

Immortal 1391

Chapter 1391: Relocated

Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo immediately looked down to check.

“How strong is that monster?”

“Where is it?”

“I can’t see it anymore. Maybe I made a mistake,” Zu An said in an uncertain tone.

Yun Jianyue clearly sighed in relief, which made Zu An endlessly puzzled. Women really were strange. Her most private part had clearly been seen by someone. I know what happened, and she knows what happened, and yet now, it feels as if pointing it out would be making a huge fuss over nothing.

Yan Xuehen gave him a look. This guy really did constantly get away with murder. The witch was normally really smart, and yet she was being deceived without having any idea.

Zu An pretended to look around in the water again, saying, “It seems I made a mistake. I’ve been so tense the whole time that I must have been overly suspicious.”

“Brat, are you messing with us?” Yun Jianyue cried, leaning over to pinch his ears.

Yu Yanluo felt a bit sorry for Zu An and remarked, “Ah, isn’t it a good thing if he didn’t actually see anything?”

Yan Xuehen clearly didn’t want to let the subject continue, or else the other women would start suspecting what had happened. She quickly asked, “Did you all notice? This spring seems to contain a powerful life force; the ki here is especially abundant. I can feel that my injuries seem to have improved quite a bit.”

After staying in the spring for a while, the black scales on her body had already completely disappeared. She had recovered her supple and healthy skin from before.

“Huh?” Yun Jianyue checked her own condition and said, “You’re right.”

She hadn’t had time to carefully examine herself because of all of the resentment around her. Now that she had been reminded of it and she carefully checked herself, though, she saw that her injuries really had become much better. If her wounds had been just short of half recovered before, now they were truly halfway.

Zu An suddenly ducked under the water. When he reappeared, he saw Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue staring furiously at him while covering their chests.

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Even Yu Yanluo had a critical look on her face, feeling that he had been rude.

“What are you doing?” Yun Jianyue asked with an unkind expression.

Zu An was stunned momentarily, but then reacted, realizing that they had misunderstood. He quickly explained, "I went down to drink a bit of the spring to see if it was poisonous. My constitution is special. Even if there were poison, it wouldn't kill me. There's no way I would have you guys try it instead."

There was no response. He added, feeling a bit wronged, "Am I really someone that despicable in your eyes?"

Yan Xuehen nodded inwardly, thinking, Yes, you are.

Meanwhile, Yun Jianyue felt a bit embarrassed deep down. She asked, "What are you drinking it for?"

They were all soaking inside. Don't tell me he...

When he saw the girls look at him strangely, Zu An was completely speechless. He exclaimed, "Think about it! The resentment went into our bodies, so would it really only stay on our skin? Our inner organs were definitely affected too! Soaking here would only wash away the resentment on the surface of our bodies. What about the stuff inside?"

He thought to himself, I'm not Durant! I don't have any interest in women's bathwater.

The women were all extremely intelligent. They quickly reacted and said, "You're quite meticulous." At the same time, they were a bit embarrassed for misunderstanding him.

The women all drank quite a bit of the spring water, then began to use their techniques to digest it. The final bit of black energy around them soon disappeared as well. Their skin seemed to be rejuvenated, becoming extremely soft and supple. How could they not be happy about that?

Meanwhile, Zu An felt unhappy, grumbling, "Ugh, I don't want to become a pretty boy..."

Yu Yanluo said with a smile, "You were a pretty boy to begin with." She actually felt really happy, because she saw that her lover had become even more handsome.

"Stone cold woman, my injuries actually recovered about seventy percent. What about you?" Yun Jianyue asked, nudging Yan Xuehen with her elbow. This stone cold woman's body really is soft.

Yan Xuehen rubbed her stomach. She glared at Yun Jianyue with a frown and said, "I am around there too. This spring water really is incredible."

After all, at their cultivation realm, they rarely got injured, but it would be extremely serious when they did, taking three to five years to heal at the earliest and a few decades at the latest. They had actually been healed so much in such a short amount of time! Judging from that, it was easy to see just how amazing the spring water was.

"Then you guys should drink a bit more," Zu An said, happy to hear that they were recovering too.

Yan Xuehen rolled her eyes at him and replied, "It is not that simple, okay? Many things are much more difficult towards the later stages. Furthermore, our bodies can only absorb so much. We will not be able to rely on this spring water to heal much more for some time. We have to slowly spend the time to digest it."

Zu An grumbled through ki transmission, "Actually, I'm more useful than even this spring water. I can heal you completely."

"F*ck off!" Yan Xuehen replied, her face turned completely red. Of course she knew what kind of method that was. Back then, that was how Chuyan had completely recovered. However, that treatment process continued for several months. If she were saved in a similar way, she would rather just die!

Zu An hadn't expected the usually aloof and pure Yan Xuehen to use profanity. He coughed lightly and said, "In that case, let's store some of this spring water as a reserve."

This time, the women were all in agreement. They took out vessels to store the water, each of them storing at least a single container. They wanted to carry more too, but such spring water that was full of ki wasn't something just any vessel could store. It had to be a special magical artifact, so that was all they could take with them.

This time, Yu Yanluo said happily, "I can feel that my cultivation has improved quite a bit. My mental strength has also condensed much more than before."

Yan Xuehen reached out a finger to check her wrist. If it were anyone else, Yu Yanluo wouldn't show her a vital point like that. After being around each other for so long, however, they were already friends, so Yu Yanluo didn't resist at all and let Yan Xuehen check her condition.

A while later, Yan Xuehen said with a nod, "You have already reached the critical point of becoming a master rank. Once we leave this place, I will watch over you. There should not be too many issues in breaking through."

Yu Yanluo was surprised and happy, saying, "Thank you, big sister Yan."

After all, in the past, she had already been stuck at the eighth rank for many years. Even though her real strength couldn't be measured by her cultivation, her cultivation rank was still stagnant. Meanwhile, increasing one's cultivation further would only become slower and slower over time.

However, over the past few months, her cultivation had increased really quickly. Now, she was about to become a master rank! She felt as if she were dreaming.

"Little sister Yu is too polite," Yan Xuehen said, feeling a bit embarrassed. She snuck a look toward Zu An, then quickly shifted her gaze away. She felt a strong sense of guilt for stealing Yu Yanluo's man, and naturally wanted to do her best to make it up

On the side, Yun Jianyue asked Zu An, "Little An, what about you? Did you get any benefits?"

"I'm not sure," Zu An said. "I don't feel as if I made any major breakthroughs, but the hero mortal form seems to have progressed more than halfway."

"Kid, your talent is as terrifying as expected," Yun Jianyue said with a sigh of amazement. "How long did we soak here? If there were enough time, it wouldn't even be too hard for you to make a greater breakthrough! Did you know, both this stone cold woman and I took several years to break through the hero mortal form?"

Zu An really wanted to ask them how old they were at the time, but he knew that would be the same as courting disaster. He could only say regretfully, "It's a pity, but the amount of this spring we can bring with us is too little."

Yan Xuehen suddenly thought of something. She asked, "Little Sister Yu, take out your World Painting. Do you not have a river there?"

"I do," Yu Yanluo said, her eyes lighting up. "You're saying to guide this spring into the World Painting, right?" However, she immediately replied in disappointment, "I still don't have that ability."

Yan Xuehen said, "I can give it a try."

She urged Yu Yanluo to open up the World Painting. Then, she drew some blue runes in the air, and her hands flew around, forming a series of complex seals.

Yun Jianyue was left in admiration. No wonder this stone cold woman had been able to convince so many orthodox figures of her status. Just those seals alone made her look like an incredible immortal!

Yan Xuehen pointed at the spring water. A layer of white light surrounded the spring. Then, she slowly raised her finger. The spring turned into a stream and entered the World Painting.

A heaven-shaking roar of anger resounded from the foot of the mountain. As if sensing that the spring was being stolen, the Taowu left the Fiend Emperor behind and rushed up the mountain.

Chapter 1392: Why Is the Taste Off?

There was no way the Fiend Emperor would give up such a good opportunity. He took the chance to launch an attack from behind. The Taowu screamed bitterly, clearly having suffered quite a bit as a result. As such, it had no choice but to turn around and bite the Fiend Emperor. Meanwhile, the Fiend Emperor was also curious about what was at the very top of the mountain, so he fought while moving toward the mountaintop.

When Zu An's group saw the Taowu run toward them, they were all frightened too. However, upon seeing the Fiend Emperor start to fight it again and realizing that they wouldn't stop anytime soon, they sighed in relief.

As she watched Yan Xuehen focus her attention on taking the spring into the World Painting, Yun Jianyue said mockingly, "Stone cold woman, you didn't say a thing when we said we wanted to store the water, and yet when Little An said he wanted to use it, you immediately thought of a way. You really do forget loyalty when in love."

Yan Xuehen replied in embarrassment, "What kind of nonsense are you saying? I clearly just thought of this!"

"Hahah~" Yun Jianyue laughed a few times, clearly unconvinced.

Zu An's forehead darkened. He said, "Big sis Yun, we are in a serious situation right now. You're still in the mood to start an argument?"

"What, are you feeling bad for that stone cold woman because I said something?" Yun Jianyue snapped. She had just been just saying things nonchalantly, but now that Zu An had spoken up for Yan Xuehen, she couldn't take it anymore.

Zu An sensibly chose to shut his mouth. He quickly changed the topic, asking, "Have you all noticed that this spring looks small, but even after guiding it into the painting for so long, the water level hasn't shown any sign of lowering?"

Sure enough, Yun Jianyue was distracted. She moved closer to Yu Yanluo's World Painting and saw that the small river had already become a large, roaring one. There was already a large amount of spring water inside, and yet the spring still showed no sign of drying up.

"Either this spring can produce this kind of miraculous spring water endlessly, or it's connected to a large body of water outside," Yun Jianyue said with a sigh. "This really is a treasure in itself... It's a pity that we can't take the entire thing."

Zu An was startled when he heard that. He drank the water, then pursed his lips, saying, "There's a salty taste now, as well as the smell of the ocean."

"The ocean?" The women were all stunned.

