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Water Ghost watched as Xu Xiaoshou nodded, knowing he understood. He did not explain further and said, “So, the Jiang Clan’s demi-saint has come into contact with your little girl... Hmm, junior sister, isn’t the possibility extremely high?”

High!

Really High!

Xu Xiaoshou was almost fooled.

But he had been through so much. His skills were considered perfect in the arts of deception, so how could he be deceived?

“You’re right.”

After reassuring the mind of Water Ghost, Xu Xiaoshou explained slowly,

“However, the Jiang Clan’s demi-saint will target Yama first. Since Huang Quan is so difficult to deal with, it will take a lot of time.”

“Besides, I’m just a master. How can I help you? To find someone to cooperate with, you should look for Huang Quan...”

As he said this, Xu Xiaoshou seemed to have thought of something. He suddenly raised his eyes and asked in confusion,

“That doesn’t sound right. The Jiang clan’s demi-saint wants to mess with Huang Quan. What does it have to do with you? Do you want to kill the Saint?”

“Isn’t this something that Huang Quan needs to consider? Could it be that the two of you have some unrevealed secrets... Ugh!”

Xu Xiaoshou shut his mouth just in time and felt disgusted.

The temperament of Water Ghost suddenly became cold. Just as Xu Xiaoshou became terrified and felt apologized, he said sternly, "It has nothing to do with who he wants to kill or mess with."

"Ah?"

Xu Xiaoshou was stunned for a moment and quickly reacted.

"Are you crazy?"

"You want to be a tool to be used by others?"

His mouth was wide open. It was not easy for him to hold back his words. He asked, "Why?"

"No reason." Water Ghost snorted, "This old fellow is bullying others with his power. He doesn't even have a single word of respect when he speaks to someone of my status. How can I allow him to be so impudent? Even Bazhun'an had to persuade me nicely to leave the mountain. Who does he think he is!"

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Xu Xiaoshou looked extremely confused.

Just like that?

What kind of little kid tantrum is this motherfu*ker trying to show?

"So you're this kind of Water Ghost? I've really broadened my horizons. Wow!"

"Yeah, how noble is the senior's identity..." Xu Xiaoshou asked with curiosity, "So, what is your identity?"

"I'm..." The Water Ghost flung his sleeves and was furious. But as he was about to continue with his words, he realized and glared back with a cold face.

"Little chap, you dare to trick me?" He glared at Xu Xiaoshou, and his expression returned to his usual evil smile.

"Senior, if you want to say it, then say it. If you don't want to say it, then forget it. I am not curious about it." Xu Xiaoshou shrugged nonchalantly but felt that it was a pity.

Water Ghost was clearly used to being noble and was not an idle person.

As he said, a wealth of gold and silver could no longer tempt him. Even Bazhun'an had to pay the price of an "Answer" as respect to welcome him.

The Jiang Clan's demi-saint must have made a deal with him in such a disrespectful tone. In the end, he was held in a grudge, right?

Tsk, tsk. The disputes between the Bosses were supposed to be about the struggle for the great path.

I never thought that it would be such a minor source of dispute.

Regardless of the size of the matter, if they fought, it would either be the fall of the Saint, the destruction of the king of Yama, or the death of the fifth-in-command saint servant.

Of course, the world would know that such a terrifying result was because a demi-saint was not very respectful when speaking...

"Alas!"

Xu Xiaoshou suddenly shivered.

This world is so weird!

Chapter 1190: Be Obedient, Or... Be Ambitious! 1

"Forgive me for being blunt, but this matter is too big..."

Xu Xiaoshou thought for a while and still felt that it was irrational to interfere in the matter of the saints.

He advised sincerely, "Senior, the best choice might not be to directly intervene and target one of the parties, but to let them battle it out and watch them burn."

"You think you're the only smart one?" Water Ghost shook his head and laughed for a while, then said, "But the demi-saint has already involved me in his scheme. Do you think I have any way to watch them burn without getting burned myself?"

"That's true..." Xu Xiaoshou rubbed his chin and fell into deep thought.

When had he not been dragged involuntarily into the vortex helplessly too?

He had already experienced this kind of feeling deeply.

"Xu Xiaoshou..."

“Actually, your temper is quite to my liking.”

Water Ghost suddenly skipped the topic and looked at the youth in front of him. He twirled his fingers and said, “If I’m not wrong, Sleeveless didn’t teach you for long, and then he left soon after?”

Left... Xu Xiaoshou was speechless when he heard this, but he nodded. “You can say that. What do you mean?”

Water Ghost shook the Sea God’s Trident in his hand. Recollection flashed by as he said,

“Although Sleeveless and I are both from the Saint Servant, we don’t actually have much interaction. He left long ago, and I was not kept in the loop.”

“The relationship between the two of us is superficial.”

“With his personality, if he is still by your side, you will thrive more. Of course, you will also be more courageous. You will not be as hesitant as you are now...”

As Water Ghost spoke, he glanced at Xu Xiaoshou and said meaningfully, “He will teach you how to obtain greater benefits for yourself in the face of life and death, because this is his strong point.”

What did he mean?

Xu Xiaoshou didn’t understand this sentence.

Water Ghost chuckled, “If it was him, he wouldn’t have advised me on how to cower in the demi-saint’s scheme.

“Because he knows that the so-called cowering in ‘self-protection’ is nothing more than delaying the inevitable with ‘waiting’ in the demi-saint’s eyes.”

“On the contrary, he would say that...”

Water ghost paused for a moment and then said, “Demi-saint is looking for you, but the target is not you. You can use this opportunity to build a connection, caused a havoc and profit from this situation.”

“Standing by and watching is never the best way for spiritual cultivators like us to fight for our best interests, but when the two parties do not see eye to eye, we as the third party will reap the benefits.”

“Therefore, not only can you not retreat, you have to face the problems head-on. You have to assist both parties to kill each other, and the only one who survives, in the end, will be you who obtains all the benefits.”

Xu Xiaoshou was stunned when he heard that.

This...

Isn't this the 'Sixth's way of thinking?

I understand the logic, but how can it be guaranteed that you are the one who survives in the end?

“Senior, you're right, but I have a small question...” Xu Xiaoshou could tell that Water Ghost wanted to teach him some survival skills, but he disagreed.

“I know your question.” Water Ghost interrupted him with a smile.

“What you're thinking is, how can it be guaranteed that you'll be the last one to survive?”

“Or, if either side survives and learns of your actions, the blame will shift to you. How can you protect yourself when that happens?”

“Or, I could have chosen to retreat, but why must I interfere?”

Xu Xiaoshou nodded. He was sure that this was indeed what he had thought just now, and it was even more comprehensive.

Water Ghost explained patiently as if he was teaching a junior he admired very much.

“You forgot about the 'struggle for the great path,' 'the story behind a successful person who receives help from the lives of many others,' and you even forgot, 'someone will come for you even if you cower away from them.'”

“Because there is a direct conflict between you and them.”

Pausing for a moment, he sighed.

“On the path of spiritual cultivation, don't fall behind.”

“Perhaps it's a wise choice for you to retreat and protect yourself when you encounter danger in the early stage of cultivation.”

“However, once you're a sovereign, or rather, you're only a master at the moment, but you've directly participated in the 'struggle for the great path', which is something that belongs to the level of the sovereign.”

“Then retreating in case of trouble, or only seeking to protect yourself in case of trouble, not seeking to gain the rewards, will always be the last resort.”

Water Ghost’s voice suddenly became faint, like a loud bell ringing in Xu Xiaoshou’s heart.

“You can already be considered very radical now, but this is only for your peers.”

“Your opponent will never be your peers! Sleeveless chose you, Bazhun’an chose you, so it’s destined that you’ll have to be very advanced before you can barely qualify.”

“And since you are in the Holy Emperor and demi-saint chess games, your current ambition is not enough. It is far from enough!”

Water ghost stretched out his finger and pointed at the deep sea.

The deep sea turned into a chessboard. Chess Pieces appeared above it, constantly moving forward, shattering, and being reborn.

Pointing at the chessboard, Water Ghost met Xu Xiaoshou’s eyes. He looked at his thoughtful expression and continued.

“In such a giant chess game, which chess piece is useful and which can be discarded? Which chess piece doesn’t seem very important now, but you must keep it because it will be super helpful in the future...”

“This is all within the considerations of the chess master.”

“Don’t worry that they’re not smart enough to eliminate you, because you’re just a chess piece and don’t have the right to think about things outside of the chessboard.”

“As for those who are not qualified enough, they will be eliminated long ago. As long as you’re useful, you will be seen by other even smarter chess players. In the end, you will be saved and used by them.”

Chapter 1191: Be Obedient, Or... Be Ambitious! 2

Water Ghost cleared his throat and didn’t give Xu Xiaoshou any time to catch his breath. He continued.

“And what’s so outstanding about a chess piece which can be put to important use? Is it because it’s strong enough or is it valuable enough to be used?”

“Yes! But it’s far from enough.

“It still needs to keep growing so that it won’t be forsaken midway.”

“It still needs to have its own ideas and show enough ambition so that it can be promoted from a soldier to a general alike.”

“It also needs to shine in a particular corner at a certain time so that the confused chess player at his wit’s end can clearly see that this is a golden opportunity!”

