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Fortunately, after absorbing this large wave of breakthrough points, Zhu Wuyang's strength did not break through to the Late-stage of the Five Viscera Refinement realm, but it was already very close.

Although Zhang Mingli was quite beautiful, she was really a scourge. On the surface, she came to comfort Zhu Wuyang, but from the beginning to the end, Zhu Wuyang only heard one sentence from Zhang Mingli's touching words.

Or rather, Zhang Mingli's main purpose for running over was to say this.

Zhu Wuyang, be a good f*cking shield and stop causing so much trouble!

At the end of the day, the main reason why Zhang Mingli and her son, Zhu Libo, were so worried about Zhu Wuyang and hoped that he remained alive was to let Zhu Wuyang stay in the position of the Crown Prince for a longer time.

Otherwise, if Zhu Wuyang died too early, Zhu Libo might be pushed to the position of Crown Prince. The chances were not small. Therefore, Zhang Mingli and Zhu Libo could be said to be extremely concerned about Zhu Wuyang's life and death.

It was true that they were worried about Zhu Wuyang's safety, but it was also true that they hoped that Zhu Wuyang would be their shield.

In the end, Zhang Mingli and Zhu Libo were not good people.

However, compared to the 14th Princess and the 47th Prince, they were not that overboard. It was actually a good thing for Zhu Wuyang.

Compared to true villains like Zhen Le and Feng Yuan, who were sent by Zhu Yandou, Zhu Wuyang preferred the hypocritical Zhu Libo and Zhang Mingli who had scruples.

After all, Zhu Wuyang was the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation. However, Zhen Le, Feng Yuan, and the others were simply unrestrained and did not take the Crown Prince, Zhu Wuyang, seriously at all.

If it weren't for the Princes and Princesses like Zhu Libo and Zhu Wensi, Zhu Wuyang would definitely be living a miserable life now.

It was unknown if Zhang Mingli's visit had unleashed some taboo, or if she had set an example, but soon, another Prince came to visit Zhu Wuyang.

"Congratulations to the host for seeing the 94th Prince of the Jiu Zhao Kingdom, Zhu Zhishan, for the first time in your life. You have obtained 600 breakthrough points..."

"Congratulations, host. This is the first time you've seen the 122nd Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation, Zhu Haitao..."

"Congratulations to the host for seeing the Prince of an ancient country for the first time in your life. You have obtained 1,000 breakthrough points..."

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Zhu Wuyang was very helpless. He did not expect that he would be able to obtain so many breakthrough points just by meeting a few Princes with ill intentions.

Was this considered a special encounter?

After some consideration, Zhu Wuyang thought to himself that as an ordinary person who had transmigrated from modern society, meeting such a big shot from an ancient dynasty did seem to be a special encounter. When he met Zhang Mingli in the morning, he had also obtained many breakthrough points because of this.

Thinking of this, Zhu Wuyang could only admit defeat.

Seeing Zhu Wuyang lying in bed, these two so-called Royal Brothers were not so easy to talk to.

"168th Royal Brother, it seems that your injuries are not light. You can't even get out of bed. Tsk tsk, do you want me to call the imperial physician over to treat you?"

"I feel that ever since our younger brother has become the Crown Prince. He doesn't even like us two older brothers anymore."

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When Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao saw the two of them, Zhu Wuyang did not even get out of bed to welcome them.

"Congratulations to the host for being mocked by the 94th Prince, Zhu Zhishan, for the first time in your life. You have obtained 500 breakthrough points..."

“Congratulations to the host for being mocked by the 122nd Prince, Zhu Haitao. You have obtained 500 breakthrough points...”

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Zhu Wuyang said apologetically, “Royal Brothers, please don’t blame me. I was scared out of my wits by what happened yesterday and haven’t had much rest. I just slept for a while and woke up to see you. I’ll get up now.”

Although he said that, Zhu Wuyang did not even move.

Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao did not want to make things difficult for him, so they hurriedly persuaded Zhu Wuyang. Zhu Wuyang also continued to lie down to avoid being discovered by the Early-stage Xiantian realm guards brought by the two of them.

However, with Zhu Wuyang’s current attainments in the Azure Dragon Concealment Art, it was not difficult to hide from the detection of the two Early-stage Xiantian realm guards. He was just afraid that he would be tricked too badly by the Extraordinary Encounters System later and obtain too many breakthrough points. He would not be able to suppress the commotion.

Therefore, for safety reasons, it was better to hide under the blanket.

After putting away the supplements they had brought, Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao began to persuade Zhu Wuyang.

“168th Royal Brother, why are you doing this to yourself? Self-immolation isn’t a smart thing to do. After all, it wasn’t easy for you to become the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation. Why don’t you enjoy the feeling of having power in your hands? Only a fool would do such a thing.”

“Even if this position really leads to death, I’ll enjoy every moment of my life. Why should you have something against a good life? Instead of burning myself to death, I might as well enjoy myself.”

“What are you talking about? Whoever said that being the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation would definitely be finished? The first 17 Crown Princes were too outstanding, which was why they attracted death. However, it’s different for Royal Brother 168th. He’s mediocre and incompetent. No matter how jealous Father is of talent, he won’t be jealous of Royal Brother 168th.”

“Err... that’s not what your Imperial Brother 94th meant. Actually, there are still some redeeming qualities about Imperial Brother 168th. For example, he’s honest and innocent. This is a quality that most Princes and Princesses don’t have. I especially like such people. However, what Imperial Brother 94th said makes sense. No matter how jealous Imperial Father is of talents, only those with talent are capable of attracting his

jealousy. If not, he naturally won't be jealous. Therefore, Imperial Brother 168th can rest assured and do well in your position as Crown Prince."

"As long as Royal Brother 168th can safely become the Crown Prince and last until Father dies and tactfully gives up the position of the Crown Prince, you will definitely be able to become a rich Prince in the end. You will be able to enjoy endless wealth in this lifetime, so there's no need to worry too much."

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These two royal brothers were really daring. However, they were also certain that Zhu Wuyang would not dare to speak nonsense, so they said some things more bluntly. Zhu Wuyang quite admired them.

It was fine if these two bastards were talking nonsense, but why did they bring me so many breakthrough points!

Damn it!

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"Congratulations to the host for being fooled by the 94th Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation, Zhu Zhishan. You have obtained 500 breakthrough points..."

"Congratulations to the host for seeing through the lies of the 94th Prince of the Nine Zhao Nation, Zhu Zhishan. You have obtained 500 breakthrough points..."

"Congratulations to the host for being mocked by the 94th Prince of the Nine Zhao Nation, Zhu Zhishan, for the second time in your life. You have obtained 400 breakthrough points..."

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In a short period of time, Zhu Wuyang received about ten system notifications. At the same time, thousands of breakthrough points bombarded him.

Just like Zhang Mingli, these two fellows were not here to comfort him. They were clearly trying to drive him to his death.

Can you let me sleep alone in peace? Why did you bring me so many breakthrough points? You're simply shameless and heartless!

Although he was quite interested in Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao, who were more straightforward, Zhu Wuyang also knew that these two Royal Brothers were definitely not as carefree as they appeared.

If there were other Princes and Princesses around, Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao would not have spoken so bluntly.

And they naturally had a motive for talking to Zhu Wuyang so “directly”. Zhu Wuyang considered the original owner’s personality and realized that if he was the original owner, there was a high chance that he would be convinced by these two people’s words and not commit suicide easily. Instead, he would have a great sense of recognition with their words.

Therefore, Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao’s motives were obvious. They had the same goal as Zhu Libo. They also did not want anything to happen to Zhu Wuyang. Instead, they wanted Zhu Wuyang to be the Crown Prince for a few more days and be a good shield.

If nothing unexpected happened, Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao must have put in a lot of effort when Zhu Wuyang became the Crown Prince. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have spent so much effort to persuade Zhu Wuyang in such a slightly dangerous manner.

These two fellows were also Zhu Wuyang’s enemies. However, at this critical stage, be it Zhu Zhishan, Zhu Haitao, Zhu Libo, Zhang Mingli, or the others, they were clearly Zhu Wuyang’s allies.

