore of her body was stretched and absorbed the spirit energy in space madly.

It wasn't just the muscles in her body that had expanded, even the blue lotus in her body was also madly absorbing the spirit energy. If the spirit energy that had burst through her body wasn't being absorbed by the blue lotus, she was afraid that she would explode and die.

Several of her contract beasts were terrified as they watched her madly absorbing the spirit energy. But they remembered their Master's instructions and stood far away watching and didn't approach.

In this part of the universe, the clouds in the sky surged as the spirit energy below surged. Feng Jiu, who was sitting cross-legged, was surrounded by a powerful airflow and coercion, and the visible spirit energy wrapped around her tightly inside. Gradually, the contract beasts in the distance could no longer see her.

"Crack!"

"Boom!"

Lightning flashed across the sky as if it was about to hit Feng Jiu below. Immediately afterwards, thunder slashed across the sky and landed on Feng Jiu, who was sitting cross-legged. A powerful airflow rushed out from it, and the whistling airblade roared...

"Ahhh!"

A scream escaped Feng Jiu's mouth. Her red robe was scorched by thunder and there was a faint smell of burning. The powerful windblade seemed to linger on her body and ripped open her robe then pierced her skin. Blood seeped out and shocked them all.

The blue lotus in her body was spinning, it gradually grew in size and petals bloomed piece by piece. The faint blue aura and pure spirit energy permeated her body, but it didn't heal the wound on her body.

"Crack!"

"Boom!"

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Another lightning flashed and thunder rumbled and fell down on Feng Jiu. In an instant, screams escaped her mouth again.

Feng Jiu's sweat was mixed with the blood on her body. The thunder on this day was different from the previous ones. Everytime the thunder struck, it made her skin, flesh and bone suffer severe pain. The skin on her body was cracked, and the sparks shot down by the lightning scorched her flesh. The pain was unimaginable.

Of course, the most uncomfortable thing for her was that her muscles and veins in her body were being stretched inch by inch. It was as if someone was slashing at her bones with a sharp knife and axe.

"Crack!"

"Boom!"

The third thunder fell from the sky and when the strong force fell on her body, she spat out a mouthful of blood. Her body was shaky and she seemed to be drifting into divine consciousness and entered an ethereal place...

Outside, those who rushed to the heart of the island came to the heart of the lake to take a look and saw that the surroundings were calm as usual, as if nothing happened. However, when their eyes fell on the dry lake, they couldn't help but exclaim.

"God! What the hell is going on here? What happened to the lake? And the golden lotuses in the lake?"

Chapter 2733: Three Questions About Heaven

The eyes of the cultivators who had rushed over widened as they stared at the dry lake in front of them in stunned silence. Their mouths were agape like they had duck eggs stuffed in them.

The lake was formed by the condensation of the water in the centre of the island here. It was unknown how many years ago it had been formed. In particular, the lake was deep and there was a Sacred Beast level white python that guarded the golden lotuses, no matter how strong the strength of the people who had tried to pick the golden lotuses, they often died in the lake.

But now, not only the golden lotuses had disappeared, even the water in the lake and the white python had disappeared and all that was left was a large dry hole. How could they not be dumbfounded?

However, there was no one else here besides them, and they had only just arrived. Even if they hadn't just arrived, they didn't have the ability to dry up this lake.

For a time, the cultivators stood there with wide eyes and wondered what the hell was going on.

In space, Feng Jiu was still in the middle of advancing. This time, the advancement had been going on for several days. After three thunders fell, the clouds in the sky still hadn't dissipated.

At this time, the sound of thunder echoed thickly in Feng Jiu's mind.

"Three questions about Heaven. The first question is, what is the Way of Heaven?"

The words resounded in Feng Jiu's mind, and the voice went straight to the depths of her heart causing her ears to ache a little.

Three questions about Heaven? The first question was, what was the Way of Heaven?