“At this moment, your opportunity has arrived.”

“It is up to you to use this chance to escape this game of chess. You can be kept as a backup by the chess player for the next round. You can be used repeatedly, or you can break free from the vicious cycle of the chess game and eventually becoming a chess player yourself...”

“It all depends on whether you want it or not and whether you can use it to your advantage.”

“In other words, it depends whether your ambition is big enough and whether your ability is strong enough to be able to fully control the actions of the chess player in the game of chess!”

Boom!

As soon as Water Ghost finished speaking, he tapped his finger lightly and shattered the underwater chessboard, leaving Xu Xiaoshou alone in deep thought.

“What you said makes a lot of sense...”

“But you don’t agree, right?” Water Ghost interrupted Xu Xiaoshou and continued, “Or rather, this is a little different from what your master taught you in the past, isn’t it?”

Xu Xiaoshou raised his head and stared seriously at Water Ghost for a long time.

He became serious when he realized that Water Ghost acted as a guide and not fooling around with him. He replied, “He said that as a chess piece, one must be aware of it’s role and do it’s job well. That’s more than enough.”

Surprisingly, Water Ghost did not refute but took the opportunity to say, “So you’ve understood his meaning and survived until now. It must have a reason behind it.”

“Doesn’t make sense though?” Xu Xiaoshou felt that this sentence could still be slightly modified. But it could be used as a life-saving talisman which was handy.

As for other matters beyond our control, they were meant for the chess players to solve.

“Sleeveless is right, and what he said is also right. But people meet by fate, and some words are meant to be spoken in particular situations. You also have to see if this sentence makes sense at the particular time, don’t you think so?” Water Ghost smiled.

“What do you mean?” Xu Xiaoshou took a handful of water and listened attentively.

“If I were Sleeveless, I would say the same thing to you. When you were at acquired, innate, master, and while guiding you to the master, as well as while you were unable to participate in the ‘struggle for the great path.’

“Because you were too weak at that time. It was already not easy for you to be able to carry the title of Saint Servant and survive.

“But this time is different.”

Water ghost shook his head and chuckled.

“You are already a master, and you can still aim for Sovereign and work hard through the struggle for the great path. Then, you will have to have ambitions you wouldn’t have had in the past.”

“If you still cling to the past and don’t seek change in times of peace, there will definitely be a catastrophe in the future. The calamity will either consume you or transform you into a new person through hardship...”

“But after the transformation, you will lose even more in that circumstances!”

Water Ghost stopped speaking and became much quieter.

“For example, your master is like this, Bazhun’an is like this, and I am like this...”

“In the opposing faction, Gou Wuyue is like this, even more miserable. Whether he lived or died, nobody knows.”

Xu Xiaoshou was extremely smart and understood immediately.

Ambition...

It was indeed the driving force for a person to grow.

The words of the Water Ghost were nothing more than a reminder of the phrase, “Think of danger in times of peace.”

If these words were to be heard during peaceful times, they would definitely be irrational.

However, the words were highly compatible in this fierce, competitive society. Humans were willing to harm one another to succeed and be the sole survivor in the era of Spiritual Cultivation.

Xu Xiaoshou did not quite understand the examples given by the Water Ghost.

He didn't know what had happened to Water Ghost in the past and the truth behind Bazhun'an's "Fall."

However, Elder Sang's arrest and Gou Wuyue's imprisonment fit the theme perfectly.

Moreover, Xu Xiaoshou thought of more things.

Wasn't Lei Xi'er's change happened after she left the innocent and romantic Spirit Palace? Because of the impact of reality, she started to become strange gradually?

The Night Guardian, wasn't it also because he had yet to gain enlightenment after reaching a particular stage. In the end, his personality was utterly changed by his calamity?

Self-discipline or ambition?

"The path ahead and of the past requires a different mentality!"

"I seem to understand Senior's words..."

Xu Xiaoshou was sincerely grateful.

If not for Water Ghost's advice, he would have continued to follow Elder Sang's belief, and he might have encountered something challenging to solve in the future.

But now, Water Ghost's words had changed his mindset, and he had also avoided a future disaster that might be similar to the Night Guardian's case.

"I only taught you something that Sleeveless has yet to teach you. No matter what, you are still my... Junior." Water Ghost's gaze was gentle as he stared at Xu Xiaoshou like an old father.

As he watched, his gaze became absent-minded. The person in front of him seemed to have become another person.

"You seem to be as old as..."

He muttered softly and curled up the corners of his mouth. It was not the playful kind but extremely warm.

But Water Ghost suddenly thought of something, came to his sense, and left his speech hanging.

“What?” Xu Xiaoshou looked up but did not hear what Water Ghost said next.

“Nothing.” Water Ghost returned to his usual smile.

“...”

“There was something you wanted to say!”

“Don’t tell me you think I’m your deceased son or daughter?”

Xu Xiaoshou narrowed his eyes and silently thought about it in his heart. In the end, he thought about it and sincerely bowed, “Thanks.”

“You’re welcome.” The corner of Water Ghost’s lips raised again as he teased, “I just wanted to trick you into helping me with a small favor. If you’re so grateful to me, I’ll feel bad.”

“...”

“You’re so honest!”

“I’ve never seen such an honest person in my entire life!”

“Tell me what I need to do! But let me make it clear first. Even if I’m involved, at least you have to guarantee that I won’t die.”

Xu Xiaoshou shrugged and said helplessly, “I can’t deny that what you said just now was too demagogic. But my life is important. I can’t die. This is my last straw.”

Water Ghost was too frank. He was so honest that it brought chills to people. He said flatly, “I can’t guarantee you won’t die. Even I’m not sure I can succeed in this demi-saint situation. But if people don’t have ambition, what’s the difference between them and a dead being? If you don’t fight now, many people will want to steal your stage in the future!”

Xu Xiaoshou rolled his eyes but knew this was the truth.

His stage was not fully formed yet, but he was already offending the Holy Divine Palace. Let alone the future?

“So?” Xu Xiaoshou raised his eyebrows.

“Hehe...” seeing that Xu Xiaoshou was finally tempted and willing to help, Water Ghost smiled in relief. “The Jiang Clan’s demi-saint wants Yama, so I’ll find Yama for him. If he wants the Lei Family’s Eyes, I’ll find Lei Family’s Eyes for him. What you need to do is very simple...”

“Don’t tell me you want me to pretend to be Huang Quan?” Xu Xiaoshou frowned and interrupted him.

“Smart!” Water Ghost snapped his fingers and praised, “I like to chat with smart people.”

‘Smart my a*s. If I become a direct target like this, I’ll die...’ Xu Xiaoshou cursed in his heart. Suddenly, his eyes rolled as if he had thought of something.

“Don’t talk nonsense. You asked me for help, and you know what I’m capable of. You must have thought of a way out for me to say this.”

Xu Xiaoshou was clear and curled his lips into a smile, “Since you’re so honest, I won’t beat around the bush. In this matter, how can I survive? And what can I get after or before the event to protect my life and help me grow?”

Since they were going to talk about ambition.

Xu Xiaoshou’s biggest ambition now was to become a Sovereign.

He didn’t need anything else. His combat strength would immediately soar as long as he could consistently level up. By then, with the help of the saint statue, he could deal with anyone weaker than demi-saint as long as they didn’t encounter Bazhun’an.

With a sigh, Water Ghost clicked his tongue in surprise and said, “You’re a little too shrewd. Even when I schemed against you, you can still negotiate calmly with me after you found that out... Humans can’t be too shrewd!”

“To intimidate others with the help of a greater cause, to seize the opportunity for one’s own benefit, and profiting from the disharmony between two other parties... Didn’t you teach these just now?” Xu Xiaoshou chuckled.

Water Ghost was stunned.

How could those words just now be summed up in such an unorthodox way?

But he didn’t care and shook his head with a smile. “Very good, well said. I can’t guarantee your life and death, but if a little master like you interferes in the sacred match, how could I not give you any means of defense?”

“Want to give me something?”

Xu Xiaoshou’s eyes lit up.

Water Ghost, who didn’t even care a damn about Bazhun’an, dared to talk profanities about demi-saint. How could the quality of things he wanted to give be lousy?

Chapter 1192: The ‘Correct’ Way to Open the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale 1

“Take out the thing I gave you.”

Xu Xiaoshou was wondering why Water Ghost didn’t take out anything. On the contrary, he opened his hands and looked like he was asking for money.

“When did you give me anything...” Xu Xiaoshou was stunned.

Didn’t you say you would give me a protective charm? Why did you ask me for something?

Moreover, when did you give me something?

“Holy Emperor Dragon Scale,” Water Ghost explained calmly.

“Ah, this...” Xu Xiaoshou raised his eyebrows as he came to enlightenment. Water Ghost stuffed the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale into his mouth when he went into the water.

However, in Water Ghost’s hands, this thing could be used to locate his position under the Vanishing Technique.

After it came into his possession, he hid it away because he did not know how to use it.

Without thinking much, Xu Xiaoshou took out the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale and asked, “How do I use it?”

He was not worried that Water Ghost would take the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale back because it seemed that he was planning to teach him how to use it.

Water Ghost took the Black Dragon Scale and gently threw it up as he said,

“This is the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale of the Demonic Emperor Black Dragon. It has many effects.”