When he saw their pure and innocent expressions, Zu An had to admit that the women of this world really were pure, even someone like Yun Jianyue from the Devil Sect. If they had been from his previous world, they would have already thought weird things. He said, "Ahem, actually, this spring water isn't endless. The taste is already a bit different from before. This water was probably replenished from somewhere else. Of course, the effects of this water can't compare to the initial spring anymore either."

It was just then that Yan Xuehen groaned, and felt her body become a bit weak. The flow of the spring water being guided into the World Painting by her finger stopped too. However, she still composed herself, then used several seals to fully seal up the water inside the World Painting. Finally, she exhaled and said, "I am already at my limit. This is all I can seal inside."

"You've already moved at least half of the spring. Master, you've worked hard. How about a shoulder massage?" Zu An suggested to comfort her.

Yan Xuehen immediately shot him a look and moved far away from him.

Yun Jianyue couldn't help but laugh, saying, "Kid, you really are daring. You even dare to take advantage of that stone cold woman." When she saw how the two of them were avoiding each other so much, she didn't feel any suspicion.

Meanwhile, Yu Yanluo did, but she had just asked Yan Xuehen for help, so she couldn't really say anything. Instead, she said, "I'll keep this spring in the World Painting for now. If big sisters ever need it, please come and make use of it at any time." As for Zu An, he was already her lover, so there was no need to say anything more.

Yan Xuehen clearly sensed the intimacy implied by those words. She felt a bit strange inside as she said, "Considering how hard I worked to seal up this spring, that is one thing, but that witch did nothing. What right does she have?"

Yun Jianyue's eyes widened. She exclaimed, "Stone cold woman, you seem to be lacking a beating! Didn't I watch over the surroundings this whole time? Let alone how I saved you before."

Yu Yanluo quickly advised them, "Please don't fight! We've already gone through so much, and we're already like sisters. Why is there a need for any distinction between us?"

"Who's her sister?!" Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen both blurted out at the same time, looking away.

Yun Jianyue thought to herself that Little An was her disciple's man, so to some extent, she was Yu Yanluo's senior. Becoming her sister after all this time really was a loss. Most importantly, it would be really bad if Honglei were forced to suddenly treat Yu Yanluo differently for the rest of her life...

However, she immediately stopped thinking about it. Hmph, is our Holy Sect such a stickler for rules? Honglei and I will just do as we please.

Yan Xuehen was feeling a bit guilty, because to a certain degree, she really had become sisters with Yu Yanluo. Could it be that she had noticed something, which had prompted her to say that on purpose? She thought, It's all Zu An's fault for playing around even in this kind of situation. She definitely noticed something...

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Zu An jumped in fright. Why had she suddenly become angry? He thought, The hearts of women really are mysterious as a sea and fine as needles.

They suddenly heard angry roars getting closer and closer. As the Fiend Emperor and the Taowu fought, they gradually drew closer to the mountain. They were only around a kilometer from the spring. For cultivators, that wasn't a large distance at all.

The group could already see numerous wounds on the Taowu's body. It definitely wasn't having a good time in this battle. However, there was no blood coming out of its wounds; instead, there were strands of black energy. They were clearly made of the same resentment that had lingered around Zu An's group for a long time. It was precisely because he had reservations about the resentment energy that the Fiend Emperor hadn't immediately killed the Taowu.

"We need to hurry and get out of here!" Yun Jianyue exclaimed, no longer in the mood to argue. However, she quickly saw that on the other side of the mountain was a bottomless cliff. Furthermore, there was black mist swirling around, with all sorts of barely-visible black creatures roaming around inside. They seemed to resemble crows somewhat.

However, how could any crows in such a place be normal crows? They were definitely coming from the same source as the black creatures the group had encountered along the way. This place's natural laws restricted flying, too. If they jumped down, it would be hard to make it out alive.

Still, Yun Jianyue didn't want to end up in the Fiend Emperor's hands again. She decided to take a gamble to survive.

She was just about to jump when Zu An grabbed her, saying, "Don't act rashly. I think I've found a path."

Yun Jianyue looked at him in confusion and saw that he was pointing at the water. The women were all smart. Zu An had mentioned that the water tasted like seawater, so that meant there was a passage that probably led to the ocean below them.

Zu An took the lead and entered the water. The women followed him. Soon, they disappeared from the mountaintop.

The Fiend Emperor was shocked to see what was going on. He immediately activated the Puppet Curse to try to keep Zu An in place.

The Golden Crow eyes opened in Zu An's mind. However, a woman in red quickly appeared. She brushed her sleeves and snapped, "Why don't you shut those back up!" Then, her sleeves turned into two cloth curtains, blocking the massive eyes.

The Fiend Emperor was stunned. There was actually someone who could stop his Puppet Curse! Who was that woman in red? Even though her aura didn't seem that strong, he could sense a deep and profound feeling from her.

However, he was still the Fiend Emperor. He quickly realized that the woman's technique only temporarily screened off his Puppet Curse, but couldn't truly get rid of it. She had probably achieved that by borrowing the chaotic laws of the world. Once they returned to the normal world, she wouldn't be able to stop him.

Even so, he felt a bit regretful. He had still underestimated Zu An after all. He wouldn't give him any more chances the next time they met.

The Taowu's entire body turned into black mist, and it fled into the distance while the Fiend Emperor was distracted.

The Fiend Emperor didn't chase after it. The monster was strong, and the overflowing resentment all around it was too difficult to deal with. If he really wanted to kill it, there was a good chance that he himself would lose some of his life force. That was something he absolutely couldn't tolerate.

"Father emperor's cultivation is unrivaled as expected, undefeated throughout the world..." the Golden Crow Crown Prince said, showering him with praises. Half of it was just flattery, while the other half was sincere. Even such a terrifying monster had been defeated!

Wu Liang also flattered the Fiend Emperor like crazy; his choice of words was on a whole new level of flowery and colorful language. Even the Golden Crow Crown Prince's eyes widened in disbelief.

"Alright, that's enough bootlicking," the Fiend Emperor said. He just wasn't in the mood. With a brush of his sleeves, he brought the two of them to the mountaintop.

"This is a spiritual spring!" Wu Liang exclaimed. They had been able to feel the ki overflowing from the spring even from far away. Furthermore, it completely swept away the effects of the resentment from before. Wu Liang even began to drool.

However, the Fiend Emperor gave him a cold look. Wu Liang immediately said, "Your majesty Fiend Emperor, please enjoy yourself. This humble one will stand watch outside." Inwardly, he cursed, knowing that there was no way any of it would be shared with him.

When he looked at the spring water, the Fiend Emperor's expression became somewhat zealous because he could sense a rich life force emanating from it. That was what he needed the most at the moment. As such, he opened his mouth for the very first time, sucking some of the water directly into his mouth. He had just fought a great battle against the Taowu, and had some black energy around him; that energy immediately dimmed, then completely disappeared soon afterward.

He roared with laughter, exclaiming, "It can actually replenish life force! It has prolonged my life by three years at the least, haha! This trip has not been made in vain!"

But he quickly frowned and exclaimed, "Huh? Why does it have the smell of urine?"

Chapter 1393: What Is Going On?

Meanwhile, when he heard that the spring had prolonged the Fiend Emperor's lifespan by at least three years, the crown prince immediately felt his heart turn cold. After all, he had already waited for so many years! His father had already been about to die, and the position of Fiend Emperor would have been passed to him in a few days. And yet now, he had learned that everything would be delayed by three years, or maybe even more! How could he possibly stand it?

However, there was nothing he could do about it. After all, the entire country belonged to his father, and there was too great of a difference in their cultivation. Even if he hated the situation, it wasn't as if he could try to steal the position.

He could only console himself, thinking, Three years isn't that bad. It's not too long. For cultivators in particular, it could just be a single instance of secluded cultivation.

Just then, the Fiend Emperor asked him a question, so he replied, "Your son will give it a taste too."

If his father had gotten three more years added to his lifespan, he had to at least get three years himself too. When he saw that his father didn't stop him, he carefully knelt down by the spring and took a sip. His eyes immediately widened, because the richness of the ki filled his entire body with a comfortable feeling. Additionally, the abundant life force made him feel as if he had gained much more than just three years.

I've hit the freaking jackpot!

However, the taste was indeed a bit weird. He remarked, "It really does seem to have a bit of a urine-like smell. Maybe this is the natural taste of this kind of rare spiritual spring."

The Fiend Emperor nodded and said, "That is probably the case."

The Golden Crow Crown Prince said, "Father emperor, since this spring can prolong your life, then please drink a bit more."

The Fiend Emperor was a bit touched. However, he replied, "What a rare instance of filial piety. However, there is no need. The effects of this kind of substance are limited, and the higher one's cultivation rank, the more diminished the effects become. The fact that I was able to acquire three more years already leaves me satisfied enough. It is useless for me to drink anymore. Instead, you are the one who should drink more, as it will be of greater help to you."

"Father..." The Golden Crow Crown Prince pretended to look really moved, but he sneered inwardly. He wasn't that ignorant. He knew that was just how it worked. Otherwise, he would be mad to ask for some of it.

Then, he 'gratefully' took a few large gulps. A spiritual spring really was a spiritual spring. Even though it had a bit of a urine-like smell, there was still a slightly sweet aftertaste.

Wu Liang couldn't help but swallow when he saw the crown prince's intoxicated appearance. However, he knew that a captive like him definitely didn't have the right to enjoy such a thing.

"For some reason, this spiritual spring gives me a sense of imperfection," the Fiend Emperor said with a frown, "It seems to be lacking half of its contents, so its effects have been greatly reduced."

The Golden Crow Crown Prince immediately spat, "It must be that Zu An bastard who stole half of the spring! That brat really is evil. We should have killed him a long time ago!"

Even though he was saying it as if he were utterly furious, he was actually a bit grateful to Zu An. It was a good thing that Zu An had stolen half; otherwise, it might have taken even longer before he would succeed the throne.

The Fiend Emperor waved his hand, and a palm projection emerged to grab all of the spring water. That way, he would be able to pursue the fleeing Zu An.

Wu Liang was completely dumbstruck. The skills of an earth immortal really were inconceivable. Zu An and the others were definitely in for some trouble now!