She tried her best to calm her mind and abandoned her five senses. She ignored the pain in her heart and pondered the question seriously: What was the Way of Heaven? The Way of Immortality, the Way of Longevity, were regarded as the Way of Heaven. But, there was only one Way of Immortality, and the paths and circumstances of each cultivator was different. Different lives had different answers. What was the Way of Heaven? There were thousands of answers, but there was only one answer that was hers!

"With the right path of the heart, competing with Heaven, what is the Way of Heaven? I am the Way of Heaven!"

She listened to her cold and powerful voice, which echoed in the sky. Just as her words were spoken, there was a loud rumbling in the sky, like the sound of muffled thunder, and also like the sound of galloping beasts coming towards her. The sound was imposing and shocking!

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The clouds rolled and the thunder continued. The voice in the sky seemed to be silent for a while, then in the next moment, the sound of thunder in the clouds stopped and the sound of thunder came once again.

"Three questions about the Way of Heaven. The second question, why did you embark on the path of immortality?"

As soon as the voice had spoken, Feng Jiu said immediately: "To become the supreme strong exponent! To protect the people I want to protect!"

As soon as she had answered the question, the rolling voice of the thunder rumbled once again, and after a while, it became quiet, and the man's voice spoke again.

"Three questions about the Way of Heaven. The third question, what is a strong exponent?"

"Strong-hearted, with absolute strength and able to dominate destiny is what a strong exponent is!"

The clouds in her sky dispersed after she had answered and cleared up, the seven-coloured rainbow appeared in the sky above her head like an arch bridge, and there was a faint sound of fairy music...

At this moment, the state of her mind seemed to break through the advancement, and the aura of spirit energy surged in her body. She broke through directly from the peak stage of the Immortal Emperor level to the middle stage of the Celestial level. The blue lotus in her body diffused and repaired her damaged body quickly. Along with the changes of her body, her breath also changed drastically at that moment.

Chapter 2734: Celestial Level

The blue lotus that was originally in her body appeared under her for some unknown reason, the blue lotus was in full bloom, and the lotus seat emitted a soft blue light...

A little blue lotus appeared between her eyebrows with a soft blue light and formed a lotus imprint. The edge of each petal of this blue lotus floated with a gold light. The gold and blue light that emitted made her already delicate and beautiful face look even more elegant, as beautiful as an otherworldly fairy. At one glance, people would lose their minds.

Several contract beasts stared blankly at this scene and watched the surrounding aura gradually dissipate. After they recovered from their shock, Old White finally cheered happily: "That's amazing! Master has advanced! And she has become beautiful again!" As he spoke, his saliva flowed out and he sucked it back in again.

The breath in her body calmed down, and Feng Jiu slowly opened her eyes. Her strength had gone one step further, from the peak stage of Immortal Emperor level to the Celestial level. She could feel that her mood had changed a little.

She stretched out her hand and looked at it, and saw that her skin that had been scratched earlier had healed. It was white, jade-like and flawless. When she stood up, she saw that her clothes were tattered and hanging on her body. Upon seeing this, she smiled lightly, turned around, and changed into another red robe.

"Master, Master, you've become beautiful again!" Old White was the first to run forward to look at her.

"Congratulations Master, you've advanced again."

"Congratulations Master for breaking through and to become a Celestial strong exponent."

"Congratulations Master."

Congratulatory words came from the mouths of the contract beasts. They looked at their Master with joy and faint pride in their hearts. Only Silver Ingot was a little worried and anxious.

It had not been contracted yet. Now that Master had advanced again, would Master not want it?

For a while, its heart became uneasy.

Feng Jiu walked slowly to the spirit spring and looked at herself in the reflection of the water. Wearing the red dress made her look even more outstanding and charming, especially with the golden edged blue lotus between her eyebrows which was lifelike and it made her look even more extraordinary.

Her fingers caressed the blue lotus between her eyebrows. As soon as the thought entered her mind, her brows burned and the golden edged blue lotus disappeared. She moved her fingertips and a cluster

of flames jumped up with a whistling sound. The flames danced between her fingers and she felt the steady stream of spirit energy in her body. The feeling was different from before.

