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Chapter 731: Xu Ruyin Sneaks into Bi Lake Mountain, Mount Sumeru's Divine Light!_1

Bi Lake Mountain, Alchemy Room.

Since Xu Renguang had delivered twenty aquatic demon beasts, all of which had been refined into Blackwater Dragon Spirit Weapons, Lu Changsheng had yet another heavy burden added to his daily routine.

Every two to three months, he would need to make a batch of 'Spirit Nurturing Elixirs', 'Wisdom-Opening Elixirs', and 'Ascending Dragon Elixirs'.

He felt it was absolutely necessary to hire an Imperial Alchemist.

Otherwise, cultivating Dao Soldiers by relying on his own alchemy skills was simply too troublesome.

"Huff huff huff——"

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At this moment, Lu Changsheng was sitting at his desk, holding a third rank brush in hand, drawing talismans.

Due to the demand for talismans by talisman formations, he had always maintained the habit of talisman making.

So each time he made elixirs, during his free time, he would draw a few talismans.

Lu Wangshu, dressed in a pink and white outfit with two buns in her hair, sat squatting next to the alchemy furnace, holding a Banana Leaf Fan that was almost as big as herself, fanning towards the furnace opening.

Her delicate, doll-like cheeks reddened by the fiery glow looked exceedingly cute.

The sorrow of children comes quickly and leaves just as fast.

Additionally, with plenty of playmates of the same age at school, Lu Wangshu quickly moved past the sadness of her mother Xiao Xiyue's departure.

Having heard the day before last that her father Lu Changsheng was doing alchemy, she was full of curiosity and wanted to see what alchemy was like.

After watching, she claimed that the alchemy masters in the picture books all had fan-bearing children, so she volunteered to be her daddy's fan-bearer to help with the alchemy.

Lu Changsheng did not refuse his daughter's request.

After all, children are playful and interested in new and novel things.

Then, Lu Changsheng took out a top-grade magic artifact that was impervious to heat and cold from his storage bag and had someone buy a 'Banana Leaf Fan' for her to wave around and play with.

Unexpectedly, the little girl actually took to it, and for three days straight, she did not tire of it.

She would run to the alchemy room after returning from school, and also expressed that she wanted to learn alchemy.

"Wangshu, are you tired?"

At this time, Lu Changsheng had finished drawing the talisman and looked towards his precious daughter.

Under the glow of the red fire, her tender little face was roasted red, and beads of sweat damped the hair on her forehead.

Though they had magic artifacts that made them impervious to the cold and heat,

without mana to activate them, merely carrying them did not provide real protection against the extremes.

After all, this fire wasn't an ordinary flame, but Earth Vein Fire.

"Daddy, I'm not tired!"

The little girl heard Lu Changsheng's words, immediately stood up and vigorously fanned the Earth Fire a few times, her voice crisp and clear.

"Hehe, the elixir will take a while, Daddy will teach you how to make talismans."

Lu Changsheng stood up, came to his daughter's side, caressed her head, and used his mana to dispel the sweat and heat from her forehead.

"Daddy, drawing talismans is too boring, I think it's not as interesting as alchemy or puppeteering."

Lu Wangshu said so.

In her school, they taught about formations, alchemy, talisman making, puppeteering, beast taming, spirit plants, and so on.

But since she ate elixir medicines like candy on a daily basis and played with puppet toys in the family's playground, she was only interested in those two subjects.

"???"

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng felt a chill in his heart; it would be rather awkward if his daughter had no interest in talisman making.

Thinking that youth was the time to cultivate a child's interests and hobbies, and now that his daughter Lu Wangshu was also eight years old, he should foster her interest in the Talisman Path.

Otherwise, it would be a waste if a Talisman Path prodigy spent all her time indulging in fishing, and even in alchemy and puppeteering—it simply wouldn't be proper!

He took out a stack of Spirit Talismans and said warmly, "How can drawing talismans be boring? Look at these talismans Daddy drew; they're all very interesting. This talisman can transform into a firebird, this one can whip up a fierce wind, this one can bring down heavenly thunder...."

"Daddy, is there one that can make you fly?"

Lu Wangshu, showing some interest upon hearing this, asked out loud.

"Yes!"

Lu Changsheng immediately responded, "Come, Daddy will draw you a talisman that you can use to fly!"

Subsequently, father and daughter sat in front of the desk, with Lu Changsheng drawing the 'Flying Ascension Talisman' under his daughter's watchful eyes.

When Lu Changsheng completed the talisman, he slapped it onto his daughter's body and activated it with his mana, saying, "Now, my dear girl, follow your feelings and control this energy, then you'll be able to fly on your own...."

"Eh...."

Lu Wangshu followed his instructions with interest, and immediately found herself floating gently in the air.

However, since she hadn't begun cultivation, she couldn't control the power and kept bumping around clumsily.

But with the patient guidance of her father, she gradually got the hang of it and enjoyed herself immensely.

Afterward, Lu Changsheng began drawing all kinds of interesting talismans like unveiling treasures, showing them to his daughter, who played tirelessly with them.

After a long playtime, seeing that there was a hint of weariness in his daughter's eyes and brows, Lu Changsheng said warmly, "You're a bit tired, aren't you? Daddy will take you back to rest and sleep."

"But the elixir isn't finished yet, I want to stay with Daddy!"

Lu Wangshu, pointing at the alchemy furnace, said somewhat reluctantly.

These past several days, she had come with the wish to see the elixir medicines completed.

"It will still take quite a while before it's done."

Looking at the Pill Furnace, Lu Changsheng estimated that it would take another two to three hours before the pills would be ready.

He rubbed his daughter's little head gently and said, "Why don't you go to sleep first, and when the elixirs are ready, Daddy will call you."

"No, I don't want to, I want to be with Daddy, carry me to sleep!" Lu Wangshu spoke coquettishly.

"You're such a big girl now."

Lu Changsheng laughed doting, pinching his daughter's little nose.

But he still picked her up and took her to the bench nearby, saying, "Alright, go to sleep."

Curling up in Lu Changsheng's arms like a little kitten, Lu Wangshu looked up at him with her bright, doe-like eyes, pitifully saying, "Daddy, I still want a sugar bean!"

"Alright, after eating it, you have to sleep soundly."

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Lu Changsheng's expression was gentle as he took out a bottle of 'Cultivation Nurturing Elixir' and poured out a pill coated with honey, handing it to his daughter.

"Daddy, I am going to sleep, you must remember to call me!"

The little girl ate the elixir, and immediately a sweet smile blossomed, her eyes turning into crescent shapes. After speaking, she obediently closed her eyes.

It wasn't long before the child in his arms began breathing evenly.

She was obviously a bit tired just now.

Lu Changsheng watched his daughter sleeping peacefully in his arms, smiled, and continued crafting symbols.

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The night was deep and tranquil, with a clear moon and a gentle breeze.

A few miles from Bi Lake Mountain, a shadow flashed by swiftly.

"Elder Hong Lian!"

The shadow looked at Bi Lake Mountain under the moonlight, a quiet expanse, and spoke in his mind.

"Take out all the materials, and I will cast the Seamless Celestial Clothes Divine Technique for you!"

A clear and ethereal voice rang out.

Xu Ruyin immediately took out the prepared spiritual materials from her storage bag.

“Buzz—”

All the materials arose into the air, circulating around Xu Ruyin, beginning to melt. They spread like a mist, transforming into a vestment robe that enveloped her entire body.

In an instant, Xu Ruyin’s presence abruptly drew in, without revealing the slightest aura.

Her whole being gradually faded into stealth, without a trace to be seen.

“With my Seamless Celestial Clothes Divine Technique, as long as you are careful and do not make too much commotion, even if Bi Lake Mountain has a Nascent Soul Immortal stationed, it would be difficult to detect your existence,” the voice continued. “However, this Seamless Celestial Clothes Divine Technique can only last for three hours. Within these three hours, you must take the Heaven-Rank Demon Beast and leave the boundaries of Bi Lake Mountain.”

The ethereal voice spoke to Xu Ruyin.

“Thank you, Elder Hong Lian!”

Hearing this, Xu Ruyin clenched her fists, her dark eyes ablaze with intense flames.

Then, she flew swiftly towards Bi Lake Mountain.

