

## Immortal 1451

### [Chapter 1451: A Goddess' Plea](#)

Zu An really wanted to refuse, but the Celestial Emperor had never made an appearance, and his aura had disappeared quickly too, not even giving Zu An a chance to refuse.

Although he was alarmed, he suddenly remembered that he needed to repeat Yi's heroic path to begin with. With the bow's help, defeating the Golden Crows would be much easier. That meant it was something worth feeling happy about either way.

As for the battle between Zhuan Xu and Emperor Jun, he stopped worrying about it. He realized that in a battle between such giants, he actually wouldn't have the qualifications to join. Besides, there was no need for him to jump in. Either way, the Golden Crows had been shot down, so he just had to repeat history. That was the safest plan of action.

As for other consequences...

Hm... I don't even have a wife, so I don't have to worry about being like Yi, unable to return to the heavens.

Furthermore, both Jun and Yi were Zhuan Xu's descendants. No matter what angle Zu An looked at it from, standing on Zhuan Xu's side was the smarter choice. Zu An's tangled emotions gradually calmed down again when he thought through those things.

Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans all bowed toward Zu An and said, "Even though we do not know why the Celestial Emperor has chosen you, since he has presented you with the red bow, there must be a reason for it. Right now, the ten suns are in the sky, bringing disaster upon the people. We hope that little brother can help the world eliminate this evil."

The Ten Shamans all had sincere expressions. They really were worried about the people of this world.

Yun Jianyue and the others couldn't be bothered to deal with those things, however. They all advised Zu An to rethink things, because the situation touched upon a battle at the Celestial Emperor level. It wasn't something people of their level could participate in.

Zu An didn't reply. He only stood at the peak of the mountain and surveyed everything below him. Apart from Spirit Mountain, which had a powerful protective barrier and could barely keep its trees green, there was only a disaster everywhere else. All plant life had already withered away, and the ground was dried and cracked. Raging wildfires blazed all around. Who knew how many people had perished under the blistering sunlight, or been engulfed in a sea of flames?

The three women sighed when they saw the hellish scene. They now knew what Zu An's choice was, so they didn't try to advise him further. Even though they were all part of different forces, at the most fundamental level, they still agreed on some things. Otherwise, they wouldn't have chosen to travel with Zu An. When they saw the apocalyptic landscape, they all decided to stand firmly by Zu An's side.

Zu An didn't say anything else as he looked up at the ten dazzling golden suns. Even though the ten Golden Crows had been injured because of Nuba, they still hadn't left. Their Golden Crow Sacred Fire

granted them incredible regenerative power to begin with. Now that they were all in the skies, they even helped each other recover much more quickly than usual.

However, because of that, the people of the lower realm had to suffer. Of course, to the Golden Crows, the people were nothing more than ants. They didn't care at all.

Zu An took a deep breath. He nocked an arrow and drew back the bow. Even though he had never learned archery before, he was now a master rank cultivator. His control over his body and strength was already exquisite, so he quickly adjusted to the new weapon. The Sun Slaying Bow seemed to have its own spirit too. He didn't have to do much, because it had already begun to activate on its own.

However, Zu An's expression changed, because he discovered that he couldn't draw the bowstring back fully! He couldn't even pull it back halfway without reaching his limit. His muscles writhed like dragons, but he could do no more. Even though no one said anything, there was no way that amount of strength would be sufficient to hurt the suns in the sky.

When Yan Xuehen and the other two women saw that, they placed their hands on his body, pouring their ki into him without holding back at all. Additionally, Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans tacitly surrounded him and began to chant incantations. A shining formation formed, with Zu An at the center.

Zu An immediately felt as if his entire body had filled with explosive power. He activated the Star Shattering Imprint, then planted his left foot on the ground fiercely. His body curved backward, and he bent his right knee toward the ground. As he fully drew back the Sun Slaying Bow, his entire body likewise began to resemble a bow pulled back to the limit. All of his muscles bulged from the force he exerted, and his clothes could no longer endure the tension and burst open.

Yu Yanluo was fine, since she had been very intimate with him before. However, Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue found it a bit hard to handle. Being so close to a man, especially one whose body was full of masculine strength, made their hearts beat wildly in spite of their strong wills.

Yan Xuehen remembered what had happened back in the Great Snowy Mountains' hot springs, and how the water had splashed in all directions. Back then, she had been so embarrassed that she didn't have the composure to look at him at all.

Yun Jianyue's eyes watered to the point that tears nearly came out. She secretly warned herself that she had to stay further away from this brat once she left the secret dungeon. Otherwise, if news of her fighting over her disciple's man got out, what dignity would she have left as the Holy Sect's master?

Meanwhile, Zu An was completely focused. With the others' help, he concentrated all of his power on the arrow. Its white surface shone, and the runes on its surface became more distinct, giving off an ancient and profound sensation. Terrifying destructive energy poured out of it into the world.

Then, Zu An let loose. The arrow turned into a streak of light, flying toward one of the suns in the sky. It moved so quickly that even with his cultivation, Zu An couldn't see its trajectory.

Soon afterward, a blast of fiery golden light suddenly filled the sky. Endless streams of golden blood scattered down, and the sky darkened. Countless people quickly noticed the abnormal phenomenon that was taking place in the sky. Where there had previously been ten suns, now there was one less. They didn't know what had happened, but they all cheered.

Zu An was a bit alarmed. He had actually, truly shot one of them down?

Who would dare boast in front of me in the future? Who is better at shooting than me? [\[1\]](#)

Still, he reacted quickly. He didn't hesitate to nock another arrow and draw back the bow. After all, these were Emperor Jun's sons. If the emperor reacted to what had happened and cast down heavenly punishment, only a tragic end awaited him. Thus, he let loose white arrows one after another; they all carried terrifying power as they flew into the sky.

Even as the Golden Crows recovered from their wounds, they suddenly noticed that one of their brothers had exploded on the spot. They were a bit stunned. Were the injuries they had sustained from Nuba so serious that they couldn't even hold on anymore? After all, they had used extreme heat to destroy Nuba, but Nuba's heat hadn't been any less powerful than theirs. The insides of their bodies had also become shockingly hot as a result.

Suddenly, however, they noticed the terrifying auras flying toward them one after another. They finally reacted to what was happening.

"Enemy attack!"

They quickly dispersed, not having the courage to face the arrows head-on as they sensed the threat of death.

Unfortunately, even if they evaded quickly, they weren't as fast as the arrows. Furthermore, the arrows seemed to have tracking properties and pursued them relentlessly.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

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The Golden Crows fell one after another. Golden blood scattered through the air. Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but the place they fell toward just happened to be Feather Mountain, where Zu An's group had passed when they first arrived.

Whenever one Golden Crow was shot down, a cheer came from the world below. After all, the ten suns being overhead all at once for the first time was something that ordinary people, cultivators, and sinister monsters alike hated.

In a mere few moments, nine Golden Crows fell out of the sky.

However, Zu An didn't have the mental capacity to count them at all. He had to take them out quickly because of Emperor Jun's potential revenge, and he could barely withstand the strain.

The Star Shattering Imprint was something a normal person could only use once. No matter how tough his body was, using it three times in succession was also his limit. Furthermore, he was even using a divine weapon, the Sun Slaying Bow. Even though it was similar to the one the Golden Crow Crown Prince had used, its power was much greater; likewise, the cost of firing it was significantly higher.

Fortunately, he had the help of Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans, allowing him to fire nine arrows in a row. Unfortunately, blood was starting to pour out of the shamans' noses and mouths too. They had clearly experienced a powerful rebound as a result.

Yu Yanluo and the two other women were in an even worse state. Strands of blood emerged from their bodies, covering them.

Zu An instinctively sensed that there was still a sun above him, and subconsciously looked up to continue firing.

"No!" a woman cried out in anger and alarm. A beautiful woman in a palace dress flew in front of the last Golden Crow, using her body to stop the devastating Sun Slaying Bow.

#### Chapter 1452: Real and False World

Xi He had been wounded quite badly when she fought against Nuba. She had then returned to Scalding Valley to recover, and also to try to contact her husband. She just had a feeling that there was something fishy about the situation, and that there was a huge plot behind it. Meanwhile, the ten Golden Crows didn't return with her, instead remaining in the air to recover. Xi He was in a rush to contact Emperor Jun, so she didn't have time to pay attention to them.

Unfortunately, she couldn't contact that playboy Emperor Jun.

She understood clearly that Emperor Jun had many women at his side. Even though she was the Sun Goddess, she was nothing more than another of his lovers. Who knew which vixen's arms he was resting in right now?

It had been so many years since the two last talked, so how could she contact him so easily? She was starting to feel a bit angry that she couldn't contact him too. That bastard Emperor Jun left just like that without saying a thing. Is he really not worried that I'll start an affair with someone else?

When she thought about how many lovers Emperor Jun had, Xi He ground her teeth in annoyance. Zu An's face suddenly appeared in her mind.

It had already been so many years, and this was the first time she had met such a handsome human. Furthermore, he had his unique personality and charm...

Her face turned red when she thought of that. What is going on with me? Why am I thinking about this kind of nonsense? And besides, the other party is a human!

She was still the Sun Goddess, the wife of Emperor Jun. She had experienced many things. She immediately realized that something was wrong with her. She had managed to live for so long without letting any feelings get to her, so why would she suddenly feel as if she were going through the springtime of youth again?

Her expression changed. She suddenly realized something, exclaiming, "The Golden Phoenix's ability!"

The Golden Crow, Phoenix, and Vermilion Bird all came from the same source. That was why they knew about each other's skills.

That bastard actually dared to use that kind of skill on me!

You have successfully trolled Xi He for +999 +999 +999...

Xi He was proud and had a high status. How could she stand being cheated by a man? Either way, she couldn't even contact Emperor Jun, so she decided to get revenge on Zu An first.