“So this is how it feels to be a Celestial strong exponent. It is indeed a class of its own.” Her voice was soft and unhurried, as if it came from the sky, ethereal.

“Master?” Several contract beasts looked at her, then they saw her brows move slightly and she turned around and sat down cross-legged again.

“Don’t disturb me.” Feng Jiu closed her eyes after she instructed them, and this time, it was the breath of spirit energy that surged in her but the breath of profound energy...

When they saw that she was about to advance again, the beasts backed away quickly. They squatted and watched her from a distance. Their Master had only just advanced to the Celestial level, and now if she were to advance again, it would be the advancement of her profound energy.

After a day in space, Feng Jiu advanced again. Her profound strength jumped from Martial Divine level to the peak stage of Profound Mystical Cultivator level. After her advancement in cultivation level, she didn’t rush to go out, but researched the usefulness of the golden lotuses and the lotus seeds in space. Finally, she turned on the furnace and refined medicinal pills. It wasn’t until the time for the Immortal Ascension Ladder to appear drew closer did she find a time to come out of space.

Chapter 2735: Appearance

When she appeared in front of those people in her red clothes, the eyes of the cultivators fell on her body one by one as they sized her up. Most of the cultivators were accompanied by some people. After all, most people wouldn’t come to such a place alone. However, now they saw a red-clothed young boy appearing here alone.

The most important thing was that this person was so young, and his appearance was extraordinary.

Feng Jiu ignored the gazes of the people who fell on her, but stared at the big hole in front of her. She walked forward and came to the side, and when she saw that there was really no water inside, she couldn’t help but blink her eyes.

“Is my young friend here for the Immortal Ascension Ladder?” An old man came out and asked, his eyes fell on Feng Jiu.

“Yes.” Feng Jiu nodded slightly and said: “I heard that very few people can climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder, so I thought I would come and see the excitement.”

Upon hearing this, the people were relieved. So he had come to watch the excitement, that’s not too bad. If he had come to try to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder, based on his age and strength, he was not qualified to do so.

“It is said that you must have the strength of the Immortal Emperor to be able to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder.” The old man said and stroked his beard as he looked up in the sky.

Upon hearing this, Feng Jiu glanced at him and asked: “With the level of the Immortal Venerable, old friend, are you also going to try?”

When the old man heard this, he couldn't help but be startled, then he smiled. He hadn't expected to be called an old friend when he addressed the young boy as a young friend. He stroked his beard and smiled: "Of course I want to try it."

"Although only the Immortal Emperor level can climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder, isn't the Way of Immortality to compete with Heaven? It is rumoured that a hundred years ago, there was a cultivator who used the strength of the Immortal Venerable and broke through his advancement when he climbed the Immortal Ascension Ladder, and thus managed to climb the ladder. The cultivators who come here naturally want to give it a go."

"Then when will the Immortal Ascension Ladder appear?"

She glanced around. About a hundred cultivators were sitting at their respective places. Some were practising, some had their eyes closed, and some watched their surroundings vigilantly.

"It should be soon." The old man said slowly, then he asked again: "Are you alone, young friend?"

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Feng Jiu smiled and said: "One person is enough."

"Haha, my young friend is very confident." He paused, then gave Feng Jiu a meaningful look: "It's good to have ability." It was no small feat to come down here alone.

Feng Jiu smiled slightly: "It was just by fluke."

"Since my young friend is alone, why don't you come and sit with my family's team?" The old man turned slightly to his side and indicated the location of a dozen or so cultivators who were sitting at a place behind him.

Feng Jiu glanced over and thought about it. Then she nodded: "Sure." So she went over with the old man.

When the old man's family saw the young boy walking over freely and indifferently with the old man, they couldn't help but feel a little stunned. They were surprised that their ancestor was treating this young boy like this. They looked at the young boy carefully and couldn't help but praise secretly: What a handsome young boy.