“I placed it on your body for self-defense and set it with the power of guidance to help you avoid danger. This way, you won’t meet any enemy you can’t fight underwater.”

“For example, the ancient swordsman Rao Yaoyao who can bypass the forbidden enchantment power, as well as other enemies that can assassinate you instantly.”

Xu Xiaoshou was stunned. He finally understood why he could not find the enemies he had searched underwater for so long.

The Holy Emperor Dragon Scale had sensed that even if Xu Xiaoshou had found Rao Yaoyao, Ye Xiao, and the others, he could meet with great danger. So did it draw a clear line between the trails of both sides?

“The power of guidance...”

Xu Xiaoshou muttered and asked curiously, “Then how do I use it myself?”

“It’s straightforward. Drip a drop of blood on the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale, and then the strong desires in your heart will become ‘guidance’. Of course, if you are worried, you can speak it.”

Water Ghost smiled, and his fingers lightly touched the dragon scale.

Not long after, he took out a drop of blood and returned the dragon scale to Xu Xiaoshou.

“This...”

Xu Xiaoshou was stupefied.

This method was too simple!

It was so simple that he had thought of it before, but he felt that it should not be so simple, so he put it away...

Water Ghost seemed to have understood Xu Xiaoshou’s facial expression, and he said with a smile,

“It sounds simple, but it’s hard to do.”

“Before this, the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale still had my blood, so it would only listen to my ‘guidance.’”

“Of course, now that I’ve extracted the blood from it, you only need to inject your own blood into it, and you can easily use it.”

Xu Xiaoshou nodded slowly. He thought that if he had known this in advance, he would have removed Water Ghost's blood from it at the Yuan Mansion.

Then who knew what kind of expression Water Ghost would show when he suddenly could not sense the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale?

"Hah."

Without overthinking, he swiped his fingertip.

Before his wound recovered, Xu Xiaoshou quickly squeezed a drop of his blood and dripped it on the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale.

"Lub Dub!"

"Lub Dub!"

A heavy heartbeat sounded in the Dragon Scale.

Xu Xiaoshou felt a strange connection between him and this black scale.

"It's very magical..."

He looked up at Water Ghost and saw him staring at the dragon scale with a slightly reluctant yet pretending to be cool with a silly smile.

Xu Xiaoshou hesitated for a moment and began to mutter in his heart,

"Fall off the stool, Fall off the stool, Fall off the stool, Fall off the stool..."

There was nothing unusual about the Holy Emperor Dragon scale.

Water Ghost finally withdrew his reluctant gaze and looked in the direction of the Thunder Calamity in the distance. He paced underwater with his hands behind his back and said,

"I've already removed this dragon scale's other hostile powers. Now, it's just a simple treasure.

"This was initially given to me by Bazhun'an for use in case of emergency."

"Why did you come to Lone Cliff? Why did Rao Yaoyao, Ye Xiaotian, Yama, Huang Quan, and the others come here? It's because they also have the guidance of this Holy Emperor Dragon Scale."

“Now, I’m giving it to you as compensation for your interference in the demi-saint’s situation. I hope you can use it well and use it to avoid the risk of the demi-saint hunting you down...”

“Hmm? Is there a flower on my face? Why are you staring at me like that?”

As Water Ghost spoke, his voice stopped. It was as if he had noticed Xu Xiaoshou’s burning gaze.

“Ah... No, I’m listening attentively.”

Xu Xiaoshou looked like he was caught being absent-minded by his teacher. He felt a little guilty. He said, “You’re so sneaky. It seems that all of this was secretly arranged by you...”

Why wasn’t there any reaction?

Could it be that this guy still had a backup plan, and the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale was ineffective against him?

On the surface, Xu Xiaoshou was playing along with him. However, deep down in his heart, Xu Xiaoshou continued to have other wicked thoughts.

He saw the Water Ghost walking far away, and the Sea God’s Trident in his hand was tightly clenched. He didn’t let go as though he thought of something.

The ten Great Psionic Weapons could transcend in the Spell Forbidden Barrier. But would Sea God’s Trident suppress the Water Ghost if it suddenly gave up on him in the deep sea?

“Because of some irresistible element, the Sea God’s Trident once again wanted to be free. It slightly broke away from the Water Ghost’s control. It caused the Water Ghost to lose the barrier of Great Psionic Weapons, leading to losing control of its spiritual source. Then...”

“Fall off the stool, Fall off the stool, Fall off the stool, Fall off the stool...”

The Water Ghost suddenly snorted coldly. It seemed to have sensed the mischievous intent in Xu Xiaoshou’s heart and said in a deep voice.

Chapter 1193: The ‘Correct’ Way to Open the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale 2

“Don’t think about things you shouldn’t be thinking about!”

“The guiding power of the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale will only make things appear more coincidental, but it won’t randomly change a person’s will.”

“Besides, a Demi-Saint has already reached the Saint realm, so he’s very sensitive to coincidences.”

“Therefore, if you want to use the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale, you can only use it to avoid risks. But don’t think you can guide a Demi-Saint to do something that doesn’t conform to his own will. Otherwise, you’ll die a horrible death!”

“Oh, I see.” Xu Xiaoshou nodded very seriously, but his peripheral vision was fixed on the right hand of Water Ghost which was holding the Sea God’s Trident.

“Did he forcefully reverse his will just now?”

“Well, it was indeed a little illogical.”

“Then... tickle it!”

“Scratching an itch is human nature. Anyone would need to scratch an itch.”

“But this time, Water Ghost scratched not with his free left hand, but with his right hand, the one holding the Sea God’s Trident. Just when he let go of the Sea God’s Trident, the Sea God’s Trident wanted to be free... this is very normal. I have nothing to lose and at most would only make a fool of myself.”

“So, I should deliberately create a distraction...”

At this point, Xu Xiaoshou suddenly thought of something. He calmly raised his eyes and asked, “What about those below the Demi-Saint level? Can the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale forcefully change a person’s will?”

Water Ghost didn’t suspect that he was up to something. He stopped and suddenly swiveled his neck from left to right. Then, he chuckled and said,

“It is possible, but it would be very difficult.”

“However, with your cunning nature, I don’t think you will deliberately arrange to have any conflicts.”

“You will make everything happen naturally, right? I still have this bit of confidence in you...”

As Water Ghost spoke, he suddenly released the Sea God's Trident and scratched the back of his neck twice with his right hand. Just then, the Sea God's Trident slipped out of his hand and started spinning rapidly as if it had regained its freedom. It was like a maggot version of hidden bitterness.

Something terrible had happened!

There was a sudden buzzing sound in the deep sea, and a dazzling light shone in the darkness.

The Spell Forbidden Barrier was activated at this moment. Water Ghost's pupils suddenly constricted as if he understood something.

"Xu Xiaoshou..."

In the next second, he had just opened his mouth when he was violently choked by the cold current in the deep sea. Then, he staggered and fell straight down, desperately trying to grab the Sea God's Trident but failed to do so.

"Awesome!"

Seeing this scene, Xu Xiaoshou clapped his hands and almost jumped up with excitement. At the same time, he couldn't help but mutter in his heart,

"Can't catch it, can't catch it, can't catch it..."

In the end, the Sea God's Trident seemed to sense its owner's predicament and flew back into the hands of Water Ghost with a swishing sound.

This time, Xu Xiaoshou's expression changed.

"Was this considered a reversal of will?"

After a furious Water Ghost held the Sea God's Trident, his body turned back and then his eyes swept all around his surroundings.

His furious appearance was extremely similar to that of the God of War who had been provoked. He flipped the Sea God's Trident that was held tightly his hand and his face turned livid as he bellowed:

"Xu Xiaoshou, are you tired of living? You dare to make a move on me?"

Xu Xiaoshou was so scared that he quickly retreated. As he retreated, he cried out in a strange manner...

“Senior, please spare me. What did I do to make you lose your temper? I didn’t do anything. Who can you blame for your sudden foul mood?”

“I lost my temper?”

“The Sea God’s Trident suddenly ceased to protect me. The Spell Forbidden Barrier was activated, and I was still in my own bounded domain... and I choked on water!”

“Any of this could be a coincidence, but for all of this to happen at the same time. Who would believe that it was a coincidence!”

“I just handed the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale to you, and instructed you how to use it, yet you’ve developed a whole new use for it?”

“You’re simply amazing! Xu Xiaoshou!”

The more Water Ghost thought about it, the angrier he got. He held the Sea God’s Trident, and with a kick of his feet, looked like he was about to fly over and whip someone.

“Don’t come over. Senior, please don’t make any rash move, or you’ll regret it...” Xu Xiaoshou retreated at the speed of light. As he ran, he cried out.

“Even Bazhun’an can’t protect you if he is here today!”

Water Ghost roared angrily and took a step forward, gripping the Sea God’s Trident in his hand.

However, when he took a step, he felt as if something seemed to be stuck between his feet. A ripping sound came from below.

Water Ghost stumbled again. This time, he didn’t fall, but he stopped in his tracks.

“What’s that sound?”

He looked down in disbelief.

Unexpectedly, Water Ghost saw that his belt had somehow been unfastened.

His robe fluttered around him because of the current, and the pants under the robe had dropped to his ankles because they had been loosened.