However, not long after she left Scalding Valley, she felt several destructive auras that made her heart tremble. She watched from a distance as the Golden Crows fell one after another. She was absolutely heartbroken and quickly rushed over.

Unfortunately, the other party fired too quickly. By the time she arrived, nine of the Golden Crows had already been shot down. Nothing else mattered to her anymore, and she quickly spread her arms to protect her sole remaining son.

Her body shook uncontrollably. She felt the terrifying power from the Sun Slaying Bow, and knew that such a divine weapon that was born naturally from the world and supported by the power of a Celestial Emperor wasn't something she could stop. Still, she didn't hesitate to use her own body to block its trajectory for her son.

She was extremely startled when she saw the man who was holding the bow. Never could she have expected it to actually be Zu An. They had faced each other in Scalding Valley. Although he could be considered quite excellent among humans, in front of her, he wasn't even worth mentioning.

And yet, in the end, her sons had actually lost their lives to his arrows...

Xi He was overwhelmed with hatred. If she had known this would happen, she would have killed him back in Scalding Valley. She felt that way even more intensely when she remembered that he had used the Golden Phoenix's skill on her, and how miserably her sons had died. All she felt was endless hate for Zu An.

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When he saw Xi He and the endless stream of Rage points, Zu An's head gradually cleared. He saw Xi He staring at him, filled with anger and fear. In that instant, he was filled with all sorts of emotions.

Yun Jianyue quickly warned him through ki transmission, "Little An, don't show any mercy right now! You already killed nine of her sons and established a terrible grudge. If you show mercy now, she'll definitely seek revenge on you."

Yan Xuehen cultivated the Unshakable Daoist Manual. Even though she felt the suggestion was a bit cruel, she knew it would be the most suitable method, so she didn't argue against what Yun Jianyue said.

Even though Yu Yanluo's natural disposition was kind, when it involved Zu An's safety, she would naturally stand by his side.

Zu An's expression changed several times. In the end, however, he put the bow away and said, "You should leave."

Yun Jianyue exclaimed in shock, "Little An?!"

Zu An shook his head slightly toward her. Then, he looked at Xi He in the sky and said, “You let us go before, so how could I do this to you? As for the Golden Crows earlier, it wasn’t because we had any private grudges, but rather because they came out together and harmed the people of the world. A decree came from above, so of course I had to help the people.”

When he saw that there was only one sun left, he knew he couldn't continue to fire at it. Otherwise, the entire world would fall into endless darkness. It was the perfect chance to appease Xi He.

Of course, he could have set his resolve to shoot down Xi He with the last arrow, which would leave behind one sun. He wouldn’t have to worry about Xi He’s revenge then, either.

However, he had used ‘Love Is More Solid than Gold’ on her and felt guilty to begin with. He had even killed nine of her sons. He wasn’t a cold-blooded murderer, so how could he continue doing something like that?

Still, he wasn’t stupid either. He placed all of the blame on Zhuan Xu, implying that he was the main culprit behind all of this, and that if Xi He wanted to get revenge, she should take it out on Zhuan Xu. However, he had killed nine of her sons, so he couldn't control how she would feel.

Xi He stared at him with a conflicted expression. She had never expected him to show her mercy. After all, the rational choice was to kill her to prevent future disaster. Could it be that he really does care a bit about me?

She quickly tossed that thought out of her mind. Damn it, that Golden Phoenix’s skill is activating again!

“You will regret it if you do not kill me,” she said coldly.

Zu An replied with a sigh, “Regardless of what kind of consequence it brings, I won’t regret my choice today.”

Xi He gave him a deep look. Then, she took her last, trembling son into her carriage and flew away, exclaiming, “One day, I will definitely kill you!”

Her voice echoed in the air as she left.

Zu An’s expression stiffened, leaving behind only a bitter smile.

Yun Jianyue harrumphed. “You really are a sex-crazed maniac.”

Yan Xuehen and Yu Yanluo also had strange expressions when they looked at him.

Zu An could only explain, “I couldn’t just shoot down all ten suns. What are the living things of the world supposed to do if there’s no sun?”

“You could have left behind one Golden Crow, but why Xi He?” Yun Jianyue asked. She was the Devil Sect’s Sect Master, so she knew the importance of pulling out problems by the roots.

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Zu An said, “The ones who caused the disaster were the ten Golden Crows, not her. Furthermore, she’s Emperor Jun’s wife. I left behind one Golden Crow and spared Xi He, so to a certain degree, I’ve shown some kindness. Otherwise, Emperor Jun might really go all out to kill me.”

When they heard his explanation, the three women realized that the decision did make some sense. Still, they couldn't help but mumble, "You're speaking such high-minded words, but isn't the main reason because she's a pretty woman?"

Zu An chuckled in embarrassment. Indeed, he just couldn't bring himself to kill Xi He.

Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans slowly recovered. One after another, they expressed their thanks to Zu An for saving the world. Zu An only replied humbly, but he secretly worried, wondering when Emperor Jun's revenge would come.

Suddenly, an indescribable ripple of natural ki coursed through the world, and it seemed to be disappearing quickly.

Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans seemed to have received some kind of order. Their expressions changed greatly, and they said to Zu An, "After this matter, the heavens have reached an agreement to sever the paths between heaven and earth completely, to fully separate the mortal realm and heaven. We must follow the will of heaven and leave. Little brother, we're sure we'll meet you again!"

As soon as they finished speaking, an incomparably powerful radiance scattered down through the world. Spirit Mountain seemed to be covered in a layer of translucent film. Then, the shamans vanished right before the group's eyes.

When the light passed, Spirit Mountain was still in front of them, and the plants weren't too different from before, but Zu An knew that it was no longer the Spirit Mountain from before. The abundant ki had grown sparse, and it no longer felt too different from the ordinary mountain in his previous world. He couldn't sense the many mysterious, hidden auras across Spirit Mountain anymore.

It wasn't just Spirit Mountain; the rest of the land had changed completely too. For example, the Weak Water was no longer boundless, and had instead turned into an ordinary, broad river.

Zu An was alarmed. This place clearly looked the same from the outside, but it was completely different in essence. It was like the difference between the real world and an illusory world.

#### Chapter 1453: Fading Away

"Since we already let him go, it's already useless to talk about these things," Yun Jianyue said as she looked toward the distant Treasure Mountain. "Should we head over and take a look?"

The others naturally knew what she was talking about.

Zu An said, "The path between heaven and earth has been completely severed. This Spirit Mountain is no longer the same as it was before. There's probably no immortal medicine left to find anymore, right?"

"You're right. Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans said that the immortal medicine went missing after Gu schemed against Bao Jiang," Yan Xuehen said.

"Tsk, they might have just been hiding it on purpose. Besides, there are always miraculous herbs and plants wherever immortal medicine is. Even if the ki has disappeared, there might be something left behind. If we find even a few stalks, it'll be worth our time anyway." Yun Jianyue didn't feel like

explaining herself further after saying that. She kicked off the ground, then quickly shot toward Mount Precious.

The others were also a bit tempted. With Yun Jianyue leading the way, they quickly followed. However, they found Yun Jianyue with an expression full of disappointment. Even though there were some spiritual herbs remaining, for people like her and Yan Xuehen who were the sect masters of huge forces, they weren't of much value.

"Looks like this world really has changed," Zu An said quietly. He had already suspected that would be the case.

Then, he looked up at the elegant peak, Mount Goddess, and said, "Let's take a look over there."

Previously, Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans had mentioned that the Flame Emperor's third daughter Yao Ji lived there. Furthermore, when he fired the Sun Slaying Bow, he had sensed a peculiar aura that was watching everything from Mount Goddess.

"I'm guessing you just want to go because you heard there was a beauty over there, right?" Yan Xuehen asked, unable to help but shoot him a pointed look.

Yun Jianyue chuckled and added, "I agree with this stone cold woman this time!"

Yu Yanluo gave Yan Xuehen a look. Shouldn't I be the one to say that?

Sigh, these two big sisters are getting closer and closer to Ah Zu.

Even though that was what the two of them said, they still went over to look around Mount Goddess. Unfortunately, even though the mountain peak remained, the goddess was gone without a trace.

"So this was what Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans meant when they said that heaven and earth have already been separated," Yan Xuehen said with a long sigh. She finally understood why, after so many years, there hadn't been a single cultivator who could ascend to immortality despite there being so many geniuses.

Yun Jianyue was a bit more optimistic, saying, "At the very least, we know that this world does have immortals. It's not just an abstract concept like before."

Yan Xuehen also felt a bit inspired, replying, "You're right!"

Just that alone made the trip into the Unknown Region worth it.

Zu An's expression suddenly changed. He blurted out, "Wait, if these deity-like beings have all disappeared, what about Shun?"

The women felt a weight fall on their minds. The Puppet Curse Zu An had been afflicted with hadn't been resolved yet! If Shun had disappeared along with Spirit Mountain's Ten Shamans, what were they supposed to do then?

As such, the group couldn't hold back their curiosity and rushed toward Jiuyi Mountain. Even though they were all extremely exhausted, they still didn't dare to delay. Zu An stepped on the Wind Fire



Wheels and flew through the air while holding the three women's hands. After experiencing so much together, they were already used to such a level of physical touch and didn't say anything.

Now that the paths between heaven and earth had been cut, many of the unusual phenomena they experienced had also disappeared. Even the terrifying monsters and powerful cultivators had disappeared.

The world had become much more normal. They passed through Bluefield Pond, the Ferocious Water, the Field of Longevity, Dongting Lake, Mulberry Forest, the Weak Water, and other such places, but it wasn't as difficult as before.

They quickly arrived south of Jiuyi Mountain, landing in front of Shun's tomb.

Before they could say anything, an indistinct figure quickly appeared and said, "You did not disappoint me after all. Not only did you complete Yi's heroic path, you also obtained the approval of the divine weapon."

