

Nine-Dragon 781

Chapter 781: The Four Great Demons

When Shao Li witnessed the scene before her, she unexpectedly jumped to another stone pillar. It seemed like she wanted to compete against Su Yu.

However, Su Yu didn't pay any attention to her, but only looked at the precipitous flight of stairs. When his feet stepped on them, the fountain erupted, causing a boundless stream of water to hit his face.

He felt like countless big stones, which weighed dozens of pounds each, had just struck him. The water's flow was dense and continuous, which meant that the pain it caused him was also constant and continuous.

The water soaked through his clothes, causing them to become heavy as they took on water. This extra weight was a burden upon him, and in the twinkling of an eye, he felt like he was carrying a giant boulder that weighed ten thousand pounds on his back.

Su Yu tried to raise his feet, yet even though his body was quite powerful, he still found the water too heavy, so he was unable to do so. It wasn't surprising that Shan Qilin had chosen to give up so easily, as this trial was too difficult! Hence, her decisive actions were a wise choice on her part.

"Look over there! Shao Li already took three steps. That is to be expected of a genius at Level Five Fairy Realm!" someone in the crowd shouted in surprise.

Shao Li looked at Su Yu in a provocative manner. Su Yu, who was still on the first step, was so wholly engrossed and concentrating hard on the flight of steps, that he didn't seem to care about the outside world at all.

In the end, he finally was able to move his feet and stride onto the second step, albeit very slowly. The water stream of the second step's fountain was even more dense, causing the weight and burden on his body to be even more heavy and intense.

At this point, the slower he proceeded forward, the more detrimental it would be to him, In contrast, if he progressed quickly in a short time, like Shao Li, it would be advantageous to him.

However, Su Yu still proceeded forward calmly and slowly. When he reached the sixth step, the people in the crowd gasped in alarm. Shao Li had already crossed the stipulated number of steps! She had passed the test!

As Shao Li gasped for breath and tried to recover her energy, she looked back at Su Yu and shook her head. It seemed like she was looking down upon him with disdain.

After that, she didn't look at him anymore, but continued proceeding forward. Su Yu also turned a blind eye to her as he continued moving forward steadily.

During the past two tribulations, the power of Su Yu's body and soul had risen drastically, both reaching the Level Three Fairy Realm. Such a swift increase in his power had both its advantages and disadvantages.

The disadvantage was that this fast increase in power would cause his foundation to become unstable, meaning that his body's power would be high at times and low at others. His soul also fluctuated at such a time.

The heavy water before him could repress both his body and soul, and this was a great place for Su Yu to consolidate his power. Thus, he didn't move forward too quickly, but proceeded at his own pace, methodically taking one step after another.

As Palace Mistress Kong Chan's eyes opened slowly, she first noticed Shao Li. She then looked at Su Yu, a slight expectation appearing in her gaze.

Back in the Shangguan family's place, Shangguan Yunque furrowed his brows slightly as he looked at Su Yu and said, "With how powerful Brother Su's body is, he shouldn't be this slow! At the very least, the first ten steps should be easy for him!"

The gaze of Shangguan Qinger, who was next to him, flickered as she said, "Brother, you don't understand! The way that Su Yu is progressing now is the most suitable way."

She then added, "The outer sanctum's test participants just saw the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate test as being a deadly and cruel trial. They don't know that, in inner sanctum disciples' eyes, it's a rare training opportunity. Moreover, if they want to use the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate, they must pay ten thousand merit points each time."

Envy appeared in Shangguan Qinger's eyes as she then said, "If I wasn't already an inner sanctum's disciple and could pass the test once again, I would also want to enter the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate."

Although Shangguan Yunque was also in the inner sanctum, he wasn't a true inner sanctum's disciple. So, he didn't know much about it and couldn't help but ask in wonder, "Why is that?"

Shangguan Qinger replied, "The heavy water has an unimaginable constrictive affect one's body and soul, and the more one ventures into it, the greater the effect will be. As long as one surpasses a certain critical point, both his soul and body would be greatly tempered."

She then added, "Moreover, most of the souls' tempering methods were lost in ancient times. In fact, they almost disappeared completely. This helps to explain why the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate's soul tempering is so precious."

She paused to take a breath, then said, "According to what I know, all of the inner sanctum's disciples who care about soul cultivation are striving hard just to get an opportunity to use the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate. As for the outer sanctum's disciples, they only see it as a burden, clearly unaware of how precious an opportunity it is."

Shangguan Qinger looked at Su Yu with a serious gaze, then continued, "Su Yu took each step steadily as he went through each step's tempering, and it's only in such a way that he was could get all of its benefits. As for Shao Li's actions, they seem clever, while in fact, they are really stupid!"

Shangguan Yunque smacked his tongue when he heard her. In the past, he had depended upon his younger sister's status as Mo Tianxuan's unofficial disciple in order to be spared from having to pass the test. He didn't know then that the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate had such amazing effects.

Time passed slowly, while more and more disciples attempted to successfully pass the trial. Many of them failed, but some of them actually managed to reach the tenth step.

The ones that did so all rejoiced over their success, but didn't dare proceed any further. Instead, they immediately left, as to try to go any further in such a trial would be incredibly dangerous!

After all forty people had already gone through the test, Su Yu and Shao Li were still on the flight of steps. Shao Li had already reach the 20th step. Her whole body was drenched in sweat and she was constantly gasping for breath. Her speed was also extremely slow.

Although her body could still persist and move onward, her soul had taken a great toil. At present, this trial was almost unbearable for her. Her body swayed on the step, and she had almost reached her limit.

However, when she looked back and saw that Su Yu was still just on the 13th step, she heaved a sigh of relief. Since she had crossed seven more steps than him, she would get seven thousand points more than him! This meant that she would obviously win the first position in the second test!

However, what worried her slightly was that Su Yu's pace was steady, not changing at all. The latter ten steps were more difficult than the former, yet Su Yu's pace still never changed. As she was clearly worried about this, she grit her teeth and decided that all she could do was to continue preserving and advancing forward.

After two hours.

Shao Li finally managed to reach the 25th step with great difficulty. Upon arriving there, she crouched down on it, then sat there motionlessly.

It was difficult for her body to bear this step's heavy water. In fact, she had already reached her limit, so it was impossible for her to continue proceeding forward.

"The first position should be mine, obviously." She forced herself to reveal a faint smile as she spoke, while looking back at Su Yu. However, when she turned around, she didn't see Su Yu at all!

Did he fall down? Shao Li wondered, clearly startled. Then, a smile spread across her face, and she looked as if she had just been relieved from carrying a heavy burden.

She had seen Su Yu as a great rival for quite some time. But, just when she was thinking that he had given up, she noticed out of the corners of her eyes that many people were gazing up, looking at something intently.

She saw that they weren't looking at her, but at the stone pillar. Moreover, Su Yu was on that stone pillar!

As Shao Li raised her head, her whole body shivered. She then cried out, "That's impossible!"

The reason why she didn't see Su Yu earlier was that he had already surpassed her! Now, he was standing on the 29th step!

Just a moment ago, he was still behind her, trailing her progress by seven steps. Yet now, he had surpassed her by five steps... In just two hours!

If someone observed Su Yu carefully, he would discover that, even though Su Yu's current pace was slower than his previous pace when progressing through the first twenty steps, his speed was still far faster than Shao Li's. Thus, he had managed to surpass her!

"How is this possible?" Twenty-five steps are my limit, so how can Su Yu be even better than me?" Shao Li couldn't understand it, and she had to wonder... Is Su Yu's fleshly body more powerful than me, a Level Five Fairy?

On the boulder.

"We haven't seen any juniors who could reach the 29th step in the outsiders' recruitment for many years. The thought that such a talented child would appear in this year's recruitment is amazing." An old man, who wore hemp clothes and held a walking stick, sat beside Palace Mistress Kong Chan. He had appeared there at some unknown time.

Respect appeared on many of the family members' faces when they saw him. The old man in was none other than one of the two Lesser Palace Masters, Palace Master Hua!

Palace Mistress Kong Chan looked at Su Yu, expectation appearing on her aged face as she said, "It's still too early to judge him, as the first thirty steps are just used to allow the participants to familiarize themselves with this test. The following thirty steps are the true test."

Shangguan Qinger's pretty eyes flickered as she said, "That's amazing! The Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate is, in fact, testing a person's aptitude and talent, and according to what I know, almost all of the inner sanctum's disciples successfully passed the first thirty steps."

She then added, "If he can reach the 40th step, he'll then be among the outer sanctum's elite, and if he can reach the 50th step, he'll be a devilish talent within the outer sanctum! Then, if he can reach the 60th step, he will be considered an elite even in the inner sanctum!"

Expectation appeared in Shangguan Yunque's eyes as he asked, "Which step do you feel that he can reach?"

Shangguan Qinger rolled her eyes at him and replied, "How should I know? Besides, you are the one who invited him!"

Then, Shangguan Qinger looked at Su Yu and said, "However, the Demon Mountain's four great demons also went through the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate in the past, and they only made it to the 50th step, while their head, Bing Wuxin, only reached the 57th step. Even if this Su Yu is indeed amazing, can he surpass those four demons?"

She shook her head, then added, "Since the four demons were all peerless geniuses, an exception was made for them and they were allowed to join the inner sanctum directly. After this, they had great fame, even in the inner sanctum, which had countless experts within it."

Shangguan Yunque's face shivered when he heard the four demons mentioned. "Of course," he said.

Shangguan Qinger also recalled something, which caused her face to darken. She then clenched her fist, which made her look like she was greatly infuriated.

In the past, a demoness from the four demons came to the Shangguan family as an envoy and was displeased by them. Thus, the following day, all of the Shangguan family members suffered from diarrhea and vomiting nonstop. Even the servants were plagued by the sudden sickness!

This was obviously done by the lawless demoness, yet Shangguan Qinger, who was Mo Tianxuan's unofficial disciple, still didn't dare to direct her anger at the demoness. From this alone, it could be seen how ominous and intimidating the four demons were.

All of the families' masters were greatly shocked. In fact, they were left speechless. All they could do was watch Su Yu as he strode onto the 30th step.

Rumble!

A muffled sound echoed out. It seemed like a muffled clap of thunder had just echoed out from the stone pillar.

Madame Situ's body shivered, and she almost couldn't believe what she had just witnessed as she exclaimed, "The 30th step! He stepped onto the 30th step!"

This feat demonstrated that Su Yu's potential was great enough for him to reach the Divine Master Realm in the future, then join the inner sanctum!

A gratified look appeared on Palace Mistress Kong Chan's face as she said, "The Situ family has done us a great service by recommending him. As such, it will be awarded jurisdiction rights over the Sky Castle for 20 years, as well as 10 Body Consolidating Root Nourishing Pills. I hope that you can continue to train outstanding juniors and dedicate your services to the development of the Red Blood Palace."

Delight appeared on Madame Situ's face. She could barely believe that they could really get an additional reward if they recommended an especially outstanding person!

In the past, twenty years jurisdiction rights was something that the Situ family could only get in the past by paying ten years of its income. Such a reward was tantamount to being spared from paying anything for ten years!

As for Body Consolidating Root Nourishing Pills, they were fifth grade spirit pills that only the Red Blood Palace had access to. They were among the best low-grade spirit pills that were specially made for Half Fairies' consumption.