The ‘ripping’ sound he heard was that of his pants ripping apart because he had stepped too far ahead.

But that was not the point.

The main point was that he hadn't even noticed that his pants had been ripped off!

What mattered most was... the moment his pants dropped to his ankles, his underwear was completely exposed to the eyes of outsiders!

Even though he couldn't see clearly in the depths of the shadowy ocean, who was Xu Xiaoshou? This fellow's eyes were as sharp as a thief's, so how could he possibly not see?

"Xu, Xiao, Shou!" Water Ghost gritted his teeth and bellowed out these three words.

Even though the brutal killing intent in his heart could not be controlled, he had no choice but to bend down, pull up his torn pants, and fasten his belt.

Only after he had done this would he be able to pick up the Sea God's Trident and set off again.

The delay caused by this action... was too long!

Xu Xiaoshou, who was not far away, had already stopped when Water Ghost took his first step. His eyes were fixed on a certain someone who had to complete a set of action. Then, he covered his mouth and lowered his head. 'Kukukuku!' Sounds of stifled laughter could be heard.

"Pink and purple stripes..."

"Senior Water Ghost, your underwear is so sexy!"

His deliberate taunt completely ignited the raging fire of karma in Water Ghost's heart.

Chapter 1194: The 'Correct' Way to Open the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale 3

"Xu Xiaoshou! Even the King of Heavens cannot stop me from killing you today! Go to Hell!"

The deep sea exploded with a loud bang. Water Ghost, whose face was blood red in color, held the Sea God's Trident. His speed was extremely fast; It was almost as if he teleported and he directly jumped in the direction of Xu Xiaoshou.

"Vanishing Technique."

Boom!

The Sea God's Trident crashed down with a mighty bang, but the result was only a lonely explosion.

This feeling of powerlessness when his strike seemed to be punching on cotton made him feel even more frustrated.

Moreover, Water Ghost was close to his cultivation deviation. This strike missed, and he was so angry that he almost spat out a mouthful of blood.

"Xu Xiaoshou, come out!"

"..."

He disappeared, and there was no response.

"Xu Xiaoshou, come out. Let's continue talking about the cooperation. What happened earlier... Let's forget about it. I don't blame you." Water Ghost's tone suddenly became much gentler, but the hand that was holding the Sea God's Trident indicated otherwise... the veins bulged visibly.

"..."

There was still no response under the deep sea.

Water Ghost pressed his chest and purposefully took a deep breath. Only then did he manage to suppress all the abnormalities in his body, and there was no longer any signs of anger.

"Xu Xiaoshou, it's indeed my fault that I insisted on sending you into the water."

"How about this? Let's start all over again from the beginning. Now, you can just come out and we will continue to talk about our cooperation. I won't dwell the past anymore. How about it?" Water Ghost said calmly.

In the space above, Xu Xiaoshou's head suddenly appeared. He asked naively, "Are you serious?"

"Bang!"

Water Ghost pointed from afar, and the water gun turned into light spots which swished past his head.

"Damn it!"

After he disappeared, Xu Xiaoshou cursed angrily.

“He really attacked me?”

Fortunately, he had programmed the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale to ‘avoid danger’.

Fortunately too for him, when he looked at the information bar, the notification ‘Sneak Attack’ popped out.

Otherwise, he would have been blown apart by Water Ghost!

“I’m not coming, I’m not coming...”

“I’ve already vented my frustrations. It’s lucky that I didn’t hit you this time. I’ll let bygones be bygones. Come out again. I promise I won’t do anything.”

Water Ghost suddenly laughed again. He spoke in a gentle voice, like a good teacher intent on educating his student.

“You bastard, you went back on your word. Who would dare to believe you now? Xu Xiaoshou thought to himself.

Xu Xiaoshou did not believe him at all and once again became like a cowardly turtle.

Suddenly, Water Ghost’s expression turned ferocious. His voice was distorted as he roared, “Xu Xiaoshou! Do you really think that I can’t do anything to you just because you disappeared? Do you really think that I only have one Holy Emperor Dragon Scale on me?”

“...”

The deep sea was silent. Only a certain person’s incompetence and fury remained.

Water Ghost regained his calm and said with a little embarrassment, “Actually you guessed it right. I really only have one Holy Emperor Dragon Scale. If you really want to hide, I really can’t do anything, but...”

He paused as if he was talking to himself and said regretfully,

“What about our cooperation? I just gave you the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale, and you’re treating me like this. This is too disappointing.”

“And your little girlfriend. The demi-saint from the Jiang clan wants to attack her. If you don’t come out, I really won’t bother about it.”

“Hehe...”

Xu Xiaoshou remained in hiding and only sneered in return.

This Holy Emperor Dragon Scale had been given to him long ago. It was clearly a compensation for kicking him into the water. Now Water Ghost was still talking about it, how could Xu Xiaoshou be so easily swayed by him?

But the Jiang clan's demi-saint was indeed a problem...

Xu Xiaoshou thought for a moment and didn't dare to reveal himself yet.

But he took a portrait clone of himself from the Yuan Mansion World and threw it behind Water Ghost. He controlled the portrait clone from afar and said, "Senior, you should keep your promise..."

"Bang!"

Water Ghost did not even turn his head. He pointed his finger backward and the bullet from his finger accurately pierced the throat of Xu Xiaoshou's portrait clone.

In the deep sea, the corpse of the portrait clone turned into a mass of spiritual energy and disappeared.

Xu Xiaoshou's scalp went numb when he saw what he did.

"You son of a bitch, you're really out to kill me!"

"Only state officials are allowed to set fires, but the commoners are not allowed to light the lamps. Can't you even take a joke!"

Chapter 1195: The Ways of the World 1

"Come out."

"I won't!"

"You'd better come out as soon as possible."

"That's impossible!"

"There will not be a third time. Since I've already made a move and I did not manage to kill you yet, I won't bother about what happened before. Come out, let's talk about business."

"If there's anything, let's talk like this. You're in the open and I'm in the dark. I think this position is pretty good."

In the deep sea, Water Ghost and Xu Xiaoshou, who was still in hiding, were in a stalemate for a long time. Finally, Water Ghost gave up on the idea of trying to force this guy out to be killed.

First, it was really impossible to kill him. At most, he could just catch him and beat him up.

More importantly, they would have to trouble him after that. Xu Xiaoshou would be angry if he dragged him into the Holy Bureau for no reason, and Water Ghost could understand that.

However, if the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale was in this guy's hands, this was how it would be played...

Water Ghost would never have thought of this before!

He already regretted giving the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale away because he could foresee how much harm Xu Xiaoshou would cause when he had the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale.

Finally, after a moment, Water Ghost conceded defeat and began to issue orders:

"One day later, you'll be disguised as King Yama and stroll about in the deep sea."

"Remember, the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale has been programmed to avoid danger. Once you're about to encounter any great danger, the sounds of its heartbeat will be extremely terrifying."

"Don't be affected by the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale. Once you hear the sounds of the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale's heartbeat, immediately flee."

"Don't take any chances and think that the source of the danger is not necessarily a Demi-Saint. Don't try to resist either. A Demi-Saint's power is not something that you can resist at your current level."

"If you really can't avoid it, then hide at the bottom of the deep sea, push open the door and walk in."

Water Ghost said all this calmly, as if he had really forgotten all the unpleasant incidents that had occurred earlier.

Xu Xiaoshou was a little frightened by what he heard. He hesitated for a long time before his voice appeared from afar. "You won't take advantage and use the excuse of a Demi-Saint to kill me, will you?"

"Swish!" Water Ghost immediately turned around and looked in the direction of the voice.

However, Xu Xiaoshou had already moved from his position and disappeared after saying that.

Water Ghost did not rush to hurt him. Instead, he sneered and said, "Don't judge a gentleman by your own petty means. If I want to kill you, I don't need to use someone as an excuse!"

"Ptui!"

"A gentleman?"

"You speak as if you've encountered a great injustice!"

Xu Xiaoshou cursed in his heart and changed his position continuously. He asked in between his Yin Yang state, "What's the use of that door? There's also a guiding power there. I think it's a trap and I don't want to go in."

"That's where your opportunity lies!" Water Ghost said indifferently, "I used the spiritual source of the Sovereign stage and the power of the Nine-Death Power Calamity to open this door. It's to help kids like you who have not matured enough to seek an opportunity. It's ridiculous that you don't want to enter."

"Speak in human language." Xu Xiaoshou rolled his eyes.

"Ha." Water Ghost sneered. He didn't blame him and said, "The chances are slim. Whether you can survive depends on your own ability. Apart from you, everyone feels the same. If you don't enter that door, there are many people who want to enter."

"..."

Xu Xiaoshou was speechless for a moment.

"It sounded quite reasonable?"

He wanted Water Ghost to tell him about the dangers he would encounter after going through the Ancient Gate.

However, Water Ghost did not elaborate and he was too embarrassed to ask.

There would be no outcome!

Water Ghost paused and continued:

“After you become Huang Quan, you don’t need to use the Time and Space Attributes, but occasionally reveal a little of your special attributes to lure the Demi-Saint from the Jiang clan.