Zu An sighed in relief when he saw that Shun was still there. He asked, "Was the divine weapon you were talking about this Sun Slaying Bow?"

"Indeed," the voice said, sounding somewhat distant. It wasn't as steady as before.

"But this Sun Slaying Bow was clearly in the Golden Crow Crown Prince's hands! He's also in this world, so how can there be two Sun Slaying Bows?" Zu An asked.

He had previously mentioned that he was captured by the Fiend Emperor and his son, and that the Puppet Curse he had was also from the Fiend Emperor. As for the Sun Slaying Bow, he had seen the Golden Crow Crown Prince use it with his own eyes. Even though there were some small differences, it was definitely the same weapon. Of course, the biggest difference was that the white arrows seemed to be completely different. They were far more powerful.

"Who says there are two that can coexist?" Shun replied with a chuckle. "With your current cultivation realm, it is difficult for me to explain the reason through words. One day, you will understand yourself."

Zu An silently cursed, but Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue had pensive expressions. Shun's words had brought them a bit of enlightenment, but it was hard for them to grasp exactly what it was.

Yu Yanluo quickly said, "We've already completed Yi's heroic path according to our agreement and obtained the divine weapon's acknowledgment. Now, you should hold up your end of the deal and undo his Puppet Curse, right?"

Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue also quickly looked at Shun. Yan Xuehen in particular felt guilty. She wasn't as attentive toward Zu An as Yu Yanluo. However, she quickly realized that he wasn't even her man, so why did she have to be so caring?!

"I cannot help him undo the curse in my current state," Shun said with a sigh.

Zu An's brows raised. He drew the Sun Slaying Bow and aimed it at Shun, asking, "Could it be that you want a taste of this divine weapon's power? I just happen to have one arrow left."

Even though Shun's status in ancient times was great and his power matched his status, he had already been dead for so many years, and Zu An had just shot down nine suns. Why would Zu An be scared of him?

The figure froze briefly, but then quickly chuckled and said, "As expected, after completing the heroic path, you have become much more courageous. However, there is no need for you to threaten me. I cannot exist for much longer, in any case."

Zu An then realized that was true. Shun's voice and figure were much fainter than before, as if he could dissipate at any time.

"The separation of heaven and earth has affected me. Even without it, however, I would not have been able to continue existing forever," the voice said wryly. Then, he said to the others, "You do not need to feel so alarmed. Even though I cannot personally help you remove the Puppet Curse, I know someone who can."

"You want to fool me into doing something else for you?" Zu An sneered. Doing so much work for nothing really wasn't a great feeling.

"You are worrying unnecessarily. You do not need to help me do anything," the hazy Shun said.

"What about when you said we had to defeat Yu before?" Yun Jianyue asked vigilantly. Shun had clearly said that they had to use the divine weapon to defeat Yu, and yet now, he was not even mentioning it anymore. She felt that something was strange.

"As you have already obtained the Sun Slaying Bow, there is no need to worry about the rest. You will understand later. Alright, it is time for me to enter eternal rest," Shun said. He gradually disappeared, only leaving behind one last long and drawn-out sentence. "Head to a place called Nanchao. There is someone there who can help you with your Puppet Curse."

Zu An frowned. Nanchao? Why does this name sound a bit familiar?

Chapter 1454: Exactly the Same

"Where is Nanchao?" Zu An tried to ask, but Shun had already disappeared without a trace. He and the others were speechless for a moment.

"Hurry and take a look. There seems to be a map here," Yan Xuehen called out after a while. It turned out she had already gone inside and looked around the old tomb.

Zu An's group quickly followed her in. As an emperor, Shun's tomb should have been extremely large. However, when they went inside, they only saw an ordinary throne room. There were many burial objects inside, but unfortunately, they had already all decayed under the ravages of time.

Yan Xuehen was by the coffin. There was no corpse inside, as if Shun had never existed. Zu An even wondered whether that guy hadn't actually died.

Meanwhile, Yan Xuehen was staring at a diagram on the surface of the coffin. Compared to the other items in the throne room that seemed to have been eroded by time, the simple and crude drawing looked quite new, as if it had been drawn not too long ago.

There were some characters the three women didn't recognize. However, Zu An knew they were ancient names. He read them out. He had never heard of some of them before; others, he had. They were likely the locations of places in this world.

Furthermore, there was an area that had been circled, and in it were written the characters for 'Nanchao'.

When she heard 'Nanchao', Yan Xuehen said, "This map was probably drawn by Shun not too long ago. After the world changed, he might have been worried that he would not last until we could find him and left behind these clues. They indeed turned out to be useful after all."

Yu Yanluo sighed in relief when she heard that there was hope of undoing Zu An's Puppet Curse. A faint smile appeared on her beautiful face as she said, "It seems this Shun can be considered a good person after all."

"What good person?" Yun Jianyue sneered. "That guy didn't even do what he promised us. What about the immortal medicine? He didn't say a thing. With Little An's Puppet Curse, he even made us run around some more. We don't even know if it can be fixed."

The others felt a bit dejected. The possibility of that was indeed substantial.

However, Zu An was more optimistic. He replied, "Haha, at least we have some clues, right? Besides, we've obtained quite a bit of information regarding the immortal medicine. But now that heaven and earth have become separated, the immortal medicine has nothing to do with us anymore. There's no need to think too much about it."

Seeing that he wasn't discouraged, Yun Jianyue sighed in relief, saying, "That makes sense."

Then, they set out again, seeking out Nanchao according to the instructions on the map. Along the way, the women talked about the 'paths of heaven and earth' issue.

Yun Jianyue said, "At first, I thought that the paths of heaven and earth were tangible roads, but from the situation we witnessed in Spirit Mountain and our experiences, that doesn't seem to be the case."

"I feel as if the world instantly split onto two..." Yan Xuehen added. She began to discuss all sorts of possibilities with Yun Jianyue.

Yu Yanluo continued to nod with a smile. She had been able to understand what they were saying at first, but eventually, their conversation grew more and more profound. She could only pretend to understand. She really didn't know what they were talking about at all, which left her bewildered.

Meanwhile, Zu An used some theories from the movies and games in his previous world to compare notes with them. Sure enough, the beauties were incredibly shocked, feeling that his descriptions were quite fitting. They felt even more admiration toward him.

Even though this guy is a bit perverted and acts a bit shameless, I didn't expect his knowledge to be so extraordinary...

Zu An sighed inwardly. No wonder the emperors of his previous world all loved to call themselves sons of heaven. He had felt that it was nothing more than feudalistic superstition, something they used so that monarchical power had a greater hold on the people. Now, it seemed they hadn't been lying.

Whether it was the White Emperor faction's Yao or the Black Emperor's Shun and Yu, they were indeed the descendants of a Celestial Emperor in the mortal world. The emperors of Xia, Shang, Zhou, and even Qin could more or less have their lineage traced back to those bloodlines. That was why calling themselves sons of heaven wasn't a problem at all. The emperors who followed had naturally continued using that title too.

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Just like that, the group followed the map and found Nanchao. It was covered in mountains and lakes, a land of verdant hills and limpid waters. The group wandered leisurely through the place for half a day, but they didn't find anything.

"What was Shun talking about? Are we supposed to find some kind of treasure in Nanchao? Or is it some monster that can help us undo the Puppet Curse?" Yun Jianyue remarked impatiently. Yan Xuehen and Yu Yanluo were also confused. They didn't have any ideas either.

However, Zu An thought of something. He remembered where he had heard the name before. As such, he summoned Mo Xi. Wasn't one of her skills named 'Farewell, Nanchao'?

A wild, tan-skinned beauty dressed in leather appeared. Her exposed abdominal muscles, as well as her long and healthy legs, left even the other three beauties amazed.

Yan Xuehen's heart began beating crazily. Why had Zu An suddenly summoned Mo Xi? Previously, in order to deal with Love Is More Solid than Gold, Zu An had shown her the summoned woman before.

Yun Jianyue wasn't all that surprised, as she had seen Daji previously. She thought, This guy really is a pervert. Even his summoned creatures are such stunning beauties. Sigh, I really am feeling worried for my silly disciple's future.

Yu Yanluo and Zu An were closer, so she naturally wasn't that shocked. She was just curious as to why he had suddenly summoned her.

Zu An didn't explain anything, though. Instead, he stared at Mo Xi.

Mo Xi was a bit stunned at first, but when she saw her surroundings, she subconsciously tilted her head to one side, looking confused. She seemed to have recalled something. Then, without even communicating anything, she walked toward a specific part of the mountain.

"Follow her!" Zu An called out, waving at the three women to quietly follow her.

Mo Xi walked slowly at first, but eventually, she began moving faster and faster. She leaped through the forest like a beautiful leopard. Fortunately, Zu An and the others had recovered quite a bit along the way, so they weren't left behind. Just like that, the group followed her through several twists and turns in the forest.

Suddenly, the view opened up, revealing a valley filled with birdsong and fragrant flowers. They sighed in amazement. The ki within was almost on par with the time before the path of heaven and earth had been severed.

Strange sounds came from behind them. They sounded a bit unpleasant, but not to the point that they were extremely shrill and irritating. There even seemed to be a bit of rhythm behind them.

"This is?" Yun Jianyue exclaimed. She felt that the sound was a bit familiar, but she just couldn't place what it was. Yu Yanluo and Yan Xuehen clearly shared similar thoughts. They had confused expressions.

"It's the sound of silk being torn," Zu An said. He looked in the direction of Mo Xi, thinking, Is it really as I suspected?

Soon afterward, Mo Xi entered the valley. In it was a pavilion with rainbow silk draped all around it. It was as if they had entered a cloth dyeing store. Meanwhile, at the center of the pavilion was an exceptional beauty.

With their cultivation, the group quickly saw what the woman was doing. She was tearing up silk right next to her ear. As she listened to the tearing sound, a hint of joy appeared on her face. There were large amounts of cloth fragments scattered around her.