Before long, she arrived at the outskirts of Bi Lake Mountain’s Great Formation.

Gazing at the hazy and pristine aura of the formation’s spiritual light, Xu Ruyin took a deep breath and tentatively reached out her hand.

She could sense the profound power of the formation, like an impenetrable wall blocking her path.

But at the next moment, a shimmering light enveloped her body, allowing her arm to pass through the Bi Lake Mountain's Great Formation as though penetrating water.

"Truly worthy of Elder Hong Lian, such a technique is astonishing!"

Seeing this, Xu Ruyin was taken aback and then proceeded to pass through the Great Formation into Bi Lake Mountain.

"Phew!"

Looking at the scenery of Bi Lake Mountain before her, Xu Ruyin exhaled a long breath.

Even with Elder Hong Lian's aid,

The prospect of infiltrating Bi Lake Mountain, and its Second-Rank top-notch Great Formation, still made her nervous.

Afterwards, Xu Ruyin closed her eyes and operated the Beast Technique, sensing the aura of spiritual beasts, and turned her gaze towards Bi Yun Peak. "Elder Hong Lian, I sense that the Heaven-Rank Demon Beast is on the main peak of Bi Lake Mountain!"

"Hmm..."

Hong Lian, looking at Bi Yun Peak, felt an inexplicable sense of unease from the mountain.

"Elder Hong Lian, what's wrong?"

Xu Ruyin noticed something was off with the Hong Lian in her mind.

"It's nothing, aside from the Great Formation, there might be other measures on this mountain. Be very careful and act quickly," Hong Lian said solemnly. "The Seamless Celestial Clothes has already consumed a lot of power when breaking through the formation just now, so in theory, you have only one hour left."

Although Hong Lian sensed something amiss about the mountain, she could not simply leave because of it.

Because Xu Ruyin's growth was also pivotal to her future.

Only by Xu Ruyin contracting with a Heaven-Rank Demon Beast and forming a Heavenly Beast Dao Foundation could she have a considerable chance to break through to the Nascent Soul and allow herself to be revived!

"I understand, Elder Hong Lian!"

Xu Ruyin nodded rapidly and rushed towards Bi Yun Peak.

She had lived in Bi Lake Mountain for five days and had already grasped the general situation here.

Moreover, she had simulated the plan for this night countless times in her mind.

With the Seamless Celestial Clothes, the patrolling cultivators of Bi Lake Mountain failed to notice Xu Ruyin's presence.

Guided by the hint of the Heaven-Rank Demon Beast's aura from the Beast Technique, Xu Ruyin reached Bi Yun Peak at maximum speed.

However, as she continued to follow the scent up the mountain after reaching Bi Yun Peak,

The Mount Sumeru Tree King on Bi Yun Peak rustled its leaves, which were akin to gold and jade.

Inside the Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven,

"Someone has infiltrated?"

Ling Zixiao, who was resting, snapped awake upon hearing the words of the Mount Sumeru Tree King.

She hastily checked the Array Plate.

But the ‘Azure Water Heavenly Blue Great Formation’ of Bi Lake Mountain was functioning normally at the moment, without any peculiarities.

However, the elder Mount Sumeru in front of her would not speak falsely.

“Could it be that a Nascent Soul Immortal has infiltrated Bi Lake Mountain!?”

Ling Zixiao’s elegant visage showed a look of solemnity.

The Great Formation of Bi Lake Mountain is a second-tier top level Great Formation; even Nascent Soul Immortals would have difficulty infiltrating it silently and unnoticed.

However, it cannot be ruled out that some Nascent Soul Immortals with certain methods could silently enter within.

Just like before with Xiahou Monie, the reason he could attack Bi Lake Mountain was also because he had a treasure that could break through prohibitions.

“Mount Sumeru predecessor, what is the cultivation level of the other party?”

Ling Zixiao immediately asked the Mount Sumeru Tree King.

“It seems to be... Energy Refining Cultivator level?”

The voice of the Mount Sumeru Tree King, clear and ethereal, carried a hint of uncertainty.

Although it could sense Xu Ruyin’s traces.

But this aura was faint and elusive, making it difficult for even it to capture clearly.

“Energy Refining!?”

Upon hearing this, Ling Zixiao's face showed a moment of shock, her expression etched with incredulity.

Had she not known that the Tree King before her was not one for jesting, she might have thought the other party was teasing her.

How could an Energy Refining Cultivator infiltrate Bi Lake Mountain silently and without notice!?

“Could the other party have used some kind of secret technique or treasure to sneak into our Bi Lake Mountain, concealing their cultivation level? Can the predecessor suppress them within the Cave Heaven?”

Ling Zixiao said seriously.

Although the Mount Sumeru Tree King mentioned the intruder was only an Energy Refining Cultivator, she did not believe it at all.

She suspected it was a Nascent Soul Immortal who had sneaked in using a secret technique, causing even this Mount Sumeru predecessor to fail in pinpointing their exact location.

Therefore, at this time, she had to take swift and decisive action to catch the other party completely by surprise.

After all, she also knew that within this Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, no one could be a match for this Mount Sumeru predecessor unless a Nascent Soul True Lord personally came!

And currently in the entire cultivation world of Jiang Country, only the Heavenly Sword Sect had a Nascent Soul True Lord present!

“Is that so.... It shouldn't be difficult, if the other party is a Nascent Soul Cultivator, the commotion might be quite significant....”

After hearing Ling Zixiao's words, the voice of the Mount Sumeru Tree King also had a hint of hesitation.

Indeed, as Ling Zixiao said, such an elusive aura did not seem like someone from the Qi Refinement Stage.

Were it truly the Core Formation Stage, the suppression through the 'Mount Sumeru Mandala Barrier' would indeed cause a significant disturbance.

“A significant disturbance?”

Upon hearing this, Ling Zixiao immediately took out a Yin-Yang Sensing Talisman and informed Lu Changsheng of the matter.

In the alchemy room, Lu Changsheng, who was holding his daughter, furrowed his brow upon receiving the message.

His thoughts immediately turned to Xiahou Wuwo of the Xiahou Family!

Through the Qingyun Sect, he learned that the Xiahou Monie he had killed was known as Xiahou Wuxu,

One of the core members of the Xiahou Family!

And the brother of the fugitive False Core, Xiahou Wuwo!

Given the Xiahou Family's characteristic of vengeful nature, this Xiahou Wuwo might have infiltrated Bi Lake Mountain for revenge.

“Suppress immediately!”

Lu Changsheng's Divine Sense transmitted directly to the Mount Sumeru Tree King.

Then he stabilized his sleeping daughter with mana, gently placed her on the long bench, and used a Soundproof Talisman on her.

Next, he sent several spells towards the pill furnace to temporarily seal the elixir medicines, sacrificing their quality, and then stepped out of the alchemy room.

At this very moment, Xu Ruyin, through her aura, arrived at a courtyard in Bi Yun Peak.

She saw that in the center of the pond in the backyard, amidst the swirling coldness, a mysterious turtle with an icy blue body was coiled.

It was the Cold Blue Dark Turtle!

Upon seeing this mysterious turtle, Xu Ruyin's pupils abruptly contracted to the size of pinpoints.

Deep in her beautiful eyes, a fervent desire welled up, turning her dark eyes a fiery red, as if flames were burning within them.

“Finally....”

Xu Ruyin gazed at the Cold Blue Dark Turtle, her lips barely moving.

After all the hardship and effort, she was finally in close proximity to a Heaven Rank demon beast, and she was overwhelmingly excited.

At this moment, the Beast Technique within her began to operate involuntarily.

However, just then, all of a sudden,

Under the night sky, atop Bi Yun Peak, a golden jade brilliance flooded the area.

A glass-like golden light shot towards Xu Ruyin like a torrent.

“A presence surpassing Heaven Rank demon beasts, this this this... could it be... the legendary True Spirit....”

“How is this possible!!!”

At the moment Hong Lian sensed the aureole of glass-like golden light, she, who was always calm and composed, with a gentle and elegant voice, clear and pure, was taken aback and lost her composure.

“What, True Spirit?”

Xu Ruyin heard Hong Lian’s voice and also noticed the aureole of glass-like golden light coming from the sky.