These pills could help the Fairies stabilize their foundations in cultivation and stimulate their potentials. It was even rumored that should a mediocre person consume them, he would gradually become more talented. Hence, these pills were extremely precious.

"Palace Mistress Kong Chan, thank you for this reward!" Madame Situ said.

At that time, the eyes of many families' members turned red from jealousy. They all envied her immensely.

After Su Yu stepped onto the 30th step, he immediately felt the pressure that was on him becoming stronger by one fold. But, he wasn't worried. Instead, he rejoiced and continued proceeding forward.

Chapter 782: Devilish Talent

One step... Two steps... Three steps. Su Yu continued on until he had taken nine steps.

The people looked fixedly at the scene in shock. Finally, he reached the 39th step, which was something that rarely occurred in an outsider recruitment test. In fact, the last time it had happened was already a hundred years ago!

At this moment, many families were jealous, yet full of expectations. They were jealous of the Situ family's luck, and they were full of expectations for Su Yu's next performance.

They had already heard that the Red Blood Palace wanted to reduce outsiders' recruitment quotas, and Su Yu's current performance might alleviate his pressure and provide them a window of sorts back into it.

Palace Master Hua laughed heartily. "I wasn't mistaken! This lad had excellent talent."

Su Yu stood blankly at the 39th step. This was because he had just discovered that there was a phantom image at the 40th step! It seemed like it belonged to a man, but its facial features were quite fuzzy.

"That was the last man to reach the 40th step. It happened five months ago, and it was accomplished by the outer sanctum's Yang Feiliu. If Su Yu can reach the 40th step, then his phantom image will replace Yang Feiliu's." Shangguan Qinger's eyes flickered. "Once he reaches it, he will also get some special privileges in the outer sanctum."

Su Yu stopped for a moment before he took a step forward, which caused the phantom image to shatter, while a fuzzy phantom image of Su Yu appeared in its place. Su Yu was startled by this, but continued on. At that moment, an astonishing pressure descended upon him.

Crack!

A cracking sound was emitted from his bones, as if they couldn't bear the pressure any longer, while a faint pain transmitted from his soul. A grimace of pain appeared on Su Yu's face for just a moment, while joy and delight welled up in his heart.

By passing through the past 40 steps, his soul had become more stable and firm. The more he walked forward on the steps, the greater his soul was tempered.

As he realized this, excitement appeared on his face as he took another step forward. Such a scene shocked everyone, and they couldn't help but marvel aloud...

"Is he some kind of monster? He's already at the 40th step, yet he can still continue walking forward!"

"He's already at the 40th step, which means that his potential and talent is among the outer sanctum's elite grade."

Madame Situ's eyes shone with a resplendent radiance. Mere words were already incapable of describing how shocked she was.

A satisfied smile appeared on Palace Master Kong Chan's face. "The Situ family has rendered us a great service by recommending him. As such, its jurisdiction rights will be extended by 40 years,

and it will also be awarded 20 additional Body Consolidating Root Nourishing Pills, as well as a fifth-grade Divine Nourishment Pill.”

A Divine Nourishment Pill? The pupils of the Shangguan Family’s Master couldn’t help but contract upon hearing this. They could ignore the prolonging of the jurisdiction rights, as well as the bestowal of the body Consolidating Root Nourishing Pills, but the Divine Nourishment Pill shocked all of the families’ masters greatly. Even the Divine Master envoys were affected by this news, and their whole bodies trembled, while excitement appeared in their eyes.

The face of Elder Li, who had already completed his mission and returned, was filled with envy, and he cupped his hands at Madame Situ. “Madame, congratulations. Your cultivation will surely advance further. It’s really enviable.”

Madame Situ’s whole body trembled as she thought about the Divine Nourishment Pill. Elixirs, which were effective to Fairies, were called spirit elixirs, while those that were effective to Divine Masters were called mysterious elixirs. The Divine Nourishment Pill could be considered a middle-grade mysterious pill, and it was of great help to people at the peak of the early or middle stages of the Divine Master Realm.

As Madame Situ was a Level Three Divine Master, the strengthening and purification effects of the Divine Nourishment Pill could help her become much stronger! Such a pill couldn’t be found on the market, nor could a better elixir at the same grade be found. Moreover, it was still a fifth-grade Divine Nourishment Pill!

Madame Situ was greatly overjoyed by such unexpected good news. In fact, she felt like she just might faint!

Shangguan Yunque’s mouth couldn’t help but twitch, and he looked at his father with a sympathizing gaze. He didn’t rejoice for his misfortune any longer, as he knew how much his father had spent in the past years to get a Divine Nourishment Pill, yet he still hadn’t obtained one. He knew that his father must be quite sad at such a moment.

After four hours had passed, Su Yu had managed to reach the 45th step. From the 40th step onward, he would find a phantom image at each step, and they were all the images of the last person to reach those steps.

As Su Yu progressed forward, he would annihilate more phantom images, leaving his own in their place. After eight hours had passed, Su Yu had managed to reach the 49th.

His whole body was drenched in sweat, while his bones seemed like they would collapse. It seemed like he had already reached his limit.

However, even though this was the case, Su Yu was still delighted, as he could clearly feel that both his soul power and body had become stronger. If he could advance even further, then they would surely achieve even greater progress!

Everyone descended into silence, as they all wanted to know whether Su Yu could continue and reach the 50th step. If he did, then it meant that he had devilish grade talent and would get the same status as the four great demons in the outer sanctum!

Palace Master Hua chuckled. “Even among the inner sanctum’s disciples, only the elite grade disciples could reach the 50th step. It seems like our outer sanctum just may get another new demon-like talented youth today!”

Delight was apparent on Palace Master Kong Chan’s face, but soon, her expression became grave. “This lad’s talent isn’t limited to just this. However, if he continues to proceed, then the inner sanctum’s old men may come and take him in advance into the inner sanctum, which would keep us from making up for our losses.”

When he heard this, Palace Master Hua’s expression became grave as well. “Let’s just hope that this lad knows when to stop. If he doesn’t, then we can’t stop him from joining the inner sanctum if the inner sanctum’s people come here, especially if he wants to join them.”

As Su Yu raised his head, he saw another phantom image standing on the 50th step. This one seemed like the phantom image of a child.

Su Yu shook his head and proceeded forward, while the child afterimage was shattered, then immediately replaced by Su Yu’s afterimage. He had finally reached the 50th step.

All of the people held their breaths until they almost suffocated at such a moment, and they looked on in disbelief. Another Demon was officially born!

At that moment, Su Yu suffered a great pressure, which caused a cracking sound to be transmitted from his body, while his soul fluctuated greatly. He was already close to his limit, but he was still capable of taking several additional steps.

Su Yu raised his head and looked at the 10 steps that were before him. Unlike the past 10 steps, there weren’t more than four phantom images, including Su Yu’s, that were present from the 50th to the 60th steps. Specifically, there was one on the 50th, the 52nd, and the 53rd steps, as well as a tall woman’s phantom image on the 57th step.

Su Yu inwardly weighed his abilities at this moment. Since he had the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron’s help, his soul could bear the pressure without a problem, while for his fleshly body, he could still use the First Dragon Body, which he still hadn’t used until now. Thus, if he clenched his teeth, and persisted, then he should still be capable of shattering that woman’s phantom image on the 57th step.

But, as he looked at the people on the ground, whose faces were all filled with shock, Su Yu decided to give up on such an idea. After all, his fleshly body and soul had already been tempered enough, so he had achieved his goal. Moreover, he had already attracted enough attention, so he figured that he should conclude things here.

After all, he had decided that he must keep a low-profile since he had just joined the sanctum. Su Yu didn’t yet know that his performance in the Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate test had already made him quite famous, so it would be impossible for him to keep a low-profile.

Su Yu tapped the ground with the tip of his toe as he went through the heavy water, then flew back to the ground. Such a scene startled the people with discerning eyes. When the other people were leaving the Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate, most of them were extremely exhausted, even Shao Li.

However, the fact that Su Yu was capable of passing through the heavy water forcefully showed that he still had some energy left and was still capable of proceeding forward. This clearly revealed that this lad must have hidden part of his potential all this time!

Palace Master Kong Chan and Palace Master Hua relaxed slightly as they glanced at each other. Then, they both looked at Su Yu. They figured that his temperament should be quite steady now, since he had managed to stop in time and hide part of his potential.

Palace Master Kong Chan stood up and smiled as she looked at Madame Situ and said, "Madame Situ, you recommended an extremely excellent lad to us, and you also rendered a great service to our Red Blood Palace's outer sanctum. You will be awarded a sixth-grade Divine Nourishment Pill, and the Situ family's test recruitment quota will also be doubled, meaning that it will now be allowed to recommend 40 people each time."

She then added, "I hope that you will continue recommending such talented people as Su Yuxian to our outer sanctum in the future."

The expression of many families' masters changed when they heard these rewards. After all, she didn't get just a fifth-grade Divine Nourishment Pill, but she also got another sixth-grade one! Even someone, who had just reached the Level Three Divine Master Realm could reach the Level Four Divine Master Realm and become a middle stage Divine Master with the help of such rewards, let alone Madame Situ, who had been at the peak of the Level Three Divine Master Realm for a long time!

They all knew that Madame Situ would now join the ranks of middle-stage Divine Masters and become an existence equal to Shao Yueming! What caused their expressions to become even more unsightly was the fact that the Situ family had received an increase in their recommendation quotas, which were already one-fold greater than their own.

This meant that there would be many talented youths joining the Situ family for the quotas. Moreover, the Situ Family's reputation would become even greater because they had managed to recommend a demon-grade genius, which meant that they would be able to attract even more geniuses to them from now on!

Such a matter would bring great benefits to the Situ family in the future. Thus, the recommendation of just a single genius had changed a whole family's future.

It seemed outrageous at first, yet this was precisely the Red Blood Palace's goal! It was only in such a way that the factions that were governed by them would become more diligent in recommending talented youths to them.

Madame Situ was overcome with happiness, and she felt like she would faint. Even though she was the mistress of a great family, she still couldn't help but feel excited.

She hadn't let down her husband, and she had fulfilled his wish! As such, the Situ family would probably grow rapidly under her leadership! It was all thanks to the masked great sir, who had brought such a powerful demon-grade genius to her!

Only the Shangguan Family's Master was depressed at such a moment, and he constantly sighed.

"Father, since matters have developed to this point, then all regrets are useless now." Shangguan Yunque tried to console him in a soft voice, "If something is destined to

be yours, then it will come to you all by itself. Otherwise, trying to get it by force will just be pointless and futile.”

It seemed like the Shangguan Family’s Master had aged by more than 10 years in an instant. “I’m already too old, and I have become incapable of judging people properly. Yunque, you should try to get closer to Su Yu, as his future achievements will surely not be any lower than yours.”

“Understood,” Shangguan Yunque said.

As such, a shocking and astonishing exam had officially come to an end. Su Yu, an astonishing devilish genius had appeared and managed to reach the 50th step of the Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate test with a cultivation that was just at the Level One Fairy Realm! This had caused quite a sensation.

“If we count his results in the Fairy Confining Forest, then Su Yu is entirely worthy of being awarded first place.” Palace Master Kong Chan’s face was filled with delight.

Swoosh!