The original owner of this body might want to die, but Zhu Wuyang, who had transmigrated over, would not want to die until the last moment.

This goal was the same as Zhu Zhishan, Zhu Haitao, Zhu Libo, and the others. Therefore, Zhu Wuyang could temporarily borrow the strength of these people to save his life.

At the same time, he had to hide his strength. After all, once Zhu Wuyang’s true strength was exposed, he believed that most of the Princes and Princesses who wanted him alive would change their minds.

After comforting Zhu Wuyang for half an hour, Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao left. Another wave of breakthrough points came.

“Congratulations to the host for being comforted by Zhu Zhishan, the 94th Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation. You have received 500 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for receiving a gift from the 94th Prince of the Jiu Zhao Kingdom, Zhu Zhishan. You have received 600 breakthrough points...”

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Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao had brought Zhu Wuyang more than 1,000 breakthrough points respectively. Feeling the surging strange power, Zhu Wuyang sighed helplessly.

He knew that he was about to break through again!

80% to 90% of people's lives were unhappy. There were many martial artists in the Dongyuan Continent who wanted to break through. The higher they reached, the better. However, at this moment, Zhu Wuyang really did not want to break through anymore.

Unfortunately, things in the world often did not move according to one's will. Others wanted to break through, but Zhu Wuyang did not. Yet, Zhu Wuyang was breaking through crazily.

When the liver, stomach, and large intestines were completely tempered, it meant that Zhu Wuyang had already broken through to the Peak of the Mid-stage of the Five Viscera Refinement realm. Next, it was time to temper the spleen, bladder, and three truncal cavities.

After the surging Earth blood essence passed through the buffer of the skin, muscles, tendons, and bones, it turned into wisps of extremely gentle blood essence power that shuttled towards his internal organs.

Tempering, nourishing, improving... Everything was carried out in an orderly manner. The Grand Earth Limitless Technique seemed to have been engraved into Zhu Wuyang's body, assisting him in tempering his spleen, bladder, and three truncal cavities at an astonishing speed.

The heart, liver, small intestine, and large intestine that had been tempered had already become extremely tough. All kinds of small problems and diseases had been swept away, and they were healthy and powerful.

Illnesses that plagued most modern people like fatty liver, heart disease, and stomach cancer were basically a fantasy story to him. It would not happen at all.

Although Zhu Wuyang was quite healthy on Earth, there was a certain problem with his liver. He was carrying the Hepatitis B virus and had a slight fatty liver.

If Zhu Wuyang could cultivate to the Five Viscera Refinement realm at that time, these chronic illnesses would definitely be swept away.

The powerful five viscera also caused Zhu Wu's strength to increase greatly. His endurance soared, and his physical strength became incomparably powerful. He could jump like an ape and gallop like a horse. This was a martial artist who had tempered his five viscera.

Zhu Wuyang could clearly feel that he was dozens or even hundreds of times stronger than when he was on Earth. If he were to return to Earth at this moment, Zhu Wuyang believed that he would be able to obtain at least dozens of gold medals in the Olympics.

Even when facing modern firearms, Zhu Wuyang had a certain level of confidence to resist them. Unless it was a powerful sniper rifle, it was already very difficult for ordinary firearms to harm Zhu Wuyang.

When a portion of the spleen and bladder were tempered, it meant that Zhu Wuyang's strength had broken through another shackle and entered a new realm.

Five Viscera Refinement Late stage!

Such strength far exceeded the original owner's mid-stage Tendons Refinement realm. At this moment, the difference in strength between Zhu Wuyang and the original owner was at least 20 times. The two could not be compared at all.

The original body's owner had put in a lot of effort and risked his life to cripple a portion of his strength. In the end, he even lost his life. All that was so that he could become a cripple and not have to worry about being killed casually.

However, Zhu Wuyang had only been here for about two days, and he had already destroyed the original owner's hard work. He had even destroyed it completely, negating it.

If the original owner of the body knew about this, who knew what he would think?

Zhu Wuyang really wanted the Extraordinary Encounters System to stop. He hoped that it would let Zhu Wuyang save all the breakthrough points on account of the dead original body's owner. Unfortunately, the Extraordinary Encounters System had started to act up again.

33 Who's the Fool?

"Congratulations to the host for being treated as a fool for the first time in your life. You have received 800 breakthrough points..."

"Congratulations to the host for being treated as a fool for the second time in your life. You have obtained 600 breakthrough points..."

“Congratulations to the host for breaking through the Late-stage of the Five Viscera Refinement realm for the first time in your life. You have obtained 2,600 breakthrough points...”

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Which f*cking fool was this, to think that I’m a fool? He actually treated me bidding my time to be a fool. To be honest, this meant that his ‘Turtle Transformation Technique’ was quite effective. He should be happy.

However, what made him feel helpless was that being treated as a fool would actually give him breakthrough points. Furthermore, there was so much of it. Did it have to be so exaggerated? Could the Extraordinary Encounters System give him less rewards?

Thinking of Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao, who had just left, Zhu Wuyang thought that these two idiots must be the ones who thought of him as a fool. Little did he know that Zhu Wuyang had already seen through their thoughts.

Who are you calling a fool? You two are the fools!

“Congratulations to the host for being treated as a fool for the third time in your life. You have obtained 400 breakthrough points...”

This... The news began to spread again. Did Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao help him promote the name of ‘Fool’ again? These two bastards were too shameless!

I worked hard to block the arrows for you, but this is how you treat me.

Zhu Wuyang was helpless. He was once again pushed to the ground by a large number of breakthrough points and ravaged to his heart’s content.

Zhu Wuyang did not know that although he had guessed part of it correctly, the other part was wrong.

In the Imperial Palace of Jiu Zhao, Tai’an Hall, the residence of the 89th Prince, Zhu Libo.

Zhang Mingli came to Zhu Libo’s study with a smile. Zhu Libo was reading here and had not entered seclusion to cultivate at all.

Seeing Zhu Libo, Zhang Mingli couldn’t help but laugh.

“What made Mother so happy? Could it be that Mother’s strength has increased again?” Zhu Libo asked curiously as he looked at Zhang Mingli, who could not close her mouth.

Zhang Mingli smiled and said, "I'm laughing at how stupid Zhu Wuyang is. He actually teared up from my words. He was so ashamed that he was about to crawl under the blanket."

"I really didn't expect this guy to be so simple and honest. He doesn't look like a member of the Royal Family at all. He doesn't have any schemes at all. No wonder he was pushed to be a scapegoat. Even if he dies, it won't be unjust."

"Mother, you went to see Zhu Wuyang today?" Zhu Libo frowned.

Zhang Mingli nodded. "If we don't comfort this guy, who knows if he will commit suicide again? We went through so much trouble to push him into the position of the Crown Prince because we wanted him to be our shield. He can't die so easily."

"Mother, we shouldn't be the ones to stand out." Zhu Libo sighed. "This will make us look bad. In order to survive, we even lost our basic reservations."

Zhang Mingli raised her eyebrows. "How can you speak to Mother like that? I'm doing this to maintain our relationship with Zhu Wuyang. After all, according to our previous positions, we're the closest people to Zhu Wuyang and his mother in the palace. If we don't even go and comfort that coward, what if he really commits suicide?"

"Not only did Mother go, but you also have to go and see Zhu Wuyang tomorrow. Persuade him more and reveal some of the Mad Emperor's thoughts appropriately so that he can calm down and stabilize his position as the Crown Prince to block the arrows for a while."

"This..." Zhu Libo hesitated.

Zhang Mingli snorted and said, "At this point, others will eventually say what needs to be said. The most important thing now is to appease that silly kid Zhu Wuyang. Don't let him ruin our plan."

"Alright, I understand." Zhu Libo smiled bitterly. "Mother, when you went to the Crown Prince Palace today, did you get the Xiantian guards to investigate Zhu Wuyang's strength?"

Zhang Mingli shook her head. "I didn't. Aren't there Wei Ancai and Little Fu'zi? They're paying attention to Zhu Wuyang every day. Once there's any movement with Zhu Wuyang's strength, they'll inform us immediately."