Just then, the Fiend Emperor frowned. Then, he waved his hand a few more times. In the end, he pulled his hand back with an overcast expression.

"Father emperor, what's wrong?" the Golden Crow Crown Prince asked urgently. He really was worried this time.

The Fiend Emperor said while glowering, "This spring does not look large, but it is endlessly deep. They have escaped."

The Golden Crow Crown Prince said, "Father emperor, do not worry; they will not be able to escape in the end. The spiritual spring water they took with them was definitely stored well too. As long as you capture them, you can get all of it back."

Inwardly, however, he was praying really hard that the little bastard Zu An wouldn't be caught.

The Fiend Emperor was quite pleased. He felt that his son was becoming more and more reliable. He waved his hand and sucked the spring water into his sleeves, storing it through some unknown means. He then said, "Let us go."

When he finished collecting the water, he turned around and descended the mountain. With the spiritual spring's help, he didn't have to be as scared as before.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince was stunned, asking, "Are we not going to chase after them underwater?"

He regretted it as soon as he said that. Why do I have to always run my mouth off? If father really captures Zu An, I'll be screwed!

The Fiend Emperor shook his head and said, "It is too large and seems to be connected to an ocean. Even if we look for him, we would not know where to begin. Furthermore, we Golden Crows are of the fire attribute and would be easily countered underwater." Even though he could go underwater, he had a natural dislike for the water.

"Father is wise and brilliant!" the Golden Crow Crown Prince replied, immediately showering his father in praise. He asked, "Then where should we go now?"

The Fiend Emperor had just had his life prolonged, so his mood was quite good. He patiently answered, "I sensed a familiar power in the distance. We should go and take a look over there."

In the corner, Wu Liang looked around. A familiar power? What does that mean?

"Hurry up," the Golden Crow Crown Prince said, giving Wu Liang a kick on the bottom. His father had suddenly gotten a few extra years for no reason at all, so he could only vent out his bad mood on the fatty.

"Yes, yes, yes!" Wu Liang exclaimed, continuing to bow his head. He thought to himself, You'd better not let me escape, or else I'm going to dig up your entire Golden Crow ancestral tomb!

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While the Fiend Emperor's group disappeared into the distance, Zu An's group continued to swim forward inside a water bubble. After breaking free from the Feather Mountain range, they seemed to have entered a vast ocean region, where Zu An had used his Blue Mallard ability to create the bubble. As his cultivation grew, the bubbles he could create became much bigger too. That was why they weren't as cramped together as they had been before.

The women were all sitting off to the side, as if they didn't want to get even a bit closer to him. They all stared at him.

Zu An asked, sounding distressed, "Why are you guys looking at me like that...?"

"You still have the nerve to ask that?" Yu Yanluo scolded him. "Leaving is leaving, so why did you have to... Have to..."

Zu An's expression turned serious as he replied, "You all peeped at me, didn't you?"

Yun Jianyue harrumphed. "Hmph, who wants to look at your thing? Still, you're just too much of a scoundrel! You actually dared to act like that in front of us? If it were anyone else, I would have already cut it off."

"I clearly had my back to you guys," Zu An complained. "That Fiend Emperor made us go through so much, I have to get back at him somehow."

Yan Xuehen's face reddened. She said, "If he found out that he drank your... He would probably cut your corpse into ten thousand pieces." With her understanding of the Fiend Emperor, there was no way he could refuse spring water infused with such a rich life force.

Zu An was about to say something when his expression suddenly changed. He said, "Be careful. There's a monster approaching."

Yun Jianyue shot him a look and retorted, "Brat, was scaring us once not enough?"

Zu An didn't have enough time to explain. He rushed over and pulled the women behind him. At the same time, a large, bloody mouth bit down on where they had been. The bubble instantly ruptured, and they fell into the water. When they finally saw what the attacker was, however, their expressions couldn't help but change.

It was a massive, octopus-like creature. Its tentacles seemed to be over a thousand meters long. At the center of all the tentacles was an enormous head. Two-thirds of that head was occupied by a bloody mouth. The rows of sharp teeth within were like meat grinders, enough to tear any living thing into shreds. In its forehead were two giant red lantern-sized eyes that stared directly at Zu An's group.

Zu An felt his scalp turn numb as he asked, "What cultivation realm is it at?"

Yan Xuehen gulped and replied, "I do not know, but it should be higher than ours."

Yun Jianyue snapped impatiently, "Isn't that obvious?"

Mi Li's fretful voice called out in Zu An's mind, "An ascension soul grandmaster rank beast? Kid, how are you this unlucky? Why do you always run into ridiculously powerful things wherever you go?"

She really was tired. Her soul was tied to his, so if he died, she could only die too. And yet, this guy didn't cherish his life at all, constantly provoking ridiculously powerful opponents.

Zu An immediately became discouraged. Ascension soul? Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue were only at the wisdom soul level! This thing was a whole greater cultivation realm higher than them! Monsters were usually stronger than similar-ranked cultivators too. This thing was something not even Yan Xuehen or Yun Jianyue at their peak could defeat!

What's going on with this Unknown Region? Why are there ridiculously terrifying creatures everywhere?

Chapter 1394: Wisdom in a Crisis

They had just run into one of the Four Perils, the Taowu. The monster had filled the entire mountain with resentment and had strength comparable to the Fiend Emperor. Now, they had run into an ascension soul sea monster?!

The ascension soul wasn't that far from the earth immortal rank. Furthermore, it was in its home domain, so even if the Taowu came over to mess with it, nothing good awaited it.

Zu An thought to himself that his luck really was freaking terrible today. He even started to wonder if there was something wrong with the Unknown Region this time. Even though the previous Unknown Regions were dangerous, there hadn't been any creatures this terrifying. Now, he felt like a noob player who had accidentally entered the highest-level dungeon.

The giant octopus-like sea monster's tentacles swept toward them. However, Yun Jianyue harrumphed and took out her Crescent Ring, hacking at the closest tentacle. She had already recovered seventy percent of her strength by relying on the spring. She had much more confidence now than before.

However, she was stunned to find that the monster sent her weapon flying with a single lash of its tentacle. Even though her Crescent Ring wasn't a divine weapon, it was a heaven-grade weapon! It could cut through metal effortlessly, and yet today, it couldn't even cut through the giant octopus' flesh!

"Be careful!" Zu An warned her. There were more tentacles sweeping toward her. Even though he had seen some tentacle works, actually leaving the beauties around him to be at their mercy felt entirely different.

However, Yun Jianyue reacted quickly. Tapping her toes, she leaped backward like a mermaid, avoiding the attacks of the tentacles all around them. Despite that, she didn't even have a moment to catch her breath before more tentacles surrounded her.

She recalled the Crescent Ring back to her side. Her hair that reached all the way to her bottom spread outward. Her face was completely dark, her eyes full of killing intent. Her surroundings turned blood-red as she activated her domain, no longer holding back at all. Despite blocking all the tentacles, however, she was still trapped.

Meanwhile, the temperature suddenly dropped. A trace of white crept across the azure seawater as part of it froze into ice. The Snowflake Sword in Yan Xuehen's hands flew around gracefully, neutralizing the tentacles' vicious attacks one after another.

Zu An noticed that whenever her sword tapped against the tentacles, a layer of frost covered their surface. However, they didn't really freeze.

How terrifying was Yan Xuehen's Snowflake Sword? When she used it in conjunction with her domain, any human cultivator, even those at the master rank, could end up instantly turning into a frozen sculpture. And yet now, this big octopus only had a layer of frost covering its tentacles!

Comparatively, Yu Yanluo was in much more danger. Her cultivation was inferior to that of the two grandmasters. A tentacle quickly wrapped around her. Her failure to evade in time quickly resulted in more tentacles binding her firmly in place.

Zu An was shocked. He was just about to rush over to save her when he saw that Yu Yanluo suddenly reappeared a dozen or so meters away. Meanwhile, the tentacles also loosened their grip. It turned out they had only captured a drawing, which had already been torn to shreds.

Zu An quickly used Grandgale to move over to Yu Yanluo's side. Her face was pale white, and she still felt fear as she looked at the giant octopus' tentacles. She explained, "After seeing Paper Bride's methods, I also learned how to make a few substitutes."

She excelled in drawing, and drawings were made on paper, so their abilities shared many similarities. It had been easy for her to learn from reference.

However, Zu An didn't have time to praise her, because many more tentacles swept toward the two of them. He took out the Poisonous Prick, thinking of teaching it a proper lesson. The Poisonous Prick was a weapon that seemed to contain its own laws and principles. As long as it could pierce through and cause a wound, this giant octopus would be dead for certain, despite being a terrifying ascension soul grandmaster.

If it were any other ascension soul cultivator, he wouldn't necessarily be able to hurt them, but this octopus was too big. Furthermore, it was brandishing its tentacle at him. If he couldn't land a shot even in such a situation, he would be just like the national soccer team's strikers from his previous world.

Zu An was worried that its defense was too high, so he used the Star Shattering Imprint. His power increased tenfold as he thrust the Poisonous Prick at the incoming tentacle.

Spurt!

Zu An cheered inwardly, because it hit! However, his expression immediately changed, because something wasn't right with the tentacle. It was too slippery, so his attack was deflected at an angle.

The great octopus seemed to have been scared badly and immediately pulled back all its tentacles. A world-shaking roar echoed through the region. The giant octopus was clearly infuriated that it had almost died at the hands of an ant.

You have successfully trolled the Kraken for +999 +999 +999...

Zu An felt a chill down his spine. This thing is called the Kraken?

As the tentacles withdrew, Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue finally broke free and moved over to his side. They all tacitly agreed to turn around and run on the spot. They knew that even if they joined forces, they might not be a match for the ascension soul stage sea monster.

Because their cultivations were quite high, they had been able to continue for a long time underwater without breathing. However, if they fought intensely, they definitely wouldn't be able to hold on for that long. Furthermore, when they were underwater, whether it was the speed of their attacks or their ki consumption, it would be several times more difficult to maintain than on dry land.

"What happened? Did you miss?" Yun Jianyue asked in alarm as they fled.

The women naturally knew how powerful the Poisonous Prick in Zu An's hands was, since they had teamed up with him to kill the Scaled Deathworm.