At this moment, Shao Yueming, who had been in the Fairy Confining Forest, finally returned. He held two Shao Family’s junior, who were taking their last breaths.

His eyes were flushed and were filled with grief and anger. After he had searched most of the forest, he had only found the dismembered corpses of his family’s juniors. Then, he had finally found two lucky juniors, who had managed to evade the demonic beasts that were left over from the Beast Tide.

Everyone else, including Shao Lingjian, had died. There wasn’t even a corpse left behind by Shao Lingjian!

The people all stared at each other, while they took some pleasure in his misfortune. It seemed like just three of the Shao family’s people had managed to survive, which meant that their current situation was even more miserable than that of the Lin family’s, whose juniors had suffered the brunt of the Beast Tide.

“Palace Masters, I have a matter to report to you, and I hope that you can seek justice for my Shao family’s deceased members,” he said.

Chapter 783: The Demoness Left the Mountain

Kong Chan and the old man, who was wearing hemp clothes, looked at each other in surprise as they thought... Is it true? Only three of the Shao family’s members survived?

“Okay, Shao Family’s Master, why don’t you just say what you have to say?” Palace Mistress Kong Chan asked.

Shao Yueming looked at Su Yu, who was sitting cross-legged and resting. While an ice-cold killing intent emanated from him, he asked, “Palace Masters, please help me get justice, cripple Su Yuxian’s cultivation, and take revenge for my Shao family’s talented youths.”

As the crowd looked at Su Yu, they wondered... Are the Shao family's grave casualties related to him? However, they couldn't be bothered to worry about him at all at the moment. Instead, they kept their attention on the infuriated Shao Yueming, playful looks on their faces.

"Why don't you explain this all a little more clearly?" Palace Mistress Kong Chan asked calmly.

Shao Yueming was surprised by the attitude of the crowd, and he wanted to inquire about what was going on, but he still couldn't repress his killing intent. His eyes became moist, while he spoke with sadness and resentment, "My son, Shao Lingjian, was killed by Su Yuxian, and it's also due to Su Yuxian that my Shao family's juniors wandered off and were nearly exterminated by the remnants of the Beast Tide."

Shao Yueming then added, "As he violated the rules and killed the Shao family's trial participants, his cultivation must be crippled. Palace Mistress Kong Chan, please take action."

After hearing these words, Palace Mistress Kong Chan wore an expressionless look and asked, "Well? Do you have any proof of all of this? As my Red Blood Palace has always handled our matters fairly and reasonably, so just your speech alone isn't enough evidence for us to act upon."

At that moment, Shao Yueming pushed forward the two Shao family's disciples, who, immediately understanding his aims, knelt on the ground and started weeping loudly.

One of them then begged, "Palace Mistress, please take justice for our young master. This evil person intercepted us and started fighting our young master. Our young master protected us and told us to leave and flee to safety. He died afterwards, no doubt killed by him!"

If they had heard of this before, the other families would still suspect whether or not Su Yu had really killed Shao Lingjian. But, based on his performance just a while ago, it was obvious that he really had done it.

However, the onlookers still wore playful looks. After all, if such a thing occurred earlier on, Palace Mistress Kong Chan might have given the greatest family its due respect by punishing Su Yu. But now...

"Well? Does that mean that you didn't actually see Su Yuxian kill Shao Lingjian?" Palace Mistress Kong Chan asked calmly.

The two Shao family's disciples were taken aback by this question. They both had a bad feeling about all of this. They both shook their heads, then one of the disciples said, "We didn't see him, but since our younger master went missing right after that, it's surely him who did it..."

Splutter!

All of a sudden, the two Shao family's disciples' faces became flushed and they each spouted a mouthful of blood. Palace Mistress Kong Chan glared at them, the anger apparent on her face as she asked, "What? You mean that you didn't see him personally, yet you still dare to slander him without any proof?"

After she said this, Palace Mistress Kong Chan looked at Su Yu and asked, "Su Yuxian, why don't you express your own opinion? The Shao family's people have stated that you fought with Shao Lingjian, and he's still missing. So... Did you kill him?"

Su Yu opened his eyes and shrugged his shoulders as he said, "I fought Brother Shao on the stone pillar, yet we didn't finish our battle. I ran into him later on and invited him to have a fight with me."

He then added, "I defeated Brother Shao then. He was disheartened, so he ventured into the depths of the forest by himself. Before he left, he said that he would cultivate and meditate there for ten years in order to comprehend a peerless technique before coming back to fight with me."

After he spoke, Su Yu smiled and looked at Shao Yueming before adding, "Shao Family's Master, if you rush there quickly, you will probably find your son on a cliff right now."

Haha!

Any intuitive person could easily discern that Su Yu had already sent Shao Lingjian to the underworld, yet he still insisted on toying with them!

"You! You are talking nonsense! You two were obviously fighting to the death, so how could it be just a match, one not fought to the death?" one of the Shao family's two juniors asked. They were both so infuriated that their chests were heaving up and down.

Su Yu looked over at them and asked calmly, "Why would I fight to the death with him for no good reason? Wouldn't it be better for me to just go and hunt down demonic beasts?"

"You did it because we angered you!" one of the Shao family's juniors blurted out in response.

Su Yu sneered coldly, then asked, "How did you anger me? Why don't you explain this to me in detail? Did you do something you shouldn't have, like hunting down the Situ family's juniors?"

The two Shao family's juniors were frightened upon hearing this, and one of them shouted immediately, "No, we didn't do anything! Don't talk rubbish!"

"That's enough!" Palace Mistress Kong Chan furrowed her brows, then looked at the two Shao family's juniors and said, "You are secretive, and you are also oblivious to what really happened. So, how can your testimony be trustworthy? Shao Family's Master, take them with you. Moreover, only dare to raise this matter again after getting concrete proof."

Shao Yueming's heart thumped upon hearing this. He had already detected that the ambiance was very weird. In fact, he found it to be quite fishy. So, he couldn't help but wonder now... What exactly did happen? Why does it seem like Palace Mistress Kong Chan sided with Su Yuxian on purpose?

"Palace Mistress, regardless of anything else, please let me be the one to deal with Su Yuxian, as our Shao family members mustn't have died in vain," Shao Yueming strode forward and entreated her.

After all, Su Yu had killed his only child, as well as caused the death of many of his family's talented juniors. So, how could he not take revenge for such an affront?

Palace Mistress Kong Chan's indifferent look became slightly cold as she replied, "Shao Yueming, do you need me to repeat myself? You need to step down."

She had already started calling him 'Shao Yueming' instead of 'Shao Family's Master,' making it obvious that she had been truly angered by them. Shao Yueming's heart shuddered and he hesitated for a moment before he finally stepped down, lowered his head, and became completely quiet. His mind was racing as he pondered what had just occurred.

"Fine. The test will officially come to an end now. All of the disciples who passed the two Death Tests successfully should follow me into the outer sanctum. Families' masters, you can rest in some of the outer sanctum's houses for several days before leaving," Palace Mistress Kong Chan announced.

She then led the envoy elders, as well as the people who had passed the exam, into the outer sanctum. Shao Li followed closely behind them, but before leaving, she threw a jade ornament at Shao Yueming.

As Palace Mistress Kong Chan was taking charge a moment ago, it wasn't appropriate for her to speak then. So, this was the first chance she had to inform him of the whole sequence of events.

As Shao Yueming caught it and put it up to his forehead, a voice transmitted from it to his mind, "Family Master, please bear everything for now. Su Yuxian has amazing potential and has already stepped into the 50th layer. He is also valued by the outer sanctum. Palace Mistress Kong Chan and Palace Master Hua will surely side with him, so please don't act rashly."

Shao Yueming's whole body shivered when he heard this. The 50th layer? As he thought of this, his pupils contracted, revealing how shocked he was.

The hatred in his eyes burned as he roared, "How could I just forget about my son's feud? It's impossible! Su Yuxian, don't assume that I can't deal with you just because you are in the outer sanctum now."

He shook his fist in a rage as he continued, "The two Palace Masters can protect you for now, but they can't protect you your whole life. Moreover, since you won first place, you will be obliged to go to that place, and once you are there, you will surely die!"

Shao Yueming then clenched his fist and crushed the sound transmission jade ornament.

Meanwhile, in a quiet palace in the outer sanctum, Palace Mistress Kong Chan and Palace Master Hua were explaining the sanctum's rules to the newcomers, while distributing goods to them. These newcomers each got an identity badge, a spatial ring, and a set of light clothes with blue patterns. They could now officially be considered new disciples of the Red Blood Palace!

"Su Yuxian, this is your additional badge." Palace Mistress Kong Chan threw a black badge at Su Yu, which had the word 'Fishdragon' carved on it.

"All of the people who have surpassed the 40th layer in the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate's trial get an additional badge. This badge allows you special privileges, which are based on how many layers you went through. The higher the number of layers you went through, the greater your privileges." Palace Mistress Kong Chan

explained before she and Palace Master Hua left hurriedly, not even waiting for Su Yu to inquire about anything else.

They simply left a few envoy elders, who explained the palace's rules in detail to the newcomers before allocated their lodgings to them. Su Yu was taken aback by this, and he wondered... Didn't Palace Mistress Kong Chan say that I brought great trouble upon myself due to the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten's affair? And... Didn't she say that she needed to talk to me in private?

"Come over here. I have something to discuss with you." A sweet fragrance assaulted Su Yu as Zi Xuan appeared quietly beside him like a ghost, then spoke to him in a low voice.

Su Yu was startled by this. They then went to a corner of the palace, lowered their heads, and whispered with each other. They seemed quite intimate in other people's eyes.

"Zi Xuan, what's the matter?" Su Yu asked in surprise.

Zi Xuan looked at Su Yu and exclaimed, "You deceived me!"

Su Yu's heart thumped, and he shuddered as he faced Zi Xuan's indignant gaze. How did she discover it this quickly?

As he wondered this, his eyes flickered for a long while before he let out a soft sigh. He was completely disheartened, and he didn't even consider trying to fly away. If he had been better prepared, he might have still managed to escape, but it was impossible now that she was here next to him.

He laughed at himself, as he knew that he would surely die in this place. Thus, he became more carefree and simply accepted his fate.

In that spirit, he said, "You finally discovered everything! I'm really sorry for deceiving you, but I have my own reasons for doing so."

Zi Xuan snorted, then said, "You finally admit it! That's good, but don't blame me for being rude."

Su Yu closed his eyes slowly. He had assumed that he could still continue to fight after coming to Jiuzhou. He certainly didn't expect that he would be killed by an All Creation expert this quickly!

"You are free to kill me if you want, but don't ever expect me to apologize." Su Yu had a resolute gaze. He clearly didn't regret killing the Blood Emperor.

"Wait..." Zi Xuan blinked her sapphire-like eyes and asked, "Why would I kill you?"

Su Yu was startled by the question, so he asked, "Didn't you discover my secret?"

Zi Xuan nodded, then said angrily, "That's right! I did! You unexpectedly deceived me, telling me that Su Yu was among the trial participants! I missed a good opportunity for finding him because of you!"

Su Yu was dumbstruck, and as a breeze blew over him, his mind was in turmoil.