The three women thought, This woman must have gone mad. She's ripping up silk for fun? Who in their right mind would do something like this?

However, their bodies suddenly stiffened. A chill ran down their backs as they finally recognized the woman's appearance.

She was actually the same as Zu An's Mo Xi!

#### Chapter 1455: Body and Soul Reunited

The way the woman was dressed gave off a wild and unruly aesthetic. The cloth bound around her chest only made it seem more impressive, and her waist wasn't as soft-looking and weak as that of other women; instead, she appeared full of explosive strength. Between that and her firm bottom and long legs, the feeling she gave off was of vigor and liveliness. However, her appearance wasn't boorish; rather, she looked extremely beautiful. Despite her valiant and formidable outward appearance, she also had a charming side.

Yu Yanluo and the other women's shock came from the fact that the beautiful woman was actually exactly the same as the Mo Xi Zu An had summoned! Their eyes wandered between her and Mo Xi, before they finally realized that there was indeed a difference. The expression in Mo Xi's eyes was a bit sluggish and distant, while this woman's gaze was extremely intelligent, and even a bit... flirtatious.

The woman eventually noticed the group as well. She called out with a sneer, "Who dares disturb me in my elegant state of mind?"

Her voice was somewhat coquettish, and yet also had a capable and experienced air to it. It matched her outward appearance well.

"Elegant state of mind?" Yu Yanluo and the other women repeated with strange expressions. Do you mean tearing silk? What kind of strange hobby is that?

Even someone as wealthy as Yu Yanluo frowned when she saw the other woman tear up precious silk like that. It was just too much of a waste.

The woman reached out with a hand, and the surrounding silk all flew off to one side so it didn't block her field of view. She was about to say something when she suddenly saw Mo Xi on the other side, leaving her stunned.

Zu An cried out bitterly inside and quickly recalled Mo Xi.

However, that woman had already seen her. Her brows shot up and she exclaimed, "How daring! You dare create a puppet like that? Are you from the Shaman clan or the Ghost clan?"

Zu An shivered. Do both of those clans have puppet-creation methods? However, he didn't have time to think about those things anymore, as countless silks lashed out to attack him.

The three women were shocked. The other woman was extremely beautiful, and yet in that instant, the power she had displayed actually reached the earth immortal level! Were earth immortals nothing more than dogs here?

Of course, they knew it was because they were inside an Unknown Region. After all, they had even seen deities, so there was no point in getting all startled over the appearance of an earth immortal.

Zu An quickly moved out of the way. However, the silk seemed to have grown eyes, cutting off any potential avenue of escape. In an instant, his limbs were wrapped in silk, and his body was suspended in midair like a 大 character.

"Ah Zu!" The three women cried out in alarm and quickly rushed forward to help him.

Suddenly, a blast of flames surged from Zu An's body, burning the silk to ashes and allowing him to escape.

The woman's brows rose again. She was about to attack when Zu An quickly summoned Mo Xi again, exclaiming, "She isn't a puppet I made, but rather someone I encountered! She's my friend!"

The other woman frowned when she saw that, but she didn't attack again. However, Yan Xuehen and the others remained vigilant, ready to fight together with Zu An at any time.

The woman's figure flickered, and a second later, she instantly reappeared next to Mo Xi, carefully examining her.

Zu An thought to himself, As expected. Now, Mo Xi is meeting her real self.

No wonder Shun had told him to come to Nanchao. It turned out Mo Xi was here! Her skill just happened to work for severing all sorts of contracts. The Fiend Emperor's Puppet Curse was naturally a kind of contract too.

However, Mo Xi was from an age after Shun, so why did Shun know of her existence? Could it be that it was because they were all in the same world, and Shun happened to see her while roaming around?

Furthermore, he had read all sorts of science fiction novels in his previous world that said that two copies of the same person couldn't exist in the same world. If they met, there was a high chance that they would be destroyed. However, the two Mo Xis were staring at each other face to face, and yet nothing strange seemed to have happened!

All sorts of thoughts filled his mind. Meanwhile, the other woman was also shocked to see someone who looked exactly the same as her. She had initially thought that it was a puppet, but upon closer observation, she didn't seem to be one. Weren't they completely identical?

"Why doesn't she have a soul?" the woman asked. Her cultivation rank was extraordinary and she immediately noticed what was strange about Mo Xi.

"I don't know either. She was like this when I saw her," Zu An replied. He thought for a bit before asking, "Could it be that her soul is inside you?"

The woman immediately erupted into rage, snapping, "Damn brat, are you courting death?!"

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When he saw the name, Zu An thought, It really was Mo Xi, as expected!

"Huh? I seem to be able to sense a sliver of a leftover soul inside her. It is indeed me..." the woman said with a frown. She reached out a hand and placed it on Mo Xi, as if she were trying to read her memories. Her expression immediately changed drastically. Then, she looked at Zu An with increased interest.

Zu An didn't know what she had seen, but either way, he had never done anything bad to Mo Xi. He said, "What I'm saying is that she might be... how you end up in the future. You might have encountered something that caused your soul to go missing, turning you into this."

The woman frowned. This time, she didn't say anything in response. She seemed to be thinking about just what kind of danger she could have encountered, for her to even lose her soul.

Zu An suddenly realized the issue too. Why had Mo Xi been able to live for so long? Even Shun had vanished into nothing; and yet she was still here, and still so strong. She clearly wasn't an immortal!

The woman waved her hand. Zu An felt as if a thread connected to him had been severed, and he lost his connection to Mo Xi. He was shocked and angry, exclaiming, "What are you doing?!"

"Taking back my body, of course!" the woman replied, shooting him a cold look. "Who knows what kind of despicable things you'll do if you keep her around you?"

Zu An was speechless.

Yu Yanluo and Yun Jianyue wanted to laugh, but they didn't dare to. Zu An already had so many beauties around him. Losing one wasn't too big of a deal.

However, Yan Xuehen panicked. This was related to whether or not the 'Love Is More Solid than Gold' skill would be undone! If Zu An lost Mo Xi, didn't that mean she had no hope left?

Zu An almost vomited blood. He really was losing a lot this time! Not only had he not obtained anything, he had even lost a valkyrie. Shun, that freaking bastard!

He made up his mind to fight, but the woman gave him a look, as if she knew what he was thinking. She snapped, "What, you want to fight?"

Zu An finally became clear-headed again. Even if they worked together and used all of their trump cards, they could only barely come out ahead at best. They could even die here. There really was no need to go that far for just a valkyrie. Furthermore, now that his contract with Mo Xi had been cut, it would be useless even if he seized her back. He couldn't tell her to do anything anymore.

He could only say, "Since you took something from me, please help me with something. I have a Puppet Curse placed on me, and also..."

Yan Xuehen's heart almost shot out of her chest. If Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo found out, wouldn't that be complete social suicide?

Fortunately, the woman cut him off, saying, "I'm taking back my own body, so I don't owe you. Why should I help you?"

Zu An was speechless.

When she saw Zu An's furious expression, the woman said, "Fine, I guess you did help me, so I'll give you a chance. If you can help me find Yi Yin[1], I'll agree to help you."

Zu An was now really pissed. These guys kept ordering him around to do a bunch of things without upholding their ends of the promise! He was about to protest when he suddenly thought of something. Yi Yin?

He couldn't help but ask, "Is Yi Yin still in this world?"

"That, I don't know. If I could find him, then why would I need your help?" the woman replied, then waved her hand to chase them out. "I've already told you the condition. Whether or not you want to do it is up to you."

After saying that, she became completely focused on studying Mo Xi. It was as if she were touching her own body. She looked somewhat moved, and even her hands were shaking a bit.

Yun Jianyue secretly said to Zu An, "Little An, that woman isn't a physical body, but rather a soul. She might very well be the soul that female servant of yours is missing."

Zu An was startled. This woman is just a soul?

No wonder nothing strange had happened when she met Mo Xi. It was because they were the same person; one body, one soul! The woman's every action was too realistic, to the point where he couldn't tell it at all. But now that they had interacted so closely, it couldn't escape the notice of a grandmaster like Yun Jianyue.

Chapter 1456: Deliberate Misrepresentation

Zu An felt excited. He had always been curious about where Daji, Mo Xi, and the other Valkyries' souls were. He had been wondering what he had to do to complete their souls, but had no idea where to even start looking.

Now, he finally had a chance to repair Mo Xi's soul! However, Mo Xi had already severed her relationship with him.

Whether or not she becomes whole again, it has nothing to do with me. Zu An felt his insides twitch when he thought of that. It really hurt too much.



“What do we do now? Should we work together to capture her?” Yun Jianyue asked. Even though she felt strangely happy to see it, suffering such a loss and just sucking it up wasn’t her style. She already treated Zu An as one of her own, so she naturally felt the same as if it had happened to her.

Yan Xuehen hesitated for a moment. After all, the current situation meant her Love Is More Solid than Gold would never be undone. However, whether or not it was undone didn’t really make that big of a difference anymore. Either way... Either way, I’ll just return to White Jade Sect and never meet him again...

Zu An remained silent for a moment. He then shook his head slightly and said, “Her cultivation is too high. Even if we subdue her, I have no way of making her listen and undo our contracts.”

“Our?” Yu Yanluo was stunned. Is there someone else in our group who was affected by a curse?

When he saw Yan Xuehen’s death glare, Zu An quickly yawned to hide his guilty expression before saying, “Let’s think of a way to find that Yi Yin guy first.”

Sure enough, Yu Yanluo’s attention was diverted. She asked, “We don’t even know who Yi Yin is. Where would we go to find him?”

“I actually know a bit about Yi Yin...” Zu An began. As the group left the valley, he told the others what he knew about Yi Yin. “Mo Xi is an empress from the last period of an ancient civilization called the Xia Dynasty. When the Shang Dynasty replaced the Xia Dynasty, Yi Yin was a minister who provided outstanding service...”