Zu An raised the dagger in front of them. As they saw the layer of pink mucus around it, he said with a strange expression, "That thing's tentacle is covered in layers of thick mucus. Not only did it have extremely powerful defensive strength, it also made my attack slide to one side, causing it to miss."

The Poisonous Prick was only a certain length, so he hadn't been able to stab into the sea monster's flesh at all. After learning that lesson, however, the Kraken wouldn't give him a second chance.

"This is bad. That sea monster is chasing after us, and it's much faster than us. We won't be able to get away," Yu Yanluo said. She turned around and saw the giant octopus swinging countless tentacles all over, wrapping around them like a huge web. Her face became deathly pale.

Women had a natural sense of fear and disgust toward tentacle-like objects. When they thought about being captured by those things, even Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen, who weren't scared of death, felt frightened. Zu An knew they would be captured soon, too.

A resolute expression appeared on Yu Yanluo's face. However, at that moment, Yan Xuehen stopped her and said, "Don't do it. There is too big of a cultivation difference between the two of you. Even if you

unleash the Medusa's Eye at full power, you will not be able to petrify it, and will only destroy yourself." She had personally experienced the highest level of the Medusa's Eye before, so she had the right to say that.

Yan Xuehen's hair fluttered around, and white light gradually spread outward from her. Meanwhile, Yun Jianyue also took out the Empress Lantern with a cold expression.

Zu An quickly grabbed Yun Jianyue's hand and said, "You two, don't be so hasty. I have a way."

He remembered that back in Brightmoon City's secret dungeon, he had personally witnessed Chu Chuyan using a certain forbidden skill to defeat Shi Kun, whom they hadn't been a match for at all. After using the skill, she had almost perished. Yan Xuehen had clearly taught her that skill, and the current situation was just like Chu Chuyan's back then. Even though he didn't know what Yun Jianyue was doing, he knew it definitely involved a similar method.

To begin with, the two were injured. Using a forbidden technique to defeat an enemy this powerful could cause them to die on the spot, and it wouldn't even be guaranteed to save them.

"Are you going to use that 'come keyboard' or something again? If you do that, you will also die," Yan Xuehen said with a frown. The Kraken was an ascension soul cultivator that had already cultivated a yin soul. The entire sea was within its control. Even if they traveled several dozen li away, they still wouldn't be outside its perception.

If Keyboard Come were used to defeat the sea monster, with their huge difference in strength, Zu An would die first before it died.

"No..." Zu An replied. He didn't have time to explain. He took out the Scaled Deathworm's corpse from the Brilliant Glass Bead and threw it at the giant octopus behind him. Then, he grabbed the three women and swam toward the ocean bottom.

Chapter 1395: Finally Arrived

As soon as the Scaled Deathworm corpse that was hundreds of meters long appeared, the Kraken looked as if it were facing a great enemy. It couldn't be bothered to chase after them anymore, and instead sprayed an endless stream of pink liquid at the Scaled Deathworm.

Zu An saw that when he turned around. and couldn't help but feel a bit strange. Don't octopuses spray out ink? Why is this stuff pink? He suddenly thought of something and stored the liquid that was on the Poisonous Prick into a small bottle.

Yan Xuehen couldn't help but frown when she saw that, asking, "What are you collecting this stuff for?"

"This stuff looks special. It might be of use in the future." Zu An replied.

"Gross," Yun Jianyue said with a look of disdain. The memory of the giant octopus' sudden appearance had clearly left her with a psychological shadow.

Yu Yanluo subconsciously shifted to one side.

When the Kraken saw that the Scaled Deathworm didn't have any reaction, it reached out and wrapped a tentacle around the worm's body, making sure to avoid its terrifying mandibles. The moment the tentacle touched the Scaled Deathworm, smoke rose from its surface.

Zu An and the others were stupefied. They had seen how tough the Scaled Deathworm was with their very own eyes, and yet it was being corroded by this octopus so easily!

The Kraken finally confirmed that the Scaled Deathworm was dead. Countless tentacles wrapped around the massive corpse, then sent it toward the monster's mouth. Even though it was far away, the cracking that followed was still clearly audible.

Zu An and the others shivered. This octopus monster's mouth was too much! It had actually eaten the Scaled Deathworm just like that? It wasn't even going to peel the shell?

Yun Jianyue asked with a grave expression, "Little An, do you really have a solution? That monster has already created its yin soul. No matter how far we go, we won't be able to escape its perception."

She assumed Zu An's cultivation was too low and that he didn't understand the skills of those at that level, thus leading him to make an erroneous judgment.

Yu Yanluo asked, "Are you using that Scaled Deathworm to fill up that monster, so it won't be interested in us anymore?"

Yan Xuehen shook her head. "For creatures of this level, their desire for food is quite low. It already began fighting us, so it would not give up that easily."

Yu Yanluo's face paled when she heard that explanation.

Zu An said, "Don't worry, I have a way." Then, he didn't add anything else and instead took the women deeper, moving toward the ocean floor.

For ordinary people, the pressure of the water would be enough to crush them into pancakes. However, all of them had high cultivation, so their bodies were tougher than that. They could resist the powerful water pressure. The deeper they went, however, the dimmer the light around them became. Eventually, their surroundings turned pitch-black.

When she saw that everything around them was completely dark, as if a giant beast had opened its mouth around them, even the bold Yun Jianyue started to become a bit scared. She snapped, "Little An, what the hell are you doing?"

Zu An's scalp was turning numb too. Fear of the deep sea was something embedded deep within humans. However, he replied, "Shh. Don't make any sound."

They had unknowingly arrived near the seafloor. There seemed to be cliffs around them, but there wasn't any light left. Zu An didn't want to continue down further anymore. As such, he opened up his clothes and took the three women into his arms.

Yu Yanluo was one thing, but Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen were stunned and humiliated. However, after being around Zu An all this time, they knew that even though he was a bit perverted, he definitely wouldn't let it consume him in such a situation. Even though they were confused, they didn't say anything.

Rumble!

They heard a loud noise, as if something heavy had fallen. The surrounding seawater surged. Zu An's party all had high cultivation. Even though it was pitch-black around them, they could more or less sense what was happening through their souls and the surrounding energies.

A massive skeleton lay a hundred meters or so from them. It was around three hundred meters long, and it was broken in several places. Many scales were scattered around it. It was the Scaled Deathworm's skeleton!

Several insect-like creatures suddenly emerged from many directions. The bugs crawled onto the large skeleton and began to chew it. There were even some that still seemed unsatisfied and made their way into the joints to gorge themselves.

Zu An's party was stupefied. Normal bones were already hard enough, let alone those of a grandmaster rank Scaled Deathworm! Just how terrifying were these bugs' teeth and digestive systems, for them to be able to eat even bones that tough? They all sighed. They had never expected such a formidable beast to be devoured without even leaving behind any bones.

However, the women immediately grew worried. Even though the place was completely dark, with their cultivation, they could still 'see' things at such a distance. The octopus' cultivation was even higher than theirs, so how could it not sense them?

Just then, the water currents rippled. A huge black mass appeared near them. All of them were so nervous their hearts felt as if they would jump out of their chests, because it was the terrifying octopus monster!

Then, Zu An spoke to them through ki. "Don't be nervous. I've used my Hidden in the Dark ability. As long as we're in absolute darkness, we can avoid its perception. Pull back your perception and don't let your soul wander, or else you'll expose us."

"Not bad, Little An. You actually had such a formidable skill," Yun Jianyue remarked, feeling surprised and happy.

Yan Xuehen's face suddenly reddened. Back then, when this guy had been hidden in her sheets and Yun Jianyue hadn't noticed a thing when she checked the room, she had found it a bit strange. So it was because of this skill!

How does this guy have so many weird skills? And all of them are so good for illicit things, no less!

Meanwhile, Yu Yanluo leaned into Zu An's embrace with a proud expression.

Perhaps the Kraken sensed something, as it began to slowly wander over toward them. Its tentacles, which were hundreds of meters long, wandered around in all directions, as if they were checking for anything suspicious. One of the tentacles actually came so close it was less than a meter from them, and they could even clearly smell its unique fishy stench.

Even Zu An was extremely nervous. Even though he had hidden the three women under his clothes, he wasn't sure whether the skill would work on all of them. Thus, he had also used Blue Mallard to merge their auras with the surrounding water. At that point, however, he could only leave things to fate.

The three women were also extremely nervous. Even though they knew they had to remain as calm as possible for their hearts to become as still as possible, being in Zu An's clothes made their position even more intimate than ordinary couples. They could clearly feel his heartbeat, and his breath as he exhaled.

Yan Xuehen then remembered that night in the Great Snowy Mountains. Back then, he had carried her just like that, strong and bold...

Yun Jianyue was even more uncomfortable. With her status and nature, she normally wouldn't get so close to any man. She thought to herself that she had to create some distance when she had a chance, or else she would practically have given him everything already. Most importantly, this was her disciple's man, someone she couldn't kill or steal. The subject really was something she couldn't help but brood about.

Yu Yanluo pressed her ear against Zu An's chest, calmly listening to his heartbeat. She thought to herself, if the two of them could be together like this forever, how amazing would that be?

Unfortunately, there were two women next to her who were in the way. Their relationship with Zu An also seemed to have become different from before. Hmph, you thought I wouldn't notice anything?

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Meanwhile, the Fiend Emperor's group walked toward the center of the mountain range. Wu Liang did his best to scout out the surrounding terrain and recognize possible sources of danger. He had no choice, because once Zu An's group disappeared, it had become up to him to lead the way. If he hadn't had the skill to foresee danger, however, he would die first if they encountered any peril.

Even so, they still encountered several waves of monsters. However, none of them were as terrifying as the ones they had encountered on Feather Mountain. Fortunately, he and the Golden Crow Crown Prince were enough to deal with it. The Fiend Emperor didn't even need to act.

"Your majesty, the path ahead is full of dangers. Let's take another path instead," Wu Liang said after taking out a divination wheel and doing some calculations. The needle continued to spin crazily, leaving him utterly frightened.