Zi Xuan then said, "I listened to your suggestions and observed all of the trial participants in the Fairy Confining Forest, but none of them were Su Yu. Yet, I still was able to find some traces of his

attacks. I guess that he wasn't a participant of the trial, but was instead a disciple of the Red Blood Palace, who was protecting one of the participants in secret. Thus, he only fought when the latter had run into danger!"

Su Yu felt like thousands of horses were galloping around in his mind. Internally, he struggled as he thought... You've already weaved a good story for me, so what more can I say?

"It's all thanks to you that I wasted time paying attention to the wrong people. How will you compensate me for this?" Zi Xuan looked ferociously at Su Yu, raised her fair fist, then struck Su Yu's chest with it.

Such a scene seemed to onlookers like the pair was a couple flirting with each other. Little did they know that this was actually quite an intense argument.

Su Yu was embarrassed. "Miss, you are an All Creation Old Monster, how can I possibly compensate you?"

Zi Xuan tilted her head, pondered this for a moment, then furrowed her brows and said, "Hmm... I see your point..."

However, she quickly returned to her senses and added resentfully, "But, I don't feel right about just letting you go so easily. You must be punished!"

Su Yu rolled his eyes at her, then asked helplessly, "Why are you pestering me like this? You should go look for Su Yu."

"I will surely punish you. Your punishment will be to help me look for Su Yu. It's a harsh punishment, which means that you won't be able to cultivate, sleep, eat or drink, peacefully!" Zi Xuan put her hands on her waist and glared at Su Yu angrily.

The black lines on Su Yu's forehead disappeared as he looked at Zi Xuan, who was now standing directly in front of him. As he stared at her, he wondered... How can such a silly and cute All Creation expert exist in this world? She's probably just an illusion...

"Fine. I will continue to help you look for Su Yu. I will also notify you of any news I received about him." Su Yu gave in, after all, he was a good person.

Zi Xuan shook her head. "That's out of the question. I want to keep a close watch over you, as only then can I be sure that you are looking for him wholeheartedly."

Su Yu's blue veins bulged as he asked, "Won't it be quicker if you look for him by yourself? It will be easier for you to sweep your senses over all of the inner and outer sanctums' people with your cultivation technique that way, right?"

Zi Xuan shook her head. "That's not an option, as there is an All Creation Old Monster in the outer sanctum, and if I traveled around as I wished, he would surely detect me. Thus, I can only use you to investigate this in secret."

Su Yu raised his brows upon hearing this. He was surprised to head that the outer sanctum had an All Creation Expert, and he immediately started to wonder... Didn't they all say that the Red Blood Palace had just a single All Creation Old Monster, which was its current Great Palace Master, Mo Tianxuan? Why has another one appeared?

“Okay, how do you expect to monitor me? It isn’t like you can live with me!” Su Yu spoke angrily.

Zi Xuan raised her eyebrows as her sapphire-like eyes flickered. She glared at him with her big eyes and replied, “What? Is that out of the question? I will live, eat, cultivate and go out with you! Don’t even dream about getting rid of me!”

Although the hall was spacious, Zi Xuan’s voice reached each person’s ears clearly, causing the onlookers to descend into a cacophony of chatter...

“What the f*ck? This girl is too bold!”

“Didn’t she make moves too quickly? I still haven’t even gotten to talk with him, yet she directly pounced on him!”

The envoy elders then looked at each other in dismay, all blushing with shame. One of them then exclaimed, “This world’s morals are really degenerating with each passing day.”

Su Yu’s eyes widened at this moment. He finally confirmed that this lassie, who had a terrifying cultivation, was a young miss, who hardly ever left her home! She didn’t know even the most basic matters that men and women must abstain from! It could be seen from this alone that she lived in an outstanding environment, one far removed from the real world!

Su Yu wiped the sweat from his forehead as he thought... If I agree to live with her, this old monster will one day come to understand everything and want to kill me in order to preserve her purity. She will then hunt me down! What should I do?

“You dare to reject me?” Upon seeing him stay completely silent, Zi Xuan gritted her silver teeth and asked.

She then asked, “After you have taken advantage of me, you still dare to go back on your word? You are just a swindler! I want to...”

Su Yu stopped her quickly, saying, “Wait, I will agree to it! Okay? But, you must swear that you will never go back on our deal. Also, you mustn’t ever hunt me down to kill me!”

Zi Xuan was taken aback by this, so she immediately asked, “What? Why on earth would I want to hunt you down?”

He did not reply. Regardless, she still took an Oath Ancient Scroll out earnestly, wrote her own oath upon it, then threw it to Su Yu. It was then that Su Yu’s mind was set at ease, and as he collected it carefully, he knew that this would be his life-saving charm in the future.

“Su Yuxian, this your current address, as well as its key badge... Collect them.” Elder Li walked over to them awkwardly. He then took a look at Zi Xuan and thought... How can such a delicate and pretty woman behave this wantonly?

He hesitated for a moment before he said, “According to the rules, you are the only person allowed to live in your residence. You aren’t allowed to bring anyone with you. But, since you have a Fishdragon Badge, you are allowed special privileges, meaning that you are allowed to bring just one person with you. However, it will be better for youngsters to spend their time immersed in cultivation. Hence, you must remember to restrict yourself in some matters.”

Su Yu almost started cursing upon hearing this rule. He inwardly raged... What the hell should I restrict myself for? She's an All Creation expert!

Zi Xuan looked curiously at the two people, who both had odd looks on their faces. She then asked, "What are you talking about? I don't understand..."

Su Yu was slightly embarrassed as he attempted to explain, "Elder Li is asking us to get along well together and have a joyous and harmonious relationship with one another."

"Oh! Elder Li, thank you!" Zi Xuan said with an innocent smile.

Elder Li couldn't stand how bold she was, so he said in a hurry, "Kiddo, you took the number one position in this year's test, and according to the tradition, you will be allowed to enter the Transcendence Pond and receive a thousand merit points."

He then added, "The Transcendence Pond is effective for early stage Fairies like you, and it's especially the case since you just went through the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate. You should strike while the iron is still hot, as it will be even more effective now. You may even get a nice surprise!"

He concluded by saying, "After you leave the Transcendence Pond, it would be best for you to take a trip to the martial practice room and consolidate your foundation." After explaining all of this, Elder Li didn't wait around, but left immediately, without even mentioning the matter regarding the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten.

"Zi Xuan, this is the badge of our residence, as well as the address. You should go there first. In the meantime, I will go cultivate for a while." After all, Su Yu had come to the Red Blood Palace mainly to cultivate, and he wouldn't miss such a good opportunity to do so.

Zi Xuan mulled it over for a moment before she nodded. But, she still warned him, "You mustn't play any tricks, and you must come back to our room in less than half a day... Or else!"

As she spoke, she gritted her teeth and clenched her fists, causing a cracking sound to echo out from her bones.

All of the disciples present were dumbfounded by her. However, they all still envied Su Yu. But, they had to wonder... Isn't this woman a bit too anxious?

Su Yu felt his face becoming hot from shame, so he quickly left the hall and rushed toward the Transcendence Palace, where the Transcendence Pond was located.

Meanwhile, within a giant residence that was built in the middle of a mountain and was embellished with many precious pieces of jade and pearls, a pretty and delicate girl was cultivating calmly. All of a sudden, a noise transmitted from her waist.

The young girl furrowed her brows and looked down at the black badge at her waist. It was unexpectedly similar to Su Yu's Fishdragon Badge.

When she took a closer look at it, the young girl jumped up and shouted, "Ah! It's really infuriating! Which da*n person dared to extinguish the phantom image that I left in the 50th layer, thus depriving me of my Fishdragon privileges? Who was it?"

Since her phantom image had been replaced, she would automatically be deprived of its corresponding privileges! A Level Eight Fairy Realm disciple, who was walking by, heard her shouts and jumped in fright.

His face turned pale as he murmured in recognition of that shrill voice, “The demoness...”

Just after that, he immediately fled. He moved at such a frantic pace, it seemed as if he was being chased by an All Creation demonic beast!

As he flew away, he shouted at the top of his lungs, “How awful! The demoness will soon leave the mountain! Everyone... You must run away!”

Chapter 784: Exchange of Merit Points

A ten blue-robed outer sanctum disciples were walking in the vicinity of the hill, their expressions couldn't help but gravely change when they heard a roar. Many of them cried out all at once...

“It's awful! A demon has come here! We must escape.”

“Ah! Quickly... Escape!”

The outer sanctum disciples all descended into a state of panic.

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Su Yu had no idea about all of this, as he was still standing before the Transcendence Palace. He was somewhat startled when he discovered that the five blue-robed outer sanctum disciples, who were in charge of the palace's guard, were all at the Level Six Fairy Realm or above.

Moreover, he could still faintly feel a Divine Master's aura that was coming from inside the palace. Besides the 18 great factions, most of the factions had just one Divine Master, along with many Fairy experts. Such was the case for many great families as well. However, such a Divine Master was here just to guard one of the Red Blood Palace's outer sanctum palaces!

Su Yu stepped forward and inquired about how he could enter. “You need 500 merit points for each entry,” the guard replied.

As another guard sized up Su Yu, disdain for him welled up in his heart. He then waved his hand at Su Yu impatiently and said, “There are always newcomers trying to enter. You should have a proper understanding of the outer sanctum's rules. You need to go back and try to find a way to earn 500 merit points before coming back.”

Faced with their grumpy attitudes, Su Yu simply waved his sleeves and looked coldly at the guard who had just spoken and said, “I was awarded a one-time free pass. Do you take any issues with that?”

The five guards who were present looked at him in surprise upon hearing this. After all, entry to the Transcendence Pond could only be bought with merit points. Only very rarely would someone be permitted a direct entry to it!

“Why were you awarded such an impressive reward?” The guard was startled, and he sized up Su Yu once again as he questioned him.

Su Yu put his hands behind his back as he replied, "I got the number one place in the recruitment exam. Is that enough of an explanation for you?"

The expression of the guard changed gravely as he asked, "Are you talking about the outsiders recruitment exam, which just ended?"

He didn't really believe Su Yu, and the other four guards couldn't help but furrow their brows at such a moment as well. After all, Su Yu's cultivation was too weak, and it didn't seem plausible to them that a mere Level One Fairy could get first place. Moreover, he was extremely old, not one of the young disciples.

When the guard was just about to continue speaking, Su Yu's expression became somewhat gloomy as he said, "Fine. Even if I don't get to enter today, I will go ask Elder Li whether Palace Master Kong Chan is obliged to come here to instruct all of you personally to allow me to enter."

Su Yu had come here just to pass the Transcendence Pond's baptism, yet he was being obstructed by these five guards! Although he wasn't really angered by this, he was still quite displeased.

"Wait!" The expression of the guard changed several times. It was only because he found Su Yu's cultivation too weak that he looked down upon him. But, now that he noticed that Su Yu was quite serious, he didn't dare obstruct him any longer.

But, it was too late. Su Yu turned a deaf ear to his words, while he continued to walk away.

His actions made the guard quite anxious. After all, these guards were in charge of protecting the palace and guiding newcomers by teaching them how they could use merit points to gain entry into the Transcendence Pond.

If they had enough merit points, they would let them in. Otherwise, they would refuse them entry. They mustn't do anything apart from this one main task. As such, the guards were now concerned about overstepping their bounds.