This young boy was dressed in red, his face was as handsome as a heavenly man. He had outstanding bearing and faintly showed respectfulness. Although his strength was not very good, his appearance and bearing were enough to make people look at him differently.

So, when they saw them approaching, those who were sitting down stood up.

Chapter 2736: Meet again

"Old Patriarch." They gave a salute to their clan's Old Patriarch while keeping their gaze locked on the young man.

"Go get some rest." With a wave of his hand, the elderly man signalled that they could rest without feeling any restraints.

“Yes.” The cultivators responded, then took a few steps back and sat down again. Some people cultivated while sitting cross-legged, while others meditated in the same position.

“Young friend,” The old man asked with a smile. “Can you play chess?”

“Only a little.” Feng Jiu answered.

“That’s perfect. Since we have nothing to do, let’s play chess to pass the time.” The elderly man took out a small table with four legs and put it between them along with the chess pieces. He then gave Feng Jiu the white pieces.

Feng Jiu said nothing further as she sat on a chopped log, moved her white chess piece first, and started playing chess with the elderly man. When they first started the game, the elderly man kept the same expression while quickly placing his chess pieces. However, he slowed down noticeably as the pieces on the board began to pile up.

When it was his turn to play, he did something similar to what he is doing now: he thought about his next move for a long time while holding his chess piece, but he didn’t place it even after a long time. Feng Jiu wasn’t in a hurry, so after quietly watching for a while, she realised he was taking his time, so she took the wine from the space and asked, “Old friend, do you want a drink?”

“No, no, I still haven’t figured out the next move yet!” The elderly man spoke without looking up, pondered for some time, and then put the chess piece down. He was about to turn to the young man and say it was his turn when he noticed the white piece had been placed on the board.

He looked at the position where the white piece had been set and asked, “Do you ever take the time to think when you play chess?”

“Generally speaking, no.” Feng Jiu smiled and looked up to take a sip of wine, catching sight of the old man hesitating again about his next move. After he put down his piece, Feng Jiu quickly put hers.

“You lost.” Feng Jiu told the elderly man with a smile as she observed the black chess pieces that had nowhere to go.

The elderly man looked upset and exclaimed, “Play another game!” As he picked up and distributed the black and white chess pieces, he remarked, “I have never met a well-matched opponent in chess, so how could I lose to a kid like you?”

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“In fact, you’ve lost half of your chess pieces.” Feng Jiu smiled and pushed the newly distributed pieces towards the elderly man. “How about you play the white ones?”

“No, no. I’ll keep playing the black one. Now it’s your turn.” He made a gesture, cheered himself up, and continued playing.

As a result, Feng Jiu accompanied him through the next two sets, both of which the old man lost, and he still lost half of his chess pieces. Finally, the elderly man sighed and said to Feng Jiu, “I met a master today and had to accept the loss.”

Feng Jiu smiled. “I won by chance.”

When he heard her reply, the old man smiled, put the chessboard away, looked at Feng Jiu, and asked, "I'm still not sure what to call the young friend."

"Everyone else calls me Young Master Jiu." She took a sip of wine, and then answered him.

"Young Master Jiu?" After a slight surprise, the elderly man smiled. "Then I'll call you Young Friend."

Feng Jiu learned from their conversation that the old man had been stuck at the level of Immortal Venerable for a long time, and seeing that advancing in the family was impossible, he decided to try his luck at the Immortal Ascension Ladder.

"Young Master Jiu?"

Feng Jiu was talking to the old man when she heard a surprised voice. She turned around and saw the team she had met in the mangrove forest.

"It is really you, Young Master Jiu! Hahaha, I did not anticipate meeting you even here." He Shu smiled and walked over to her. When he saw the elderly man, his face showed surprise.

Chapter 2737: The Immortal Ascension Ladder Appears Translations

Since Young Master Jiu was travelling alone, this elderly man couldn't have been with him. However, after observing them seated together, He Shu assumed that they had met along the road.

Feng Jiu gave a nod and looked back at the group behind He Shu. "You don't seem to be slow either."