However, the Fiend Emperor didn't react at all, instead walking in the direction Wu Liang had said was dangerous. The Golden Crow Crown Prince immediately followed behind him. He didn't know which places were dangerous, but he did know it was safest by his father's side. Wu Liang cried out inwardly in distress, but he could only brace himself and follow them.

After they traveled for a long time, a cold, wailing wind blew past them. An indistinct voice seemed to call out to them, saying, "You've finally arrived..."

Chapter 1396: Residual Effects

Wu Liang nearly pissed his pants when he heard the voice. He asked while shuddering, "Uh... did we run into some zongzi, particularly thousand-year-old ones? No, ten-thousand-year-old ones..."[1]

As someone who frequently went into tombs, he had often run into reanimated dead. After all, how could any tomb he found worth raiding belong to an ordinary person? Whenever one encountered a reanimated corpse, they would often be much more formidable than living cultivators.

Such monsters were something in between the living and the dead. Death and corpse energy coexisted within them, and the world's ki was part of the mix as well. That often resulted in certain special creatures. Whenever Wu Liang encountered creatures like that in tombs, it was always extremely dangerous, and he barely made it out of those circumstances alive.

Now, even the crown prince was getting a bit scared. He said, "Father emperor, in my opinion, perhaps what Wu Liang said makes some sense. A noble does not run into danger for no reason. I think it might be better for us to leave now and take our time making a decision..."

The Fiend Emperor said indifferently, "It's fine. I actually want to see just what kind of creature is playing god inside."

He hadn't had many days of life left before, so he had acted extremely cautiously. But now that the spiritual spring had granted him three more years, he had much more confidence. If a dying person's life were suddenly prolonged, they would definitely have more things they wanted to pursue.

Even for the Fiend Emperor, finding an Unknown Region was already an incredible fortune. He couldn't squander such an opportunity and had to find the secret to immortality inside. As such, he ventured into the mist decisively.

The indistinct voice spoke again. "Very good, as expected of the Golden Crow bloodline. You have some guts after all."

Wu Liang and the Golden Crow Crown Prince were both shocked. This Unknown Region actually had a Golden Crow bloodline in it too?

The Fiend Emperor frowned slightly, asking, "Who exactly are you?"

"You'll know once you come here..." the voice said, seeming to be full of evil temptation.

The Fiend Emperor snorted. "Hmph, you're just dressing up as a god!"

With a wave of his sleeves, a powerful pressure swept outward, scattering the mist ahead. He saw that directly ahead was a great mountain, which didn't seem to be any smaller than Feather Mountain in the slightest.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince quickly arrived at his side, saying, "Father emperor, that voice is just way too strange..."

The Fiend Emperor said indifferently, "Do not worry. That Feather Mountain gave off a frightening feeling, but there is no such thing coming from this mountain. Rather, it carries a faint sense of intimacy for me. There might even be an opportunity here."

Immortality was potentially on the line, so the risk was still worth it.

Wu Liang whined inwardly, You two might feel close to it, but I only feel danger. Can I please stay behind? However, the Fiend Emperor was ruthless, so he didn't dare to say it in the end. He could only follow along with a sullen expression.

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Meanwhile, Zu An's group was even more nervous than Wu Liang, because the giant tentacles were slowly moving around them. Now that they were so close, they could see the suction pads that covered the tentacles. Every single one of them seemed to have a small hole that continuously secreted mucus, making them extremely slippery. No wonder Zu An hadn't been able to cut into it earlier.

Furthermore, they could clearly smell the nauseating fishy scent emerging from the tentacle. The women dry heaved and wanted to vomit. They all turned around and buried their heads in Zu An's chest.

Zu An was about to cry. This smell was disgusting for him too... but where was he supposed to hide? Can I bury my head in your chests? Of course, he could only think that quietly. There were so many of them present, so he wasn't brave enough to actually try it.

Instead, he decided to focus on the tentacles. As they moved around, he also secretly changed his location. Otherwise, if they were touched by the tentacles, even if the sea monster couldn't 'see' them, it would still sense that something was off.

Fortunately, Hidden in the Dark was quite reliable. The giant octopus wasn't able to detect them. After wandering for a long time, the monster left angrily, as quickly as it had arrived. In a few moments, they could no longer see it.

However, because it was so powerful, they worried that it was just doing so to fool them. As such, they weren't in a rush to leave and stayed in place without moving.

Now that the octopus was gone, the situation was no longer as tense as before. As soon as they relaxed, they realized how awkward their positions were. Because they had been so nervous, even though they were surrounded by ice-cold seawater, they had broken out into a cold sweat. As they had then huddled up close to each other and grown warm, they quickly began to feel strange.

Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen began to struggle, and were about to leave when Zu An stopped them and said, "If you move away, I won't be able to conceal your auras anymore. We're finished if that octopus monster finds us."

The two women knew that what he was saying was true, so they didn't persist. However, the situation was still embarrassing. Yun Jianyue couldn't help but ask, "Little An, does it feel good to take advantage of us?"

Even Yu Yanluo looked at him with a strange expression. Zu An quickly retorted, "Am I the kind who takes advantage of others? I'm worried about that octopus monster."

Mi Li sneered in his mind, "So you want to put up an act? Then keep acting! I'm going to sleep, since you're fine. Yawn~"

Mi Li stretched lazily in Zu An's mind, fully displaying her wonderful curves. She didn't wait for Zu An to reply, instead opening the door and disappearing.

Zu An thought to himself, Did this woman open up a space in my mind? He felt kind of weird when he thought about how his mind was being entered and exited. Fortunately, it was big sis empress, so it was something he could accept.

When they saw that his expression was clear, however, the women finally let him off.

Yan Xuehen bit her lip and said, "This place is very strange. That spring was actually connected to such a vast ocean."

"You're right. As expected of an Unknown Region. I've never encountered such a miraculous sight in any other secret dungeon," Yun Jianyue added, feeling greatly moved. She had an expectant expression. After all, danger and opportunity always rested side by side.

"Isn't this a bit much, though? We've just entered this dungeon, and yet we've already encountered so many terrifying creatures," Yu Yanluo said, her face turning pale. They might have been eaten up by the disgusting octopus monster if they made a single mistake.

Zu An's expression was strange as he remembered what Mi Li had said. He thought, Do I really have a calamity magnet constitution?

Detective Conan has the constitution of a grim reaper, because the ones who die are always other people. But I'm the one who's always in danger...

The women eventually moved away from him, and began to talk about the danger they had been in.

"Stone cold woman, wasn't I pretty cool earlier? I wasn't hurt at all even while facing an ascension soul monster's attacks."

"Hmph, those are just reckless skills. In my opinion, it is not as pretty as little sister Yu's substitution technique. She was actually able to break free from those tentacles' encirclement."

"Little sis Yu's skill was indeed pretty. Hm? Stone cold woman, did you do something shameful? Why are you always praising little sis Yu?"

"Witch, what kind of nonsense are you saying?!"

"Big sisters, please don't fight anymore. Don't you think that the tentacles earlier smelled really bad?"

"You're right. Even just thinking about it grosses me out."

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As Zu An watched the women chat spiritedly, he noticed that perhaps because they were getting too worked up, their faces had all turned slightly red, which made them look even more alluring. Furthermore, their voices were all sweet and lovable. It was as if they were cute girls acting spoiled.

Zu An suddenly shivered. Wait, with Yun Jianyue's domineering nature, how can I describe her like that?

Also, Yan Xuehen is usually cold like ice. She'd be even less likely to act that way.

The two women also noticed that something was off. Yun Jianyue widened her eyes, exclaiming, "Something's not right!"

She and Yan Xuehen exchanged a look. They quickly exclaimed, "It's that pink mucus!"

Both of the women instantly left Zu An's arms, their cheeks burning up.

Yu Yanluo was scared, asking, "What are you two doing?"

Yun Jianyue quickly said, "It has nothing to do with you."

Yu Yanluo was already in love with Zu An. Even if she had been poisoned, it didn't matter. However, it was different for Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen.

Thus, Yun Jianyue quickly sat down on the seafloor to adjust her energies and remove the poison's effects.

Yan Xuehen sat down at almost the same time. The water around her even began to freeze at a visible rate.

Chapter 1397: Too Early to Feel Happy

Yu Yanluo looked up at her lover and asked with a sweet tone, "Ah Zu, what happened to them?"

She could feel her body heating up a bit. All sorts of intimate scenarios with her lover appeared in her mind. She couldn't help but cross her legs, and eventually started to rub against Zu An's body. However, she was still an extraordinary person. She reacted quickly and cried out in alarm, distancing herself from Zu An.

Zu An pulled her back and asked, "What are you following them for?"

"Ah Zu~" Yu Yanluo exclaimed, although she felt embarrassed and distressed as she looked at the two women who were adjusting their energies. It would naturally be fine if it were just the two of them, but there were still other people there! How could she do anything like that?

Zu An circulated some of the ki in his body, but he felt that everything was fine. He asked in confusion, "What's going on with you all?"

"It seems that huge octopus' mucus is an extremely potent... aphrodisiac," Yun Jianyue said, her cheeks heating up. Her long hair fluttered around in the current and tapped gently against her bottom, making the usually bold and ruthless grandmaster look extremely lovely.

"We probably got some on ourselves when we fought against it earlier," Yan Xuehen said. If she was normally an ice goddess, she had now completely plummeted down to the mundane world. She now had a slightly pitiful air that made others unable to help but think of ravaging her purity. She explained, "That pink substance it sprayed at the Scaled Deathworm probably had similar effects. Even though we backed off quickly, we still could not avoid getting some on us."

Yu Yanluo was in awe. No wonder people loved calling Yan Xuehen a goddess! Even when she was afflicted with such a poison, she was still able to calmly explain its effects to everyone. That level of composure really was shocking.

Zu An gave the three women a look, then asked with a shrug, "Then why am I fine?"

"You're fine?" Yun Jianyue and Yan Xuehen's eyes widened in shock. They were an absolute mess, only holding themselves back through sheer willpower. Their voices even shook a bit while talking, and yet this guy was completely fine! If they hadn't known what kind of person he was, they might even have thought that he was the one who had fed them poison!

“Could it be that your poison immunity blocked it?” Yu Yanluo asked, her eyes swirling with light. She was already stunning, but her current appearance even left Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue moved.