Afterward, Zu An concluded, “Unfortunately, I don’t know where to find Yi Yin either.”

The others frowned. Yu Yanluo couldn’t help but ask, “Then what do we do about your Puppet Curse?”

Zu An remained silent for a while. Then, killing intent flickered through his eyes and he said, “As long as we can deal with the Fiend Emperor in this world, it won’t matter.”

After all, if the user was gone, the Puppet Curse would become meaningless as well.

The three women were shocked. Their first reaction was to think his idea was outrageous, but after thinking about it, they felt that it made some kind of sense.

After all, Zu An had even shot down the Golden Crow suns in the sky. Those suns and Xi He were countless times stronger than the Fiend Emperor. He had one last arrow bestowed by the Celestial Emperor left, so killing the Fiend Emperor wouldn’t be a problem either.

A strong smell of wine suddenly drifted through the air.

“Why is there wine here?” Yun Jianyue exclaimed, stunned.

Zu An was delighted, saying, “If there’s wine, that means there’s a home nearby. We should seek them out and ask them some questions, and see if there are any clues as to Yi Yin’s whereabouts.”

If not even Mo Xi knew where the other party was, there was an even smaller chance of anyone else knowing about Yi Yin. However, they had no chance but to give it a try. Thus, the group followed the source of the smell.

Soon, a small lake appeared in front of them. There weren't any villages or the like nearby; they looked around for a long time before eventually confirming that the wine smell did come from the small lake.

"Is this entire lake wine?" Zu An wondered, reaching out to touch a bit of the water in surprise.

"Who is causing a racket and disturbing this noble's time of elegance?" a loud and clear voice called out, seemingly unhappy about being bothered.

Only then did the group notice that there was someone lying down in the center of the lake. He was covered by a giant lotus leaf, which was why they didn't notice him. He appeared to be a fatty with a round belly, resembling the big-bellied middle-aged men from Zu An's previous world. However, the man's body wasn't full of fat, but rather stout muscle.

"Noble?" Zu An repeated, stunned. That kind of address seemed...

However, Yu Yanluo was more worried about his Puppet Curse, so she asked the man, "This big brother over here, have you heard of Yi Yin before?"

Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue sighed in amazement. Yu Yanluo's voice was really nice to listen to. Which man in this world could resist a question from her?

"Yi Yin?" The fatty who had been lying down quickly sat up. His gaze became fierce as he asked, "Are you asking about Yi Yin?"

Yu Yanluo was alarmed. The man's reaction was strange! Still, she replied, "Indeed. I wonder if big brother knows where we can go to find Yi Yin?"

That fatty replied, "That bastard Yi Yin who ruined this noble's entire country? How could I not know of him?"

Yu Yanluo's expression changed. She immediately realized she had asked the wrong person.

The fatty sized up Yu Yanluo and the other girls. A look of greed flashed through his eyes as he remarked, "There were actually women this beautiful in this world? And not only one, but actually three of them? Haha, this noble's luck really is good. All of you can just stay behind and keep me company!"

Yun Jianyue's expression turned cold and she snapped, "You're courting death!" How could she stand this? Her Crescent Ring flew through the air toward the fatty's neck.

The fatty harrumphed. With a wave of his hand, the surrounding lake water surged, forming several layers of water barriers. Even the incredibly sharp Crescent Ring bounced right off!

The others' expressions changed and they exclaimed, "Earth immortal!"

The fatty walked across the lake's surface, his heavy body not sinking in at all. He said, "This noble has already remained here alone for so many years. The heavens must have felt pity for me, and thus sent me three great beauties!"

Zu An quickly stood protectively in front of the three women, exclaiming, "We have to run!"

It hadn't been that long since all of them worked together to shoot down the suns, so they had used up quite a bit of their strength. Furthermore, even if they were at their peak, they wouldn't necessarily be

able to win against an earth immortal unless they used the Sun Slaying Bow. Still, using it now would be too much of a waste.

When he saw how close Zu An was to the three women, the fatty's expression darkened. He said, "The beauties can stay, but there is no need for men."

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Zu An was shocked and alarmed when he saw that name.

Since there was a Mo Xi, there naturally had to be a Xia Jie. Nanchao was precisely where those two people had been banished after the Shang Dynasty took over the Xia Dynasty. The lake was full of wine. Could that be proof that Xia Jie was an incapable ruler obsessed with drinks?

While Zu An was stunned, several wine arrows surrounded by terrifying auras flew toward him. That power wasn't something he could contend against in his current state. Fortunately, he had the Blue Mallard ability, so he resonated with the water element and quickly deflected the incoming arrows.

"Interesting," Xia Jie said in surprise. Then, he charged forth with a malicious smile.

Zu An used Grandgale to move quickly. Yan Xuehen and the others had fled ahead of time; she couldn't help but say, "We cannot escape from an earth immortal! If we stay and fight, we might have a chance at survival."

With her experiences, she had naturally deduced that fleeing like this would only result in them getting chased down one by one. There wouldn't be any chance of survival. Why would Zu An make such an unwise decision?

"We'll head toward where Mo Xi is!" Zu An replied, already having a plan in mind. He grabbed the three women and continued to use Grandgale to flee.

Fortunately, they weren't too far away. Soon afterward, they returned to the valley. Mo Xi was dancing joyfully amid the silk as if she were celebrating something.

When he saw that there was only a single Mo Xi now, Zu An became dejected. Could it be...

"Why did you come back so quickly? Could it be that you already found Yi Yin?" Mo Xi noticed the group and asked in confusion. Her current form was already much more stable than before. Her eyes were even more intelligent and beautiful.

Zu An didn't have time to reply, as Xia Jie roared furiously from behind them. He hadn't expected to have almost let a few ants escape! Absolutely preposterous!

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When she heard Xia Jie's voice, Mo Xi's face darkened. She asked, "Why are you here?"

The smoke and dust settled, quickly revealing Xia Jie. When he saw Mo Xi, he frowned, saying, "I'm not here for you. These fellows have offended me, so don't get in my way."

Mo Xi gave Zu An a look and said, "Since you haven't found the one I'm looking for, you have nothing to do with me." She clearly didn't intend to offend Xia Jie because of Zu An's group.

Yan Xuehen and the others felt a weight sink in their stomachs. So these two knew each other! Furthermore, Mo Xi had made it clear that she was only going to watch. That meant Ah Zu's tactics had failed!

However, Zu An simply replied, "Who said I didn't find him? Isn't he none other than Yi Yin?"

After saying that, he pointed at Xia Jie, activating the skill 'Nickname Card[1]', changing his name to Yi Yin!

Chapter 1457: Abandoning One's Benefactor Upon Achieving One's Goal

The three women were completely baffled. According to what this fatty had said earlier, he clearly had a terrible grudge against Yi Yin. How could he possibly be Yi Yin?

In moments, however, they began to feel that it made some sense. Indeed, this person was Yi Yin; it was as if they'd known that for a long time.

Mo Xi was also stunned. Previously, the look she had shot at Xia Jie was full of impatience, but afterward, her expression became conflicted. Eventually, it was replaced with anger. She snapped, "Yi Yin? I see you've finally gathered the courage to visit me after so many years."

Zu An felt a bit nervous when he first saw her reaction. Why did it seem as though there was something between the two of them?

He had thought of his move as very clever, and now he had even ended up wasting a precious 'Nickname Card'... It was a one-time-use item that was gone once he used it. What if the two really did have something, though?

However, when he saw the anger in Mo Xie's eyes, he felt relieved.

Meanwhile, Xia Jie was stunned. He replied, "What did you call me?"

When he saw that reaction, Zu An realized that the Nickname Card only seemed to change the perception of those around the person, but it didn't change their own perception toward themselves.

That made sense, however. If it could change everyone's perception, wouldn't the user be tricked too? A normal name was one thing, but if they used the name of an incredible beauty, the user wouldn't necessarily be able to resist the temptation to fall in love with the target...

Zu An felt a chill run down his back when he thought of that.

Mo Xi's eyebrow twitched as she exclaimed, "Oh? As expected of a heartless rat. After all this time, you actually forgot about me already!"

Yu Yanluo and the other women were immediately stunned. They looked at Zu An, asking, "They... are lovers?"

Zu An made a 'shush' gesture and pulled them to one side, then secretly watched the drama play out.

"Heartless rat?" Xia Jie replied, stunned. Then, he realized what had happened and stamped with fury, continuing, "I see, I see. No wonder everything seemed to be going perfectly for the Shang Dynasty. So you were colluding with Yi Yin!"

Zu An observed a moment of silence for Xia Jie. From the looks of it, Mo Xi had planted an entire green field[1] on top of his head.

Mo Xi frowned, clearly confused by his reaction. She replied, "You're actually describing our relationship like that? No wonder you abandoned your benefactor as soon as you got what you wanted!"

"Our relationship?" Xia Jie repeated. He was so angry he laughed. "You still have the nerve to mention our relationship?"

Zu An had a strange expression. I'm really amazed that even though these two are talking about completely different things, they can still have a conversation...

Mo Xi suddenly sighed when she saw that reaction, saying, "I understand now. No wonder you had such ingratitude towards your friend back then. You knew I was using you."

"Using me?" Xia Jie repeated with a frown. "How did you use me?"

Mo Xi replied, "Back then, when Xia Jie invaded the Shi State, my clansmen struggled frantically to resist, but the difference in strength was too great. The Shi State suffered defeat after defeat. In order to save the country, as the Shi State's princess, I had no choice but to sacrifice myself, using my own happiness in exchange for the survival of my country.

"Even though Xia Jie treated me quite well, I knew it was only out of a desire for my beauty. It wasn't because he truly liked me as a person."