But before she could react, she felt the world around her spin, and she vanished on the spot.

At the same time, the golden jade light at the peak of Bi Yun Mountain disappeared without a trace.

Bi Yun Peak, once again, returned to calm.

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“What is this place!?”

Xu Ruyin opened her eyes amidst a dizzying whirl.

The scenery before her had completely changed, clearly not within Bi Lake Mountain.

Apart from a majestic palace and a pond, all around and above her was shrouded in gray mist.

But in the next moment, she felt her entire body restrained, unable to move the slightest bit.

“Ancestor Hong Lian, where are we? What was that True Spirit you just mentioned!?”

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Xu Ruyin hastily inquired of Hong Lian in her mind.

Even though she was mature beyond her years and unusual compared to others, she too was somewhat at a loss in face of such a situation.

Moreover, when the divine light fell just a moment ago, even the usually calm and composed Ancestor Hong Lian cried out in alarm, visibly shaken, which truly unsettled her.

After all, she dared to break into Bi Lake Mountain to steal a Heaven Rank Demon Beast, relying on this Ancestor Hong Lian.

“This should be a Cave Heaven Treasure, or possibly inside the body of a demon beast!”

“This palace sensed an aura surpassing that of Heaven Rank Demon Beasts during the event just now, it could very well be the legendary True Spirit Demon Beast!”

Hong Lian stated gravely.

Her voice was no longer as ethereal and gentle, now filled with a sense of gravity.

Even though she was once a Nascent Soul True Lord and had witnessed countless great scenes, facing such a situation, her heart was also overwhelmed with shock and astonishment.

If this situation had occurred within the cave dwelling or clan territory of a Nascent Soul True Lord, she would not have been so astounded.

But the problem was that Bi Lake Mountain was merely a spiritual land owned by a Foundation Establishment Family!

A Foundation Establishment Family not only had a Heaven Rank Demon Beast, but also possessed a Cave Heaven Treasure and a True Spirit aura, an utterly shocking revelation!

Thinking of all the information she had obtained from Xu Ruyin regarding Lu Changsheng, including how the Heaven Rank Demon Beast was used as a playmate for the children in the family, she dared not hesitate any longer.

She immediately told Xu Ruyin, “Girl, we must not stay here long, open your heart and mind...”

“Yes, Ancestor Hong Lian!”

Upon hearing these words, Xu Ruyin responded immediately.

At that moment, Ling Zixiao stepped out of Changsheng Hall.

She looked toward Xu Ruyin, clad in a black bodysuit and immobilized in the air, and demanded sternly, “Who are you?”

“Boom!”

Suddenly, a fearsome and majestic magic aura spread from Xu Ruyin’s body.

In the depths of her dark, enticing eyes, two red lotuses emerged, blooming and dyeing her pupils with a fiery red color that made her eyes seem seductively bizarre.

Foundation Establishment Early Stage!

Foundation Establishment Middle Stage!

Foundation Establishment Late Stage!

Foundation Establishment Peak!

False Core!

“Boom, boom, boom!”

‘Xu Ruyin’s’ Mana aura climbed relentlessly.

Within a short time, it escalated from the peak of Qi Refinement to the level of False Core, yearning to break free from the constraints binding her and to flee this place.

“Huh?”

Ling Zixiao, witnessing this, felt a sudden shock and quickly called out, “Mount Sumeru, Ancestor!”

“Boom, boom, boom!”

Immediately within Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, a terrifying force of heavenly earthly confinement began to descend upon ‘Xu Ruyin’, causing her body to feel heavy and her Mana within to sink like a stone in the sea, unable to circulate even a little bit.

“True Spirit, it really is the aura of a True Spirit! We are inside a demon beast!”

“How could this be possible, the Mountain Master of Bi Lake Mountain is only at the Foundation Establishment Cultivation, how could there be a True Spirit Demon Beast reigning over this spiritual land!”

“Though this demon beast is not powerful, being merely a youngling, but...”

‘Xu Ruyin’, sensing this horrifying demonic power, was full of alarm in her voice.

“Boom!”

She didn’t dare to think too much, as the Mana aura within her continued to surge and escalate, exuding a pressure comparable to Core Formation, causing Ling Zixiao to feel as if the space around them was solidifying.

However, just as the Mana aura began to spread, a vast and profound force of heavenly earthly confinement fell upon her, making ‘Xu Ruyin’ feel heavy.

All Mana, her Qi Ocean Core, everything was suppressed and sealed, unable to circulate at all.

At that moment, Hong Lian's heart sank to the bottom of the valley.

She knew she had been trapped!

This young True Spirit was not something she could compare with in her current state.

“Hum——”

Just then, faint ripples appeared in the void.

A handsome young man with an upright figure, wearing a green robe, emerged.

“Hm, is this... an Inspector?”

Lu Changsheng arrived at Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, seeing the figure in a black bodysuit in the air, he was momentarily stunned.

He had thought that Xiahou Wuwo had infiltrated their home.

But upon seeing the figure immobilized in mid-air in an X shape, he immediately thought of the Inspector series from a previous life.

The figure wore a black bodysuit that wrapped tightly around the body, leaving only the eyes exposed.

But this tight outfit perfectly highlighted her curvaceous and attractive figure.

Especially the entire person, presenting an X shape!

Even though her face was not visible, just from the graceful figure alone, she exuded a different kind of allure.

“My lord...”

Ling Zixiao, seeing Lu Changsheng come over, immediately reported the recent events to him.

“Mount Sumeru.”

Upon hearing this, Lu Changsheng called out at once.

“Rip——”

As Lu Changsheng’s voice sounded, Mount Sumeru Tree King immediately received the command, and its demonic power surged.

Before their eyes, the immobilized ‘Xu Ruyin’ in the black bodysuit ripped apart with a ‘rip’.

As the black bodysuit shattered, the features of the ‘Inspector’ were revealed.

Flaming red silky hair, an exquisitely beautiful face, eyes clear and cold with the appearance of two blooming red lotuses, mysterious and elegant.

Her alluring and provocative figure was scantily clad in just a red gold-threaded phoenix-embroidered undergarment, revealing a swath of white jade skin from her slender neck.

Below that, was the fullness of her bounteous pride.

Even through the undergarment, its impressive form was apparent.

Smooth and flat belly, with a waist so slender and delicate.

At her waist, the underpants could not fully hide the round and ample curves of her behind.

And a pair of legs like creamy white jade, long and slender yet strong and firm, proportioned perfectly with her figure.

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The woman saw her black bodysuit torn, the lotus in her fiery red eyes dissipated, revealing a hint of panic and helplessness, enticing in her vulnerability.

“Miss Xu?”

“Xu Ruyin?”

Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao were both surprised and astonished at the sight of the woman before them.

They had not expected the intruder to Bi Lake Mountain to be Miss Xu Ruyin of the Xu Family.

Especially Ling Zixiao.

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The Mount Sumeru Tree King had told her that the intruder’s cultivation level was at the Qi Refinement stage, and she had been skeptical.

“Miss Xu, may I ask why you have intruded into my Bi Lake Mountain, and what your business here is?”

Lu Changsheng stroked his chin, sizing up the graceful figure of Xu Ruyin before him as he spoke.

It had to be said, the figure of this Miss Xu was indeed marvelous, sultry and enticing.

In response to Lu Changsheng’s question, Xu Ruyin’s mouth remained motionless, but her eyes were full of confusion.

“Mount Sumeru.”

Lu Changsheng snapped his fingers.

Xu Ruyin immediately felt her body relax slightly, but the spiritual power within her was still sealed and restricted, leaving her extremely weak.

Her lips parted slightly, as if she wanted to speak, but in the end, she remained silent.

In such a situation, she truly had nothing to say.

She had infiltrated someone else's family spirit land, intending to commit theft, and had been caught red-handed.

What really filled her with panic and despair was that the Hong Lian within her, faced with such a situation, was equally helpless!

“Master...”

At this moment, the Mount Sumeru Tree King transmitted a message to Lu Changsheng.

It informed him that Xu Ruyin had been planning to act against the Cold Blue Dark Turtle in the courtyard.

Furthermore, there appeared to be another soul hidden within Xu Ruyin's body.

The fact that her cultivation level had risen from Qi Refinement to Core Formation was the doing of that person within her.