As expected of the mother and daughter who even tempted the Fiend Emperor, as well as the human emperor.

Zu An shook his head and said, “I don’t think so. Even though I’m immune to poison, it’s only against killing poisons. I don’t have too much resistance toward these kinds of drugs.”

The women all had strange expressions. You’re freaking immune to all poison, and yet you don’t have any defense against this stuff? Is it on purpose?

Zu An’s thoughts moved quickly. He said, “It seems that big octopus’ poison is only effective against women.”

The three women were shocked, exclaiming, “This stuff even distinguishes between sexes? That octopus really is disgusting!”

Zu An thought to himself, You guys have never accessed the internet before. Those tentacled creatures are capable of all sorts of things. Now that he thought about it, it was pretty much the basic standard for tentacles to be able to secrete stuff like that.

“Hurry and bring us out of here! I’m worried that the huge octopus will sense our auras. This is its poison, after all,” Yun Jianyue quickly said.

Yan Xuehen actually approved of her suggestion for once. She really didn’t want anything to do with that octopus, especially after learning that its entire body contained that kind of disgraceful poison.

Zu An nodded. The poison was acting up violently in their bodies at that moment, so Hidden in the Dark wouldn’t necessarily be able to hide their auras. If that huge octopus found them, they could end up meeting their end.

First, he collected the Scaled Deathworm’s scales. Even the huge octopus hadn’t digested them, so they could be useful in the future. Then, he picked up Yu Yanluo and began carrying her on his back. After that, he wrapped an arm around each of the other two’s waists, then quickly swam to the surface.

The two women didn’t resist. The first reason was because Zu An seemed to have a high affinity with water, so he was much more agile than them underwater; the second reason was that they were focused on suppressing the drug’s effects. They didn’t have any extra strength to move through the ocean.

However, when his hand touched their waists, Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue’s wonderful bodies both trembled. They were extremely sensitive at the moment, especially Yun Jianyue.

Yan Xuehen had experienced the most intimate physical contact with Zu An before, so her body was already used to being carried by him. In contrast, Yun Jianyue’s entire body felt as if it had been electrified. A layer of goosebumps covered her body. It wasn’t an uncomfortable feeling, but instead one that filled her with excitement and anticipation.

Fortunately, she was a grandmaster with tremendous perseverance and willpower. She quickly clenched her teeth and snapped out of it. She was really ashamed, thinking, Yun Jianyue, Yun Jianyue, how can

you be more disappointing than that stone cold woman? You almost made a fool of yourself! That's so embarrassing...

Zu An's entire body was taut. On one hand, he had to be on guard against the octopus monster, and on the other hand, he also had to resist the temptation before him. The beauties he was carrying were really burning up, and their bodies seemed to be melting. Furthermore, their simple yet elegant fragrances were truly enough to drive any man crazy.

"Damn kid, if you dare to do anything disrespectful to me, I'll cut you," Yun Jianyue said threateningly as if sensing his body's changes. However, she sounded weak and powerless, and her voice was extremely sweet. It really wasn't intimidating in the slightest.

Zu An sighed and said, "Big sis Yun, I think it's best if you don't talk anymore. Not only will it not scare anyone, it'll just cause more trouble instead."

"You!" Yun Jianyue snapped, feeling furious and humiliated. She thought, Why isn't that stone cold woman saying anything, while I'm behaving in such a disappointing manner? However, when she turned around, she saw that Yan Xuehen seemed to have fallen asleep and was naturally leaning against Zu An.

This woman is so unreliable! she thought, although she felt startled and alarmed. What is going on here? Why does she look as if she's already completely submitted? With that stone cold woman's nature, that shouldn't be the case!

"Sigh, am I really someone who would take advantage of another person's troubles in your mind?" Zu An asked.

Yun Jianyue was stunned. Right, in the time they had spent together, even though this guy always talked shit, he was still extremely reliable in moments of danger. She couldn't help but feel a bit apologetic, saying, "Sorry."

Zu An chuckled and didn't say anything else. He quickly swam through the waters while carrying them. Eventually, he finally saw the light above him. That was the ocean's surface!

However, they didn't have time to feel happy before a terrifying aura swept over them. A massive shadow was quickly swimming toward them. What else could it be but the octopus?

"Damn it!" Zu An exclaimed. At this point, he didn't dare to hold anything back. He rushed out of the water at full speed.

Several dozen tentacles shot out of the water's surface, wrapping around them. Zu An immediately summoned Grandgale to move aside. Unfortunately, the tentacles were just too long, and his movements were still within the tentacles' range.

However, Mo Xi's Celestial Jade Palace successfully activated, allowing him to immediately use the skill again. He avoided the tentacles by a hair.

"Wind Fire Wheels!" he quickly cried to summon the treasure.

There was despair in the women's eyes, because they were still quite far from dry land. They couldn't escape from the octopus' pursuit at all. Fortunately, Zu An reacted quickly. He didn't rush toward land

and instead flew into the sky. He quickly rushed into the clouds. Soon, the huge octopus monster seemed as small as an ant.

The octopus brandished its tentacles, but Zu An's group was already out of its reach. In the end, it could only sink into the water again.

"How did you know it could not chase us into the sky?" Yan Xuehen asked, looking at Zu An with misty eyes. After all, it wasn't that hard for creatures of its level to fly.

"I actually took a gamble there," Zu An said, wiping the sweat from his forehead. "I decided to bet that, since it was a creature of the sea, it would be subconsciously less willing to leave."

"It seems our luck is still quite good," Yu Yanluo said, sighing in relief.

"It's still too early to feel happy," Yun Jianyue said with a serious expression, looking into the distance.

They looked in that direction, and saw a huge black mass that resembled a cloud moving toward them. However, they all knew it wasn't a cloud, but rather a massive flock of strange birds!

Chapter 1398: An Injustice from the Distant Past

The strange birds were shaped like crows, but their bodies were much larger than those of any ordinary crows. Nearly every single one of them was the size of a Chinese golden eagle. They were also extremely fast, letting out sharp and shrill cries. Zu An's party could sense their concentrated mass of killing intent even from far away.

They now understood why the octopus monster hadn't chased after them. It turned out that there were many dangers in the sky as well!

The octopus monster might have been able to throw its weight around in the water, but if it entered the air, it would no longer be able to swim around as it pleased and could just end up being eaten by the things in the air. Even though the birds were much weaker individually, when so many of them were gathered together like that, they would have enough power to devour it.

Zu An's party felt a scalp-numbing chill. Even an ascension soul Kraken had needed to withdraw, so they naturally gave up on any thought of fighting too. They blurted out simultaneously, "Hurry and run!"

Before they even said anything, Zu An had already begun moving. He flew downward on the Wind Fire Wheels at a diagonal angle. Previously, he had already spotted a nearby landmass. At first, he had been worried that those birds would catch up to them, because they weren't slower than the Wind Fire Wheels at all. If that happened, there would only be a bitter battle awaiting them. Unexpectedly, however, the birds didn't chase after them, but instead continued to fly forward, as if they were avoiding something and fleeing in the other direction.

"Are the Unknown Regions that dangerous? No wonder there have always been legends of how difficult it is to leave one alive," Yan Xuehen said with a groan, collapsing into Zu An's embrace.

If Yun Jianyue had heard that at any other time, she would have already taken the chance to ridicule her. At the moment, however, she didn't sense anything off and instead replied in agreement, "What do you mean difficult? It's practically guaranteed death!"

Even though they were injured, they still had grandmaster rank cultivation. Furthermore, they already recovered seventy percent of their strength, so they were much more powerful than ordinary master rank cultivators. Despite that, they had already almost lost their lives several times.

More importantly, just how much time had they spent in this dungeon? They had already encountered so many terrifying beings in a short time. It really was hard to imagine that someone could leave such a place alive.

Zu An said seriously, "Actually, even though the Unknown Regions I explored before were dangerous, it wasn't this dangerous. I feel that something isn't quite right with this Unknown Region."

The women were interested to hear that. They were about to ask him for the details regarding the other Unknown Regions, but something suddenly stirred within them that immediately made them give up on those thoughts. All of them focused on suppressing the poison inside their bodies.

Soon afterward, Zu An found a secluded grove and brought the others there. He helped them lean against a large tree and said, "Let me help you all."

"No!" the three women exclaimed. They opened their eyes at the same time, staring at him in embarrassment and annoyance.

Zu An was stunned. He said with a bitter smile, "All of you are misunderstanding. I'm saying that I'll help you transfer your ki and remove the poison."

"No need," Yan Xuehen said, her face turning pink. She knew perfectly well what kind of feeling being treated by Zu An would bring.

Yun Jianyue had seen what it was like when Yu Yanluo was being treated, so how could she dare to accept his help? She replied, "Don't worry. We just accidentally took in a bit, so there's no real poison and it won't affect us too much. Our own cultivations are enough to get rid of the poison. However, we need some peace and quiet, so please watch over our surroundings for us."

"Ah, really?" Zu An asked, sounding a bit disappointed.

"You brat, it looks like you're disappointed!" Yun Jianyue remarked, shooting him a look. Yan Xuehen and Yu Yanluo also looked at him with ambiguous smiles.

Zu An's face heated up. He protested, "Of course not! I feel happy for all of you, haha. I'll just watch the surroundings for you three. Please focus on removing the poison."

The women thus retracted their gazes. They no longer delayed any further and tried to get rid of the poison as quickly as possible.

Zu An looked around, but didn't really see anything dangerous nearby. He gave the vast sea a look, then turned to the boundless mountain range off to the side. He couldn't help but sink into his own thoughts.

In the past, he had always run into things that should only have existed in ancient China inside the secret dungeons. If he wasn't mistaken, this Unknown Region was related to the Xia Dynasty. Only the Xia Dynasty would have so many connections to ancient mythology. Even something like the Taowu, one of the Four Perils, had appeared. He wondered if a divine beast that was even more powerful would appear. If that happened, it would be really bad.

He suddenly thought of something and summoned Mo Xi. She was dressed in leather armor that covered her chest; there was a short tigerskin skirt around her waist. There was also a clearly visible corset around her belly. Her tanned skin glowed like honey, and she had a pair of firm and strong thighs. Her presence carried a kind of sexy yet dangerous allure.