"But there are all kinds of secret techniques in the palace. Who knows if Zhu Wuyang was lucky enough to cultivate a special secret technique to hide his strength?" Zhu Libo's eyes flashed. "So for safety's sake, I still need to let the Xiantian realm guards investigate personally every once in a while to prevent Zhu Wuyang from deceiving us."

Zhang Mingli smiled. "With Zhu Wuyang's cowardly and silly appearance, how could he be so scheming? If he was really that powerful, he wouldn't have been pushed to the position of Crown Prince without any ability to resist."

"It's better to be safe than sorry." Zhu Libo smiled and said, "Although the chances are very small, it's not impossible. It's better to be safe. I'll go see Zhu Wuyang tomorrow and let the Xiantian realm guards investigate his strength."

Zhang Mingli said helplessly, "Alright, you're always so careful."

Although Zhu Wuyang knew that Zhu Libo would come tomorrow, he did not expect Zhu Libo to be so careful and even specially bring a Xiantian realm guard to investigate his strength.

Under such deliberate investigation, a Late-stage Xiantian expert would definitely be able to detect Zhu Wuyang's true strength. Even a Mid-stage Connate martial artist would have a good chance of detecting his true strength.

As one of the most powerful Princes of the Jiu Zhao Nation, Zhu Libo could easily mobilize Mid-stage or even Late-stage Xiantian Realm martial artists.

Another crisis was coming.

Once Zhu Libo discovered Zhu Wuyang's true strength, what awaited him would definitely not be a good outcome. He would probably be killed instantly.

However, Zhu Wuyang's strength was still increasing at this moment. The faster his strength increased, the harder it was for him to hide, and the easier it was for him to expose his true strength.

Fortunately, Zhu Wuyang's sense of danger was very strong. After absorbing this wave of breakthrough points, he used the remaining usable breakthrough points on the Azure Dragon Concealment Art. At the same time, he continued to cultivate the Azure Dragon Concealment Art and continuously increased the progress of the secret technique.

Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao's arrival had provided Zhu Wuyang with many usable breakthrough points. After absorbing these usable breakthrough points, Zhu Wuyang's attainments in the Azure Dragon Secret Technique had soared greatly, and he was getting closer and closer to the Perfection stage.

In addition, Zhu Wuyang's talent was peerless, and his cultivation of the Azure Dragon Concealment Art had advanced by leaps and bounds. By tomorrow, he will be able to improve greatly again.

34 One Level Higher

The next morning, Zhu Libo came to visit Zhu Wuyang on time. As expected, this move brought Zhu Wuyang another wave of breakthrough points.

“Congratulations to the host for seeing the 89th Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation, Zhu Libo, for the first time in your life. You have obtained 800 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for receiving a gift from Zhu Libo, the 89th Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation. You have received 800 breakthrough points...”

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As expected of one of the most powerful Princes in the Jiu Zhao Imperial Palace. In just a few minutes, he had brought thousands of breakthrough points to Zhu Wuyang, turning into a large wave of strange power that surged over.

If not for the fact that Zhu Wuyang had experienced such a situation many times, he would have been exposed.

After a round of conventional comforting, Zhu Libo revealed a secret to Zhu Wuyang. “Brother Wuyang, I received news from the other Princes yesterday that the reason why Father allowed you to be the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation was because he was criticized by many ministers and nobles. He said that no Crown Prince could survive, so he specially chose you to be the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation.”

“Really?” Zhu Wuyang did not know this news and was a little surprised.

Zhu Libo nodded and said, “It’s true, so Father’s intentions are clear. Brother Wuyang, you don’t have to worry about your safety.”

“I understand. Thank you, Brother Libo.” Although he knew Zhu Libo’s motive, to be honest, this news did make Zhu Wuyang feel a little more at ease.

However, what made Zhu Wuyang’s heart tighten was that the Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist Zhu Libo brought had been quietly sizing him up. There was a strange glint in his eyes. He was clearly using a probing technique on him.

It was unknown if Zhu Libo’s investigation was routine or if he had become suspicious, but Zhu Wuyang had already become vigilant. The Azure Dragon Concealment Art was circulated to the limit, and he hid his aura with all his might, trying his best not to reveal any abnormalities.

However, it was unknown if Zhu Libo did it on purpose or not. From time to time, he would pat Zhu Wuyang's shoulder or pull his blanket. On the surface, he seemed to be concerned about Zhu Wuyang, but in fact, this made it easier for the Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist to detect Zhu Wuyang's true strength.

Fortunately, after absorbing the usable breakthrough points yesterday, coupled with Zhu Wuyang's bitter cultivation, the Azure Dragon Concealment Art, which had already reached the Greater Mastery stage, had improved a lot. It barely allowed Zhu Wuyang to suppress the surging strange power and hide his aura.

In order to reduce Zhu Libo's suspicion, not only did Zhu Wuyang not resist, he even deliberately exposed more of his body parts outside so that the Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist could investigate more clearly.

Seeing this scene, Zhu Libo and the Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist's suspicions were obviously much lower. After secretly investigating a few more times, they stopped. Zhu Wuyang had finally survived this calamity.

If not for that, they might have been able to detect Zhu Wuyang's strength if he had let Zhu Libo cooperate with that Mid-stage Xiantian expert to investigate for a longer period of time.

Even if they could not detect Zhu Wuyang's strength, Zhu Libo would still be suspicious. Later on, he would definitely send stronger martial artists to investigate Zhu Wuyang's strength. If that happened, he would be discovered very quickly.

To be honest, Zhu Wuyang's luck was quite good this time. Zhu Libo had originally planned to bring a Late-stage Xiantian martial artist to investigate Zhu Wuyang's strength. However, that Late-stage Xiantian martial artist had something on at the last minute, so he did not come. Zhu Libo could only bring a slightly weaker Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist.

Even so, with this Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist's strength and the other party's powerful detection technique, Zhu Wu would be exposed if he was not careful.

To put it bluntly, if Zhu Wuyang had not cultivated the Azure Dragon Concealment Art further after Zhu Zhishan and Zhu Haitao left yesterday and improved it by a lot, there was a 90% chance that Zhu Wuyang would be exposed today.

Once that happened, Zhu Wuyang would not be able to escape death.

Fortunately, Zhu Wuyang was lucky and he had worked hard enough. It was a great mercy that Zhu Libo also did not stay any longer. After receiving the signal from the Mid-stage Xiantian martial artist behind him and knowing that the other party had already confirmed Zhu Wuyang's true strength, Zhu Libo found an excuse to leave.

“Congratulations to the host for being schemed against and investigated by Prince Zhu Libo for the first time in your life. You have obtained 1,000 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for being investigated by a Mid-stage Xiantian Realm martial artist for the first time in your life. You have obtained 900 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for narrowly avoiding death for the first time in your life. You have obtained 5,000 breakthrough points...”

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As soon as Zhu Libo left the Crown Prince's chamber, Zhu Wuyang heard the notifications from the Extraordinary Encounters System in his mind. A series of messages flooded his mind, and in a short period of time, Zhu Wuyang obtained more than 10,000 breakthrough points.

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Zhu Wuyang frowned and suppressed the strange power while carefully circulating the Grand Earth Limitless Technique.

He naturally did this to prevent Zhu Libo from discovering him and uncovering his true strength. It was better to be safe than sorry.

After all, according to the original owner's memories, Zhu Libo was not an easy person to deal with. He was cautious, hypocritical, and vicious. If not for that, as one of the most powerful Princes in the Jiu Zhao Imperial Palace, even surpassing some of the previous Crown Princes in talent, he wouldn't still be able to live well and not be killed by the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu. From this, one could see Zhu Libo's ability.

Moreover, Zhu Libo did not pretend to be stupid like the 14th Princess Zhu Jun, the 38th Prince Zhu Wen, and the others to avoid Zhu Zhenwu's vicious attacks.

There were only a few Princes and Princesses like Zhu Libo in the Imperial Palace. These few were the real dragons among humans. In the future, they had a high chance of becoming the Emperor of the Jiu Zhao Nation.

Compared to these people, the difference between the former owner of the body and them was like heaven and earth. If the former owner was cannon fodder, Zhu Libo and the other outstanding Princes and Princesses were flag bearers. The difference between them could be imagined.