“Also, you have to display the Lei Family’s Eyes. Didn’t you take away your little girlfriend? The Jiang clan’s Demi-Saint should be able to sense the power of the Lei Family’s Eyes if you let her out.

“With this as bait, there’s a high chance that he’ll go into the water.”

“He wanted to trick two more people?”

Xu Xiaoshou was stunned.

He had many means to escape, but Lei Xi’er might not be able to escape from the clutches of the Jiang clan’s Demi-Saint. What if something happened when he let her out?

“I’ll try my best...” Xu Xiaoshou didn’t agree instantly and gave an ambiguous answer.

Water Ghost knew what he was thinking and said unhappily, “I only need you to lure the Jiang clan’s Demi-Saint into the water. There’s a forbidden barrier in the deep sea. Even a Demi-Saint can’t transcend. As long as he goes into the water, I have a hundred ways to deal with him.”

Xu Xiaoshou hesitated for a moment and asked, “Are you sure that the Jiang clan’s Demi-Saint doesn’t have the ‘Ten Great Psionic Weapons’?”

This time, Water Ghost was stumped.

He was stunned for quite some time before he replied, “It doesn’t matter. After a day, the Void Sect will have absorbed enough power. If he dares to enter the water, I can forcefully take him in and grant him this opportunity!”

Xu Xiaoshou’s head hurt a little when he heard this.

He really didn’t know whether his understanding of the words ‘opportunity’ and ‘danger’ was the same as Water Ghost’s.

“Why did it sound like there was not a slim chance of survival after entering the Ancient Gate, and an even slimmer chance of survival after it?”

“The Abyss Gate...”

After he heard the information that Water Ghost had inadvertently leaked, Xu Xiaoshou asked indirectly, "Who do you think chose the name of this 'Abyss Gate'? It's quite wonderful. It looks quite similar to 'Abyss Island', right?"

Chapter 1196: The Ways of the World 2

Seven Sword Deity, Chief of the Six Divisions, Authority of the Holy Palace, Yama, Demi-Saint of the Jiang clan...

"Was he planning to use a net to catch all of the above?"

Xu Xiaoshou suddenly felt a chill run down his spine.

It was really hard to imagine what were on the minds of Water Ghost and Bazhun'an, the top chess masters of the continent, if they would not talk to him face-to-face!

They dared to cover so many experts in the deep sea. Were they not afraid of accidents? Only the Saint Servant has such a big deal, right?

The battle between the Saints of the Yunlun Mountain Range had just barely ended. Xu Xiaoshou thought that the Saint Servant would take a break, but he did not expect that these incidents would occur, one after another. They did not give anyone any time to take a breather.

Now that he thought about it...

The commotion that he caused at the First Pavilion in the Sky had indeed been too mild.

Yama and the other Dark Powers' actions and style seemed more like a joke when compared to the Saint Servant's higher-ups.

If he really wanted to cause trouble, it would have to depend on the Saint Servant's higher-ups!

"I roughly understand the plan. I'll act according to the circumstances. Do you have any other defensive treasures for me?" Xu Xiaoshou asked from a distance.

"No!" Water Ghost was angered to the point of laughter. "How can you still have the cheek to ask me for something? I've already given you my Holy Emperor Dragon Scale!"

"Wasn't it said that if people were shameless, the world would be invincible?"

When the safety of his insignificant life was at stake, Xu Xiaoshou did not stand on ceremony. He spoke in a formal manner:

“Senior with a noble heart, could it be that you’re still holding a grudge over the trivial matters from before?”

“This is a blasphemous scheme. If I’m not careful, it might really turn into a slaughter of saints. Is it wrong for me to ask for more life-saving means? I’m only a Master stage!”

“Moreover, I have the means to save lives. That little girl of mine... oh, I mean my Junior Sister, is from the Lei family bloodline!

“What if something should happen to her? You should at least give her something like the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale as a protective amulet, right?”

After a pause, Xu Xiaoshou thought of many things. “Moreover, as a senior Saint Servant, it’s not asking too much for you to give my Junior Sister a greeting gift, right? After all, she’s the second disciple of the Saint Servant. Have you forgotten about those few games of chess?”

Water Ghost : “...”

“Kid, where did you get that mouth from?”

He seemed to have been convinced and lapsed into silence. It was only after a long while that he spoke up.

“What you said does make sense...”

“There’s a chance?”

Xu Xiaoshou had only given it a try, but he didn’t expect Water Ghost to really agree to give it to him.

He immediately kept quiet, because he might lose everything if he said too much.

He wouldn’t go too far.

Next, he would just wait for the Senior to give him a gift.

Water Ghost laughed silently. Then, he flipped his hand and took out a jade pendant.

He held it in his palm and said,

“I don’t have any more Holy Emperor Dragon Scale. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have been able to hide until now.”

“I don’t have anything ordinary on me either. The other things I have are too valuable. As the saying goes, bribery is a so-called sin! I won’t give it to her, so as to avoid bringing trouble to her.”

“Give this jade pendant to your little girlfriend. Use it as a protective amulet. It can protect her from anyone below the Demi-Saint level. As for anyone above the Demi-Saint level, it’s really up to fate.”

“Tsk Tsk...” Xu Xiaoshou sighed deeply. The reason why he couldn’t give it to her was because the gift was too expensive. This was the first time he had heard of such a reason, but he felt that it was true. What was going on?

“A protective amulet?”

“It could withstand a Demi-Saint’s attack?”

“Hmm, that was good too.”

He could hold on to it for his Junior Sister. Perhaps, it would come in handy in the future.

As for whether Water Ghost would use this jade pendant to track him down so that he could take revenge, Xu Xiaoshou had thought about it.

However, he felt that no matter how despicable Water Ghost was, he would not go to such an extent.

Moreover, Water Ghost’s status was actually quite high. It was just that he had met Xu Xiaoshou and seemed to have been pulled down a little. It was likely that he would not be willing to do such a contemptible thing.

“Throw it further away.” Xu Xiaoshou motioned from afar.

Water Ghost sneered. He said, “Why? Now that you think about it, are you afraid of me? You don’t even dare to come over and take it personally. Your relationship with your little girlfriend is still so distant?”

“Little Junior Sister!” Xu Xiaoshou snapped. He thought to himself, “You actually learned how to goad me.”

“However, if I come out and take the treasure personally...”

“I won’t die, right?”

Xu Xiaoshou seriously suspected that Water Ghost wanted to use this trick to take revenge on him. He then summoned a portrait clone and threw it into the deep sea.

“Bang!”

Water Ghost did not even raise his head. With a single finger, he ended the life of the portrait clone. He said with a smile, “This is too disrespectful. You used a dummy to deal with the item given by a Senior? Do you still want the amulet for your little girlfriend?”

“Damn you to hell...” Xu Xiaoshou was so angry that his teeth ached, but looking at the amulet, he couldn’t bear to leave it.

At such a crucial moment, the life of his Junior Sister was at stake! How could he not take it?

Forget it!

If he wanted to take revenge, so be it!

Gritting his teeth, Xu Xiaoshou decided to make an appearance.

Boom!

In the deep sea, Water Ghost saw a golden light in the distance, and then a huge Golden Giant descended.

This Giant’s body was covered with a violent Sword Energy field, which slashed away endlessly. On its back was a ferocious Taotie Beast Head, which constantly swallowed the surrounding water.

It held four swords in its left hand, and the famed Flame Python sword in its right hand. Step by step, it made its way over.

“Is it necessary...”

Water Ghost was stunned for a moment.

“How afraid of death should he be, to be on guard to such an extent?”

“It was just a protective amulet. Why did he have to transform into such a ghastly form and be so fully armed?”

“The main point is that your weapon is useless. If I really wanted to lay a hand on you, would you still be able to hide under the deep sea?”

Water Ghost was speechless as he stared at the Golden Giant walking over with such heavy steps. Even though the aura of the Golden Giant was immense, it could not suppress him in the slightest.

“Can you walk a bit faster.” Water Ghost was waiting impatiently for it.

“Oh.” The Berserk Giant immediately nodded. He held the two morphed sword forms and ran over.

“Pfft!”

This scene was too comical. Water Ghost could not help but laugh out loud.

He raised his hand and held the jade pendant up, waiting for the Golden Giant to come and take it.

The Berserk Giant that Xu Xiaoshou had transformed into stopped when he got close. He said hesitantly, I can’t hold back this ‘Close-bounds Force Field’. It might hurt you...”

“Cut the crap. Can you kill me with that little ability of yours?” Water Ghost sneered.

Xu Xiaoshou did not dare to withdraw his ‘Close-bounds Force Field’ either. He immediately took a step forward.

“Chi Chi Chi...”

Within the Close-bounds Force Field, the endless Sword Energy cut through Water Ghost’s body in an instant.

However, the other party was not hurt at all. It was as if the ocean contained a hundred rivers. It took the full brunt of the strikes from the Close-bounds Force Field, but there was no blood.

His body was like the jade pendant in his hand...

Xu Xiaoshou could see it through his ‘Perception’. No matter how dense the cutting power of the Close-bounds Force Field was, Water Ghost would always find an opening. Before he got injured, he would disintegrate slightly or shift his position slightly to avoid the attack.

In essence, the Close-bounds Force Field was attacking him crazily, but he had not been hit at all!

“His reactive force is too scary...”

Xu Xiaoshou was shocked.