If their elder didn't care about Su Yu's complaint, then it would be fine. But, if he took Su Yu's complaint seriously, then they would be severely punished. Moreover, it seemed like the old man before them had some great backers behind him.

"Junior brother, please wait." The guard walked down the flight of steps and tried to stop Su Yu from leaving.

At this moment, the Transcendence Palace's gate was quietly opened, while an old man with a goatee appeared before it. He wore a warm look, but his eyes contained a slight trace of anger.

"Greetings Palace Master Long." The guards were all startled, and they greeted him hurriedly in unison. The guard who had left to follow Su Yu quickly came back, then lowered his head and greeted him as well.

The goateed old man swept his gloomy gaze over the guards before he snorted coldly and said, "Your monthly mission will come to end now. You don't need to come back here to carry on such a task anymore. Please leave."

The expression of the other four guards changed gravely when they heard his words, and they became somewhat restless. In the Red Blood Palace, each outer sanctum's disciple must carry out,

at the very least, one mission each month. Regarding such missions, there were good ones and bad ones.

The bad ones were exhausting and difficult, and they might even put the guards' lives in danger, while only rewarding them a small amount of merit points. On the other hand, the good missions were usually given to the well-informed disciples, who had close relationships with the mission assignment palace staff. For this reason, it was difficult for ordinary disciples to get such missions.

The Transcendence Palace mission was one of the top-notch intermediate missions, as it had a generous reward of merit points that was many times higher than ordinary missions'. It was also extremely safe and easy, but it was quite difficult for ordinary disciples to get assigned this mission.

As the five guards were all disciples whose families had close relationships with the goateed old man, they had been allowed to be assigned to this guard duty mission each month. As that talkative guard was directly deprived of his privilege of getting such a mission in the future, it was a great loss to him.

When the talkative guard heard this, he fell on his knees and entreated Palace Master Long, "Please forgive me! I was just being muddle-headed for a moment and violated the rules. Please forgive me!"

When such matters had happened in the past, Palace Master Long had usually turned a blind eye to them. But, unexpectedly, Palace Master Long was quite angered today, even to the point of disregarding his close relationships with this guard's family.

Palace Master Long's goatee shook as he snorted softly, then asked, "How could my small palace keep a great person like you within it? You have refused the outsiders requirement test's number one disciple, who was appointed by Palace Master Kong Chan, entry! You should look for a new placement immediately."

Palace Master Long ignored his pleas as he waved his sleeves and threw him down the stairs. Palace Master Long revealed a faint smile, while he descended the stairs.

He then asked Su Yu, "You are Su Yuxian, right? Elder Li mentioned you, and I have been awaiting your arrival for a long time. The guards offended you because they didn't know your status, so please don't pay this any attention."

Seeing that a Palace Master had just willingly condescended himself to him, even though Su Yu was displeased, he decided to give up on it out of respect for him.

"Palace Master, don't think any more of it. After all, it's just a small misunderstanding," Su Yu said. "May I ask you, how can I enter the palace?"

Palace Master Long chuckled, then asked, "Did you bring your identity badge with you?"

Su Yu nodded. Many elders had mentioned it to him several times, always asking him to carry it with him. They had explained to him that, if the law enforcement division found anyone not carrying it, the person would suffer a strict interrogation.

"I have it on me." Su Yu nodded.

Palace Master Long pointed to a place beside the gate, where there was a blue smooth wall, which seemed translucent and was sparkling, like beautiful jade. There was a hollow hole, which was as thin as a needle, in the middle of the wall, and the identity badge could be put into it easily.

Su Yu understood what he had just implied, so he walked over and inserted his identity badge into it. Immediately, three sentences appeared...

Merit points: One thousand. Additional free entry: One. By entering, the additional entry will be used.

The 1,000 merit points was the reward that Su Yu had received by winning the exam's first place position, and the free entry into the Transcendence Pond was also a reward that had been given to him.

"You may enter now, just this once, by using your free entry. However, the next time you come here, you will need to consume your merit points. You will then need to pay 500 for each entry. No one can be exempt from such a rule," he explained to Su Yu.

He then added, "If I dared to allow such exemptions, then the formation inside the palace would start ringing, and as the Palace Master of this place, I would end up being punished by the outer sanctum."

Su Yu revealed a faint smile when he heard his words. "Thank you for your trouble Palace Master Long."

After Su Yu collected back his badge, both of them entered. As they were walking, Su Yu asked, "Senior, as I have just arrived here, can I ask you some questions?"

Palace Master Long was quite magnanimous. "You don't need to call me senior, as even though I'm already quite old, I still have only managed to reach the early stage of the Divine Master, so I can't be compared to someone as gifted as you. You can just call me by my position title, Palace Master Long. If you have any questions, then you can ask me freely."

Su Yu's name had already spread among the outer sanctum's Divine Masters, and they all knew that another demon, apart from the four demons, managed to enter the fiftieth layer of the Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate. Such a new demon was greatly valued by Palace Master Kong Chan and Palace Master Hua, so Su Yu's future prospects and achievements would be limitless! As such, many people wanted to befriend Su Yu.

Su Yu thanked him, then asked, "Palace Master, may I ask you... What exactly are merit points? What can they be used for, and how can they be earned?"

Palace Master Long explained it to him eagerly, "Think of merit points like the Red Blood Palace's currency. They can be used to buy anything besides some special objects that are forbidden by the Red Blood Palace. In fact, they can even buy things like cultivation opportunities, such as the chance of cultivating within the Transcendence Pond."

He then added, "As long as you have enough merit points, you can buy anything from cultivation method manuals to elixirs, charms, and magical treasures. You can even buy spirit cultivation techniques and legendary cultivation techniques!"

He smiled proudly. “Moreover, if you wanted to slightly relax and entertain yourself after cultivating, you can go to some cities and use them for currency there. You can use them to buy goods in any cities that are governed by the Red Blood Palace.”

He was clearly proud of such a system.”This is the great exchange system that has been set up by the Red Blood Palace. You can even use merit points to make trades with other outer sanctum disciples. For example, you can hire them to go with you on an expedition, or you can have them work for you! You can also buy their goods, as long as they are willing to exchange with you.”

He smiled again before he concluded, “In short, merit points are dispensable objects that are used for daily life in the Red Blood Palace. You can use them to buy a grand amount of cultivation resources. As for the exact amount of resources you are able to get, that is obviously determined by how many points you possess.”

Su Yu understood everything after hearing this thorough explanation. In his understanding, merit points were like a type of currency, which could get one cultivation resources, beautiful women, as well as people’s respect and love!

Su Yu now had 1,000 merit points, which was an amount that could be considered as a significant wealth within the outer sanctum. But, if he just idled around and used them all up, then they would be completely consumed in just a short period of time. Then, he would be poor!

“Then, how can I get more merit points?” Su Yu asked, while he thought of the prospect of becoming poor and shuddered.

Palace Master Long explained it to him patiently, “There are many ways, but the most prevalent among them are broken down into four methods. The first method is to exchange crystals for them. Although, this isn’t a very cost-effective method.”

Chapter 785: Hairy-Legged Woman

“One mustn’t consider exchanging crystals unless he is very rich! This is a restriction that was set by the sanctum on purpose, as it hoped that the disciples would gain merit points through other means,” Palace Master Long explained.

Su Yu was slightly shocked to hear this.

Palace Master Long then continued, “The second way is by taking missions. The Mission Hall daily provides more than a thousand missions, each mission offering merit points as a reward, which can be gained by completing that mission. Some powerful people are able to complete three or four short-term missions every day, thus getting dozens of merit points, some even attaining more than a hundred merit points.”

Palace Master Long then added, “If they continue at this same pace for a whole month, it won’t be difficult for them to gain a thousand merits points quickly. They could then increase their powers through cultivation, accept more high-grade missions, get more merit points and so on.”

Su Yu nodded. It was clear that taking missions was the most mainstream way to achieve his desired results.

Palace Master Long then said, “The third way is quite rare, but you can use it as a reference point. The sanctum is always buying elixirs, talismans, magical treasures, cultivation techniques, demonic beasts’ materials and other objects for long-term hoarding. Thus, the prices here are much lower than they are on the market. Moreover, as the sanctum ensures the safety and quality of all of these things, buying them with merit points is much more cost-effective than using crystals.”

After taking a moment to pause for a breath, Palace Master Long said, “The last way is extremely rare. The sanctum may occasionally reward disciples who have made great contributions to the sanctum with a large number of merit points. However, that’s extremely rare, and as the Red Blood Palace’s territory is presently experiencing a season of peace, an outer sanctum’s disciple will rarely get an opportunity to make a contribution.”

Palace Master Long then added, “Regardless, it’s enough to just know about it. You don’t need to necessarily worry yourself over it. I have already passed more than a hundred years in the outer sanctum, and in that time, I have witnessed such a bestowal of rewards for contributions like these only a handful of times.”

Su Yu bore everything the he had just heard in mind. It was clear to him that he must follow all of the rules for gaining merit points closely.

As Su Yu looked around, he realized that they had already reached the Transcendence Pond. It was a spirit pond, which had a radius of several dozen feet and was filled with spirit liquid. It also exuded an impressive Spiritual Energy.

Palace Master Long then turned to him and said, “You can cultivate peacefully here. After you finish your cultivation, you must remember to go to the martial practice room immediately and consolidate your foundation.”

Su Yu nodded, cupped his fists, and thanked him. Expectation appeared in Su Yu’s eyes as he turned and looked at the pond, which was filled with spirit liquid. He then took a deep breath and entered it.

Su Yu felt comfortable all over as he was engulfed by the gentle and warm spirit liquid. The powerful spirit liquid permeated his body through his pores, nourishing his heart, liver, spleen, lung and kidneys.

Su Yu could faintly feel that his body had already become slightly more powerful. He was delighted by this, and as he closed his eyes and revolved his Vital Energy, the spirit liquid that had just entered his body started being tempered with it.

After two hours, Su Yu opened his eyes slowly. At that time, an air current was revolving on top of his head, while all of the Spiritual Energy in the surroundings also converged atop his head as well.

Palace Master Long, who was sitting cross-legged in seclusion, couldn’t help but open his eyes, admiration appearing in them as he said, “As is to be expected of a devilish genius that stepped into the 50th layer, after his body bore such great pressure there, it received enough tempering, that by going through the Transcendence Pond’s baptism now, his body has become even more powerful! This is why he has managed so easily to advance to the next level!”

In the outer sanctum, the strong ones were becoming stronger, while the weak ones would only become weaker. The strong would get more resources, and their power would also rise more quickly.

The exact opposite was the case for the weak. As such, even Palace Master Long couldn't help but envy Su Yu for his incredible cultivation speed.

Swoosh!

At that moment, a powerful Spiritual Energy entered Su Yu's body and was squeezed into his Outer and Inner Dantians, causing their expanses to broaden even further. After an hour passed, Su Yu's Dantians became bigger by an entire fold. At the same time, the Liquid Vital Energy's amount also rose by an entire fold.

Just his Vital Energy's reserves alone were comparable to a Level Four Fairy's, and now, he could fight a Level Four Fairy on even footing, without even using his magical treasures!

After he finished his cultivation, the spirit liquid in the pond became quite scarce. This also meant that his cultivation had come to an end, which meant that he must leave.