It was precisely because of this that Zhu Wuyang could obtain so many breakthrough points after successfully escaping Zhu Libo's detection and not being suspected.

Although so many breakthrough points were not still enough for Zhu Wuyang to advance to the Perfection of the Five Viscera Refinement realm, it was still a lot closer.

At this speed, it wouldn't be long before Zhu Wuyang broke through again.

35 Someone Used Poison

After leaving the Crown Prince's chamber, Zhu Libo asked immediately, "Commander Wei, did you discover Zhu Wuyang's true strength?"

"He's at the mid-stage of Tendons Refinement. His foundation is considered stable, but he's still far from breaking through. He can't compare to Your Highness," Commander Wei said seriously.

Zhu Libo smiled and nodded. "That's good. I'm relieved."

Zhu Libo was not too happy upon hearing this expected news. Next, his focus was still on dealing with the doubts of the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu. He wanted to live as long as possible until the day the Mad Emperor died.

After all, Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu was already more than 100 years old. Previously, he had even suffered from Qi Deviation and suffered some problems with his mind. He might be finished at any time.

For a Perfected Xiantian martial artist, one's lifespan usually did not exceed 150 years. Zhu Zhenwu was only about 10 years away from the end of his lifespan.

Moreover, 150 years old was only the lifespan that Zhu Zhenwu could have in an ideal state. However, Zhu Zhenwu was not in an ideal state now. He might even not be able to hold on for another month and suddenly die.

At most... it shouldn't be more than five more years!

As long as he survived these five years, with the power and influence Zhu Libo possessed, there was a high chance of him becoming the Emperor. He only hoped that before the Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu died, he could kill a few more Princes and Princesses of the same level as him. That would be the best.

Next, he had to think of a way to frame that pig, Zhu Wensi. It would be best if he could force him to reveal a flaw. He would be able to deal with another great enemy.

After Zhu Libo left, more Princes and Princesses came to visit him not long after. These people's goal was the same as Zhu Libo and Zhang Mingli. They hoped that he would be a good shield and not cause so much trouble and waste everyone's efforts.

However, in order to let Zhu Wuyang, their shield, work well, they did not say it out loud. They even pretended to be concerned and comforted him.

However, because of Zhu Wuyang's intelligence, he saw through the true colors of these people. Naturally, it brought him a lot of trouble.

It is not good to be too smart these days.

Zhu Wuyang lay on the bed and continued to be a quiet shut-in. He continued cultivating the Azure Dragon Concealment Art bitterly... enduring the impact of the breakthrough points... be woken up by the system when he was sleeping... Passing through day after day like this meaningfully.

It was just that Zhu Wuyang felt extremely aggrieved with such a lifestyle since he was a fitness enthusiast who used to like to travel around instead of staying in bed every day. However, in the face of life and death, this bit of bitterness did not seem to be much.

When he was on Earth, Zhu Wuyang was very envious of the children who had parents. He felt that they were very happy, while he was just an orphan. He could only feel his own existence when he trained his body, temporarily getting rid of that lonely feeling.

However, after transmigrating and really having a father and a bunch of stepmothers, Zhu Wuyang suddenly felt that it was better to be an orphan.

If he was still an orphan now, he could use the Extraordinary Encounters System as much as he wants... he could increase his strength at an astonishing speed, possess extraordinary strength, and roam the world.

However, because he was the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation, he had no choice but to suffer such hardships. He could not even properly increase his strength. The Extraordinary Encounters System was not an opportunity for him at this moment. Instead, it had become a death talisman.

If only the System could awaken a few years later. When the Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu died and Zhu Wuyang went to another place to be a faction-less Prince, he could use the power of the Extraordinary Encounters System to increase his cultivation.

The sea was vast and the sky was high. He could do anything he wanted. How would it be like this?

It had to be known that at this moment, due to the restrictions of the environment, Zhu Wuyang had no choice but to try his best to suppress the frequency at which he obtained breakthrough points. Even so, his strength had increased so quickly. If he could freely use the Extraordinary Encounters System to earn breakthrough points, Zhu Wuyang's speed of improvement would at least increase by several times.

At that speed, in less than a year, Zhu Wuyang might be able to break through the shackles and advance to the Peak of the Xiantian realm.

Unfortunately, as the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation, it was impossible for Zhu Wuyang to obtain a year of freedom. Not to mention a year, even a month was a luxury.

However, a mere month was not enough for Zhu Wuyang to advance to the Xiantian realm or above and have the strength to protect himself.

Furthermore, there were many experts in the Jiu Zhao Nation, and there were so many Xiantian Realm guards in the palace. Even if Zhu Wuyang advanced to the Perfected Xiantian Realm, there was a high chance that he would be surrounded and killed by the many Xiantian Realm cultivators of the Jiu Zhao Nation.

Therefore, if he wanted to obtain true freedom, he had to wait until the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu, was done for.

Zhu Wuyang sighed helplessly and immersed himself in cultivation. The Azure Dragon Concealment Art continued to improve, the speed far surpassing other martial artists.

Soon, it was time for dinner. This was the only thing he could look forward to every day. After all, the food in the palace was really delicious.

As usual, he let Lai Chun and Chu Xia taste the food. After confirming that there was no poison in it, Zhu Wuyang chased the two personal maidservants away and began to enjoy the delicacies.

"Congratulations to the host for tasting the drug-mixed osmanthus shark fin for the first time in your life. You have received 500 breakthrough points..."

"Congratulations to the host for being drugged with the Concealed Blood Pill for the first time in your life. You have received 1,000 breakthrough points..."

...

Zhu Wuyang was stunned. According to the original owner's memories, Zhu Wuyang knew that many Princes and Princesses in the palace often used various tonics and pills instead of poison to frame their opponents. At that time, he thought that it was quite creative.

However, Zhu Wuyang never expected that he would be schemed against so quickly, and it was with a pill that could increase his strength.

Speaking of which, it had only been a few days since he, the Crown Prince, had ascended the position. Why were there already people who could not stand it? Did those Princes and Princesses still want him to be their shield? Was there a need for them to go so overboard?

Soon, Zhu Wuyang recalled a few notifications from the Extraordinary Encounters System. The content of those notifications was that he was hated by others. These notifications happened after the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu, sent him a letter that said, "A Noble Needs To Guard Against Loneliness".

Could it be that the Princes and Princesses who had triggered the hatred notifications had attacked him? This was very likely. However, did these guys have to be so petty? Wasn't it just a calligraphy piece? Why did they have to be so ruthless to him?

If they wanted it, Zhu Wuyang could just give it to them. Why did they have to drug him? This was too much.

36 Beat Them At Their Own Game

Although he had been drugged, after the initial panic, Zhu Wuyang quickly understood.

Although Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu had already killed more than 100 Princes and Princesses, because of his hard work over the years, he still had more than 200 children remaining.

Among so many Princes and Princesses, there were only 10 to 20 who could be chosen as the Crown Prince. Most of the Princes and Princesses basically had no chance of being chosen as the Crown Prince.

Therefore, these people did not care about Zhu Wuyang as a shield. After seeing Zhu Wuyang being comforted by the Mad Emperor, it was normal for them to attack him out of jealousy.

Fortunately, perhaps because they were afraid, considering that Zhu Wuyang was still a shield for many powerful Princes and Princesses, the other party did not poison him to death. They only drugged him and did not intend to kill him.

Otherwise, Zhu Wuyang would be in danger today. Many poisons in the Jiu Zhao Nation could kill people with just a tiny amount.

Just as he was about to call Lai Chun and Chu Xia in to tell them about this, Zhu Wuyang thought of something. His strength was increasing, and it was becoming more and more difficult to hide it.

If he could increase the strength he revealed to the others, it would be easier for Zhu Wuyang to hide his aura. Now that he had encountered such a good opportunity, why not use it to his advantage?

This way, even if he could not hide his strength in the future, he could still push the blame to being drugged. With similar precedent incidents, it would be easier for others to believe him in the future.

After considering it, Zhu Wuyang sneered and sat down to eat. The notification from the Special Opportunity System kept flashing.