Zu An couldn't help but look at Xia Jie now. Sure enough, the man's face continued to twitch with fury. However, he wanted to hear the following words too, so he held it all in without saying anything.

Mo Xie continued, "I endured all those years of humiliation, but I've never forgotten about revenge. However, I was only a single person, so my strength was limited. At least, until I met you in Luoshui.

"Back then, my seduction skills were already perfected, so charming a young man like you wasn't too difficult at all. Later, because of our difference in status, you had no choice but to flee. Still, I was able to contact Cheng Tang through you."

Cheng Tang was none other than the founding monarch of the Shang Dynasty, the one who had overthrown the Xia Dynasty. Zu An had heard about that from his time in the Yinxu dungeon. However, he hadn't known that Mo Xi was actually a part of it too.

"We stayed in touch over the years. In the end, we finally overthrew Xia Jie, hahaha!" Mo Xi exclaimed, a hint of hatred flashing through her eyes. It was clear that she still carried a grudge about what had happened to her country.

Xia Jie couldn't hold it in anymore. His veins began to pop as he screamed, "A whore! You're an absolute whore!"

Mo Xi gave him a look and replied, "I didn't understand why you would abandon your benefactor. After I helped Cheng Tang destroy the Xia Dynasty and built the Shang Dynasty, why didn't he restore my reputation, and banished me and Xia Jie to Nanchao instead? Now, I finally understand. You probably already knew I was using you from the very start."

Xia Jie spat furiously, "You vile woman, you didn't choose to live properly as an empress and instead chose to bite the hand that fed you. In the end, you were even played. How laughable you are!"

Mo Xi's expression darkened and she said, "I did indeed use you back then, but I didn't cause you any losses. It was just an exchange of interests. I didn't even try to settle things with you and you're already cursing me?"

"Cursing you? This noble wants to kill you, you damn whore!" Xia Jie exclaimed. He couldn't restrain himself, and charged with incredible ferocity.

"Noble?" Mo Xi repeated, stunned. However, she didn't have time to think about it further. She spat, "I was about to settle things with you too!"

With a wave of Mo Xi's hand, countless silken cloths rushed at Xia Jie from all directions like shattered butterflies. However, she naturally knew that wouldn't be enough to stop her opponent. A spear suddenly appeared in her hand, rushing forth like a silver dragon as it struck at Xia Jie's various vitals.

Yan Xuehen and the other women were incredibly shocked. Mo Xi's spear arts danced around ferociously and powerfully. It was hard to believe that such a beautiful woman was using a spear in such a manner. Most importantly, her spear wasn't purely hot-headed and reckless; it was also exquisite. Even they were able to gain a lot of benefits from watching her.

Zu An remembered how, when he pulled Mo Xi, she had already known a spear skill. Back then, she had been able to display them as well, but because the grade of her skill was low, it hadn't left too much of an impression. Now that he was seeing the real deal using the complete set of spear arts, he was completely dazzled.

Zu An thought about the flame-tipped spear he used. His own crude way of wielding it really seemed like an amateurish display compared to Mo Xi's spearmanship.

In an instant, Xia Jie and Mo Xi exchanged countless moves. Suddenly, Xia Jie released a roar. He decided not to retreat anymore, his entire body swelling like a balloon. He had been fairly chubby to begin with; now, he became even rounder. He simply let the spear strike his neck.

Mo Xi frowned as she discovered that her spear couldn't press forward by even half an inch. She snorted. With a flick of her wrist, the spear quickly spun, shooting forward like a powerful drill.

Just then, a nasty grin appeared on Xia Jie's face. He took a step forward, and the spear immediately curved like a huge bow. Then, a second later, it shattered into countless pieces with a brittle crack. Xia Jie took the chance to approach, trying to grab his opponent. His size alone seemed to be enough to strangle Mo Xi to death.

However, Mo Xi flipped around. Her waist was like a willow branch blown by the wind, barely avoiding the grab.

A voice suddenly called out, "Take this spear!"

When Zu An realized that Mo Xi was a bit weaker than Xia Jie, he knew he had to help her, and threw over his weapon. Mo Xi reached out and grabbed it. She noticed that it was a spear with a flaming tip, of far better quality than the one she had used before.

Mo Xi spun her new spear around a few times. The power of her moves increased greatly, just enough to fend off the pursuing Xia Jie. She gave Zu An a look, strangely feeling a bit closer to him. She frowned. It was almost as if the feeling came from her body itself.

Xia Jie suddenly looked at Zu An and spat, "Damn brat, just who are you? Why are you helping her?"

Zu An smiled and said, "I'm her master, if I don't help her, am I supposed to help a big meatball like you?"

Both Xia Jie and Mo Xi erupted into fury.

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Chapter 1458: I Wouldn't Mind Being Called Master

Mo Xi knew Zu An was talking about the puppet from before. However, now that they had merged into one, they were already one person. This kid really is outrageous. He actually dares to claim to be my master?!

Meanwhile, Xia Jie was thinking, This noble's wife became your servant?

Absolutely preposterous!

As such, they both stopped fighting at the same time and rushed at Zu An, looking as if they were about to tear him to shreds.

However, both of them stopped again because a red bow suddenly appeared in his hands. It swirled with an aura that made their hearts shudder. It was an air of world-destroying power. Not too long before, they had sensed that the suns fell from the heavens precisely because of that same power.

Great one, we're sorry for disturbing you!

It just so happened that the two both backed up at the same time.

Zu An also broke out into a cold sweat. He really had been dancing around the gates of hell for the sake of some Rage points!

"We share no grudges with you two. Let's just mind our own business," Zu An said. He gestured toward Yun Jianyue and the other women, and they slowly withdrew into the distance. It was clear that Xia Jie and Mo Xi wouldn't necessarily fight against each other if the group remained present.

When they withdrew to a hidden place some distance away, Yan Xuehen quietly asked, "Will they continue fighting?"

After all, now that the two had seen that Zu An had something that could threaten them, they wouldn't necessarily decide to fight to the death. If they hadn't completely lost their minds, they had to know that they couldn't put themselves in a situation where a third party could take everything from them.

Zu An said, "Don't worry. They share several millennia of hatred. Furthermore, with the matter of Yi Yin in the mix, it won't be that easy for them to remain rational."

Sure enough, they saw that Xia Jie and Mo Xi seemed to have exchanged a few more arguments, then began to fight again.

Yu Yanluo was a bit worried, saying, "That Mo Xi seems to be a bit weaker than Xia Jie."

Naturally, they preferred to side with Mo Xi.

"Don't worry. Mo Xi is indeed weaker than Xia Jie, but Xia Jie is merely a soul right now. His real strength isn't as great as when he was at his strongest. Meanwhile, Mo Xi has just found her flesh body. There's also that spear a certain someone gave her for free; the flames on it seem to have a natural restrictive effect on soul bodies. It'll be hard to say who comes out on top as the battle continues," Yun Jianyue said, giving Zu An an ambiguous smile. "Little An, you seem to give out heaven-grade weapons whenever you meet a pretty woman. You really do invest a lot into your girl-chasing!"

Yan Xuehen began to panic, saying, "Nonsense, I am his... senior. How could something he gave me be like what he gave someone else?" The Primal Skysilk felt as if it were burning around her waist as she spoke. She could even feel heat coming from it, even though it clearly wasn't hot.

"Senior?" Zu An replied, looking at her with an ambiguous smile. Were there any seniors who were willing to be their juniors' sheaths?

Yun Jianyue sneered, saying, "If it weren't because you were pretty, do you really think he'd give you anything?"

Yu Yanluo nodded in agreement. Ah Zu was really good in many areas, but... He was a bit too fickle in love.

Yan Xuehen was starting to panic. She quickly changed the topic, saying, "Stop getting distracted! Have you noticed that this 'Yi Yin' seems to be good with all kinds of weapons? There have been several times when Mo Xi's spear was clearly about to injure him, and yet was deflected by some kind of mysterious power."

Because of the Nickname Card, she thought Xia Jie was Yi Yin. Yun Jianyue nodded and said, "You're right. I noticed that earlier as well. This fatty looks clumsy, but in reality, he seems to be proficient with any weapon. Whether it's flowers, plants, trees, or even the silk around him, in addition to the stones on the ground, he can use them ingeniously."

When one's cultivation reached a high enough level, even flowers and leaves could become fatal weapons. However, that usually referred to a situation where there was a big disparity in cultivation. If both sides' strength was similar and one used flowers or leaves to attack, not only would it not do much, it would just exhaust their energy for no reason.

And yet, Xia Jie was different. Every ordinary article in his possession seemed to become a true weapon, and their strength was always maximized.

After fighting for a while, Mo Xi began to struggle greatly. Suddenly, one of her openings ended up being exploited, as Xia Jie used a rock behind her to strike her in the middle of her back.

Pfft!



Mo Xi felt as if she had been hit by a heavy mallet. A mouthful of blood spurted out from her mouth. More importantly, her body staggered forward from the inertia.

A malicious grin flashed across Xia Jie's face. He rushed over to take her life! He already hated this woman bitterly. He had doted on her so much, and yet she had harbored evil intentions and overthrown his entire country!

That was one thing, though; he could understand to a certain degree, as those were grudges related to family and country. However, this slut had seduced another man! Who knew how many shameful things she had done?! As the ruler of a country, how could he tolerate that?

A hint of despair flickered across Mo Xi's face. She hadn't expected to die so soon after retrieving her body. She hadn't even had much time to feel happy about that.

However, she was no pushover either. She gritted her teeth and brandished her spear at Xia Jie's vitals. Even if she was going to die, she had to make him pay the price.

Xia Jie sneered when he saw that. He had enough of an opportunity to avoid the deadly strike even after killing Mo Xie. This woman is as vicious as expected. She wants to drag me down with her even when she knows she's going to die.

He was just about to end Mo Xie when he suddenly heard an irritating voice call out, "Whatcha lookin' at?"