“This is a secret dungeon related to the Xia Dynasty. Do you feel anything familiar?” Zu An asked, looking at her with a hopeful expression.

Mo Xi looked at him with her head tilted to one side, as if she couldn’t feel a single thing; moreover, it was as if she were looking at an idiot.

Zu An was speechless. It seemed he had overestimated her. However, when he recalled that her skill had just saved them, he couldn’t really say anything and just recalled her. He could only wait for the women to finish eliminating the poison, feeling utterly bored.

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Meanwhile, the Fiend Emperor’s group continued to walk toward the great mountain. Their surroundings were verdant and lush, but they didn’t see a single living creature. Let alone birds, there weren’t even any bugs.

Wu Liang held a spinning divining wheel. He said with a sullen expression, “There are no living creatures here, and yet it’s a place of absolute danger...”

Perhaps because he had said something, the Fiend Emperor suddenly stopped. Before Wu Liang was able to feel any happiness, however, he was sent flying forward by a kick from the Fiend Emperor.

I’m finished! The Fiend Emperor wants me to scout out the way! Wu Liang thought, feeling his insides turn ice-cold. He thought to himself, if there really were any danger, wouldn’t he be instantly ripped to shreds?

Surprisingly, however, even after he landed, the danger he had expected didn’t happen at all. When he climbed to his feet again, he was shocked to discover that there was a tomb at the foot of the mountain. Beyond the tomb’s gate were some ruined walls, and he could vaguely make out some statues. However, most of them had already been eroded by weather, so there were only some stone foundations left.

When he saw the old tomb, his eyes immediately lit up. All of his fear was immediately shoved into the back of his mind. He began to study the surroundings; at times he examined the ruined sculptures, and at other times the carvings. Then, he took out his divining wheel and checked the surroundings, as if he were measuring something.

Upon seeing his behavior, the Fiend Emperor then hurried over with the Golden Crow Crown Prince. As he looked at the old tomb in front of him, his brow furrowed.

“This tomb seems to be a bit dilapidated...” the Golden Crow Crown Prince said with a frown. This tomb is already in such a terrible state. There’s probably nothing good here anymore.

In order to prove to the Fiend Emperor that he had some value so he wouldn’t be easily sacrificed, Wu Liang quickly explained, “Crown prince, you can’t underestimate this tomb! Even though it looks

extremely tattered, judging from the layout, the owner of this tomb was definitely someone on the level of an emperor when he was alive!”

“Emperor? Why is it so simple and crude then?” the Fiend Emperor asked suspiciously.

“According to the choice of location, the way the tomb is facing, and all of these statues, everything indicates this is indeed an imperial tomb. Only, the scale does seem to be a bit lacking,” Wu Liang said after thinking for a bit. “There are a few possibilities as to why that’s the case. The first is that when this tomb was designed, the ruler’s country was already close to destruction, so they didn’t have enough national power to build an imperial tomb. However, in my opinion, the different details of this tomb all seem to be in order, so that possibility doesn’t seem to be the case.

“The second possibility is that the owner might have only occupied his position for a short time and died young.

“However, there is a third possibility, which is that the emperor was someone who was chased off his throne, and so the scale and layout standards for this tomb had many more corners cut than usual.”

As he was explaining, a voice suddenly let out a long sigh and exclaimed, “Hahaha, how many years has it been? There is finally someone who knows about my injustice.”

Wu Liang shivered, then quickly hid behind the Fiend Emperor. The sound had come from the tomb, and the voice was exactly the same as the one that had led them here!

The Fiend Emperor’s expression turned grave. He looked in the direction of the tomb, exclaiming, “Are you a human or a ghost?!”

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When it heard his question, the voice let out some neurotic laughter and replied, “I’m both human and ghost, hahaha. I was unlike a human when I was alive, and I was unlike a ghost after I died. I’ve already been neither human nor ghost for so many years. Which do you think I am?”

The Fiend Emperor frowned and said, “I do not have time to talk in riddles with you.”

Wu Liang looked on admiringly. If it were him, he would’ve already peed his pants from hearing the voice. After all, in all his years of tomb raiding, even though he had run into some undead creatures, there hadn’t been a single one who could speak.

According to his ancestor’s teachings, if one ever ran into anything inside of a tomb that could speak, one would probably be dead for sure. Either the undead being inside would have developed an extremely powerful intellect, or it would have been ridiculously powerful to begin with and lived for a long, long time. Regardless of which kind it was, that would prove how terrifying its strength was.

The Fiend Emperor actually still had the composure to talk to the voice like that! As expected, that was the confidence of the strong.

As if sensing the Fiend Emperor’s impatience, the voice laughed and said, “I can sense the Golden Crow’s aura from your bodies. You two must be from the Golden Crow lineage, right?”

The Fiend Emperor exchanged a look with the Golden Crow Crown Prince before replying, "And so what if we are?"

"To some extent, I can be considered your ancestor from who knows how many generations ago," the voice said dully.

Wu Liang's expression was strange. Why did the voice sound as if it were cursing someone?

The Golden Crow Crown Prince was startled. He quickly looked at his father. However, the Fiend Emperor replied calmly, "Hah, do you think I would believe that?"

"Whether you believe it or not doesn't matter. After all, I'm not your direct ancestor either," the voice said. It paused for a bit, then suddenly said, "Young one, I can sense a familiar aura from you. The Sun Slaying Bow should be with you, right?"

The Golden Crow Crown Prince jumped in fright, exclaiming, "How did you know?"

Even the Fiend Emperor couldn't help but frown.

The voice laughed loudly, its voice echoing through the place as it continued, "That bow was a sacred object of my clan in the past. How could I not know about it?"

"Nonsense. The Sun Slaying Bow has always been the Golden Crow race's divine weapon, so how could it belong to another clan? Furthermore, you should stop trying to mislead others with your lies. I cannot sense the slightest bit of the Golden Crow's lineage from you," the Fiend Emperor said coldly. If not for the fact that the other party had immediately deduced that they were Golden Crows and also sensed the Sun Slaying Bow, he wouldn't even feel like wasting so many extra words on it.

Wu Liang was shocked. This being didn't have any Golden Crow blood? He had thought that since this Unknown Region was inside the Golden Crow royal family's tomb, it would definitely at least have something to do with the Golden Crow race.

Judging from what it had previously said, the voice had claimed it was one of their ancestors. If that were the case, everyone involved would be happy. However, it seemed that wasn't the case at all. Didn't that mean danger?

The voice suddenly erupted into a strange laugh and exclaimed, "Hahaha, I didn't expect that after so many years, the Sun Slaying Bow that almost completely wiped out the Golden Crow race would start being treated as a family heirloom by the Golden Crow race's descendants!"

The Fiend Emperor and Golden Crow Crown Prince were both furious, exclaiming, "What kind of nonsense are you spouting?"

The voice said, "Since you could all come to this place, that must mean you've passed Feather Mountain, right? How did you two feel then?"

The Golden Crow Crown Prince's heart began to race. Back then, he had felt extremely uncomfortable for some reason. Even his father had felt the same. Otherwise, there would have been no reason for the Fiend Emperor to be so careful at all; furthermore, he wouldn't have had to make Zu An's group scout out the way, letting them escape in the process.

Of course, the crown prince was an outstanding individual from the younger generation. After his prior alarm, he had gradually calmed down. He didn't let those thoughts show on his face.

The Fiend Emperor nodded inwardly as he watched his son. This youngster didn't waste all of my meticulous upbringing after all. He hasn't disappointed me.

Even though they didn't answer, the voice didn't seem to mind and said considerately, "Even if you two don't say anything, I can more or less guess. The reason why Feather Mountain is called Feather Mountain is because your Golden Crow Ancestor was killed by the Sun Slaying Bow. It was formed from the bloodied feathers that fell from his corpse."

Even the Fiend Emperor's expression changed when he heard that. Combined with the strange feeling coming from Feather Mountain, he was already largely convinced. He asked, "Just what happened?"

"Heh, you're finally willing to listen to me now, hm?" the voice replied with a chuckle. It continued, "It's already been too long, so I've lost my perception of time. It might have been thousands of years ago... No, tens of thousands, or perhaps hundreds of thousands of years... Back then, the Celestial Emperor Jun had many, many wives. Among them, one wife was the Sun Goddess, Xi He. The two of them produced ten sons..." It stopped for a moment, then continued, "... And those were ten Golden Crows, the first Golden Crows in the world."

The Fiend Emperor and Golden Crow Crown Prince both saw the shock in each other's eyes. The Fiend Emperor quickly said, "Hmph, a load of nonsense. Our clan has no such records."

"It's already been too long, so many things have already been lost. It's unsurprising that you don't know about it," the voice continued. "The Golden Crows all only wanted to have a good time, and often went out together. However, that simply made the common people suffer. In their eyes, it was as if ten suns shone overhead at the same time. The earth dried up, and the people had no way to make a living.

"Later, an outstanding hero appeared among the humans called Yi^[1]. The Celestial Emperor bestowed upon him a red bow, and in order to save the people, he used the bow to shoot down nine of the Golden Crows. Back then, the bloodied feathers from those Golden Crows fell and formed a great mountain, which is the Feather Mountain we now know. The last Golden Crow remained, though. He came and went from east to west obediently, and became the sun in the sky. That's why, over time, the red bow came to be called the Sun Slaying Bow."

Wu Liang was stupefied when he heard the story. The Golden Crow royal family normally always acted so cocky, he had never expected them to have such a miserable past. Furthermore, they had been killed off by the very same Sun Slaying Bow they were so immensely proud of! Although he felt happy about their misfortune, his smile suddenly stiffened. Now that he knew the true story, wouldn't he be silenced after the fact?

The Fiend Emperor's expression changed several times. He harrumphed and said, "What an interesting story. Unfortunately, I do not believe it."

The voice said in amusement, "You say you don't, but whether or not you really believe it, you understand yourself best."

The Fiend Emperor replied with a frown, "You did not call us all the way here just to tell us this nonsensical story, did you?"

"Do you know who I am?" the voice said with a sigh.