“Congratulations to the host for tasting cherry meat that has been drugged for the first time in your life. You have received 500 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for tasting the drug-mixed hibiscus cake for the first time in your life. You have received 500 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for tasting the tonic-infused stewed fat duck for the first time in your life. You have received 500 breakthrough points...”

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Soon, nearly 10 dishes of delicacies were eaten by Zhu Wuyang. At the same time, Lai Chun and Chu Xia, who were guarding outside, also sensed something.

“Chu... Chu Xia, do... do you feel anything?” Lai Chun’s face suddenly turned pale as she looked at Chu Xia in fear.

Chu Xia’s eyes widened. “Lai Chun, you... you feel it too?”

Lai Chun nodded slightly. “Although those dishes are not poisonous, they have been drugged with tonics to increase one’s strength. Moreover, I don’t know what was added to the food to delay the effects of the tonics until now.”

“Hurry up and stop the Crown Prince!” Chu Xia didn’t have time to think. She immediately rushed into the bedroom and ran towards the study where Zhu Wuyang was eating.

Soon, the two of them rushed into Zhu Wuyang’s study.

“Your Highness, someone has drugged the food. Don’t eat it!”

“Stop, Your Highness!”

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Looking at Lai Chun and Chu Xia who rushed into the study, Zhu Wuyang was stunned at first. Then, he seemed to have sensed something. “What... what’s wrong with my body? It’s like I’m on fire. My vital energy and blood are increasing at an astonishing speed. There’s poison in this food!”

As he spoke, Zhu Wuyang sat cross-legged on the ground. His face was filled with fear as he began to circulate the Grand Earth Limitless Technique, as if he was absorbing a huge amount of medicinal power. frēwebnovel.com

At the same time, Zhu Wuyang’s strength began to increase at an extremely fast speed.

Looking at the finished food and Zhu Wuyang, who had fallen to the ground to helplessly increase his strength, Lai Chun and Chu Xia almost cried.

“Your Highness, we didn’t do it on purpose! We didn’t expect someone to drug you, and it’s a tonic that can delay the effects of strength improvement. Otherwise, we definitely wouldn’t have let you eat it.”

“Who is so vicious as to use this poison on the Crown Prince? Their intentions are simply unfathomable.”

...

As soon as the two of them finished speaking, they felt Zhu Wuyang’s aura increase greatly. “Not good, I’ve broken through to the Late-stage of Tendons Refinement. There’s still so much medicinal power that I haven’t absorbed. If I absorb it all, I’m afraid my strength will be forcefully raised to the Golden Bones Refinement realm!”

“Ah...” Lai Chun and Chu Xia exclaimed, “Then what should we do? Your Highness, can you expel the medicinal effects?”

Zhu Wuyang smiled bitterly. “With my strength, how can I expel such a huge amount of medicinal power? I can only endure it now. Please spread this news as soon as possible. At the same time, bring the cutleries and let the imperial physicians examine them to see what poison has been injected into the dishes.”

“This time, my strength is destined to increase by a lot. Once someone catches hold of this matter and doesn’t let go, the consequences will be unimaginable. If things don’t go well, there might be people who are jealous of talent and can be ruthless to me. You have to immediately spread this matter and let everyone know that I was framed!”

Lai Chun and Chu Xia were also panicking. When they heard Zhu Wuyang's words, they hurriedly ran out. "Alright, alright, alright. We remember. Your Highness, you have to hold on. Don't improve so much!"

Watching the two maidservants leave in a panic, a smile flashed across Zhu Wuyang's face as he began to absorb a large amount of strange power transformed from the breakthrough points.

The person who drugged him this time was quite generous. The effects of the medicine were not bad. Under normal circumstances, it could at least increase Zhu Wuyang's strength to the Mid-stage of the Golden Bones Refinement Realm.

However, in order to make himself safer, Zhu Wuyang decided that it was better to reveal the strength of a Perfected Golden Bones Refinement cultivator. This way, it would be much easier to hide his true strength.

At this moment, Zhu Wuyang's strength was only at the Late-stage of the Five Viscera Refinement realm. No, to be precise, he would be able to break through to the Perfected stage very soon.

After all, after enjoying a pile of palace delicacies with tonic medicine, Zhu Wuyang had obtained nearly 10,000 breakthrough points. Coupled with the medicine in the delicacies, Zhu Wuyang's strength could definitely increase by another small realm.

Thinking of this, Zhu Wuyang, who had been smiling just now, immediately frowned. How long had it been since he broke through to the Late-stage of the Five Viscera Refinement realm? He was actually about to break through again.

Couldn't the Extraordinary Encounters System let him live well? Couldn't it let him break through a little slower? Or rather, it could increase the amount of breakthrough points needed to advance a realm.

He had always broken through so easily that Zhu Wuyang did not feel the difficulty of cultivation at all. Wasn't it like nurturing a piece of trash who could eat and wear whatever he wanted?

Increase the difficulty of my cultivation breakthrough. Otherwise, don't blame me for continuing to stay in my bedroom!

37 Pitiful, Weak, and Helpless

Under the effect of a large number of breakthrough points, Zhu Wuyang's bladder and three truncl cavities were quickly tempered. Next, it was time to temper the last two internal organs.

The lungs and kidneys!

If he could complete the tempering of his lungs, even if Zhu Wuyang smoked 10,000 cigarettes a day, his lungs would not have any problems. After the tempering, his body could effectively expel the various toxins in his lungs.

Regrettably, this was not Earth and there were no cigarettes. Fortunately, Zhu Wuyang only smoked occasionally when he was on Earth and did not develop a habit, so it was not that difficult to endure.

If he was a pipe smoker, he would probably have gone crazy already.

As for the benefits of tempering the kidneys, there was no need to talk about them. Every man wanted their kidneys to be sufficiently honed and improved.

When the honing of the kidneys was completed, even if his golden spear could not topple a pillar, it could at least go for seven times a night.

How the Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu could give birth to so many Princes and Princesses in just a hundred years could be attributed to how powerful his kidneys were. This was all from cultivation.

The Earth blood essence had already condensed into thick dark clouds that enveloped Zhu Wuyang's internal organs. After filtering through his skin, muscles, tendons, and bones, it became extremely gentle and enveloped his lungs and kidneys.

If he wanted to temper his body, he first had to increase his blood essence. Without a sufficiently powerful blood essence, it was impossible to temper a martial artist's body.

The deeper and more thorough the tempering of the body, the more powerful the Qi and blood required.

Therefore, the strange power transformed from the breakthrough points first increased Zhu Wuyang's Earth Qi and blood essence. Only when the Earth Qi and blood essence reached a certain level, it began to temper his internal organs.

Layers of Earth Qi and blood essence intertwined and circulated in his body, shuttling through his internal organs, hammering, tempering, nourishing... It was a very efficient process and rapidly increased Zhu Wuyang's strength.

When his lungs and kidneys were tempered, it meant that Zhu Wu's strength had stepped into a new realm.

Perfection of the Five Viscera Refinement realm!

He could already jump like an ape and gallop like a horse. Even some modern cars might not catch up to Zhu Wuyang's speed.

Not to mention that Zhu Wuyang's foundation was very powerful, far surpassing martial artists of the same level. If ordinary martial artists were electric cars, Zhu Wuyang was a super sports car. The difference between the two could be imagined.

Strength, defense, speed... Every attribute was further improved. The strength of his Earth Qi and blood essence was needless to say. He was already comparable to cultivators at the Bone Marrow Refinement realm or even the Blood Refinement realm.

At this moment, Zhu Wuyang's strength was so strong that it was a piece of cake for him to steadily sweep through martial artists in the Bone Marrow Refinement realm or even the Blood Refinement realm.

With a raise of his hand, Zhu Wuyang could even exert more than 20,000 catties of strength. On Earth, this was simply a fantasy.

Even in this mysterious world, only martial artists above the Late-stage Blood Refinement realm could unleash such astonishing strength.

Zhu Wuyang's overall strength was now barely comparable to the weakest batch of palace maids and eunuchs in the Crown Prince's Palace.