Su Yu bid farewell to Palace Master Long, then listened to his advice and went to the cultivation room to consolidate his body's power. As he passed them, admiration and envy appeared in the gazes of the guards who were standing before the gate.

When they joined the sanctum in the past, they had spent three whole years accumulating enough resources to advance into the Level Two Fairy Realm. Su Yu, on the other hand, had managed to achieve a breakthrough almost immediately after upon his arrival. Hence, how could they not envy him?

After Su Yu left, two people came out of a hidden region outside the Transcendence Palace. One of them was Shao Li, who carried a big bow on her back and wore a cold look as she watched Su Yu leave. A twenty-five-year-old youth, who was slightly fat and who had an ice-cold gaze, was beside her and asked, "Is that Su Yuxian, the one who killed Shao Lingjian? Didn't you say that he was just a Level One Fairy?"

Amazement appeared in Shao Li's gaze as she explained, "When we were passing the test, he was still just a Level One Fairy. But, since that time, this scoundrel unexpectedly managed to reach the Level Two Fairy Realm!"

"Brother Qingfeng, the Family Master asked us to obstruct his cultivation advancement until his trip to the ruins, do you know any way that we can achieving this?" Shao Li asked, while still wearing an expressionless look on her face, even though she was quite displeased.

After all, she had managed to join the Red Blood Palace only with great difficulty, and she didn't want to waste her time and effort on some young master. The same was also the case for Shao Qingfeng.

Neither of them came from the main branch of the family, and they were only willing to listen to his orders just now because they weren't powerful enough yet. As such, they were still incapable of breaking free from the Shao family's control.

"Isn't it easy? Don't we have just have to cripple him and leave him heavily injured for a while?" Shao Qingfeng asked.

Shao Li's eyes lit up upon hearing this. "Brother Qingfeng, will you attack him? If that's the case, we will surely not have any problems."

He had a Level Eight Fairy Realm cultivation, and even if Su Yu possessed greater abilities, he would still be defeated. Shao Qingfeng then said, "No, I'm a senior, who joined the sanctum three years ago. As such, it isn't appropriate for me to attack a newcomer in public. So, you must handle it yourself."

Shao Li was startled. "Me?"

She started to hesitate. Even though she wanted to fight Su Yu in order to see which one of them was the strongest, she was still worried that she wasn't his match.

"You can set your mind at ease, as I won't ask you to go and fight him without any help," Shao Qingfeng said.

He then took a talisman from his pocket and said, "This is a talisman that was carved by one of our family's elders. It has a Level Seven Fairy Realm attack power. If you manage to use it well, you can severely injure Su Yu with it."

Shao Li rejoiced as she felt the great power in the talisman, but she still was slightly worried. "Brother Qingfeng, won't it injure him too heavily? After all, he's greatly valued by two Lesser Palace Masters, and if we go too far, it will produce the opposite of our desired effect."

"You can rest at ease. Since he has managed to reach the 50th layer, his power is surely extraordinary. So, his life won't be in danger. Hey... Listen... You and I came from the same branch family, so I would never let any harm come to you!"

Shao Li nodded after she hesitated for yet another moment. She then hid away the talisman and chased after Su Yu.

Shao Qingfeng followed after her, curling up the corners of his mouth into a smile as he looked at Shao Li's back and yelled, "Li'er, I will trouble you to cripple that kid's cultivation! As for the reward that was given to you by the family, I will take it for you!"

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The Martial Training Hall was being guarded by Fairies. It even had a Divine Master overseeing it in secret. Apparently, there really were numerous Divine Masters in the outer sanctum!

After he stuck the badge in the stone wall, several choices appeared on it, which read:

The illusory fighting and cultivation rooms are already filled...

The public fighting and cultivation room. Ten merit points for each entry...

After Su Yu read the choices, he wondered... What are these illusory fighting and cultivation rooms? Su Yu was very curious about them, but as they were already filled, he could only choose the public cultivation room.

It was a public cultivation room, and all of the people in it were gathered in a large hall. They were all sitting in meditation, cultivating, or practice fighting with each other.

Upon seeing this scene, Su Yu couldn't help but smack his tongue. There were, at the very least, a thousand people here, filling every corner of the hall.

Martial artists usually preferred quiet and peaceful places, and they hated being disturbed. This was why it was so surprising that there were so many people here. They had chosen to cultivate here, even though they had to endure the clamor.

After Su Yu stepped into the hall, a Spiritual Energy, which was three times more dense than the outside world's, assaulted his nostrils. It was only then that he realized why they had all made such a choice.

Cultivating for a day here was tantamount to cultivating for three days in the outside world. Thus, people rushed here like ducks to cultivate.

Moreover, all of these people, who could easily afford to spend ten merit points to cultivate here, were mostly skilled seniors from the outer sanctum. Newcomers wouldn't be able to spend such a sum.

Su Yu swept his gaze over the entire place, looking for a slightly broad place. Once he found one, he sat cross-legged in it, then used his cultivation technique to start consolidating his cultivation.

He only stopped after he had successfully revolved his energy throughout his whole body and verified that his whole body had adapted to its new realm. However, Su Yu still didn't stand up, but pondered over the issues surrounding his cultivation techniques that he was currently facing.

The technique that he was currently focused on was the Heaven's Son Gazing At Air Technique. As for the others, like the Buddhist Saint's Eight Characters, he had already finished cultivating them.

Currently, he didn't have any cultivation techniques specifically for cultivation. Hence, it seemed like he would need to buy a new book. However, he still had to ponder carefully which book to choose, as well as which aspect he should focus upon.

He was once adept in the Lightning, Fire, and Ice paths, and since he was now in Jiuzhou, he wondered... Can I find a cultivation technique that is related to them?

The Red Blood Palace was a demonic faction, so he then wondered... Should I cultivate a demonic technique?

Su Yu was lost in his thoughts as he pondered over such crucial issues. While he was pondering, a strong fragrance suddenly assaulted his nostrils, while a soft hand reached out to wipe the sweat from his forehead.

Su Yu was startled, and he instantly sobered up. He didn't even realize that someone had approached him. This person must be quite adept at concealment techniques!

But, what really annoyed Su Yu was the fact that it was a woman. Moreover, she even started wiping his sweat away!

After all, he was a man, and having a woman do something kind for him on her own accord should probably satisfy his vanity. Yet, at the moment, he only felt disgust for such a shameless woman. It was much too intimate a gesture!

He opened his eyes and he was startled to see that all of the cultivators had already disappeared at some unknown time. Now, the whole spacious cultivation room was completely empty and silent. It

was like they had all suddenly disappeared from the face of the earth, and the room's present state was drastically different than its previous noisy one.

What happened? Su Yu wondered, and he couldn't help but look up to the woman who was wiping his sweat away. He now wanted to inquire as to the reason behind her actions.

When he raised his eyes, he was first faced with the woman's legs, which were at his eyes' level. She wore a long, scarlet skirt, which was exquisite and very stylish.

However, what dumbfounded Su Yu was that he could faintly see her thighs beneath the long skirt. This wasn't the most important point, but instead, the most vital piece of information was the fact that her thighs were covered with black hair!

Moreover, it was dense hair, which was even thicker than a middle-aged man's hair! It was so abundant, it even resembled the hair on someone's head!

Su Yu blushed with shame as he wondered... Where did this woman come from?

He looked up slowly and saw that her waist was as thick as a bucket. When he continued looking up, he saw a giant chest.

The woman's boobs appeared to be as big as basketballs! But, what dumbfounded Su Yu even more was that, once he could clearly see through her open collar, he discovered that her chest was actually two stones, not a human's boobs at all!

Su Yu was so shocked that he almost spat out a mouthful of blood. This was obviously a man dressing as a woman!

At that moment, Su Yu heard a voice ask, "Ah... Is someone admiring me?"

As the bone-chilling voice drifted to his ears, it sounded as sweet and delicate as a woman's voice. But, if its owner was actually a man, Su Yu could only think of it as being like a deadly poison!

Chapter 786: Suddenly Running into a Transvestite

Su Yu's whole body trembled, and he had intense goosebumps on his skin. He rolled around on the ground, without saying a single word, and it was only after he did so for quite some time that he finally stopped and turned his head around to look at the person behind him.

Su Yu had a sickening feeling when he took just a single look at him. He saw a plump and thick man behind him, who wore a brightly colored long dress.

Such a fine and thin dress couldn't get contain his robust body, and many parts of it had already burst open, revealing his plump body's curves. The plump man was now standing with his legs crossed, while he held a snow-white scroll with his left hand, which covered half of his face.

At the moment, he was unceasingly blinking his eyes and casting flirtatious glances at Su Yu. His flirtatious and seductive posture made Su Yu shiver all over, as he was greatly frightened by it.

"He's a... Transvestite." Su Yu sucked in a breath of cold air, realizing that this world unexpectedly had a transvestite within it!

At that moment, a look of shyness appeared on the plump man's face. As he covered his face with his hand, he spoke bashfully, "How embarrassing! Young master, it appears that you have already discovered most of what there is to know about me."

Su Yu swallowed his saliva. Even though he had already lived two lives, it was still his first time running into a real transvestite!

The plump man looked at Su Yu with a charming and flirtatious gaze, while he bent his waist slightly and imitated a refined lady by curtsying delicately to him. "Young master, I'm Renyao. Greetings to you..."

When he raised his head, he found that Su Yu had already disappeared. All he could see was a pair of long wings flying away as Su Yu fled the palace.

The plump man looked at Su Yu's retreating back with an infatuated gaze, which was filled with shyness. "Oh! Even while fleeing, he's still so handsome! I really love him!"

When Su Yu, who was fleeing, heard such words, he stumbled to the ground and rolled around frantically as he escaped from the Cultivation Great Palace. It was only All Creation Old Monsters that were capable of sending Su Yu into such a distressed state, and even when he had left the palace, Su Yu still felt his heart thumping crazily. His face was also deathly pale.

After all, that was too scary! When he swept his surroundings with his gaze, the corners of Su Yu's mouth couldn't help but twitch. He found that there were more than 1,000 disciples here, all of whom were cultivating inside.

When they noticed that the transvestite had come, they had all run away and left Su Yu there, not even bothering to warn him! They had almost caused him to suffer the transvestite's vicious assault!

"Brother, are you still alive?" A cultivator, who was close to Su Yu when they were in the palace, wore a worried look on his face as he came over to Su Yu. He was clearly somewhat embarrassed that he hadn't warned Su Yu.

Su Yu's face darkened as he pointed at himself and asked bitterly, "Which of your eyes witnessed me dying?"

A bitter expression appeared on his face as he replied, "Brother, you can't blame me for such news, as when the demon came there, he immediately picked you and took a fancy to you. He then threatened me and forbade me from warning you, or else I would have..."

Demon? Su Yu was startled. Which demon?

However, before he even had the chance to ask him such a question, the sound of someone panting echoed through the air. "Young master, wait for me... Cough! Cough! Let's go admire the full moon tonight. I have already prepared some good wine and food, so let's pass a beautiful night together!"

Swoosh!

All of the outer sanctum disciples in the surrounding area scattered like birds and beasts upon hearing the voice of the transvestite. It was as if the person coming here was really a true demon, and they all fought over each other as they fled in all directions!

Su Yu's body also shivered, and he didn't dare hesitate for even a moment as he joined the crowd in fleeing. Only when he had fled to an isolated place with no people in it did the transvestite stop chasing him.