Water Ghost’s battle awareness was simply at a terrifying level!

“Is this the true strength of a Higher void level and Water-type Upanishad wielder?”

“No..”

This was just the tip of the iceberg!

“What are you waiting for, take it!” Water Ghost could even make a gesture with his mouth within the Close-bounds Force Field. His body was constantly splitting apart, and he was completely unharmed.

“Hu...”

Xu Xiaoshou let out a heavy breath. He put the Flame Python back into his Yuan Mansion and used his left hand to grab the small jade pendant.

“Xiu!”

At this moment, a strange sound came from behind him.

Xu Xiaoshou’s ‘Perception’ saw that another Water Ghost had appeared behind him.

This Water Ghost clone held the Sea God’s Trident and raised it up with a ferocious expression. He then ruthlessly smashed it downward. The direction he aimed at was precisely at the Berserk Giant’s butt!

“Received sneak attack, passive points + 1.”

The information bar immediately popped up.

“Dong Dong...”

The sound of the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale’s heartbeat also increased slightly.

However, Xu Xiaoshou did not immediately disappear after receiving the jade pendant. Instead, after letting out a strange cry, he wanted to cover his butt.

“You’re launching a covert attack?!”

With a bang, before he could cover his butt with his hand, the Sea God’s Trident had already lashed out.

The intense pain caused the Berserk Giant to disintegrate. Xu Xiaoshou reverted to his original form and was sent flying like a cannonball. There was even a bloody scar on his butt in the deep sea.

“It hurts so much, it hurts so much. This really hurts to death. I was almost beaten to death. How terrifying...”

Water Ghost shook his arm that was still slightly numb from the impact. The comfortable feeling in his heart that he derived from the hit had yet to dissipate. After he heard his cries, his entire face was filled with black lines.

“Get lost!” He looked at the young man who was still covering his butt, but his wound had already healed.

“Well, thank you senior for this amulet. My Junior Sister will definitely like it!” Xu Xiaoshou chuckled and quickly left.

Chapter 1197: Why Are You Staring at Me Like that... 1

The silent sea, the berserk thunder.

The two extremes blended with each other, but there was a clear distinction between them.

Water Ghost adjusted half of the Golden Beast Mask on his face. After making sure that this item would not fall off like his belt or pants, his expression gradually eased from the moment when he and Xu Xiaoshou lost their composure due to their excessive playfulness. He became serious.

He waited for a long time but there was no trace of that ridiculous young man in the surrounding area. Then, he flipped his hand and took out a communication bead.

He thought for a moment.

Xu Xiaoshou had the Vanishing Technique to begin with. With the obstruction by the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale, perhaps even if he was not far away, he was still within his Bounded Domain.

He was indeed not sure if he had really gone far away from this place.

After a pause, Water Ghost flew out of the deep sea and landed on the Lone Cliff.

The Water-type Upanishad Formation expanded under his feet. It broke through the barrier of the Cloud Realm World and connected to the outside world.

“Beep...”

The communication bead rang.

With just one ring, the other end of the communication bead connected quickly. Then, a mature woman's teasing voice came from the other end. "What a rare guest. Mr. Water Ghost, why are you suddenly sending me a message? Did you miss me?"

"Meng Po Soup Lady?" Water Ghost replied emotionlessly.

"Don't worry, I'm not dead yet, and I have not changed my contact information. This is me." The woman's voice on the other end of the communication bead became a little resentful. "Mr. Water Ghost, in the end, you still refuse to call me Little Meng. Humph!"

"Your death is imminent." Water Ghost did not waste any time on exchanging pleasantries at all and went straight to the point.

His calm words fell on her like heavy blows from a hammer, scaring the woman on the other side of the communication bead so much that she could not speak for a long time.

"You're... You're joking, right? Mr. Water Ghost, you're still as cold and heartless as ever..."

"You can treat this as a joke and end the communication. I don't think I'll ever ask you for a favor again in the future. Of course, I won't have the chance to repay the debt."

"Hu..." the voice on the other side of the communication bead became serious. "Mr. Water Ghost doesn't talk nonsense. Tell me, what happened?"

"The Jiang clan's Demi-Saint has his eyes on Yama. Strictly speaking, it's the Lei Family's Eyes. Of course, he's also very interested in your boss. After all, he has the Time and Space Attributes."

"... how come I haven't heard anything about such a big matter? Even Lord Huang Quan doesn't know?"

"He shouldn't know yet. The Jiang clan's Demi-Saint only came to me about an hour ago to ask for my cooperation. He wanted all the information about your Yama members. He wants to locate all of them within half a day..."

Water Ghost paused. His expression didn't change, neither was there any sadness or joy in his tone. He continued, "If I can't find them, he'll kill me. Or he'll ask me to join the Demi-Saint Jiang clan. I only have one choice now."

There was a long silence at the other side of the communication bead.

"Mr. Water Ghost, are you lying to me again? I've been lied to by you too many times already..." the female voice sounded a bit aggrieved.

"It's up to you whether you believe..."

“Stop, Stop! I believe, I believe you, okay?” The female voice sounded helpless. “So, what’s the situation now? What’s Mr. Water Ghost’s stand? Or, which side are you on now?”

“Isn’t it obvious enough which side I’m on? I’ve even contacted you.” Water Ghost held the communication bead and smiled.

“Is it because of... me?” The female voice sounded expectant.

“It’s because you still owe me seven favors, a recipe for ‘Worry free Soup’ and the source of ‘Blazing Light Water’...” Water Ghost added after a pause, “I miscalculated. Now it’s eight favors.”

“... Uh.” A choked voice which sounded like someone who just had a heart attack came from the other side of the communication bead and she said softly, “I really can’t repay so many favors. I’m willing to repay the debt with my body, but Mr. Water Ghost doesn’t fancy me... Hmph.”

“You don’t have to.”

“Hmph!” The voice from the communication bead suddenly became much louder.

Water Ghost didn’t want to dwell too much on this topic and he said calmly, “Do me a favor first. Give me the positions of all the members of Yama and then look for Huang Quan. This matter is too big. I don’t think you can make the decision. I’ll talk to him myself.”

“When did I become your personal spy?” The female voice refuted subconsciously.

Water Ghost chuckled. “You don’t have to help me. But half a day later, I’ll be a member of the Demi-Saint’s Jiang clan. I don’t think you’ll be able to contact me again at that time.”

“...” The communication bead fell silent again.

After a long time, a voice came, “Okay, I, I, I’ll help you first. This counts as returning a favor, right? But regarding this matter, Lord Huang Quan must be told...”

“It doesn’t matter.”

“That’s good.” The female voice rose again. “I’ll help you contact Lord Huang Quan.”

“Okay.”

After nodding, Water Ghost directly hung up the communication bead.

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“Du...”

“Who?”

“Night Cat, Water Ghost, Meng Po is able to pull some strings. She’s my friend.”

“So?”

“The Jiang clan’s Demi-Saint wants to steal your Lei Family’s Eyes and is concerned about your Time Space Attributes. One day later, he will take action. You may not die, but you will lose all your years of hard work and at least half of your Yama members...” Water Ghost began to exert his power.

“Haha...” Huang Quan’s undisguised laughter came from the other side of the communication bead. “You seem like a liar. How can I trust you?”

“He is in the Yunlun Mountain Range now. His real body is here, and he has big plans. You can investigate him as you wish. Unfortunately, I am also in the Yunlun Mountain Range. He looked for me because I am so outstanding,” Water Ghost said with a smile.

Chapter 1198: Why Are You Staring at Me Like that... 2

“If that’s the case, why do you want to help me? Aren’t you already in cahoots with him?” Huang Quan asked in return.

“I’m not just helping you. This is a collaboration. I’m also helping myself,” Water Ghost said. “He thinks that I’m just Night Cat Water Ghost. Who would have thought that I’ve wanted to kill him for a long time?”

“Saint Slaughter?”

“Yes.”

“Heh, you’re really interesting...”

“Keep the praises coming.”

“Night Cat Water Ghost don’t have the guts, but you have a second identity?” Huang Quan resisted the urge to cut off the connection.

“As an intelligence worker, who doesn’t have three or four identities? Or even five, six, seven, or eight?”

“Oh? So your real identity is...” Huang Quan asked with a smile.

“The fifth-in-command Saint servant, Water Ghost.”

Water Ghost also smiled and said after a pause, “How about it? Are you interested in cooperating with me now?”

“...”

There was no relaxed smile on the face of the person on the other side of the communication bead, and the voice became serious.

“Let’s talk.”

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Whoosh!

Under the deep sea, a figure swam deftly and quickly through the dividing water and continuously swam downward.

After a long time, the figure stopped at a dark and uninhabited place.

“It should be far enough...”

Xu Xiaoshou did not know if Water Ghost was secretly trailing him.

However, regardless whether he was being followed or not, after traveling for such a long distance, coupled with the Vanishing Technique, it was likely that even Water Ghost would not be able to find him, right?

“Disappear!”

With a movement, his figure vanished into the deep sea.

After placing his trust in the Holy Emperor Dragon Scale and programing the thought of ‘Forgetting the existence of Xu Xiaoshou,’ and ‘Avoiding any risks’, Xu Xiaoshou immediately fled to the Yuan Mansion.