As for the guards in the Crown Prince Palace, the weakest of them was at the Meridian Forging Realm. Zhu Wuyang was still quite a distance away from them.

"Congratulations to the host for advancing to the Perfected Five Viscera Refinement realm for the first time in your life. You have received 3,000 breakthrough points..."

After absorbing this wave of breakthrough points and stabilizing his current strength, Zhu Wuyang's strength on the surface had also reached the Perfected Golden Bones Refinement realm.

At this moment, Lai Chun and Chu Xia also rushed towards the Crown Prince's chambers with a large group of people. Wei Ancai, Feng Yuan, and the others' expressions were tense and rather ugly.

"Lai Chun, Chu Xia, what are the two of you doing? You actually didn't even detect the strength increasing pills in the food? Now that His Highness the Crown Prince's strength has increased by so much, if this angered His Majesty, the two of you can just wait to pay with your lives!"

“Which bastard went so overboard? The 168th Prince has just ascended to the position of Crown Prince, but they already can’t wait to attack him. Can’t they tell that the possibility of the 168th Prince ascending the throne is basically zero?”

“There will always be some short-sighted Princes and Princesses who are arrogant. We have to inform the other Princes about this and let them find out who that bastard is and warn him.”

“In the future, all of the Crown Prince’s meals must be tasted by Xiantian realm martial artists. At the same time, they must be sent in after a period of time. We must not allow such a thing to happen again.”

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A group of eunuchs, guards, and palace maids walked into the study in a panic. They immediately sensed the aura of Zhu Wuyang’s Perfected Golden Bones Refinement cultivation. All of them immediately felt as if they had been struck by lightning. Lai Chun and Chu Xia could not even stand steadily.

“Perfected Golden Bones Refinement. This is the aura of a Perfected Golden Bones Refinement cultivator! Who exactly framed the Crown Prince like this? They actually used such a powerful tonic on the Crown Prince, allowing his strength to increase so much. What should we do now?”

“A 17-year-old martial artist at the Perfected Golden Bones Refinement Realm is a genius even in the outside world, let alone in the palace. If he becomes envied, the consequences for His Highness the Crown Prince will be worrying. This matter must be reported to the other Princes and His Majesty immediately so that they won’t become suspicious.”

“From the Mid-stage Tendons Refinement realm to the Perfected Golden Bones Refinement realm, it’s a full major realm and six minor realms. The other party has put an extremely large amount of tonics in the food! It’s obvious that he wants to kill His Highness the Crown Prince. This kind of thing cannot be tolerated!”

“Your Highness, my condolences! Don’t take things too hard. It’s not your fault that your strength has increased. Someone drugged you. We will definitely report this matter to His Majesty and not let him be dissatisfied with you.”

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Zhu Wuyang pretended to be sad. His face was pale as he returned to the bed and continued to endure the beating of the breakthrough points.

“Congratulations to the host for succeeding in scheming against others for the first time in your life. You have obtained 2,000 breakthrough points...” freewebnovel.com

“Congratulations to the host for taking the risk of eating drugged food for the first time in your life. You have received 1,000 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for being sincerely cared for for the first time in your life. You have obtained 800 breakthrough points...”

... .

Zhu Wuyang, who was lying under the blanket, quickly started trembling again. He was like a timid little boy who was too sad and afraid. He could only hide under the blanket and tremble.

The news that Zhu Wuyang had been drugged and his strength had soared was spreading throughout the entire palace at an astonishing speed. Some Princes and Princesses who were “concerned” about Zhu Wuyang were the first to receive this news.

38 Outsmarting Oneself

“It wasn’t easy for us to push that fool Zhu Wuyang to the position of the Crown Prince. I thought that we would be able to live in peace for a period of time. I didn’t expect someone to cause trouble again. Do those damn bastards really think that we can’t push them to the position of the Crown Prince?”

“It’s just a few words from the Mad Emperor, is it worth being jealous of? Some of these Princes and Princesses are really narrow-minded. Think of a way to teach them a lesson and make them behave. Don’t let them ruin our plans.”

“Investigate the imperial chefs of the Crown Prince Palace and see which Prince or Princess is ruining our plan. If we find them, we’ll give them a ruthless beating to scare the other monkeys.”

“If Zhu Wuyang dies, won’t I soon be pushed to the position of the Crown Prince? This kind of thing cannot happen. Immediately send two Xiantian realm imperial guards into the Crown Prince Palace to protect Zhu Wuyang’s safety.”

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To be honest, all the Princes and Princesses who had a chance of being promoted to the position of Crown Prince were the cream of the crop. Just like the previous 17 Crown Princes, they were all especially outstanding.

This was especially true for the Crown Princes who were ranked in the top ten. All of them had fought their way out of many Princes and Princesses and eventually became the Crown Prince. It was definitely not an exaggeration to say that they were the most outstanding among all the Princes and Princesses.

Only when the number of Crown Princes reached ten did they gradually become less outstanding. Ten Crown Princes had already died. Even a fool could tell that becoming a Crown Prince basically meant death.

Moreover, the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu, had deliberately used the position of the Crown Prince to kill those Princes and Princesses that he hated. Therefore, the Princes and Princesses after the digit 10 were each more inferior to the other.

It was only when the original host succeeded the Crown Prince position that the bottom line of the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation was refreshed again.

The Crown Princes who had preceded the previous owner of the body could be considered geniuses at the very least. Moreover, they had varying backgrounds, abilities, and skills. Unfortunately, they were all dead.

Just as Zhu Zhenwu was about to choose the next target of his jealousy to become the new Crown Prince and find an opportunity to kill him, the dozens of Princes and Princesses who were in danger of succeeding the position started working hard together.

In addition, Zhu Zhenwu also realized that this had already caused a turmoil in the court. The Jiu Zhao Nation was about to become a laughing stock, and it had also caused great damage to Zhu Zhenwu's reputation. Therefore, Zhu Zhenwu took advantage of the situation and chose the previous body's owner as the 18th Crown Prince.

The original owner of the body, who had no background, no talent, and no ability... was ranked last among the many Princes and Princesses. In one fell swoop, he pulled down the standard of the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation from the peak of 3,000 meters above sea level to the depths of the ocean floor.

After all, with the original owner's situation at that time, he was far inferior to even the children of most wealthy families, let alone those geniuses.

I'm even more outstanding than the Crown Prince!

This was a saying that had quietly risen in the Jiu Zhao Nation after Zhu Wuyang became the Crown Prince of the Jiu Zhao Nation, inspiring countless stupid and incompetent ordinary people.

Of course, Zhu Wuyang, who had transmigrated, was not so incompetent. Even without the Extraordinary Encounters System, he believed that he was also ranked... in the top 30 among the numerous Princes and Princesses.

As a person who'd lived in modern society and an outstanding fitness enthusiast, he should be considered as quite amazing when compared to the Princes and Princesses of ancient times like this.

These Princes and Princesses who could affect the Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu's decisions and push Zhu Wuyang to the position of Crown Prince were so powerful that they far surpassed the other Princes and Princesses.

Therefore, when they joined forces in anger to find the culprit, the entire palace shook. The Prince hiding behind the scenes was also trembling in fear. He tried his best to eliminate any traces of his actions to avoid being found.

When the other Princes and Princesses, who also had ill intentions, saw this situation, they were also shocked. Their original intention to teach Zhu Wuyang a lesson also faded, making Zhu Wuyang's situation much better, allowing him to avoid many targeted and hidden attacks.

If not for that, if these short-sighted Princes and Princesses continued to cause trouble, the Mad Emperor Zhu Zhenwu might not have made a move yet and Zhu Wuyang would not be able to hold on much longer. If that happened, how could he be a shield?

At this moment, Zhu Wuyang had already become the center of the storm. If he was careless, he would be in danger of being crushed.

Fortunately, with the help of this drugging incident, Zhu Wuyang's safety was greatly guaranteed. He should be able to stay at home and wait for the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu, to be finished. He would drag it out for as long as he could.

Many Princes and Princesses knew that Zhu Wuyang had been drugged, let alone the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu.

Zhu Zhenwu was more concerned about the Princes and Princesses in the palace than anyone else. The moment Zhu Wuyang was drugged, Zhu Zhenwu received the news.