He Shu smiled. "If I hadn't run into Young Master Jiu along the way, I probably wouldn't be here yet."

"Oh?" The elderly man smiled at Feng Jiu and said with a laugh, "Young friend has even helped others while on the way?"

"Do I seem to be someone who will not help others?" Feng Jiu arched her brow.

"Hahaha. That's not something I'd say. I just didn't expect it." The elderly man raised his head and laughed. After all, the group was far from weak, but they needed help from this young man. This confirmed his hunch that this young man was not ordinary.

He Shu told the group to take a seat before returning to sit next to Feng Jiu and the elderly man. "It's unusual to run into old friends here, but what are you doing at the Immortal Ascension Ladder?"

Don't tell him that Young Master Jiu had also come to try climbing the Immortal Ascension Ladder?

Feng Jiu smiled as he heard this. "This old friend had previously asked me this question, and you have now done the same. Because we're all here, whatever you intend to do here, I'm coming here to do the same. There's no need to ask this question."

After a brief moment of surprise, He Shu burst out laughing. "Yes, I am indeed ignorant. I shall make amends to Young Master Jiu immediately." He took the wine from the space and poured three cups, and then picked up his wine cup and drank it in one gulp.

Upon seeing this, the elderly man also raised his wine cup. After motioning to the other two, he sipped from the cup and set it down.

Feng Jiu enjoyed drinking wine. She picked up the wine after seeing the other man pour it for her and tasted it. Even though it was a good wine, it was still inferior to the wine in her cellar.

They sat around and chatted while waiting for the immortal ascension ladder to appear. Some groups came here every now and then. They would come over and ask after seeing the dried lake, but nobody knew what was going on.

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“Strangely, there used to be a lake here, but it had dried up by the time we arrived, taking the golden lotus and the white python with it. The white python has devoured a large number of cultivators who were after the golden lotus.”

The elderly man recounted this story while looking at the dry lake in front of him. “That golden lotus is a good thing. People say that the lotus seed is a treasure that helps one’s strength advance. But, of course, no one knows what happened to the golden lotus.”

Feng Jiu coughed awkwardly. “Perhaps it was picked, or the lake has long been dry, so the golden lotus has long vanished.”

“The white python in there is a sacred beast. It’s huge and has a powerful fighting capacity. But I’m not sure why it is currently unseen. Otherwise, we may be able to determine what is occurring here.” The elderly man spoke while stroking his beard and gazing forward.

However, as he stared ahead, a look of surprise flashed across his eyes. He immediately stood up, stretched out his hand, pointed forward, and exclaimed, “Look! That’s the Immortal Ascension Ladder! The Immortal Ascension Ladder has appeared!”

Most of the cultivators in the area stood up in amazement as soon as they heard his cry and turned to see the ladder rolling down from the sky like a misty cloud.

Chapter 2738: Not Recognizing The Other

“Is this the Immortal Ascension Ladder?” Feng Jiu viewed the spectacle in front of her with awe. She was astonished by how the ladder appeared to condense from the mist and descend from within the clouds in the sky.

“Yes, this is the Immortal Ascension Ladder.”

The old man spoke, his expression wavering slightly. After a moment, the Immortal Ascension Ladder that had materialised as though from the land of immortals was stretched to the earth, with one end reaching the ground while the other end was unseen as it was hidden inside the clouds of the sky.

While they were talking, someone took the first step up the Immortal Ascension Ladder, and a dozen cultivators swarmed up. Feng Jiu noticed cultivators at the level of Immortal Emperor among the dozen.

“I bid you farewell here, young friend.” The old man saluted Feng Jiu, informed his people, and then proceeded to the Immortal Ascension Ladder.

“Farewell, Young Master Jiu.” He Shu also said as he went towards the Immortal Ascension Ladder with his entourage.

As she saw their departure and was about to go, Feng Jiu caught a glimpse of a group approaching from the corner of her eye. When she had a clear look, she saw that the team consisted of Xie family members. Among them were Xie Yan and his father, Old Patriarch Xie. However, their group appeared exhausted. The journey had obviously not been easy.