"Fuu! I was almost scared to death!" Su Yu murmured as he wiped away the sweat that was streaming down his face.

He still felt his heart shuddering even now as he recalled the transvestite's appearance. Although Su Yu felt that it wasn't wrong for him to be a transvestite, he did think that it was wrong for him to try crossdressing while having such a horrifying appearance! Even Heaven wouldn't tolerate such a ghastly combination!

Su Yu tried to calm his heart as he surveyed his surroundings. He then murmured, "It's time to go back, as there is still a young mass waiting inside the room."

Su Yu had a headache when he thought about Zi Xuan, but he still didn't regret kidnapping her. It was like he had said before, in this way, he now held a grasp over Zi Xuan's whereabouts and could understand her current circumstances.

Otherwise, if he let her come and go as she wanted, then he would never know when she would suddenly appear by his side. Moreover, if he ended up exposing himself by mistake at such a time, then it could actually result in his death!

After he surveyed his surroundings, Su Yu walked toward his residence. However, after he had walked only a few steps, he felt a chill run up his back. It was clearly a great sense of danger that had just filled his senses.

His heart shuddered, and he tapped the ground with his right leg decisively as he flipped over in the air. At that moment, a long arrow quietly passed beside his chest.

Su Yu landed steadily on the ground and looked behind him coldly. A woman was standing inside a house. She wore a cold expression, while the longbow in her hands was aimed directly at Su Yu.

Swoosh!

As she loosened her fingers, she shot another arrow at him. At that same moment, a silver light flickered in Su Yu's palm as a silver bow appeared in it. This was the World Shaking Dragon Bow! He quickly condensed a Vital Energy Arrow and shot it.

Bang!

As their arrows collided in the air, several sparks appeared. His Vital Energy Arrow was vastly inferior to a real arrow, so it was directly penetrated by it. But, it was still capable of greatly weakening her arrow's might, and Su Yu needed to just slightly move his shoulder to avoid her arrow easily.

Shao Li's pupils contracted. "Are you also proficient in archery?" she asked.

She was greatly shocked, as she could easily judge that Su Yu was also proficient in archery from his attack, as well as from the accuracy in which he had deflected the tip of her arrow. If Su Yu's bow wasn't just a mere divine-grade artifact, and if he had possessed real arrows, then his arrow's might not have been any weaker than hers.

A cold look appeared in Su Yu's eyes. "Even though we are already inside the palace, you still want to kill me? You are really quite loyal and devoted."

Shao Li remained expressionless. "Who said that I want to kill you? I just want to fight with you a bit."

Even though Su Yu had taken the number one place in the exam, he still hadn't really fought against Shao Li, who possessed the highest cultivation among them all.

"A fight? I'm not interested," Su Yu said as he put down his silver bow. He really didn't have any interest in participating in such a meaningless fight.

Shao Li spoke coldly, "It isn't up to you, as after passing the Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate's 25th, I got a Carp Dragon Badge, which allows me special privileges. Specifically, it allows me to challenge anyone to a fight, and those challenged by me mustn't refuse me. Otherwise, they will have 100 merit points deducted from their rankings!"

Su Yu furrowed his brows, as he was now in great need of merit points and mustn't lose them. Thinking of this, he turned around and conceded, asking her coldly, "Well then... Are you ready?"

Shao Li's expression became nervous, while she pulled her bow's string decisively and shot an arrow at him. Su Yu also shot an arrow at the same time, using it to thwart her arrow's threat. Then, while his body flickered, he charged at Shao Li.

As Shao Li was clear about her weakness of close-range battles, she swiftly fell back, while shooting arrows unceasingly. As Su Yu's Vital Energy was weaker than hers, and his speed was also slower, she was able to create some distance between them.

Su Yu could depend on his archery to face her for a short time, but his archery depended wholly on the arrows, which were condensed by his Vital Energy. As such, he was consuming his energy much quicker than Shao Li was, and if this went on for a long time, then Su Yu's Vital Energy would soon be utterly exhausted, which would result in his ultimate defeat!

Although Shao Li hadn't mentioned it specifically, Su Yu knew that the defeated person would surely suffer some sort of punishment. As Su Yu thought of this, his eyes flickered and a raging flame that was invisible to the naked eye started burning within them. The White-Eyed Fire Glass Frog's soul flames weren't deadly to Level Five Fairies, but they still could affect them.

"Ah!" Shao Li groaned with pain. "Are you proficient in soul attacks?"

Su Yu replied calmly, "What does it seem like to you?"

After he spoke, he sent another soul attack at her. Shao Li groaned with pain again, while the Vital Energy in her body was frozen for a moment, causing her body to come to a complete and sudden stop.

Su Yu took this opportunity to close the distance between them. Shao Li was startled and was helpless against this attack. At the moment, she could only bear it reluctantly.

Such attacks were used by Su Yu repeatedly until he was just three meters away from her. At such a close distance, her bow and arrows were rendered useless.

Still, Shao Li wasn't willing to accept defeat, and she clenched her teeth as she said, "It still doesn't end here..."

"Jade Dragon Fist!" she yelled through her clenched teeth, while she attacked Su Yu's chest.

Su Yu's arms' golden internal blood energy channel shone as a boundless power surged through his veins, while he confronted Shao Li head-on.

"Ahh!" Shao Li, whose face was filled with shock, cried out and groaned with pain as she was sent flying away, while blood spurted out of her mouth.

When they had just confronted each other, relying on their physical powers alone, he was unexpectedly still more powerful than her! Su Yu seized this opportunity and attacked her with his palm until she spouted more blood out of her mouth and was sent flying into the shrubbery.

Her blue robe was torn by his attacks, and her whole body was drenched in blood, which smeared the shrubbery with crimson streaks. She was in quite a sorry state! While she was laying among the shrubs, she couldn't budge even an inch, and only her chest, which was heaving up and down, was still moving.

"I admit... I have lost. I won't cause you any trouble in the future because of the Shao family's matter." Shao Li was finally willing to recognize her defeat.

As for the charm that she possessed, she didn't plan on using it, as she wasn't stupid. If she ended up killing Su Yu, then the one who would be punished wouldn't be Shao Qingfeng, but her!

Su Yu weighed his options for a moment, then ultimately decided to spare her. After all, they were now in the sanctum, not the outside world.

"Don't forget what you said," Su Yu reminded her.

He then turned around to leave. But, he suddenly furrowed his brows as he looked at Shao Li's spatial ring, which was flickering, while cracks were appearing on it. It looked like the spatial ring was about to explode!

Seeing this, Su Yu turned around and fled. While Shao Li also detected it, she took off the ring to throw it away.

She glanced at Su Yu out of the corner of her eyes as she pondered for an instant. She knew that, if she threw it at him now, then she could surely kill him with it. But, after she hesitated for a moment, she clenched her teeth and threw it in the opposite direction.

But, as she was still slightly late in doing so, the ring burst open when it was just ten meters away from her. The extremely terrifying power that surged out of the charm wasn't just at the Level Seven Fairy Realm, but was already at the Level Eight Fairy Realm!

As such, Shao Li was instantly engulfed by the explosion, and as she screamed miserably, a whole part of her body was exploded by it. Her left shoulder was thoroughly shattered, while the other parts of her body were rendered to mere mangled flesh.

Only her head remained intact, which allowed her to survive, but just barely. Meanwhile, Su Yu managed to barely evade the explosion, but the ring's fragments had still left some scratches on his face.

Chapter 787: Getting a Loan to Buy an Elixir

Su Yu's gaze became ice-cold. He flew over and staunched Shao Li's bleeding wound, then asked in a deep voice, "What happened?"

Shao Li, who was taking her last breaths, pointed in the south-western direction. As Su Yu looked over there, he saw a disappearing blue blur. Even its aura was completely hidden.

When he saw this, he wondered... Did someone just try to assassinate me? Su Yu's mind started racing. It was obvious that this person wanted to kill him, and Shao Li was just a sacrificial victim!

Swoosh!

The loud disturbance had alarmed several Divine Masters, who all came here at once. Three of them were men, who wore long, black robes and had stern expressions on their faces. Even the other Divine Masters dreaded this trio. These three men belonged to the Law Enforcement Division, and they were usually the ones who took care of emergencies.

"You were at the scene of the accident when it occurred? Okay... Tell us what happened. Be specific," The head of the Law Enforcement team instructed the others to go and collect all of the objects that were here, while he questioned Su Yu.

Su Yu proceeded to recount the fight, as well to tell them about the spatial ring, which had exploded in the end. By this time, the other two Law Enforcement team members had already finished gathering all of the broken objects, which included a torn talisman.

"An eighth grade offensive talisman? As I look carefully at it, it seems like someone set a seal on it in advance to detonate it from a distance, thus using it to attack them!" one of the Law Enforcement team members said, recognizing this with just a single glance.

He then looked at Su Yu with a startled glance, as if he had just realized something. He said, "You should be careful in the future! The Red Blood Palace can get rid of most anyone who uses shady means, but it's incapable of ensuring your safety completely."

Su Yu nodded, then looked at the injured Shao Li and asked the team member, "What about her?"

The Law Enforcement team member shook his head and said, "Her injuries are too severe. Ordinary spirit pills can't help her at this point. Now, only middle-grade spirit pills would be effective for her. If she had enough merit points, she could buy a middle-grade spirit pill at the fourth grade, like the blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill. But, since she's just a newcomer, she probably doesn't have any merit points. So, we can only notify her family and take her back to her home to receive treatment."

Such indifferent and cruel rules were a disappointment to everyone. After all, a disciple was on the brink of death, yet the only option was just to send her back to her family because she didn't have enough merit points! This made Su Yu realize once again the extreme importance of merit points.

“How many merits points must I pay in order to procure a Blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill?” Su Yu asked suddenly.

The Law Enforcement team member looked at Su Yu in surprise, then said, “Ten thousand merit points. Moreover, the sanctum reserves of such pills are quite low. But, if you are lucky, you can still manage to buy one.”

This pill was a middle-grade pill, and it wasn't like the low-grade spirit pills that he had seen before. Moreover, it was capable of saving one's life, which explained why many people worked hard for a whole year just to buy a single one, then kept it safely tucked away for the chance that they might one day need it to save their lives.

Ten thousand? Su Yu was startled by such a high price. He didn't have more than a thousand merit points at the moment.

“You don't need to get one. I have only myself to blame for this,” Shao Li said with great difficulty, while she pulled at Su Yu's trouser with her only remaining hand. Her voice was weak and feeble, and it sounded if she was taking her last breaths.

Shao Li's fate was really not related to him, but when the spatial ring had exploded, he had clearly noticed that Shao Li was capable of throwing the ring at him casually. But, she had changed direction in the end, and it was only because of this moment of hesitation that she had ended up suffering such grave injuries.

As Su Yu always wanted to keep a clear conscience and live nobly, this woman's heavy injuries weighed heavy on his mind, as he now felt somewhat responsible for them. Hence, it was difficult for him to just ignore her and let her die!

However, he had no idea where he could he get ten thousand merit points. After all, he was also just a newcomer, so he wasn't acquainted with even a single person here.

“Hehe, junior brother Su, are you fretting because you don't have enough merit points?” At that moment, a shifty-eyed, hoodlum-like youth walked over to Su Yu.