In the magnificent hall, Zhu Zhenwu's expression was calm as he looked at Zhu Jinzong. "Is the news confirmed?"

"Yes!" Zhu Jinzong replied with certainty. "His Highness the Crown Prince has indeed been drugged, and it's a Concealing Blood Pill that can greatly increase one's strength. It has been added with Sea-Slowing Grass, and can delay the effects of the medicine. The Crown Prince's Palace's dishes were tested by Lai Chun and Chu Xia,

and they were caught off guard, which allowed the enemy to take advantage of the situation.”

Zhu Zhenwu’s expression turned slightly cold. “I remember that in order to prevent this, every item sent to the nobles in the palace has to be tested in advance. Why didn’t the palace maids in the imperial kitchen notice it in advance?”

“They didn’t try the dishes,” Zhu Jinzong said.

Zhu Zhenwu nodded, “Kill them all as a warning to the others.”

“Yes, Your Majesty,” Zhu Jinzong said respectfully.

Zhu Zhenwu looked at Zhu Jinzong. “Are you sure the Crown Prince wasn’t putting on a show?”

“I’m sure it’s not. The Crown Prince doesn’t even have anyone he trusts. He can’t do this at all.” Zhu Jinzong hurriedly said, “Moreover, I’ve already found some clues. If nothing goes wrong, we’ll be able to find the mastermind behind the drugs quickly.”

Zhu Zhenwu asked, “Is it those same Princes and Princesses again?”

“This...” Zhu Jinzong hesitated for a moment before saying honestly, “It’s very likely.”

Zhu Zhenwu sneered and looked into the distance. “They are jealous of even Wuyang being in the Crown Prince’s position. He only ascended the position a few days ago, yet they’re already making a move. These people are too anxious. Could it be because of the calligraphy I gave him? How petty.”

“However, these kinds of idiots are what I need. After investigating the truth, we don’t have to care about him anymore. Let’s keep him for now and encourage these idiots at the same time. Hasn’t the Crown Prince already rested for two days? It’s time for him to come to the Qianqing Palace to do his homework. At the same time, let the commanders of the Qianqing Palace investigate the Crown Prince properly and see if there’s anything unusual. Let those idiots think that I’m indeed suspicious and let them cause more trouble.”

“By the way, send someone to Zhu Wensi’s place to check thoroughly and confirm again if he’s pretending.”

39 Unpredictable Ruler

Zhu Wensi would never have thought that he would be implicated for no reason because Zhu Wuyang had been drugged.

This was really an undeserved calamity. However, to be honest, it was not unjustified. How could a fellow with a mental problem who spent all his time with pigs think of arranging for his trusted servants to enter the Crown Prince's Palace?

Even if Zhu Wensi used the name of the chief eunuch of the palace, it would still arouse Zhu Zhenwu's suspicion.

However, Zhu Wuyang did not expect that even though he had been drugged, the enemy still made it so obvious. The news was also known by the entire palace and quickly spread out. But he was still targeted by the Mad Emperor, Zhu Zhenwu.

Was Zhu Zhenwu blind or did he learn from Zhu Wuyang to beat him at his own game? By letting him study at the Qianqing Palace, he could monitor him at a close distance and ensure that he did not act out of the ordinary.

With Zhu Wuyang's current attainments in the Azure Dragon Concealment Art, once he entered the Qianqing Palace, he would definitely be discovered by the Late-stage and Perfected Xiantian realm guards there. At that time, Zhu Wuyang would definitely not have a good ending.

Was this him outsmarting himself?

"Congratulations to the host for being guarded against by Emperor Zhu Zhenwu of the Jiu Zhao Nation for the first time in your life. You have obtained 18,000 breakthrough points..."

"Congratulations to the host for making a fool of yourself for the first time in your life. You have obtained 10,000 breakthrough points..."

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From the notification of the Extraordinary Encounters System, Zhu Wuyang knew that he had really made a fool of himself this time. He originally wanted to take this opportunity to increase his strength on the surface so that it would be easier to hide it later.

However, he did not expect that Zhu Zhenwu could not tell that he had been framed.

Moreover, Zhu Zhenwu had just sent him another piece of calligraphy to comfort him, telling him not to worry and to just be the Crown Prince.

It had only been a short while, but Zhu Zhenwu had already begun to guard against him. Could this be the legendary power of a monarch?

However, this was not the time to consider this. Because of this matter, Zhu Wuyang had obtained nearly 30,000 breakthrough points. With so many breakthrough points, it was definitely enough to increase Zhu Wuyang's strength to the next realm.

After the five viscera were refined, it was the bone marrow refinement. The so-called Bone Marrow refinement realm was a stage for tempering the Qi and blood to a certain extent and entering the bone marrow, forming an instinct. Every move could easily mobilize the Qi and blood power in the body and erupt with astonishing combat strength.

This was the so-called martial cultivation.

The martial cultivation here referred to the power of Qi and blood. When a martial artist tempered their Qi and blood to this point, it meant that they had already become a master in the use of Qi and blood. Next, they could fuse with natural treasures and allow their Qi and blood to undergo an earth-shattering transformation, increasing the ability of a martial artist to attune to the Spiritual Qi of Heaven and Earth.

This way, they could better sense the spiritual energy of Heaven and Earth and capture some into the body to form an inner Qi seed and step into a brand new stage.

The strange powers transformed from the breakthrough points was like a surging river, constantly pouring into Zhu Wuyang's body. Under the effect of the Grand Earth Limitless Technique, it transformed into extremely pure Earth Qi and blood at an extremely fast speed.

The Qi and blood cloud formed by the Earth Qi and blood in Zhu Wuyang's body began to expand at an extremely fast speed. Soon, it reached a radius of nine feet.

This was also the limit of the refinement of the five viscera. Immediately after, this cloud of blood and Qi began to condense and shrink, gradually condensing from a radius of nine feet to eight feet, seven feet, six feet...

As the Qi and blood cloud condensed, its color became deeper and deeper, and at the same time, it became more and more pure. Zhu Wuyang could clearly feel the increase in the power of the Earth Qi and blood.

"Ka..."

When this cloud of Qi and blood condensed to a certain extent, Zhu Wuyang vaguely discovered that there seemed to be lightning and thunder in it, making his entire body tremble.

Before Zhu Wuyang could react to what had happened, raindrops began to fall from the Qi and blood cloud that had already condensed to a radius of three feet.

Gathering clouds into rain!

This was the first step to advancing to the Bone Marrow Refinement realm!

When this cloud of Qi and blood completely transformed into dozens of drops of Qi and blood water, it rolled towards Zhu Wuyang's bone marrow at an extremely fast speed. After being filtered by his bones, it became much gentler and began to hammer and nourish his bone marrows.

As his bone marrow improved, Zhu Wuyang could clearly feel that his strength had increased, far surpassing the previous realms. At the same time, his control over his Qi and blood was also rising, becoming more and more proficient.

Early-stage Bone Marrow Refinement! frëewebnovel.com

When all the breakthrough points were absorbed by Zhu Wuyang, his strength had completely stabilized at the Early-stage of Bone Marrow Refinement, and his overall strength had increased by about three times.

Not to mention anything else, just in terms of strength, Zhu Wuyang's strength had already reached about 50,000 catties. In the eyes of Earthlings, this was an impossible monster.

Even the top ferocious beasts on Earth could not possess such terrifying strength.

The so-called power of a giant elephant was a joke in front of Zhu Wuyang. Perhaps only the legendary Divine Dragon on Earth had such strength.

Earth blood essence tempered a martial artist in all aspects. Although the improvement of the bone marrow was the greatest, with the help of the increasingly dense and pure blood essence of the earth, Zhu Wuyang's defense had also increased significantly.

At this moment, even a Blood Refinement martial artist would probably not be able to hurt Zhu Wuyang at all if he did not have a powerful weapon.

Zhu Wuyang's current combat strength was so strong that he could firmly sweep through Blood Refinement cultivators. Only martial cultivators at the Inner Qi Seed realm could resist him.