“Another soul inside her? Elderly grandpa?”

Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow upon hearing this.

Unexpectedly, there was such a powerful being within Xu Ruyin, capable of temporarily raising her Qi Refinement cultivation level to the Core Formation Stage!

This was astonishing!

No wonder she dared to sneak into Bi Lake Mountain.

With such strength, unless one was breaking into a Nascent Soul level force, there would basically be no danger!

However, learning from the Mount Sumeru Tree King that Xu Ruyin had headed straight to the courtyard of Lu Miaoge, which was Lu Wangshu's residence, and had eyed the Cold Blue Dark Turtle, his mind suddenly illuminated.

He instantly understood why Xu Ruyin had been so focused on him when she first saw him.

And why she later inexplicably came to his house seeking refuge.

All these clues likely meant that Xu Ruyin possessed some secret technique that allowed her to sense his pet beast and had planned to sneak into his home to steal the Cold Blue Dark Turtle.

Thinking that Xu Ruyin had come to his home to steal a spiritual beast, and that it belonged to his daughter, Lu Changsheng felt a surge of anger.

Although his spiritual beasts were bound by a system that allowed ownership to be reclaimed even if contracted by others,

if the Cold Blue Dark Turtle were to be stolen, his daughter would probably cry every day!

"Miss Xu, you must have come to Bi Lake Mountain to commit theft, to steal Lu's spiritual beast, right?"

Lu Changsheng stepped forward, came in front of Xu Ruyin, caught her delicate chin, and spoke coldly.

Xu Ruyin, suddenly grasped by the chin by Lu Changsheng, trembled violently as if electrified, her teeth biting her lips hard.

At that moment, panic suddenly rose in her heart.

Although Lu Changsheng's reputation was not bad in Bi Lake Mountain,

he also had a widely known hobby.

Taking wives, concubines, and fathering children!

In over twenty years, he had fathered over a hundred and fifty children!

Faced with such a man, could she expect him to act like a courteous gentleman as usual?

Especially since she had snuck into Bi Lake Mountain with the intent to steal, and it was clear she held secrets.

Xu Ruyin was incredibly anxious.

Although there were many things she still didn't want to die for here,

the thought of being imprisoned by Lu Changsheng, enduring continuous humiliation, and birthing his children was worse than death!

"Hong Lian senior!"

Xu Ruyin cried out in her mind, seeking advice from Hong Lian.

But the usually responsive Hong Lian within her mind did not answer at this crucial moment.

Instantly, Xu Ruyin's face turned pale.

She knew Hong Lian senior had no solution to this situation either.

The next moment, she looked towards Ling Zixiao, somewhat pleadingly.

Thinking that as Lu Changsheng's Dao companion and a woman herself, she would not condone her man humiliating another woman at will.

After all, few Dao companions would want to watch their partners engaging in such offensive behavior, right?

But she was disappointed.

Ling Zixiao showed no change of expression in response to her look of hope.

She simply approached Lu Changsheng and whispered, "My lord, what do you plan to do with her?"

"This woman managed to infiltrate our clan silently, and only just now revealed Core Formation cultivation. She clearly has a big secret, we absolutely can't let her go."

"Moreover, she's come to know about Elder Mount Sumeru, so we even less so can let her off."

Having said this, Ling Zixiao looked at Xu Ruyin with a smile that was not quite a smile: "Miss Xu truly does evoke sympathy, but since you dared to undertake such an infiltration, you must have been prepared for the consequences, no?"

"Just kill me!"

Xu Ruyin's face showed a resolute expression as she spoke through clenched teeth.

"Kill?"

Ling Zixiao chuckled upon hearing this.

Her hand caressed Xu Ruyin's cheek, then slowly moved down, gliding over her voluptuous figure, and said, "To kill a beauty like Miss Xu outright would be a pity, wouldn't it?"

“It just so happens we’re in need of a maid to attend to us here. If Miss Xu is willing to comply obediently, to serve and become a slave, perhaps my lord, out of his kindness, will leave you a way out.”

“If Miss Xu is willing to bear my lord ten or eight children, in the future, you might become honored by your progeny and have your servitude status revoked.”

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Ling Zixiao gently caressed Xu Ruyin’s skin as she spoke.

Underneath Ling Zixiao’s palm, Xu Ruyin felt goosebumps erupt all over her body upon hearing those words.

At that moment, she realized that the rumors about Lu Changsheng in the outside world were mistaken.

The other party was definitely not any kind of gentleman!

Otherwise, why would he become dao companions with such a woman?

To think she had just sought help from her, only to find this woman to be even worse than Lu Changsheng, a veritable witch, a demoness!

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“Miss Xu, are you still unwilling to speak?”

Hearing Ling Zixiao’s words, Lu Changsheng’s eyes narrowed slightly as he said in a cold voice.

He too was pondering how to deal with Xu Ruyin before him.

As Ling Zixiao had said, since the other party knew about the Mount Sumeru Tree King, she definitely could not be allowed to leave alive.

As for killing her?

He remembered that the Xu Ruyin before him possessed a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root.

A female cultivator with a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root would indeed make for a fine breeding partner, a shame to kill!

Moreover, following the plot of the Inspector, infiltrating and failing, becoming a captive, and then being taken by oneself... that seemed reasonable, didn't it?

However, his first priority was to clear up the soul within Xu Ruyin!

After all, compared to a soul capable of advancing Xu Ruyin from Qi Refinement to Core Formation, her issue seemed trivial!

“Just kill me!”

Xu Ruyin continued to speak through gritted teeth.

Her face showed the resolute expression of someone resigned to death, exuding an air of nobility and dignity that could not be violated.

“Hehe, does Miss Xu really wish for death so earnestly?”

Lu Changsheng laughed lightly, enjoying the presence of a strict and noble young lady like her.

If she had submitted to him at first sight, he would have found it boring.

While speaking, he lifted Xu Ruyin's chin and appraised her, “If you behave, perhaps Lu might grant you a way out?”

“You wanted a demon beast, didn't you? If there's one thing Lu has in abundance, it's demon beasts. Look, what's this?”

Having said this, Lu Changsheng slapped the Spiritual Beast bag and the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm appeared, emanating a brutal and bloodthirsty aura at his side.

“Don’t you desire to seek justice for your father? Are you really content to die here like this?”

“If you’re willing to obey, maybe Lu would be willing to avenge you in the future, to help you obtain justice for your father,” Lu Changsheng’s voice was deep and tempting.

“This...”

Xu Ruyin opened her eyes wide, looking at the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm.

Her cultivation technique “Beast Technique” was sensitive to the aura of demon beasts, allowing her to sense their bloodline potential to some extent.

Therefore, through her Beast Technique, she instantly knew this was a Spiritual Insect with Heaven Rank bloodline potential.

Looking at the Six-Winged Golden Silkworm before her and listening to Lu Changsheng’s words, even though Xu Ruyin knew he was deceiving her, her heart couldn’t help waver slightly.

After all, she was currently facing a desperate situation.

And Lu Changsheng’s words had sparked some hope within her, a desire to survive.

Because she truly didn’t wish to die here!

As a child, she was discovered to possess a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root and showed an affinity for Pet Beasts, exhibiting a remarkable talent for Beast Taming!

She subsequently found an Ancient Beast Taming Charm and even received guidance from a senior!

Her life was meant to be extraordinary, achieving Core Formation, even Nascent Soul, and standing at the peak of the Cultivation World—how could she be willing to die here!

“Girl, adapt to the circumstances...”

At this time, a pleasant sigh resonated within Xu Ruyin’s mind.

It was the voice of Hong Lian.

She knew that facing such a situation, it would be difficult to escape opportunistically using the ancient charm.

Moreover, Lu Changsheng before her might have already sensed her presence, so she too had abandoned any attempt to hide.

Furthermore, based on Xu Ruyin’s rough introduction about Lu Changsheng, the presence of two young demon beasts with Heavenly Grade bloodlines and a young True Spirit made her suspect something.

“Hehe.”

Lu Changsheng saw the struggle in Xu Ruyin’s eyes.

He knew she wasn’t truly prepared to embrace death.

Or rather, Xu Ruyin had never imagined she would fail or become a captive on this mission.