“Father, it looks like we came at the right time because the Immortal Ascension Ladder has indeed appeared.” Xie Yan told his father. But as soon as the words left his lips, a scream was heard as a figure fell down the misty ladder. The man’s body was drenched in blood and he was on his last breath; as if his vital energy had been stripped away.

The people below, as well as the family group who had travelled together here, were taken aback by the scene. When they saw the man’s tragedy, their expressions changed. Was this the result of failing to climb the Immortal Ladder? This was a true battle with the heavens, putting one’s life in danger!

Because the man fell right in front of them, everyone in the Xie family looked a little unsightly. When he saw the cultivator’s plight, Xie Yan’s body trembled and he looked at his father. “Father, let me accompany you to go up the ladder! We do what we can, and as soon as we feel we can’t go up anymore, we’ll go down.”

Anyone who had been up the Immortal Ascension Ladder knew that a person’s strength would transform each time they went up a step above the one hundredth step. However, going beyond a hundred steps was difficult. Those who couldn’t take it would be knocked off the ladder.

The clan needed the help of the strong exponents, but they were too afraid to go themselves, so they sent the collateral line. However, many people of exceptional strength arrived. How could they not see that this Immortal Ascension Ladder was akin to a path leading to the King of Hell? If one did not proceed with caution, they would tumble from the sky to hell.

Thinking that his father’s visit was to compete with heaven, he couldn’t help but be concerned that his father would fall down the Immortal Ascension Ladder like the previous cultivator. That man went up alive, but he died on the way down...

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Old Patriarch Xie breathed slowly and stated, “I have tried to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder once. It is safe to climb below 100 metres. When you reach 100 metres, you can try going ten steps.”

He looked back and whispered, “Let’s go! How can you know if you can do something if you don’t try?”

When Xie Yan heard what his father said, he told his people to wait below while he and his father went to the immortal ladder. As they stepped towards the immortal ladder, though, a figure in red appeared in their path.

Chapter 2739: Encounter at the Immortal Path

It was a youth who donned a brilliant red robe and his demeanour was even more excellent. When he turned his head slightly and glanced at them, his handsome face came into view. They could not help but praise him to themselves: What an outstanding young man!

They gave the young man a slight nod before regaining their composure and going up the Immortal Ascension Ladder. However, shortly after climbing the immortal ladder, they noticed that the handsome young man in red was following them at a moderate pace. His demeanour was calm as if he were strolling around his own garden rather than climbing the Immortal Ladder.

“Father, that young man unexpectedly climbs up as well.” Xie Yan told his father who was standing nearby.

The elderly man returned his gaze and stated, “Strong exponents keep a low profile. Perhaps this young man has the qualifications to go up the Immortal Ascension Ladder. Those who are able to come here are not ordinary people. We can’t look at them through ordinary eyes.”

After hearing his response, Xie Yan suppressed his emotions and responded, “Yes.” Exactly! Who would have known that the Feng Jiu they encountered along the way would be such a well-hidden strong exponent?

Even though Feng Jiu’s appearance was unremarkable, draped in a low-key azure robe, and his behaviour and speech were comparable to those of a child from an ordinary home, that young man repeatedly exceeded their expectations.

And because of the young man, his son received a sacred beast at an early age, and they were now at ease even if the father and son were not at home.

Every step they took forward felt like they were walking on cotton. They needed to condense their spirit energy in order to lift up their vital energy. Because of this, each step on the Immortal Ascension Ladder was difficult.

“Aah!”

Another scream was heard as another figure fell from the heights. When the Xie father and son saw the figure rolling down the Immortal Ladder, they dodged to one side to avoid being knocked down.

When the two men moved to the side, they remembered the young man in red and could not help but glance back. The young man in red extended his foot in an attempt to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder. He took a deep step, sank halfway into it, raised it, and stepped on it again. For some unknown reason, whether this was due to a lack of strength or something else, the young man in red got stuck and could only prop himself with his elbows as his entire body was dangling in mid-air. Those who witnessed this scene were flabbergasted.