The Bone Marrow Refinement realm was also the sixth realm of the Body Tempering stage. After crossing three more realms, Zhu Wuyang would be able to break through the Body Tempering stage and step into the Meridian Forging Realm.

From Zhu Wuyang's transmigration to his advancement to the Bone Marrow Refinement realm, he had only used about two days. Even if the next few major realms required more breakthrough points, how much time could he spend?

His strength had increased so quickly that no one had time to react. Zhu Wuyang was in despair.

Initially, he wanted to increase his strength by a large realm, which would be more beneficial for him to hide in the future. However, he did not expect that not only did it not bring him any benefits, but it also caused him to fall into a hopeless situation. His strength soared further and he had stepped into a new realm.

It could be said that he had gone out for wool and come home shorn. What should he do next? Zhu Wuyang lay on the bed and looked at the ceiling weakly, considering how to get through this.

“Congratulations to the host for breaking through to the Early-stage Bone Marrow Refinement realm for the first time in your life. You have obtained 3,600 breakthrough points...”

“Congratulations to the host for facing a crisis for the first time in your life. You have obtained 3,000 breakthrough points...”

40 Everyone’s Joke

The Extraordinary Encounters System was really good at finding loopholes.

Or rather, it was taking advantage of the situation...

Zhu Wuyang was already in a miserable state, but it actually brought him a few more waves of breakthrough points. There were so many points, how could he live well?

However, this wave of attacks also caused Zhu Wuyang’s mind to flash with inspiration. He thought of a solution, which was also the method used by the original owner.

That was... to cripple his own strength. No, to be precise, it should be self-mutilation.

The original owner had crippled his own strength and even lost his life. Zhu Wuyang did not dare to make the same mistake again. He would not cripple his own strength, but he could pretend to do so.

If he “accidentally” injured a certain meridian, he could recuperate in the Crown Prince Palace in peace and not go to the Qianqing Palace for lessons.

There were so many Xiantian Realm martial artists in the Qianqing Palace. Zhu Wuyang was not confident that he could escape their detection and hide his true strength.

Zhu Wuyang acted immediately. According to the previous owner's experience, he carefully controlled the Earth Qi and blood in his body and began to harm a certain meridian.

Zhu Wuyang, who had already practiced martial arts to the marrow, could be said to have reached the peak of control over the Earth blood essence. He was far superior to the original owner by ten or a hundred times. It was a piece of cake to damage a meridian.

"Ah..."

Soon, Zhu Wuyang screamed. His voice was like a song that resounded throughout half of the Crown Prince Palace.

At first, it might be a little fake, but it quickly became real because...

"Congratulations to the host for self-mutilating for the first time in your life. You have obtained 5,000 breakthrough points. In view of the host's damaged meridians and foundation, all breakthrough points will be used to repair the host's cultivation foundation!"

"Congratulations to the host for being injured in the meridians for the first time in your life. You have obtained 3,000 breakthrough points. In view of the host's meridians being injured and his foundation damaged, all the breakthrough points will be used to repair the host's cultivation foundation!"

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It was not easy for Zhu Wuyang to self-harm. In order to save his life, he had gone all out. He did not expect to obtain so many breakthrough points. These breakthrough points were even used to repair his injuries. He must not repair his injuries. Otherwise, the pain he suffered this time would be in vain.

Fortunately, the damage to his meridians was not so easy to repair. Even though more than 10,000 breakthrough points had transformed into healing power and fused into Zhu Wuyang's body in a short period of time, it still did not repair Zhu Wuyang's meridians. Only a few of them were repaired.

Zhu Wuyang shouted so loudly that it naturally alarmed the guards outside. A group of guards, palace maids, and eunuchs swarmed over and surrounded Zhu Wuyang.

"Your Highness, what's wrong?"

"Quick, call the imperial physicians. We can't let anything happen to the Crown Prince. Otherwise, everyone will lose their heads."

“Could it be that someone has come to assassinate the Crown Prince again? Find that thief immediately.”

“Not good. The Crown Prince seems to have injured his meridians.”

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The group of people's faces were pale and they were as flustered as headless flies. It was as if Zhu Wuyang was about to die.

“Congratulations to the host for being touched by a man for the first time in your life. You have obtained 500 breakthrough points. Due to the damage to the host's meridians and foundation, all breakthrough points will be used to repair the host's cultivation foundation!”

“Congratulations to the host for being touched by a woman for the first time in your life. You have obtained 800 breakthrough points. Due to the damage to the host's meridians and foundation, all breakthrough points will be used to repair the host's cultivation foundation!”

“Congratulations to the host for being touched by a eunuch for the first time in your life. You have obtained 1,500 breakthrough points. Due to the damage to the host's meridians and foundation, all breakthrough points are used to repair the host's cultivation foundation!”

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However, these people's actions quickly made Zhu Wuyang's face twist. He could understand why these bastards were worried, but they couldn't touch him randomly.

It was fine if he was touched by a beautiful palace maid, but Zhu Wuyang could barely accept it. What were these guards and eunuchs touching?

“I... I'm fine. I just accidentally injured my meridians when I was cultivating. I don't think I'll be able to get out of bed for the next month. You don't have to worry.” Zhu Wuyang's face was pale. He waved his hand to get the surrounding eunuchs and guards to scram and stop taking advantage of him. “All of you can leave. When the imperial physicians come, let them prescribe some medicine for me to recuperate my meridians. My life is not in danger.”

The surrounding palace maids, guards, and eunuchs were all extremely powerful. Most of them had already stepped into the Meridian Forging Realm and quickly detected Zhu Wuyang's situation. They knew that Zhu Wuyang was right.

Since his life was no longer in danger, everyone was relieved. As long as he did not die, it was enough for him to continue being a shield.

Hence, Lai Chun and Chu Xia stayed behind to take care of Zhu Wuyang. The others slowly retreated, and soon, a low commotion sounded outside.

“Why did His Highness suddenly hurt his meridians? I feel that something is wrong.”

“Can’t you tell? Just now, someone drugged him with a medicine to increase his strength. He broke through from the Mid-stage of Tendons Refinement to the Perfected Golden Bones Refinement realm. Next, His Highness the Crown Prince accidentally injured his meridians. It’s obvious that His Highness the Crown Prince wanted to cripple a portion of his strength because he was afraid. In the end, he didn’t succeed and injured his meridians.”

“I see. I was wondering why the Crown Prince suddenly injured his meridians. So it was on purpose. However, even we can see the truth of this matter. The other Princes and Princesses are not fools. They can definitely tell that the Crown Prince made a fool of himself.”

“Our Crown Prince is really weak and stupid. He clearly wanted to abolish a portion of his strength, but not only did he fail, he even injured his meridians. This is much more serious than abolishing a portion of his strength. I wonder when he will be able to recover. He really went out for wool and came home shorn.”

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“Congratulations to the host for being misunderstood by the people in the palace for the third time in your life. You have obtained 5,000 breakthrough points. Due to the damage to the host’s meridians and foundation, all the breakthrough points will be used to repair the host’s cultivation foundation!”

“Congratulations to the host for becoming the laughing stock of the Crown Prince’s Palace for the first time in your life. You have obtained 2,000 breakthrough points. In view of the host’s damaged meridians and foundation, all breakthrough points will be used to repair the host’s cultivation foundation!”

“Congratulations to the host for being mocked by all your subordinates for the first time in your life. You have obtained 1,000 breakthrough points. In view of the host’s damaged meridians and foundation, all breakthrough points will be used to repair the host’s cultivation foundation!”

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The notification from the Extraordinary Encounters System told Zhu Wuyang that his self-mutilation was very successful this time. He’d managed to hide from everyone in the Crown Prince Palace and made them mistakenly think that he had accidentally injured his meridians when attempting to cripple his own strength.

In everyone's opinion, Zhu Wuyang was just a stupid coward. He couldn't even cripple a portion of his strength. In the end, he made a fool of himself.

However, these people did not know that Zhu Wuyang had already passed a huge obstacle silently. If he did not injure himself today, he would enter the Qianqing Palace for lessons tomorrow. If his true strength was detected, Zhu Wuyang might as well commit suicide.

Even if he didn't commit suicide, someone would help him "die" after some time.