"You have deliberately obscured your identity for so long. Who knows what you are?" the Fiend Emperor snapped, his voice turning a bit cold. "My patience is limited." With his cultivation and status, who else would dare to pretend to be mysterious in front of him like that?

"I already said before that the Celestial Emperor had many wives, and one of them gave birth to your Golden Crow race's ancestors. Another wife gave birth to my father. Putting all of that together, your Golden Crow Ancestor is my uncle. That's why I said I could be considered your ancestor," the voice replied.

The Fiend Emperor and the Golden Crow Crown Prince were speechless.

Meanwhile, Wu Liang's mouth hung wide open. There was actually something so incredible in this tomb?

The Fiend Emperor took in a deep breath before saying, "If you were only trying to take advantage of us, I can only say that you have already successfully angered me."

"I apologize, but after being sealed up here for so long, I've finally managed to find someone to converse with. I can't help but become a bit long-winded," the voice replied. It chuckled a few times and said, "Back then, my grandfather passed on the imperial throne to my father. Many years later, my father then passed it onto me in his old age. However, a certain shameful individual had rapacious designs and secretly raised many assistants and aides. In the end, they turned my father into their puppet, and a bunch of traitors usurped my throne. He still wasn't satisfied with just that; he even attached all sorts of terrible accusations to my name to deceive the world, to say that was the reason why my father gave the throne to him."

Wu Liang suddenly realized what was happening. No wonder even though the tomb was built to an imperial standard, whether in terms of the scale or the design, it was too lacking compared to a real imperial tomb. It turned out to have really been a deposed emperor!

The Fiend Emperor sneered, saying, "I thought you were someone, so I patiently listened to what you had to say. However, it turns out you were just trash who had his throne seized from him."

"Judging from my observations, it doesn't seem as if you have much of your life left," the voice suddenly said with a sneer. The Fiend Emperor's expression changed, but the voice continued, "Are you not curious at all to know how I was able to live for so long?"

Chapter 1400: Ascension

Wu Liang was completely stupefied. He had thought that what was in the tomb was an ancient zombie, but judging from what he was saying, he seemed to still be alive! How was that possible?

Ever since ancient times, living past a thousand years had always been extremely difficult. Usually, that could only be achieved through certain races' special talents. Meanwhile, the human race's lifespan was far shorter than that.

Just how many tens of thousands of years had the tomb existed? And yet, the person inside was actually still alive? That completely defied the logic of the cultivation world! If news of that got out, it would definitely cause a huge uproar.

He was even starting to become a bit excited. Didn't this mean a tremendous opportunity for him? If he could obtain eternal life... Just the thought of that alone already made it hard for him to contain his excitement.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince's expression changed greatly. He was still young, so he still had a lot of his life left. For him, eternal life wasn't all that pressing an issue. On the other hand, if his father really did obtain eternal life, wouldn't that mean he would remain the crown prince for the rest of his life? The Fiend Emperor position that had nearly been at hand was about to disappear... just how painful of a realization was that?

In contrast, the Fiend Emperor's eyes burned with desire. He hurriedly asked, "Why were you able to live for so long?" However, he wasn't an ordinary person. He quickly forced himself to calm down and ask, "What do you want?"

"You're an intelligent person, as expected," the voice replied with a chuckle. "So, just patiently listen to what I have to say first."

The Golden Crow Crown Prince quickly advised the Fiend Emperor, "Father emperor, you need to be careful. This person might have some kind of trap set up to try to keep us here! In my opinion, we should look around elsewhere so Zu An's group does not gain the upper hand on us."

The Fiend Emperor hesitated when he heard that. That youngster Zu An had too many secrets around him. In so many years, that kid was the first one he couldn't see through. Zu An could actually end up obtaining some opportunity before him!

Just then, the voice remarked mockingly, "It looks as if this son of yours doesn't want you to gain eternal life... But that's to be expected. This kind of thing is all too common among royal families."

The Fiend Emperor's expression immediately grew sharp. He stared directly at the Golden Crow Crown Prince.

In truth, he sensed that the voice was trying to sow dissent. At his age, however, he cared too much about eternal life. Those who cared too much about something would often become somewhat ignorant and blind.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince quickly explained, "Father emperor, do not listen to his nonsense! I would not dare to have such thoughts."

The Fiend Emperor harrumphed. "We will listen to what he has to say before we make any decisions."

After what had just happened, the Golden Crow Crown Prince didn't dare to say anything else. Inwardly, however, he was already cursing endlessly at this 'ancient ancestor' of theirs.

"That's more like it," the voice in the tomb said with a laugh. It added, "After speaking for so long, I still don't know your names, though."

The Fiend Emperor frowned. There were some sinister skills that allowed one to do terrible things to another through knowing their name. However, such methods usually required a hair or fingernail too. As long as he took care of those things, he didn't have to worry. He replied, "You can call me the Fiend Emperor."

The Golden Crow Crown Prince said, "I am the Golden Crow Crown Prince."

Wu Liang began, "I am..."

Before they even finished their sentences, the one in the tomb cut them off. "You all speak so boldly, and yet you don't even have names and are instead just called by your titles."

Wu Liang opened and closed his mouth a few times. He felt really depressed. It was as if the voice didn't even consider him a person.

The Fiend Emperor said coldly, "This is what our race has always been like. Only those of the noblest status have the right to use their titles in place of their names."

"Fine, whatever you say," the voice said, seemingly with a hint of disdain. However, it didn't press the issue, and instead declared, "I am Dan Zhu! My title is Emperor Dan Zhu!" His declaration almost seemed to be accompanied by an austere air.

The Fiend Emperor remarked with a hint of contempt, "Emperor? According to what you said, you were not even an emperor for that long. Can even someone like you use that title?"

The voice was speechless. Then, it let out a long sigh and replied, "What you said is right. I am indeed trash, hahaha~"

When he heard the voice beginning to sound a bit deranged, the Fiend Emperor was suddenly worried that he might have ruined his prospects of achieving immortality. He quickly asked, "If you were the inheritor of the previous emperor, how did you let another seize the throne so easily?"

The voice returned somewhat to normal upon hearing that, but intense hatred suddenly took over as it said, "That's because the one who seized the throne was also from the royal family. His name was Shun, and his ancestor was previously an emperor too.

"Many, many generations ago, we had a common ancestor called the Yellow Emperor. Later on, the Yellow Emperor ascended and passed the position to his son Shao Hao, who was my generation's ancestor. He was called the White Emperor by the people."

The Fiend Emperor felt moved. He asked, "The ascension you speak of, is it death?"

The voice said coldly, "Ignorant. Of course it is as the word implies; he ascended into the world of the immortals."

The Fiend Emperor's eyes began to burn with desire. He exclaimed, "There really are immortals in this world?"

Even though he was called an earth immortal by the people of the world, no matter how great he was, he was merely an immortal of the mundane world. He was still too far from a real immortal. After so many years, despite the emergence of all kinds of stunning geniuses, there had never been anyone who

could truly become immortal. After so long, people had begun to suspect that the earth immortal rank was simply the limit of cultivation.

The Fiend Emperor had been stuck at that level for so many years. At first, he had also shared similar suspicions. Only in his final years had he vaguely sensed that the earth immortal rank wasn't the upper limit. However, he didn't have the first clue as to how to take another step.

"Why are you making such a fuss about something like that? There are plenty who have ascended. For example, your Golden Crow Ancestor's father Dijun also ascended, which is why the throne was passed onto my father," the voice harrumphed with an air of superiority.

The Fiend Emperor finally couldn't hold it in anymore and voiced his cultivation concerns. "Just what is ascension..."

The voice cut him off impatiently, saying, "Right now, your job is to listen, not to ask me questions."

After he heard about the existence of ascension, the Fiend Emperor's attitude noticeably changed somewhat. He replied, "Please speak!"

Wu Liang was stupefied as he watched from a corner. His worldview had really widened today! He had actually learned of such a great secret! Even if I die now, it might be worth it... Pah pah pah! I don't want to die.

The voice from the tomb continued. "After the White Emperor ascended, the imperial throne initially should've been taken over by his son. However, his nephew Zhuan Xu took the throne instead. Zhuan Xu was known by the people as the Black Emperor. From then on, the White Emperor and Black Emperor's bloodlines shared many conflicts and grudges..."

"The Black Emperor remained in his position for many, many years. When he departed, the position was likewise stolen by his nephew. His nephew was from our White Emperor lineage, and was your Golden Crow Ancestor's father, Dijun. Dijun passed the throne to his son Dizhi, but he only had the throne for a short time. The throne quickly ended up being abdicated in favor of his younger brother Yao, who was my father, Emperor Yao.

"The world enjoyed many years of peace and prosperity, but eventually, all sorts of disasters arose. There were droughts and floods, as well as all kinds of terrifying beasts that ravaged the people. My father had no choice but to raise large amounts of subordinates to deal with those issues.

"Among them, there was no lack of descendants of Zhuan Xu, such as Gun and Shun... Because the Black Emperor had already left for many years, his descendants knew their place. That was why my father lowered his guard and gave them too much authority. Those people took the chance to grow. Among them, Gun was the most powerful. However, Shun had always been extremely respectful, so with his help, my father killed Gun on Feather Mountain. His corpse is also at the bottom of the Feather Abyss."

The Fiend Emperor and the others' expressions changed several times. They thought to themselves, Could the Feather Abyss be the very first place we entered?

The voice continued, "However, he hadn't expected Shun to be so full of ambition. Without Gun keeping him in check, his strength climbed to a level where it couldn't be controlled anymore. In the end, when my father was cultivating in seclusion, Shun plotted against him and sealed him up.

“At first, I was completely in the dark and thought my father had ascended. After that, Shun treated me as the emperor at first, but eventually used some baseless accusations to depose me. Only then did I realize his rapacious designs.”

The Fiend Emperor sneered. This guy had to be ridiculously stupid, only realizing it at that point. However, since he was the one who needed things from the voice, he couldn't say anything that sounded too bad. He asked, “Did you tell me these things because you wanted my help with something?”

“Very clever!” The voice became a bit more excited as it replied, “I need you to help me undo my father’s seal!”