"I'm looking at you, shithead!" Xia Jie subconsciously replied, unable to resist the urge. Then, his entire body stiffened, because he felt fear from his very soul. It was just like before; it was the power that had shot down the suns.

At that instant, Mo Xi's flame-tipped spear struck between Xia Jie's brows. The flames instantly devoured his entire body, greedily swallowing up his soul.

"Ahhhh!" Xia Jie screamed miserably. He slammed a fist into Mo Xi's body, and she flew far into the distance like a broken sack.

However, he staggered and struggled in place, the flame-tipped spear still embedded in his head. His body began to expand and contract rapidly. Then, with a loud boom, he exploded with a great ripple of power. The surrounding forest was completely destroyed, leaving a football stadium-sized crater where Xia Jie had been standing.

The distant Zu An and the others were forced back by that great power. They were horrified. Was this the power of an earth immortal's death? If even they had been affected even while being so far away, what of Mo Xi, who had been at the center?

Mo Xi had already been struggling to avoid it, but the blast erupted so quickly that it was completely impossible to dodge. The tremendous wave of power sent her into the air like a kite with its string cut.

Zu An quickly rushed forward to catch her.

Yun Jianyue's lips curled when she saw that, and she remarked, "Look at this guy. It's always in these kinds of situations that he runs the fastest. Are you going to twirl a few times with her in your arms before you come down?"

Yan Xuehen and Yu Yanluo almost burst out laughing. They really felt the meaning behind those words.

Zu An naturally wasn't in such a carefree mood that he would chase after Mo Xi, though. He was just worried that his valkyrie would die here. That would be too huge of a loss!

He noticed that Mo Xi's entire body was covered in injuries, and her aura was also incredibly weak, as if she would breathe her last at any moment. He quickly took out several herbs to treat her, but her body seemed to be special. There was no reaction to the medicine at all.

He was startled. Next, he fished out a handful of Ki Fruits and tossed them into Mo Xi's mouth. Sure enough, the Ki Fruits melted into her mouth as soon as she took them. A hint of rosiness quickly returned to her deathly pale face. That way, Zu An quickly helped her to recover by transferring energy.

A while later, Mo Xi groaned and gradually woke up. She couldn't help but feel stunned when she saw Zu An. She gradually remembered the earlier events, and eventually said, "Thank you!"

"How do you feel now?" Yan Xuehen asked as she and the other women moved over. They naturally didn't want anything to happen to Mo Xi, because Zu An still had the Puppet Curse that needed her help to resolve.

"Not good at all," Mo Xi said weakly. "That guy wanted to drag me down with him and has caused my soul serious damage. I might have to sleep for a long time before I recover."

Zu An felt regret. If he had known it would be like that, he would have stepped in earlier. However, if he had gotten involved too early, Mo Xi and Xia Jie wouldn't necessarily have started fighting.

Suddenly, Mo Xi pressed her finger against Zu An's forehead. A strand of golden light flickered.

"What are you doing?" the women exclaimed, sounding shocked and angry. They hadn't expected her to suddenly attack at this time.

Mo Xi said calmly, "I'm merely fulfilling my agreement with him. My soul is going to sleep. If no one takes care of this body, it will be dangerous. In the end, I can only entrust it to him."

Now that her soul and flesh were one, she knew about what had happened between her and Zu An. She knew he had a way of taking her into a mysterious space. That would be much safer, as she could sleep peacefully and let her soul recover.

Zu An was shocked and pleasantly surprised. He hadn't expected that not only would he regain the valkyrie he lost, she even had a complete soul!

Even though she was going to sleep for a long time and wouldn't be able to fight for some time, that wasn't a problem! Either way, Mi Li was always sleeping too, so he was already used to that kind of thing.

Honestly, if Mi Li woke up and met Mo Xi, what kind of scene would that create?

When he saw the other woman's proud and noble expression, Zu An couldn't help but say, "I wouldn't mind being called master right now, you know?"

Chapter 1459: Absolute Social Suicide

Yan Xuehen and the other women cast Zu An sidelong glances. This guy really just can't keep his mouth shut sometimes...

Even Zu An was prepared to run at any time to avoid Mo Xi suddenly turning on him.

To his surprise, however, Mo Xi simply looked at him and suddenly said, with a sweet smile, "Master~" Her voice was incredibly sweet, enough to make anyone's body go numb.

Zu An finally understood why Mo Xi had become known as Chinese history's first femme fatale. No wonder Xia Jie had doted on her so much until his entire country got done in. This really was an alluring woman through and through!

Yan Xuehen and the others hadn't expected the sudden change either. They were all stupefied.

Yun Jianyue reacted the fastest. She harrumphed and said, "Another one who's good at charm skills!"

Zu An also snapped out of his daze. He subconsciously reached out to stroke Mo Xi's forehead, asking, "You're not sick, right?"

Mo Xi evaded the physical contact gracefully. There was a faint smile on her face as she said, "I've received your spear as a present, and then you saved my life. It wouldn't be too far for this one to serve you like a cow or horse in return, so what's the big deal with calling you master?"

A cow or horse?

The three women immediately looked at him vigilantly.

Zu An thought, Do you really think I'd believe you? The last one who believed you is lying over there dead.

He coughed lightly and said, "Ahem, alright already. I'm not an old pervert like Xia Jie, so you don't need to use this stuff on me. Don't worry. I won't touch you while you're recovering."

"Thank you, master," Mo Xi said, looking at him with a big smile. "If master wants to do something strange to this body, you can wake me up. I'll serve you properly."

Yan Xuehen, Yu Yanluo, and even Yun Jianyue were speechless.

Zu An naturally knew that the woman was just lying, but he also knew that what she was most worried about was her safety while asleep, so he didn't really mind. He said, "I don't need you to work like a cow or horse. You just have to undo that Puppet Curse on me. I already did what I promised you, so you better not go back on your word."

Mo Xi hesitated, but in the end, she still nodded in agreement, saying, "No problem. That's but a trivial matter."

From the memories of this body, this guy was still decent and treated her well. He was someone trustworthy. Either way, she would just use him for a period of time. Once she recovered, she could sever the soul contract with him at any time. However, the Puppet Curse would make things difficult for her too by putting her in danger. That was why she agreed to get rid of it.

Zu An was stunned. He hadn't expected her to be so agreeable this time.

Seeing that she was willing to undo Zu An's Puppet Curse, the three women also became happy. They didn't bicker about how she had been trying to seduce Zu An. They saw a pair of shining scissors made of light condense in Mo Xi's hands, snipping something in Zu An's direction. It seemed as if something invisible had been cut with a loud crack.

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Somewhere in the distance, the Fiend Emperor was suddenly stunned. His expression became a bit unpleasant.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince immediately asked, "Father emperor, what is wrong? Could it be that you sensed the Qiongqi's aura?"

They had already found the place where the Qiongqi had been sealed by following Dan Zhu's instructions. It was a rock cave. They had thought it would be small, and yet when they entered, they saw that it went on for a long time. Furthermore, it was even filled with many mechanisms and traps. If not for Wu Liang, who was proficient in such things, they might have already been injured.

The Golden Crow Crown Prince's father had suddenly begun acting strange in such a place that was so fraught with danger, so how could he not become worried?

Wu Liang also became vigilant. His earlier experiences had taught him just how formidable the Four Perils were.

The Fiend Emperor shook his head slightly and replied, "No. Zu An's Puppet Curse has been undone."

"How is that possible?!" the Golden Crow Crown Prince cried out in alarm.

At the same time, even Wu Liang cried out. He also knew the Puppet Curse well. Furthermore, it had been set by the Fiend Emperor personally. Apart from the Fiend Emperor himself, no one, not even the human emperor Zhao Han, could necessarily undo it! How could Zu An have that ability?

The Fiend Emperor's expression was ugly as he said, "It looks as if he had some kind of encounter in this place. We have to be a bit more careful the next time we meet him."

He had been extremely proud when he first entered the Unknown Region, feeling that he could easily conquer this secret dungeon. He had encountered the Taowu, Taotie, and several other such foes in quick succession; however, even though they were powerful, they were still a bit weaker than him. That was why, despite some small setbacks, he still didn't panic.

And yet, when the ten suns appeared in the sky, he had sensed several auras no weaker than his. His mood had become more grave then. Then, a golden light had descended from above, seizing his son's Sun Slaying Bow. While he had been excited that a greater power existed, he was left quite shaken. After all, he and his son could really die here if they encountered an accident.

There was no way Zu An could undo the Puppet Curse by relying on his own power. He had definitely received the help of some powerful individual, or obtained a strong magical artifact...

However, the Fiend Emperor was an ambitious and ruthless character who had dominated a generation. He quickly calmed down. He had one last step to complete. As long as he undid the seal, he could obtain

the immortal medicine, and he could even encounter a greater power. At that point, it would be useless no matter who Zu An had found.

"Continue forward. We have to find the Qiongqi as soon as possible!" he said with a resolute expression, heading into the depths of the mountain.

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Meanwhile, Zu An clearly sensed the sleeping Golden Crow in his mind being cut to pieces by a pair of golden shears. He no longer felt the terrifying sense of pressure from it. He couldn't help but feel glad that he had encountered Mo Xi's soul form. Otherwise, with only the valkyrie body he had obtained, there was no way the Puppet Curse could be cut.

"Alright, then I'll be sleeping first," Mo Xi said with a yawn. She was already injured, and cutting the Puppet Curse had made her use up even more strength.

"Wait," Zu An called out to her. "I have another contract. Please help me cut that one too."

Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo were stunned. What other contract did he need Mo Xi's ability to remove?

Only Yan Xuehen panicked. She naturally knew what Zu An was talking about. What she had previously yearned for day and night was to get rid of Zu An's Love Is More Solid than Gold skill, and yet now that the moment arrived, she felt mysteriously alarmed. Not even she was sure whether she felt expectation or disappointment.