The Yuan Mansion Space World was vast and boundless.

As soon as he entered, a rich medicinal fragrance wafted over to the tip of his nose, instantly washing away the weariness in his body and mind.

“Hiss...”

Xu Xiaoshou inhaled this refreshing air that he had not felt for a long time deeply, and he felt his soul relax.

He raised his gaze and looked over. The chaotic mist that surrounded the Yuan Mansion Space World had retreated to the extreme distance in the horizon, revealing a vast new land.

In the center of this world, the Collapsed Tower from the Zhang Mansion was still there. Poison ivy and poisonous grass grew profusely in the pond, and poisonous fish were jumping around energetically. They were having a great time.

The world on this side was chaotic.

But on the other side, it was very peaceful.

Under the Treasure of Suppressing Barrier, the newly-planned herbal fields were laid out neatly among the green trees.

Greedy the White Cat Spirit was moving between the 100,000 Alchemy Cauldrons not far away. 007's work made it unable to stop for even a moment.

When he looked to the side, he saw an unexpected sight of a huge dragon corpse lying on the ground, which clearly highlighted the difference between vitality and loneliness on the left and right sides of the place perfectly.

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“This is great...”

After entering the Yuan Mansion, Xu Xiaoshou was extremely relaxed.

No matter what danger he faced, he could return to this pure unsullied land anytime he wanted to. How many people could even dream of this?

And he had gotten all of this a long time ago...

“Thank you, Cheng Xingchu!”

Greedy the Cat Spirit was not the only living creature in the Yuan Mansion Space World.

Xu Xiaoshou swept his gaze around and soon found his target in the middle of the herb field.

It was a woman with waist-length hair. She was wearing a light green silk dress that had been mended and lengthened. She was half-squatting in the middle of the herb field with her sleeves rolled up and held a small wooden pot in one hand and a small wooden shovel in the other hand. She was loosening the soil and watering the herbs.

Her eyes were lively and mysterious. The corners of her eyes and lips were slightly curved, and she had a faint relaxed smile on her face. There was no trace of sweat on the tip of her delicate nose, but there was a tinge of mud on it, which made her look so cute.

When the breeze blew, the silver threads of her hair brushed past her face and gleamed brightly under the sunlight. It was a beautiful sight to behold.

“Little Flower, quickly grow up...”

For a moment, Xu Xiaoshou’s mind went into a trance.

He felt that the one squatting in the middle of the herbal field was still his Junior Sister who did not know anything about the world. She was naive, lively and even a little barbaric. When she was angry, she would pout. She was cute but also funny. She was good at cursing others.

However, when the woman sensed the difference in the Yuan Mansion World, she raised her eyes and looked up, revealing her slender and graceful figure, as well as her long, shoulder-length hair that had turned from black to silver and was no longer tied into two ponytails...

Only then did Xu Xiaoshou realize that things had changed.

He smiled and did not care. He waved at her across the herbal field and shouted, “Lei Xi’er.”

“Xu Xiaoshou, you’re here?”

A look of surprise flashed across Lei Xi’er’s eyes before she regained her composure.

Xu Xiaoshou ran over quickly and took out a jade pendant from his ring as he ran. “Look what I brought for you!”

Lei Xi’er tilted her head and waited. She watched quietly as Xu Xiaoshou slapped Greedy the Cat Spirit away, then quickly flew over the herbal field and landed in front of her. Then as if he was coaxing a child, he held the jade pendant and dangled it in front of her. He even made the accompanying sound “Dang dang dang dang dang” and she could not help but smile.

“What is this for?”

Her fair fingers pinched the plain jade pendant. Lei Xi'er looked at it for some time but did not see anything special about the jade pendant that was worth showing off.

It had some ordinary carvings on it, and the edges were slightly damaged.

After examining it for a while, the corners of Lei Xi'er's mouth turned up slightly. She was clearly in a good mood, but she subconsciously muttered, "It looks so ugly."

"Uh." Xu Xiaoshou froze and he was momentarily at a loss for words.

With the aura of Water Ghost's gift in front of him, he had overlooked the nature of this jade pendant. It did look a little too ordinary.

But it didn't matter.

"It's just an ordinary amulet. It's nothing special. I just got it from a rather powerful Senior. Its defensive ability should be okay. It can barely block a lower Demi-Saint's attack!" Xu Xiaoshou scratched his head.

Lei Xi'er's eyebrows shot up a little. She held the jade pendant in her left hand and touched the ring on her right ring finger. She asked subconsciously, "What's its name?"

"Uh." Xu Xiaoshou was slightly startled. "Did the jade pendant need a name?"

Lei Xi'er's face turned red as soon as she said that.

Her reaction was quite instantaneous. Of course the ring and the jade pendant needed a name. This was something that only existed in her small world. How would Xu Xiaoshou know about it?

In her small world, the championship ring on her right hand that came from Xu Xiaoshou had a special name called 'Pink Pigeon'. Of course, there was also a heinous story behind it.

But these were all taken from her past life, and Xu Xiaoshou did not know about it.

"How could this 'one-track-mind person' think of a name while giving her the jade pendant?"

"Nothing."

Lei Xi'er turned her head away and covered her right hand. She changed the topic, "Don't be too solicitous. Do you need something from me?"

“What?” Xu Xiaoshou grimaced and he sneered, “You think I still need something from you? Are you kidding me? This is just to help you because I saw that you had a hard time using the God Devil Eyes last time.”

Xu Xiaoshou thought of an excuse in a split second, and he asked, “Oh right, how’s your recovery coming along?”

The last time, in order to control Rao Yaoyao and Teng Shanhai, Lei Xi’er almost overused the power of the God Devil Eyes, and tears of blood flowed from her eyes.

Xu Xiaoshou seriously suspected that if she continued to use it like this, her God Devil Eyes would go blind...

“I’ve recovered for some time already.” Lei Xi’er changed the topic and also regained her composure “There’s a lot of vitality in the Yuan Mansion Space World. As soon as I entered, I basically regained half of my strength already.”

“That’s good, that’s good...”

Xu Xiaoshou looked at the silver-haired woman in front of him and was suddenly tongue-tied and could only repeat his words.

After delivering the items, he didn’t know what else to say.

Ever since Mu Zixi became Lei Xi’er, he felt that their identities had also changed.

In the past, this little girl’s world revolved around him. Now, he was the one who needed to make her happy. It was as if...

If he teased and played with her, he could bring back those times...

But even when he teased her, he could find some traces of familiarity from the past.

After that, everything returned to normal.

Xu Xiaoshou was deep in thought, thinking about what had gone wrong.

After entering the Yuan Mansion, he had started off quite well. Why did he suddenly lapse into silence.

It was so awkward...

“Say something, say something, say something...”

The Holy Emperor Dragon Scale moved slightly without him noticing.

Lei Xi'er's eyelashes fluttered, and her eyes quickly darted to the left and right. Then, she lowered her head, and her red lips subconsciously parted:

"Why are you staring at me like that..."

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"Uh."

Xu Xiaoshou quickly averted his gaze and inadvertently caught a glimpse of Greedy the Cat Spirit dropping like a ball onto the ground in the distance. It seemed to have no intention to continue refining the pills. With a "Ding", a light bulb lit up on top of its head.

"Little Fatty, come over!"

"Meow!"

When Greedy the Cat Spirit confirmed that it was being summoned, it instantly revived, seemingly restored to its full health and flew away. It instantly forgot the scene where a certain someone was trying to revive it by fanning it.

Greedy the Cat Spirit never showed any lack of enthusiasm toward its owner and mistress.

"I might have to take Greedy the Cat Spirit away for a period of time. During this interim, you still have to stay in Yuan Mansion." Xu Xiaoshou stroked the Cat Spirit and said somewhat embarrassedly. He felt like he was sentencing someone to imprisonment.

"Why do you need to take it away?" Lei Xi'er asked.

"Some... small matter." Xu Xiaoshou chuckled and took out a jar of honey refined by Greedy the Cat Spirit. He opened the jar and fed it to Greedy the Cat Spirit.

"Meow..."

Greedy the Cat Spirit immediately lowered his head and started licking his food.

"Is it delicious?" Xu Xiaoshou revealed his demonic fangs when he smiled.

"Meow Meow Meow..."

Greedy the Cat Spirit raised his eyes and cheered. It was a refined elixir, but it was rare for him to get to eat them so openly. He immediately replied that it was delicious.

“If it’s delicious, then open the ‘Three Loathsome Eyes’. You don’t have to close it from now on. I’ll bring you, little fatty, out for some exercise to help you digest your food and lose some weight.” Xu Xiaoshou stroked Greedy the Cat Spirit’s fur.

“Meow!”

Without a word, Greedy the Cat Spirit conjured up three gray flowers in his left eye and quickly flipped them over.

Lei Xi’er was keenly aware of the irregularity and glanced over at them. Her light voice sounded a little suspicious. “Something happened again?”

“Little troublemaker.” Xu Xiaoshou stroked the cat’s head and looked at each other. He chuckled and conjured a Spatial Passageway. “I’ll bring Greedy the Cat Spirit out first. Then, I’ll bring you out to play.”

Lei Xi’er’s red lips parted, and she wanted to say something, but she hesitated.