Since she didn’t truly possess the desire to die, everything became much easier to handle.

“Miss Xu, are you here to steal my Spiritual Beasts?”

Lu Changsheng wore a smile, inquiring in a gentle, refined manner, like that of a modest gentleman.

This question was obvious.

What he wanted was for Xu Ruyin to speak up.

Many things happen only once or countless times.

Once Xu Ruyin spoke for the first time, everything thereafter would become much simpler.

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Xu Ruyin gazed at Lu Changsheng’s peerlessly handsome features, listening to his voice, gentle as the winter’s sun, feeling as though she were basked in the warmth of a spring breeze.

Her agitated heart involuntarily calmed down.

She felt that Lu Changsheng harbored no blame towards her at all.

It was purely a matter of her having done something wrong, and an affectionate elder was patiently instructing her.

She knew it was an illusion, that Lu Changsheng was employing some technique on her, but she still responded in a soft voice, “Yes.”

Seeing this, a hint of a smile appeared in both Lu Changsheng and Ling Zixiao’s eyes.

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Knowing that Xu Ruyin had relented, the matter would be easier to handle.

“Was it because of the matter with the Spiritual Beasts that Miss Xu observed Lu so intently back at Wugong Ridge Zheng Family?”

Lu Changsheng continued to speak, his voice smooth as jade, persuasive and gentle.

“Yes...”

“With Miss Xu’s family background, surely you aren’t lacking in Spiritual Beasts, right?”

“Didn’t Patriarch Xu prepare for you the Earth Grade Bloodline Spirit Beast ‘Fire Python Tiger’ and ‘Heavenly Fire Mink’ before?”

Lu Changsheng’s face showed a warm smile, as he smoothed Xu Ruyin’s somewhat disordered fiery red hair, tucking it behind her ear.

Her hair felt glossy and soft to the touch, very pleasant to the fingers.

Xu Ruyin bit her lips until they turned somewhat pale, a struggle evident in her eyes, as she said, “Because I need a Heavenly-Rank Demon Beast...”

“Though Heavenly-Rank Demon Beasts are indeed rare, the Mysterious Turtle Spirit Beast in Lu’s home is merely at the initial stage of First Grade.”

“Even if Miss Xu took it, cultivating it to maturity would take decades, maybe even a century, and during this time, it probably wouldn’t be of any help to Miss Xu, right?”

“So, why would Miss Xu go to such lengths to do this?”

Lu Changsheng continued to inquire.

This was the point he found most perplexing.

Heavenly-Rank Bloodline Demon Beasts were indeed rare and precious.

But cultivating them was also extremely difficult.

Especially the Cold Blue Dark Turtle from his family, known to be a turtle-type Demon Beast, notoriously slow-growing.

Xu Ruyin, by stealing it, aiming to nurture it to Second Rank, potent enough to be an ally, would need at least decades.

And yet, here she was, at the pinnacle of Qi Refinement, not breaking through to Foundation Establishment at home, but instead attempting to steal at his place, making him suspect other reasons.

Hearing this, Xu Ruyin's spirit trembled, she bit her lips tightly and then slowly closed her eyes.

The Heavenly-Rank Demon Beast was linked to her Cultivation Technique 'Beast Technique', her true secret, one she was unwilling to reveal.

"Miss Xu, are you unwilling to speak?"

Lu Changsheng chuckled, his palm caressing Xu Ruyin's smooth cheek and sliding down to her slender neck, saying, "It seems this Heavenly Rank Spirit Beast must be tied to some other important secret."

"Could it be related to the Mighty Soul within Miss Xu?"

Lu Changsheng said this.

Under Lu Changsheng's gentle touch, Xu Ruyin felt a soft numbness throughout her body, biting her lips to death.

But at his words, her pupils shrank sharply, and a look of terror appeared in her beautiful eyes.

She had not expected Lu Changsheng to know of the existence of Elder Hong Lian!

Compared to the Beast Technique, Elder Hong Lian was her greatest secret!

Aside from herself, not a second person knew of this secret.

But now, it had been spoken by Lu Changsheng.

"A soul within the body!?"

Ling Zixiao, who was nearby, heard this, looked at Xu Ruyin's expression, and also showed surprise, contemplating deeply.

She had been pondering, how could an Energy Refining Cultivator's magic aura suddenly rise to rival Core Formation!

Even with some rare artifact, it wouldn't be so exaggerated.

Now hearing Lu Changsheng's words, realization dawned on her.

"To temporarily elevate an Energy Refining Cultivator's Cultivation Level to Core Formation, at least it must be that of a Nascent Soul True Lord, right!?"

Ling Zixiao felt a chill of fear and suspicion.

If it weren't for the Mount Sumeru Tree King residing at home, facing such an entity, the consequences would have been unimaginable.

"It seems, Lu has guessed correctly, hasn't he?"

Clad in a light-blue brocade robe, Lu Changsheng's attractive face wore an inviting smile, as comforting as a spring day, captivating to anyone who looked upon him.

"No, it's for myself, the Cultivation Technique I am practicing requires a contract with a Heavenly-Rank Demon Beast!"

Xu Ruyin opened her eyes, breathing slightly, and said.

Now that Elder Hong Lian's matter had been sensed by Lu Changsheng, she knew there was no need to hide anymore.

She could only hope, after revealing her situation, that Lu Changsheng would, as previously said, spare her...

“Oh? The Cultivation Technique requires a contract with a Heavenly-Rank Demon Beast?”

Lu Changsheng heard this and frowned slightly.

He had not expected there to be such a Cultivation Technique.

Nevertheless, he did not doubt her words.

After all, he possessed several Peripheral Sect Level and Orthodox Level Cultivation Techniques.

Knowing that the types of Cultivation Techniques were diverse and strange.

Xu Ruyin’s must be some sort of Beast Taming Cultivation Technique, related to Spiritual Beasts.

“Does it mean a contract must be made with a Heavenly-Rank Demon Beast to break through the Realm? If so, that’s rather harsh.”

“Could it be... the higher the latent potential of the contracted Spirit Beast’s bloodline, the better the Dao Foundation that is condensed, the more solid the basis?”

Lu Changsheng pondered to himself.

He roughly guessed why Xu Ruyin hadn’t broken through to Foundation Establishment and was in such a hurry to steal a Spirit Beast from his place.

It was likely related to her advancement from Qi Refinement to Foundation Establishment.

For a Cultivator, the Dao Foundation formed during the break from Energy Refinement to Foundation Establishment is of utmost importance!

Once the Dao Foundation is established, unless one breaks the Foundation and starts over, it cannot be reformed or improved!

If your Dao Foundation is inferior, so are your combat abilities and potential!

Even if you later obtain top-tier Cultivation Techniques, the Foundation will still be affected by the quality of the Dao Foundation!

For average Cultivators, this is not a big deal.

For them, being able to break through to Foundation Establishment is already a blessing!

But Xu Ruyin, who is exceptionally gifted and harbors a Mighty Soul within her, would certainly take this step very seriously, striving to do her best!

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“So that’s how it is.”

Lu Changsheng nodded and said with a smile, “Let me guess, it must be the bloodline rank of the Spiritual Beasts that concerns Miss Xu’s breakthrough at the Foundation Establishment stage, the quality of her Dao Foundation, and her future potential.”

“After all, with Miss Xu’s talent and fortuitous encounters, the future holds at least Core Formation, if not Nascent Soul. How could she be content with using an Earth Grade Bloodline Spiritual Beast to condense her Dao Foundation?”

“Therefore, when Miss Xu sensed that I possess a Heavenly Rank Bloodline Spiritual Beast, she thought to obtain a Heavenly Rank Spirit Beast through me for her breakthrough, which is why she resorted to such thievery.”

Lu Changsheng spoke unhurriedly, his face wearing a light smile.

Upon hearing this, Xu Ruyin was taken aback.

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She had not expected that by merely mentioning her Cultivation Technique required a contract with a Heavenly Rank Demon Beast, Lu Changsheng would guess the general situation of her Beast Technique.

Her lips pursed, she responded coldly, “That’s right, so what if it is?”

“No ‘so what,’ I think it is quite reasonable and normal,” Lu Changsheng said with a light chuckle.