Just as they thought the young man would fall, they noticed him move to the left, easily avoiding the falling cultivator’s figure, getting up from the ladder, standing firm, and continuing to walk up.

Those who witnessed this scene were all dumbfounded, whether it was the father and son Xie looking down from the Immortal Ascension Ladder or the cultivators guarding below, ready to catch those who fell.

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They had the impression that this young man had climbed the ladder to play. He was leisurely climbing and pausing every three steps. If he continued in this manner, when would he reach the peak?

However, given this young man's strength, he should not be able to reach the finish; at most, he should only go up within a hundred steps of the Immortal Ladder. What they did not expect was that even though the young man took numerous breaks and even stopped midway to eat a piece of fruit, the previous situation did not reoccur. Everyone's heart was tense as he gradually reached the one hundredth step of the Immortal Ladder.

Chapter 2740: Giving Pointers

"Why doesn't he proceed?"

"He can't go further, perhaps?"

"Yes, we can't see beyond the hundred steps because the mist is thicker. I wonder, how does it look like beyond the one hundredth step?"

"How would we know? Didn't you notice that everyone who reached the one hundredth step of the Immortal Ladder fell down?"

"He probably doesn't have the courage to go up there! It's already incredible that he's brave enough to attempt to climb the Immortal Ascension Ladder at such a young age."

"Indeed, we are watching from down here, and we dare not even try."

The cultivators who looked up from below talked, wondering why the figure in dazzling red didn't go any further.

Feng Jiu stopped at this juncture because she noticed that Old Patriarch Xie did not slow his pace after he and his son had reached the one hundredth step. Xie Yan had only reached the second step when it became difficult for him to take another.

She observed his slightly lifted steps trembling slightly, not out of fear, but because he was striving to lift his feet forward. After just two steps, his clothes were drenched in sweat, his breathing became ragged, and his breath became disordered.

"This ladder will not be easy to climb when one's heart's obsession is too deep."

A faint voice entered Xie Yan's ear. With a start, he looked back. The young man in red had arrived two steps away behind him without his knowledge. However, he watched in awe as the youth took one step at a time, eventually passing him and now walking in front of him.

"Based on your cultivation, you should be able to go within ten steps. Don't you believe it? Let go of your obsession and try walking again." Feng Jiu did not look at him again after that; but continued climbing with ease, as if stepping on the ground. Xie Yan was astonished.

What surprised him even more was the familiar voice. "Feng, Feng Jiu? You are Feng Jiu?" The appearance, clothing, and temperament were obviously different, but the voice was so familiar.

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No, how could the temperament be different? Wasn't that Feng Jiu's wanton and arrogant temperament? Didn't he have the same awe-inspiring breath when he fought the Ruan family?

When Feng Jiu was ten steps away from him, she stopped and looked at him. “Yes, it’s me.”

Xie Yan was ecstatic when he heard this reply. He got rid of his obsession without hesitation and tried to bring his mind back to peace. When he walked again, his step was lighter than before.

However, as he walked up, the Immortal Ladder’s strong pressure and momentum left him out of breath, and he only made it to the ninth step.

“It looks like I can’t keep going.” He gave a bitter smile, knowing that if he forced himself to climb the ladder, he would likely be struck by Heaven’s Law and die.

Feng jiu gave a slight nod. “It’s already quite good. You should go down the ladder! You have a wife and children at home waiting for you.”

Xie Yan’s heart was shaken. He looked her in the eyes and bowed to her. “Many thanks.”

He had a wife and children at home waiting for him. His only considerations were for his wife and children. The most important thing was for him to stay alive and get back home. He gave Feng Jiu a salute, glanced at the Immortal Ascension Ladder and then turned around and went down.

After seeing him turn around and descend the Immortal Ladder, Feng Jiu turned away, looked ahead, and continued to move up.