Xu Xiaoshou sensed it, but he didn’t intend to explain.

Even though he knew that Lei Xi’er’s God Devil Eyes were very powerful and could help, he was afraid that an accident might happen.

After all, this was a sacrilege.

“The burden on your shoulders is too heavy. Don’t take on any unnecessary danger. Just let Greedy the Cat Spirit go.” This was Xu Xiaoshou’s inner monologue.

Stepping into the Spatial Passageway, holding Greedy the Cat Spirit who only knew how to eat, Xu Xiaoshou suddenly stopped and looked back. He asked hesitantly, “Yuan Mansion World, it’s very boring here, right?”

Lei Xi’er pouted as if she had a thousand complaints to voice out, but when the words reached her mouth, they turned into a few simple words. “It’s alright, I can grow flowers and grass.”

Xu Xiaoshou could not help laughing when he heard this.

A dignified Sovereign Stage, a dignified descendant of the Lei family, actually grew flowers and grass in the Yuan Mansion World. Who would believe this if word got out?

He raised his hand and promised solemnly, “When I come next time, I’ll take you to a place that you’ve never been to before; It’s quite a fun place... We can stroll around!”

“What place is that?” Lei Xi’er’s eyes lit up for a moment. Between her parted lips, her white tiger-like teeth glowed.

Xu Xiaoshou felt that there were two faces that overlapped each other in front of him. In the end, they merged into a face that looked like an oval-shaped goose egg and it was flushed red. She turned slightly to the side to hide her plum-colored face.

After a long while, Xu Xiaoshou finally recovered from his daze. He shook his head and smiled. "It's a secret."

Lei Xi'er : "..."

"Cursed, passive points + 1, + 1, + 1, + 1..."

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Dongtianwang City.

It was daytime but the whole of Dongtianwang City was still dark.

"Rumble..."

The rumbling of thunder overhead corresponded with the real thunder of the Yunlun Mountain Range. However, the people in the Royal City were already used to it and did not even seem to be aware of it.

On the street, women with children in their arms could be seen at the stalls of various vendors, their baskets hanging from their arms.

The people from the Spiritual Cultivator World needed sustenance as well and they had their share of burdens.

Once they have a family and their children were still young.

"Mother, Mother, look, look, the sky is about to drop!"

With her arms clasped around her mother's neck, the girl with braided hair shouted inarticulately and pointed at the sky. Her face was red and trembled with excitement, but she did not attract the attention of passers-by.

"Pa!"

The woman rolled her eyes and patted her daughter's butt, scolding, "Shut your accursed mouth. The last time you stepped on dog poop, it was all because of your mouth."

The innocent little girl's attention was immediately diverted, she turned her head and asked curiously, "But there are no dogs in our Imperial City, right? I've never seen a dog before. I heard that dogs can bite people! But the dog in the picture looks so cute..."

The woman shifted the bulk in her arms and said unhappily, "So, from now on, I shouldn't leave this little doggie lying around!"

"Who's the little doggie?" The little girl tilted her head.

"It's you, silly girl!" The woman poked the back of the child's head and replied with a smile.

The little girl sucked her thumb and began to think seriously. Then her expression became excited and she shouted, "I'm a little doggie! I'm a little doggie!"

The passersby looked at her in surprise.

"Shut up!" The woman was embarrassed and pretended to get angry as she slapped the little doggie's buttocks again.

After the little girl screamed, she leaned back and held her mother's head. Her big eyes sparkled as she asked again, "Aren't I your baby? If I'm a dog baby, what are you then, Mother?"

"? ? ?" The woman who was holding the vegetable basket was immediately stunned.

"Hahahaha..."

The surrounding vendors and passers-by burst into laughter.

A Bard who was munching on an apple passed by and sighed with emotion, "A dog gives birth to a baby and it is called a doggie, Doggie, Doggie, a dog she gives birth to, that would make a good poem."

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"Hahahaha..."

This time, the laughter could not be stopped.

The passersby looked at the mother and daughter, pointed to them and teased them.

"Doggie... Brat, just shut up. Why are you asking so many questions!" The woman slapped her again, causing the little girl to cry out in pain.

At this time, although the long street was wide there was no place for the mother and daughter to hide.

The woman carrying the girl could not wait to teleport home. She immediately revealed her Wind Attribute, wanting to leave instantly.

At this moment..

“Bang!”

A huge rock came hurtling down from above her head, creating a pit in the floor and leaving intertwining cracks, which looked like cobwebs.

The woman was frightened, and her eyes were wide open in shock.

This was because the falling rock had landed directly in front of her feet.

If it wasn't for the small incident with the “Doggie” just now, the falling rock might have smashed into them directly.

And the first in line to bear the brunt of the heavy blow from the falling rock was obviously not her, but the ‘Doggie’ that was cuddled against her head... Bah, devilish brat!

“What’s going on?”

“How could such a big rock fall from the sky?”

The people around were so scared that they stopped in their tracks. Above Dongtianwang City, there was another city which was Sky City and occasionally, there would be broken rocks falling from it.

However, there was a City Guarding Barrier!

When these pieces of rubble fell, they were all prevented from hitting the city by the City Guarding Barrier. How could they suddenly break through the barrier and smash into the city?

The City Guarding Barrier was not made of paper. How could a falling rock break through the barrier's defense?

“Mother, Mother. Look, it's a tree meteor shower! What a big meteor shower! It's the second meteor shower that ‘Silly’ has ever seen!” The little girl was wriggling about in her mother's arms. She felt as if she was going to fly into the sky.

“You silly child, I already said that the term ‘Silly’ isn't used like this...” the woman subconsciously lowered her head, afraid that the passersby would laugh at her again.

However, her voice suddenly stopped because she saw that everyone's attention was no longer on the word 'silly'. Instead, their eyes were raised toward the sky and their faces were filled with shock and fear; it was as if their souls had been taken away all at the same time.

This scene was too horrifying!

The woman seemed to have thought of something, and her eyes widened. She directly pushed the girl's head away and looked up at the sky.

"This..."

What she saw made her scalp go numb.

High in the sky, Sky City, which only took up less than a third of the city's corner, had already separated from the Spatial Fragment by 70-80% .

At this moment, more than half of Sky City was exposed and inclined at an angle. It was as if the sky was tilting and even the mottled ancient city gate was exposed.

The rumbling sounds of thunder could still be heard.

The speed at which Sky City was being pulled away was visible to the naked eye.

The city was covered with cracks carved by the passage of time. Because of the splitting of the spatial crack, large pieces of land fell and bombarded the City Guarding Barrier.

"Is this a meteor shower?"

The woman thought of her daughter's words.

Based on what she saw, it could not be a meteor shower filled with the rare treasures from the Yunlun mountain range, right?

This was a disaster!

The incessant rumbling of thunder kept ringing in their ears. This time, when they looked at the celestial phenomenon and listened to it, everyone felt fear in their hearts. It was a feeling of helplessness as there was nothing they could do to turn the situation around.

"It can't be that it's really going to fall..." someone muttered.

The low muttering ended abruptly as the rocks around them fell to the ground. It was as if his words had come true.

This was because Sky City which was above the Nine Heavens was located at that corner of the ancient city gate. If it continued to fall, it would definitely smash into Dongtianwang City.

“Impossible, absolutely impossible!”

“Our Dongtianwang City is protected by the Holy Divine Palace. With the Holy Divine Palace here, nothing will happen to the Imperial City!”

“That’s right. We have to trust in the Holy Divine Palace. After all these years, their great achievements have long been well-known. They even managed to shut down the Extradimensional Space. What’s a mere Sky City?”

Most of the people were just trying to comfort themselves.

The Bard who was munching on an apple suddenly averted his gaze from the sky and swept his gaze over everyone. He let out an untimely cry:

“The Extradimensional Space is a small problem, but isn’t Sky City known as the ‘Seven Breaks’ City? Have you all forgotten?”

“Uh...” His comment rendered everyone speechless. Then, everyone became furious and switched the focus of their rage. Rotten vegetable leaves and eggs were unceremoniously thrown at the poor Bard’s face.

“Stupid dog, shut up!”

“You jinx, if you don’t speak, no one will treat you as a mute. Get lost and continue writing that rubbish ‘dog child poem’ of yours!”

“Feel my flying kicks and drop dead...”

The Bard was so scared that he dropped the apple and retreated into the dark alley.

“Bang, Bang, Bang...”

As time passed, more and more rubble were scattered on the ground.

The frequency of the boulders landing on the city increased, making people feel as if the end of the world had arrived. The City Guarding Barrier that protected everyone now seemed to have become a mere decoration only.

“It can’t be that bad. The barrier hasn’t broken down yet. How did the falling rocks get in?”

“They’ve come up with some ideas. Did they drill some holes?”

“But... the City Guarding Barrier doesn't have a hole. It doesn't even have a crack!”

Everyone was puzzled.

Even though the falling rocks were 99% blocked by the barrier, there were always some chance rocks that slipped through the barrier miraculously and smashed onto the heads of some unfortunate people.

A dirty head suddenly emerged from the alley and sneered in a mocking tone:

“Ignorant people, Sky City is one of the ‘Seven Breaks’. How much pressure can it take?”

“This city has a Spatial Fragment. Even if it does not collapse, how can an ordinary space withstand it?”