“In the Cultivation World, when faced with an opportunity, one must not miss it. One must fight and scramble for it by oneself, only by doing so can one travel far on the path of cultivation.”

“Miss Xu’s actions are not at all improper; it is just that you encountered me, hence your current predicament.”

Xu Ruyin was momentarily stunned by Lu Changsheng’s words.

She had not expected him to actually approve of her actions.

A mix of indescribable emotions surged within her heart.

“If it were me, faced with such an opportunity, I would certainly think of a way to snatch it. There’s no need for Miss Xu to feel embarrassed,”

Lu Changsheng said with a chuckle, pinching Xu Ruyin’s delicately beautiful cheek.

“Is that so?”

At these words, Xu Ruyin’s beautiful eyes revealed a trace of bewilderment.

Indeed, the Cultivation World is such—where the strong prey on the weak, without reasoning.

But deep down, she still knew that this kind of behavior was inappropriate.

However, hearing Lu Changsheng's words like this, she felt somewhat less guilty.

She even thought that Lu Changsheng might not be that bad, quite understanding, and wouldn't be too harsh on her.

Perhaps if she cooperated and behaved, he might really let her go.

"However, the principle remains, but Miss Xu, before committing such an act, you must have been prepared for the consequences, right?"

Lu Changsheng's palm slid from her soft and tender cheek down to her slender neck, delicate collarbone, and then to the full pride beneath the golden phoenix lingerie.

He then grasped a difficult-to-hold snowy part, letting the rich creamy white jade overflow at his fingertips.

"Boom!"

As Lu Changsheng's warm hand assaulted her sensitive spot, Xu Ruyin's mind went blank, her gaze somewhat scattered.

Although she was mature in mind, she had never experienced such matters between men and women before.

Ling Zixiao's palm had roamed her body, but as a woman, she could barely endure it.

But now, the hand of a strange man tightly grasped her full pride, leaving her mind blank and somewhat at a loss.

Her body, though restrained and hard to move, seemed electrified at this moment, her long beautiful legs straight as jade, the toes of her feet tensed.

"You... you said if I behaved, you would let me go,"

Xu Ruyin said with a tremble, lowering her beautiful eyes and enduring the shame.

Just a moment ago, her heart had grown somewhat fond and accepting of Lu Changsheng.

But his current actions completely disrupted her thoughts, and she could no longer converse calmly with Lu Changsheng.

“That’s right, I did say that as long as you behave, I will let you go, and I might even give you a Heavenly Rank Demon Beast to seek justice for your father,”

“But... this will depend on whether Miss Xu is obedient enough,”

Lu Changsheng said softly in Xu Ruyin’s ear as he played with the fullness in his hand and leaned in close.

Ling Zixiao watched Lu Changsheng’s behavior, scolding him with her eyes.

She knew Lu Changsheng was lustful but would not descend into extreme indecency.

Nevertheless, seeing his frivolous actions, they appeared to her as smooth and natural, not at all contrived.

“Lu Changsheng, just kill me!”

Xu Ruyin, her body tingling, a strong sense of shame erupting from her heart, shouted loudly.

She felt she must have been delirious to have believed that Lu Changsheng before her was considerate and trustworthy.

“Alas, why must you be like this, Miss Xu?”

Lu Changsheng sighed slightly and said, “However, since you wish to die, I will grant your wish.”

“Puchi!”

The next moment, Xu Ruyin saw Lu Changsheng before her suddenly turn expressionless, and with a swift motion, a Flying Sword was conjured, beheading her.

Blood splattered, and her head rolled to the ground.

Her own eyes reflected an unbelievable shock, staring in death.

Her consciousness began to blur, and darkness surrounded her.

“Ruyin! Little Yin!”

From within the darkness, she seemed to hear calls.

One scene after another appeared before her.

“Grandpa, father, mother... Xu Tiandu!!!”

Xu Ruyin watched as the scenes unfolded before her eyes.

She recalled when she was young and discovered to have a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root and an affinity with Pet Beasts, swearing to become the pride of her family!

She recalled when she was young, seeing her father crippled in the family competition, and vowed to seek justice for him!

She remembered after starting cultivation, finding an Ancient Beast Taming Charm and receiving guidance from a Nascent Soul predecessor, aspiring to Nascent Soul, vowing to become Jiang Country’s number one Cultivator!

But now, all of these turned into nothing more than fleeting dreams.

At this moment, Xu Ruyin felt an intense desire for survival.

She wanted to break free from the abyss of death, to live well and be the pride of her parents, her grandfather, and her family.

To seek justice for her father, to become a Nascent Soul True Lord, and to fulfill the promise made with Hong Lian!

However, just then.

The Ancient Beast Taming Charm in her mind flashed with a hint of colorful light, and a cooling sensation surged into her brain.

Crash!

The surrounding scenes burst like bubbles, shattering into nothingness.

Chapter 738: Your 'Grandpa' Is Truly Beautiful, Now He's Mine!_3

Xu Ruyin suddenly opened her eyes and saw Lu Changsheng, who appeared noble and gentle before her.

A chill spread through her heart, and she instantly knew that the scene she had just witnessed was an illusion.

"Hmm, you woke up so soon?"

Lu Changsheng raised an eyebrow as he looked at Xu Ruyin before him.

He had just used a third-rank Illusion Heart Talisman on Xu Ruyin.

He had thought that she would be lost in the illusion, experiencing the pain of life and death, various scenes.

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Waiting for her soul, vulnerabilities, and flaws to be exposed and shattered in the illusion, her spirit weak, he planned to slowly ‘train’ her at that point.

But he had not expected Xu Ruyin to struggle free from the Illusion Heart Talisman so quickly.

He realized that it must be the mighty soul within her causing trouble.

Otherwise, with Xu Ruyin’s peak Qi Refinement cultivation level and her spirit lost, it would have been absolutely impossible for her to break free from a third-rank Illusion Heart Talisman!

“Miss Xu, have the senior within you come out,” Lu Changsheng said, retracting his smile and speaking earnestly.

Knowing the presence of a mighty soul within her, he understood that his little tricks would be of no use against Xu Ruyin.

It would be better to have this mighty soul show themselves directly.

“I don’t know what you’re talking about,” Xu Ruyin said, biting her lip.

Seeing that the senior Hong Lian had remained silent, she realized that even Hong Lian had no solution for this situation.

Thus, she did not want to expose the senior Hong Lian prematurely.

“Does the senior really intend to just watch in silence, hiding and not showing themselves?”

“That really doesn’t suit the demeanor of a respected elder,” Lu Changsheng said indifferently, looking at Xu Ruyin.

“Young lady.”

A faint sigh resonated in Xu Ruyin’s mind.

She knew that at this moment, she had to meet with Lu Changsheng.

“Senior Hong Lian.”

Xu Ruyin bit her lip tightly.

Then she said to Lu Changsheng in a feeble voice, “I am completely restrained, and Senior Hong Lian cannot show themselves.”

“I see,” Lu Changsheng said, not expecting the restraint seal of Mount Sumeru to prevent the ‘grandfather’ inside her from appearing.

He immediately had Mount Sumeru slightly release Xu Ruyin.

Afterward, an ancient talisman the size of two fingers, resembling neither jade nor stone and engraved with the pattern of a mystical beast, flew out from Xu Ruyin’s forehead.

Flashes of colorful light surged from the talisman, and countless tiny red points of light appeared.

In the empty space, they formed a faint silhouette of a woman in a luxurious red palace gown with golden edges, wearing a bejeweled crown, her face delicate and features perfect.

Even though her figure and face were ethereal, making her seem almost unreal, her mere presence commanded a sacred and noble bearing, making her every gesture seem divine.

“Hmm? The senior is actually in this form?”

Lu Changsheng looked at Hong Lian in front of him, his eyes revealing surprise and admiration, though his expression remained calm.

He had thought that there was an old grandfather within Xu Ruyin.

He had not expected it to actually be a fairy goddess!

He couldn't help but click his tongue inwardly.

Was he fortunate enough to have stumbled upon a streak of romantic luck?

After capturing the younger, now he had been presented with the elder.

Your 'grandfather' is truly beautiful, but soon will belong to me!

"This mighty soul senior... is actually a woman..."

Ling Zixiao's beautiful eyes also showed a hint of surprise and disbelief.