It's definitely that damn skill messing with me. Of course I want to get rid of it! she thought as her reason won out in the end. She continued to talk to herself, strengthening her resolve.

Mo Xi closed her eyes. Because she had already reattached her contract with Zu An, she could sense his condition.

"Huh? Master, you have quite a few contracts with others, and they're all with women? Which one should I cut?" she asked while searching.

"You have many contracts with women?" Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo repeated, perking up their ears.

Yan Xuehen was suspicious. This guy didn't use Love Is More Solid than Gold on others, did he?

"It's mine and... hers... Don't cut the wrong one," Zu An quickly replied, communicating with Mo Xi in his mind. He had soul contracts with Mi Li, Qiao Xueying, Daji, and several others. It would be a huge problem if she accidentally cut one of them.

"So it was her," Mo Xi said. She giggled as she looked at Yan Xuehen, her expression strange.

However, she didn't waste any time. The golden shears appeared in her hands again. Then, several red threads that connected Zu An to Yan Xuehen became visible. They were all tangled up.

Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo's eyes immediately widened. They had only planned to listen to some gossip at first, and yet the drama ended up being right next to them? Yu Yanluo in particular suddenly felt as if her husband had been stolen from her.

Yan Xuehen was extremely embarrassed. She really wanted to crawl into a hole and hide. I'm done for! This is complete social suicide!

Mo Xi cut the threads while grumbling, "There are so many red threads! Are you sure this was only caused by a contract?"

Chapter 1460: Formation Core

Seeing that her secret was about to be exposed, Yan Xuehen's mind went completely blank.

I'm done for! I'm finished! I'm going to be ridiculed to death by that witch.

Why is Yu Yanluo looking at me like that?

And... How will my disciple Chuyan look at me once she finds out?

This will even cause White Jade Sect's reputation to be greatly damaged. I'll also become the target of everyone's mockery.

She even felt the urge to just end her own life.

Fortunately, Zu An reacted quickly and covered Mo Xi's mouth.

"Mmm... Mmm..." Mo Xi's next words were muffled.

Normally, with her cultivation, there was no way Zu An would be able to touch her. However, because she was weak and seriously injured, she couldn't avoid it in time.

She was a bit annoyed at first, but when she saw Zu An and Yan Xuehen's reactions, she immediately understood. These two had a private thing going! Her gossipy heart immediately prevailed. Her eyes darted between the two of them, to the point that she didn't even mind the physical contact.

Yun Jianyue frowned and asked, "Are the two of them lovers? Little An, what are you covering her mouth for?"

Zu An quickly said, "It's mainly because her current condition isn't too good. She was seriously injured to begin with, and she even had to exhaust more of her energy. I was worried that she would overexert herself and want her to rest earlier."

At the same time, he said to Mo Xi, "Go back already. Your current state isn't good."

Mo Xi replied, "It's fine. This bit won't make much of a difference. I want to see this drama for myself."

Zu An was speechless.

When she saw Zu An grit his teeth in anger, Mo Xi grinned. She secretly replied, "Of course, it's fine if I play along, but you have to pay up. Use those fruits from before. A hundred of them, no, two hundred!"

Even though she hadn't eaten them before, her body had a powerful memory of them. She couldn't help but drool.

Zu An knew she was talking about the Ki Fruits. He didn't have time to bargain and thus replied. "Fine!"

Just then, Yu Yanluo said, "Ah Zu, Mo Xi is weak right now. Don't end up hurting her now by holding her mouth."

Zu An thought to himself, You clearly just want to hear what she has to say, and yet you're making it sound so high-minded! When did you become so two-faced too?

But you're still an amateur! I've already dealt with the situation!

Yun Jianyue urged him impatiently, "Little An, hurry up and let go of her. Don't tell me you guys really have something shameful going on?"

Yan Xuehen looked at Zu An nervously. She nodded slightly, her eyes filled with a pleading expression. If Zu An continued to cover Mo Xi's mouth, the others could only have suspicions at most. She would just refute everything. However, if Mo Xi spoke, they really were finished.

Zu An smiled at her. Then, he let go of Mo Xi's mouth.

Yan Xuehen was speechless. She was about to go crazy! This bastard!

"There's really nothing. If you don't believe me, you can ask her," Zu An said with a shrug.

Yun Jianyue and Yu Yanluo immediately stared at Mo Xi, asking, "What did you say before? Lovers?"

Mo Xi replied with a smile, "They have strong feelings of camaraderie. The agreement was probably made to face a strong enemy. Hm? Why do you two feel as if they're lovers?"

Zu An secretly gave her a huge thumbs up. As expected of history's renowned evil concubine! Even though she looked like a formidable female general from the outside, she really was the real deal when she set her heart on doing something like this!

"Is that so?" Yu Yanluo replied, sounding a bit confused. She just felt that something wasn't right.

"Just what kind of agreement can be used against a powerful enemy? Why haven't I heard of it before?" Yun Jianyue asked; she wasn't so easily fooled. Her eyes darted between Zu An and Yan Xuehen.

Yan Xuehen also reacted just then. She was worried that Zu An would let something slip. It was very hard to deceive a grandmaster like Yun Jianyue, so she said, "Back then, we encountered a snow lady in the Great Snowy Mountains. She was in the earth immortal realm and we weren't a match for her, so we used a secret skill contract. That was how we barely managed to escape."

"Is that so? I fought against you for so many years, but why have I never heard of your White Jade Sect having such a secret contract?" Yun Jianyue asked with a frown. She and Yu Yanluo had heard about the snow lady thing before, but they hadn't expected there to be something like that involved.

Yan Xuehen's heart was beating crazily, but she didn't let anything show on her face. She replied, "It was not the White Jade Sect. I stumbled upon it in a secret dungeon in my earlier years. Hmph, why am I even explaining this to you? Why do I have to tell you about my trump cards?!"

She was worried that Yun Jianyue would try to confirm things with the White Jade Sect, so she didn't dare to say it was from them.

Yun Jianyue was half-convinced, but Yu Yanluo suddenly said, "Does it mean that for all this time, you and Ah Zu's energies were connected?"

No wonder she had felt that there was something strange between the two of them. Looks like I was overthinking after all.

The question caught Zu An and Yan Xuehen off guard. Yan Xuehen's face almost turned beet red. What do you mean connected?

They had indeed been 'connected' in the Great Snowy Mountains... However, Yan Xuehen quickly explained, "Of course not. We just had to use a makeshift strategy. Afterward, we did not use it again. This secret technique is special, and I could not get rid of it either. That is why we troubled Lady Mo Xi."

Mo Xi grinned. This woman appeared to be quiet and refined, so she had thought that Yan Xuehen would be an inflexible woman. In truth, she now felt the other woman was just as tricky as her.

Only after Yan Xuehen's explanations were the other two women half-convinced. Zu An quickly took the chance to drag Mo Xi back into the special space.

Just then, a powerful burst of energy suddenly rippled from the distance.

"A battle between earth immortals!" Yun Jianyue exclaimed. She couldn't be bothered with gossip anymore. Her attention was quickly drawn by the strange event.

Yan Xuehen secretly sighed in relief, saying, "That seems to be the Fiend Emperor's power."

Yun Jianyue nodded, adding, "He seems to be fighting against something powerful. The opponent's cultivation isn't inferior to his."

Yu Yanluo couldn't help but say with a sigh, "This secret dungeon has way too many powerful cultivators. Ah Zu, just how did you leave those other Unknown Regions alive?"

Zu An said with a grave expression, "Every single Unknown Region has a formation core. Only by dealing with that formation core can we leave. Otherwise, we'll be trapped in this secret dungeon forever."

"Where is this formation core exactly? We've already repeated Yi's heroic path, and we've even dealt with the ten suns. Afterward, we were even caught up in the severing of the path of heaven and man. Why can't we leave yet?" Yun Jianyue asked in annoyance. They had done so much already, and yet all of it seemed to be useless.

Most importantly, there were no mission indicators at all in the Unknown Region, so they didn't even know where to put their efforts now. This world was incredibly large, so they couldn't even brute force it and could only search every inch of the place.

Zu An thought for a bit, then said, "Based on my past experiences, every Unknown Region corresponds to an ancient dynasty. They're often connected to certain rulers of that dynasty. Some are the founding emperors, while some are the rulers of the final phase.

"The one who died just now was the last ruler of the Xia Dynasty. Oh, right, Mo Xi was the empress back then. So, this Unknown Region might very well be related to the Xia Dynasty. If Xia Jie wasn't the formation core, it's clear what the core's real identity is."



“Who is it?” the three women asked, feeling a bit stunned. They didn’t know anything about those dynasties, and they were also curious how Zu An knew about such things.

“Do you still remember that when Shun told us to repeat the heroic path and obtain the divine weapon, he told us who to use it against?” Zu An asked, looking into the distance with a serious expression.

“Xia Dynasty’s founding monarch Yu the Great?” the three women replied simultaneously. Even though they didn’t know the Xia Dynasty’s history, they all had extraordinary memories. They remembered what Shun had said back then. “However, because of the separation of heaven and the mortal world, Shun has already returned to dust. Where can we find Yu the Great?”

Zu An replied with a grim expression, “Do you feel that the Fiend Emperor is a stupid person?”

“Of course not,” Yan Xuehen and Yun Jianyue both said in unison. “On the contrary, he’s one of the most brilliant individuals in the present world. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have become one of this world’s two most powerful people.”

“In that case, we’ve already learned so much. Then what about the incredible Fiend Emperor?” Zu An asked.

The three women’s eyes lit up. They began, “You’re saying...”

“If I’m not mistaken, we’ve only solved half of this Unknown Region’s secrets.” Zu An paused for a moment, then said with a grave expression, “The other half is most likely in the Fiend Emperor’s hands!”