She had not expected the mighty soul within Xu Ruyin to be that of a woman.

Despite her ethereal form, she hid none of her peerless elegance.

Her eyes as picturesque as a painting, skin whiter than snow, figure slender, with an air of grace and vitality.

Her pupils were red, and her lips very red, red like flames.

It gave her an aura of sacred nobility and majesty, making others feel inferior and dare not defile.

Ling Zixiao knew that this was the result of a long-cultivated prestige and poise of someone of high status.

The senior in front of them was not only powerful, but also held no ordinary position.

However, perhaps due to spending too much time with Lu Changsheng, she felt no sense of awe in her heart upon seeing this senior.

In fact, she even remembered their return trip from Jiuxiao Immortal City to Qingzhu Mountain with Lu Changsheng when they ran into Nangong Mili and Meng Xiaochan.

Back then, it was also a case of an elder and a younger person, but after encountering her lord husband...

“What would you like to discuss, Young Master Lu?”

Hong Lian asked softly, her voice cool and enchanting, like the most melodious of sounds.

She knew there was no use continuing to hide.

Lu Changsheng had clearly confirmed her existence and was not bluffing.

If she continued to remain hidden, Lu Changsheng might employ other methods to force her to appear, so it was better to show herself straightforwardly.

“There is nothing in particular, I was merely curious to meet the senior living within Miss Xu,” Lu Changsheng spoke calmly and composedly.

If they were elsewhere, he would keep his distance from a mighty soul like Hong Lian and prepare defensive measures.

But inside Mount Sumeru Cave Heaven, with Mount Sumeru there, he felt no fear.

Furthermore, Mount Sumeru had indicated that this soul’s power was presently restrained and could not unleash its full combat potential.

“In front of Young Master Lu... I cannot lay claim to any notable seniority or wisdom,” Hong Lian replied, unable to gauge Lu Changsheng’s intentions, keeping her tone soft and graceful.

“I wonder what it would take for Young Master Lu to allow me and Miss Xu to leave?” she continued to inquire with a calmly composed expression.

“The senior must be aware, entering here, it is impossible for me to let you go,” Lu Changsheng replied with a light chuckle, “However, if the senior wishes to leave this place, it’s quite simple.”

“As the saying goes, a good bird chooses the tree it perches in, a wise minister chooses the master he serves.”

“For what reason does the senior choose to remain with Miss Xu? Whatever Miss Xu can offer you, I believe I can offer the same, and even more!”

“Therefore, as long as the senior is willing to follow me, leaving this place will naturally be a simple matter,” said Lu Changsheng, a sincere expression appearing on his face.

Chapter 739: Your ‘Grandpa’ Is Truly Beautiful, Now He’s Mine!_4

He didn’t know why the ‘old grandpa’ was following Xu Ruyin.

But after thinking it over, it was either for the purpose of possession and resurrection, or there were some unfulfilled wishes.

Since Xu Ruyin could do it, he naturally could do it too!

Why not use this method to make the being his own!

After all, the woman in the red dress was at least a Nascent Soul True Lord!

With a Nascent Soul True Lord grandpa, he feared he could take many shortcuts on his path of cultivation.

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Moreover, to become a Nascent Soul True Lord, one’s talent was undoubtedly extraordinary!

If she became the mother of his children, the kids should turn out quite remarkable, right?

Although the other party only had a soul, Lu Changsheng thought of the ‘Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir’ in his System Space!

This elixir was a Fourth Rank Elixir Medicine, capable of regenerating flesh from bones and reviving a soul as long as the cultivator’s spirit had not dissipated!

He might be able to subdue this woman by using this elixir as bait.

“Lu Changsheng, you...”

When Xu Ruyin heard Lu Changsheng open his mouth to say ‘A good bird chooses a tree to nest in, a wise minister chooses a lord to serve,’ she immediately showed an annoyed expression.

Though the words were not insulting, it was clear they implied she was not up to par.

And for him to undermine her in front of her face was truly distressing and infuriating.

“Hmm?”

Hong Lian did not expect that as soon as Lu Changsheng spoke, he would want to subdue her.

While Xu Ruyin was still not mature enough and had a long way to go,

her character, Dao Heart, and perseverance were all quite commendable.

Furthermore, since the Ancient Beast Taming Charm had chosen Xu Ruyin, who had the grace of awakening her, she could not easily abandon her and leave.

But if she disagreed, both she and Xu Ruyin would be trapped here.

“If I agree, would Master Lu be willing to let Ruyin go?”

Hong Lian’s voice was ethereal and soft, very pleasant to hear.

“Senior Hong Lian!”

When Xu Ruyin heard this, her eyes immediately reddened, and she cursed Lu Changsheng, “Lu Changsheng, you are despicable and shameless, actually...”

But before she could finish her sentence, Mount Sumeru restrained her speech, rendering her unable to speak.

“Miss Xu, it is said that one should aim for higher places and water flows to lower ground.”

“Senior Hong Lian is willing to follow me to spare you, why can’t you offer her a better choice?”

“Don’t you think that if Senior Hong Lian follows me, she is obviously better off than with you?”

“Think about it, if it weren’t for you trying to steal my Spiritual Beast, how could you have fallen into such a plight, bringing Senior Hong Lian into this mess with you?”

Lu Changsheng said calmly and indifferently to Xu Ruyin.

Xu Ruyin’s face turned ugly and her expression was furious as she listened to Lu Changsheng’s words.

But she was unable to say anything now.

And apart from cursing, she didn’t know what else to say.

Just as Lu Changsheng had said, if Senior Hong Lian followed him, she would clearly be better off than with her.

If not for her, Senior Hong Lian wouldn’t have been in such a dangerous situation...

At this moment, her heart was deeply wounded by Lu Changsheng.

“Young lady,”

Hong Lian looked at Xu Ruyin and softly comforted her.

Then she sighed towards Lu Changsheng, “Master Lu needn’t say more, I am also aware of the theft of the Spiritual Beast, and I didn’t stop it.”

“Now, Hong Lian has no other desires, only hoping that Master Lu can spare Ruyin.”

Hong Lian’s voice was cool and moving.

“Heh, letting her go now is naturally impossible,”

“But in consideration of Senior’s face, as long as she obediently behaves, my previous promise will stand,”

“Not only will she be spared in the future, but she will also be given a Heavenly-Rank Bloodline Demon Beast to assist her revenge.”

Lu Changsheng said with a smile, his attitude sincere.

Hong Lian in front of him was a Mighty Soul, who in life was at least a Nascent Soul True Monarch!

Such status and position were enough for him to show a certain amount of respect!

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Moreover, he had never intended to kill Ruyin Xu.

She possessed not only a Fourth Grade Spiritual Root, but she was also considered someone of great fortune and destiny.

If such a person could be groomed and subdued to become the mother of his child, it would be a great boost for the family.

As for subduing someone, the Cultivation World had no shortage of methods, including his Lockheart Gu.

However, he wasn't too keen on using the Lockheart Gu on Ruyin Xu.

For one, the Gu had already reached its limit with Meng Xiaochan and Nangong Mili.

If he added one more person to the mix, it might lead to instability.

Moreover, men often have a soft spot for women who deeply love them,

Even if that deep love is the result of certain methods.

"I, Lu Changsheng, never coerce anyone, nor will I use Miss Xu's life to threaten a senior."

"So senior can take your time to think it over, feel free to make any demands."

"As long as you are willing to sincerely follow me, I can not only help you resurrect and restore your physical body, but perhaps even help you return to your peak."

Lu Changsheng looked at Hong Lian, his voice calm and steady as he continued to speak.

Hong Lian did not respond.

To tell the truth, Lu Changsheng's words seemed very sincere to her.

Even in her view, following Lu Changsheng was not a bad choice.

One reason was Lu Changsheng's various astonishing performances, and the presence of Heavenly-Rank Bloodline Demon Beasts and True Spirit Demon Beasts at home, which truly made her tempted to think more about it.

She believed that Lu Changsheng was a reincarnation of a mighty being.

Moreover, she had a favorable impression of Lu Changsheng.

It wasn't just because of his facial appearance.

And also, this issue was initially their own fault—hers and Ruyin Xu's.

Yet Lu Changsheng did not pressure them too harshly or do anything excessive.

“Senior need not rush to reply, you can take your time to consider.”

“By the way, when I mentioned resurrecting senior, it wasn't just talk, this Elixir Medicine, named ‘Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir,’ is something you should recognize.”

Lu Changsheng took out the Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir from the System Space.

This Elixir Medicine was the size of a dragon's eye, presenting in black and red colors, its surface was lustrous and full, with white and black energy flowing around it, making it appear exceptionally mystical.

“Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir!”

Upon seeing the Elixir Medicine in Lu Changsheng's hand, Hong Lian's soul trembled, and she couldn't help but exclaim in surprise.

Amazement that could not be concealed shone in her beautiful eyes.

As a Nascent Soul True Lord, she naturally knew the renown of the Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir.

This Elixir, ranked Fourth Rank, even if the Nascent Soul was shattered and life was extinct, as long as the soul had not dispersed, after ingesting the Elixir, one could regenerate flesh from bone and come back to life.

Although her current condition was just a remnant soul with neither Nascent Soul nor a physical body,

As long as she could find a suitable body, she could use this Elixir to resurrect herself and quickly restore her Cultivation Level.

“Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir!?”

Ling Zixiao and Ruyin Xu, upon seeing the Elixir Medicine in Lu Changsheng’s hands, also showed surprise.

Although they had not heard of the fame of this Elixir,

Seeing Hong Lian’s reaction, they could roughly guess the effects of the Elixir and its help in Hong Lian’s resurrection.

Both were shocked, never imagining that Lu Changsheng could produce such a rare Elixir Medicine.

Especially Ruyin Xu.

Reconstructing a body for Hong Lian was part of the promise she had made with her,

But such a task, in her opinion, was still extremely far off.

At least she had to wait until she reached Core Formation before she could even start to consider it.

But now, Lu Changsheng casually produced an Elixir that could aid in the resurrection of Senior Hong Lian.

This deeply shook her.

She felt that what Lu Changsheng said made sense, people reach for higher ground and water flows to lower ground; if Senior Hong Lian chose to follow Lu Changsheng, it would clearly be a hundred times better than staying with her.

Even... If she decided to obediently comply and submit to Lu Changsheng, perhaps that was not a bad choice either.

At this moment, not only was Hong Lian faced with a choice, but Ruyin Xu's heart was also caught in a dilemma.

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Chapter 740: The Choice of Two Women!_1

“Heaven Rank Demon Beast, True Spirit Level Demon Beast, Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir, Spiritual Eye Spring...”

“This is definitely not something a Foundation Establishment Cultivator could obtain!”

“Even a Nascent Soul Cultivator would not have such an extraordinary opportunity!”

“Moreover, according to what little Xu said, this person's growth experience can be described as nothing short of legendary.”

“Originally, he was just a son-in-law with a Lower Grade Spiritual Root from a family!”

“But in over twenty years, from a mere mortal, a family son-in-law, he broke through Foundation Establishment and established a familial dynasty.”

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“If it were just that, it might be explicable, after all, the Cultivation World never lacks minor figures who rise up from opportunities!”

“But the combination of this person’s various deeds and such extraordinary opportunities completely cannot be explained as a minor figure rising through opportunity!”

“Especially the way this person faced me without deference or arrogance, his words filled with confidence, such a demeanor is certainly not that of an ordinary cultivator.”

Hong Lian looked at the handsome faced, slender framed Lu Changsheng before her, looking like an orchid in bloom with elegant demeanor, and remained silent, pondering in her heart.

Originally, at the Wugong Ridge Zheng Family, through Xu Ruyin, she briefly observed and understood Lu Changsheng, she then concluded that Lu Changsheng had great fortune and secrets.

But upon seeing the Mount Sumeru Tree King, she deeply suspected that Lu Changsheng was the reincarnation of a great power!

Because the situation with Lu Changsheng simply could not be clearly explained by chance encounters and fortunes.

Now, seeing the Fourth Rank Elixir Medicine ‘Soul Fusion Resurrection Elixir’, she was almost certain that Lu Changsheng was a great power reincarnated for re-cultivation!

Because other than this reason, she really couldn’t think of any other explanations!

“This person is definitely a great power reincarnated for re-cultivation. Inside his body, I also sensed a terrifying presence.”

“This presence might just be the backup left over from his previous life, the sealed mana of cultivation within his body that, once in danger, would be released.”

Hong Lian thought of the terrifying presence she sensed from Lu Changsheng, which was faint but there.

This presence, she herself didn’t know how to describe.

She only felt it to be profoundly mysterious and exceedingly terrifying!

“However, this person’s life experience, in a bit over twenty years, fathering over a hundred children and establishing a cultivation family, could it be that he really is the legendary ‘Dragon Emperor Body’, aiming to follow the path of that Saint King of Zhongzhou from the past!?”

“It’s rumored that the Saint King of Zhongzhou fathered countless progeny, imposing a monarch’s hierarchy within the Cultivation World, centralizing power within a single family to draw the world’s destiny upon one’s self and kin!”

“But I have never heard of anyone who could reincarnate for re-cultivation and decide their own physique, especially such a legendary Taoist Body!”

“Could it be that he acquired a new soul to rebuild? But if that’s the case, why did he waste so many years in his early life?”

Hong Lian murmured to herself, continuously pondering, trying to make sense of Lu Changsheng’s situation.

But the more she thought about it, the more mysterious and unfathomable Lu Changsheng before her seemed to be, enveloped in a shroud of mist.

“However, if he truly possesses the ‘Dragon Emperor Body’...”

Hong Lian hesitated in her thoughts, considering the effects of the Dragon Emperor Body.

Knowing that if her suspicions were correct, and Lu Changsheng possessed the legendary Dragon Emperor Body, then following him would mean becoming akin to his wife or concubine, bearing his children.

After all, such a matter would be considered natural and fitting for his Great Dao for the legendary ‘Dragon Emperor Body’.

“Perhaps, it is precisely for this reason that he proposed to recruit me...”

Hong Lian paused again in her thoughts, believing that Lu Changsheng was indeed sincere in his actions, as she had suspected.

“I wish to rebuild my body, return to the peak, solve the mysteries of the past, and avenge my grievances. Relying on little Xu, the hopes are slim.”

“Moreover, both little Xu and I have fallen into this man’s hands, escaping is not an option.”

“If I follow him, I may live another life, unravel the past, even if I become his wife or concubine, what of it.”

As a Nascent Soul True Lord, Hong Lian wasn’t too concerned whether Lu Changsheng was recruiting her because of her beauty.

Instead, she immediately weighed the pros and cons.

After all, her current situation didn’t leave her with many choices.

Moreover, following Lu Changsheng was a very good choice.

Because through all these judgments, Lu Changsheng wasn’t just any great power reincarnated for re-cultivation!

At the very least, he was a Divinity Transformation True Monarch!

Maybe even above the Divinity Transformation Realm!

Following Lu Changsheng, she might not only be able to revive, return to the peak, and avenge her grievances, but also have the chance to progress further!

And, if she guessed correctly and Lu Changsheng would, like that Saint King of Zhongzhou, establish his own familial dynasty in the future.

Her current choice to follow him, seizing the initiative, could make her at the very least one of the Heavenly Consorts, if not the Empress!

It wasn't just Hong Lian; Xu Ruyin was also struggling inside at this moment.

Although the Illusion Heart Talisman lasted only a moment, it had a significant impact on her psyche.

She knew deep down that she was unwilling to die like this, unwilling to accept such a fate.

And now, in the hands of Lu Changsheng, she probably couldn't even seek death if she wanted to.

If not for the face of her senior, Hong Lian, Lu Changsheng in front of her might have already mistreated her in ways unimaginable.

So she too was struggling with whether to obediently submit and become a servant or slave.

After all, only by living is there a future!

Submitting to Lu Changsheng would not only allow her to survive but also leave this place in the future.

She might even gain a Heaven Rank Demon Beast to reclaim justice for her father and become the pride of the family!

As for the price... it's just a matter of being humiliated by him, bearing perhaps ten or eight children.

Such matters, naturally, Xu Ruyin found difficult to accept, impossible to accept.

Yet she clearly knew that she had no choice in this matter.