Su Yu furrowed his brows and asked, “Do I know you?”

The hoodlum youth chuckled, then said, “Junior brother Su, you obviously don't know me. But, who in the whole outer sanctum doesn't know your prominent name?”

He then said, “Let me introduce myself... I'm Chen Zilong, but I'm known as Ruffian Long. I'm known in the outer sanctum for how kind and charitable I am. I specialize in helping people solve their problems. Junior brother, if you are short of merit points, I can help you.”

Su Yu's eyes flickered as he asked, “Well... I need ten thousand merit points, so how can you help me?”

“I can lend you ten thousand merit points. But, any good person must be rewarded generously for their goodness, so when you repay me, it won't be just ten thousand...” Ruffian Long said, while raising his brows.

Su Yu sneered. “If you want to set a high-interest rate for such a loan, just state so clearly. Why are you being this secretive? How much is the interest? Just say it.”

Su Yu could infer from this person's tone that he would set a very high interest rate, and as it turned out, this really was the case.

Ruffian Long didn't get angry after hearing Su Yu's words, but just chuckled and said, "Junior brother, you are really a straightforward person! The interest rate is a monthly charge of thirty percent, which means that you will need to pay me three thousand merit points as interest each month until you return the full amount of the borrowed points to me."

Su Yu looked at Ruffian Long and sneered coldly, then replied, "Thirty percent a month? Your heart is really too black!"

Su Yu then extended his finger and said firmly, "I'll agree to ten percent a month. Moreover, you must help me find a person who is willing to sell me a Blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill. These are my terms, and there is no room for discussion. Besides, you are surely not the only person who offers high-interest loans in the sanctum."

Upon hearing this, Ruffian Long's facial expression stiffened as he replied in a deep voice, "Junior brother, ten percent a month? I never set such a low rate! Moreover, you want me to find a pill seller for you too? Why do you feel like you are qualified to receive such special treatment?"

Su Yu replied calmly, "Because I took the number one position in the outer sanctum's exam."

If Su Yu was just some unknown, ordinary disciple, Ruffian Long surely wouldn't be willing to lend him such a large number of merit points. Su Yu knew this, as all loan providers must always first consider whether the receiving party is capable of paying back the loan before they offer to provide it!

As Su Yu was a genius with boundless potential, who had once reached the 50th layer of the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate, he was valued greatly by the two Lesser Palace Masters. As such, everyone knew that his future achievements would surely be great. Hence, they also knew that they wouldn't need to worry whether he or not he could pay back the loan.

Ruffian Long started hesitating, as Su Yu had clearly figured him out. Now, if he didn't take his business, the other loan providers would surely snatch the opportunity to deal with Su Yu! Then, even though the interest rate would be lower, they could still get impressive returns.

After Ruffian Long was quiet for a while, he clenched his teeth and said, "Okay... It's a deal then."

Ruffian Long felt quite frustrated as he looked at Su Yu and added, "I have never once made such a deal. Junior brother, you are really skilled at negotiating!"

Su Yu replied calmly, "It isn't that I'm skilled necessarily. I just don't like to waste money!"

It was obvious that this man had wanted to rip him off, and so Su Yu had simply refused to be bamboozled. So, he had simply haggled over the price, which couldn't really cause him to be considered as particularly skilled.

"Fine, let's use a Heart Oath Scroll and strike a deal," Ruffian Long said as he took out an ancient scroll.

Su Yu then proceeded to make a deal with him. Su Yu agreed to pay him ten percent each month until he returned his merit points to him.

“Okay, the oath is officially set now, and as for the Blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill, I have it to sell to you, but its price is higher than the market’s by ten percent. So, that means that it will cost you eleven thousand for one pill,” Ruffian Long said.

He then added, “Also, the Elixir Hall probably doesn’t have a Blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill for sale, so you must consider this carefully.”

Su Yu didn’t give even give it a second thought before he said, “Okay, then I will borrow another thousand merit points from you. But, since I have already borrowed this much, why don’t we make another deal?”

Ruffian Long’s eyes lit up as he said, “Okay, junior brother, state your terms.”

“I want two recipes of low-grade spirit elixirs, as well as ten batches of their ingredients. I will take them all from you, and you can convert their values into merit points. You may consider it another loan that I will be borrowing from you,” Su Yu said.

After all, he knew that his merit points would all be exhausted one day, so he knew that he must look for a way to gain them back. As he was lightly skilled in alchemy, he figured that he could make elixirs, sell them to the sanctum, and gain merit points this way.

Ruffian Long rolled his eyes. “Junior brother, are you capable of concocting elixirs?”

The people nearby were all startled when they heard this. After all, alchemists were quite rare, and one needed to first possess an innately powerful soul, then get an alchemist’s inheritance, as well as spend a great sum in order to practice alchemy!

The first of these criteria was manageable, but one could only come across the second and third ones by chance. As such, it was almost impossible for ordinary people to aspire to become alchemists!

Su Yu said calmly, “No, but I have a friend who is adept in alchemy.”

Ruffian Long was still skeptical. “Fine, I can strike this deal with you. I will go to look for elixir recipes, then come back to discuss the price with you.”

Su Yu nodded, and after he got a Blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill, his body flickered as he left. After he left, many of the people commented on this situation...

“Isn’t this new junior brother Su a bit too confident, as he dared to take a loan from a local bully like Ruffian Long? The young are really fearless!”

“Junior brother Su probably plans to depend on the fact that he’s valued by the sanctum in order to go back on this loan. But, if that’s really the case, junior brother Su’s plan will surely fail.”

“That’s right, since loan providers like Ruffian Long can live safely in the sanctum, many elders, as well as even the Lesser Palace Master, would turn a blind eye to their activities. Isn’t that suspicious? It’s all because every one of them have a deep

relationship with the inner sanctum, and there isn't any outer sanctum's disciple who would dare to not pay their debts."

"Junior brother Su will surely have troubles in the future."

Su Yu was clearer about this last statement than anyone. After all, he was a businessman in his past life, and he knew everything about commercial banks and the like.

Thus, he knew all about the hidden dangers of high-interest rate loans. Due to this fact, he knew that he must quickly pay such loans back. Otherwise, he would sink into a bottomless pit of debt!

After Su Yu went into the Law Enforcement Hall, he learned that the Shao family's people had already come and carried away Shao Li. Su Yu chased after them immediately, and as he did so, he observed from a distance the two Shao family's juniors, who had survived the past trial.

They were carrying Shao Li out of the sanctum. They weren't heading toward the Shao family's residence, but to the Fairy Confining Forest.

Although Shao Li was incapable of moving, she was still able to detect that something was amiss, so she asked, "Where are you taking me? I want to meet the Family Master."

The two disciples didn't respond, but just continued carrying her into the gloomy depths of the forest.

"Are you both conspiring to kill me?" Shao Li was frightened.

After all, there were still many remnant beings of the Beast Tide that were wandering around in the forest, and as her whole body was soaked with blood, she knew that this would attract them. Then, her fate would be to become one of their next meals! Just by imagining this matter, she trembled all over with fear.

"Conspiring to kill you? You overthink things too much! We are just obeying the Family Master's order." Pity appeared on one of the disciple's faces as he said, "Sister Li'er, don't blame us, as this is not our idea. Besides, you knew too much! And... As you are already this heavily injured, it would better to send you to the underworld than to waste a precious middle-grade elixir on you. In any case, you have already lost all of your value."

He then added, "This was what the Family Master has said personally. Even though the Family Master wants us to kill you personally, since you once taught us in the past, we will just leave you to your fate."

The other disciple then asked coldly, "Why are you wasting your breath on her? She's just a lowly woman from a branch family, who only has a slightly good talent in cultivation, yet she still dreams about becoming a devoted member of the family! It's really laughable! Let's just leave."

After they finished speaking, they both flew away, leaving Shao Li, who couldn't move at all, laying there alone in the forest. Her eyes were moist and shone with great hatred.

She had done her utmost for the Shao family, listened to all of their orders, and carried them! She had even taken on a dangerous mission, triggering a Beast Tide, but in the end, after she was left heavily injured, they didn't even help her, but just abandoned her and threw her away!

Chapter 788: The Four Great Demons

Grief and sadness turned into teardrops, which fell on Shao Li's injuries and caused her to groan with pain, while her whole body shuddered slightly. A strong wind suddenly blew, while a powerful aura appeared beside her. This aura caused Shao Li to despair, as it was an aura of a demonic beast, which had come for her.

"It seems like I managed to come here just in time." A gentle voice unexpectedly resounded in the surroundings.

When she opened her eyes, she was startled by what she saw. "Su Yuxian... It's you! What are you doing?"

Su Yu crouched beside her and took a Blood Bone Spirit Fusion Pill, which he stuffed into her mouth as he said, "I can only do this much for you."

After he spoke, he stood quietly by her side. He then released his aura in order to scare away the ferocious demonic beasts, which had been attracted here. Although Shao Li didn't understand what he meant, she still felt a pure energy entering her body, which caused the part of her body to start quickly recovering.

After an hour, Shao Li's body had recovered completely. Not even a single scar was left on her. She was pleasantly surprised by this, and she looked at Su Yu in gratitude.

Then, a bitter and lonely expression appeared on her face as she said, "The people who wanted to kill me are from my family, whom I followed blindly, and the person who saved me is the man who I wanted to kill. It's really a great irony."

Su Yu looked at her as he said, "You're on your own now. We must bid farewell to each other here."

"Wait." Shao Li called after Su Yu and stopped him. "I have evidence of the Shao family's involvement in causing the Beast Tide."

Su Yu didn't look back at her, but just shook his head and asked, "So what?"

"Don't you want to take revenge against them?" Shao Li asked him curiously.

Su Yu chuckled calmly. "Erasing the Shao family from this world would spare me many troubles, and if it's possible, then I wouldn't mind doing it conveniently. But, do you really think that we can get rid of the Shao family only by using such evidence? Besides, I doubt that the Red Blood Palace would want to investigate who was behind the Beast Tide."

After all, when a faction besides the eighteen great factions went through any big change, it always caused great turmoil within the faction's territory, which then caused their industries' incomes to become unstable, which directly caused the resources that they could then offer to the Red Blood Palace to be lower.

As such, it would make no sense for the Red Blood Palace to further cause any turmoil in the greatest family's territory by stirring up controversy, especially not just because of several dead people. Besides, it was obvious that the Red Blood Palace knew that the Beast Tide had been caused by the Shao family, but was just pretended that it didn't know in order to not rock the boat.

Shao Li lowered her head and spoke bitterly, “You have a more thorough understanding of things. I’m really incapable of coping with the Shao family.”

Su Yu nodded, “Since you are okay now, then I will leave.”

“Wait! I have two matters to inform you about, as well as something to ask you.” Shao Li called out to him, stopping him once again.

Su Yu turned his head around and replied, “Then speak...”

Shao Li looked fixedly at Su Yu. “Firstly, the person who passed the charm to me, then detonated it and tried to kill you is Shao Qingfeng. He’s a Level Eight Fairy Realm outer sanctum disciple. He’s extremely powerful and is ranked tenth in the outer sanctum, so you must be careful when you come across him in the future.”

Shao Qingfeng? Su Yu’s gaze became slightly ice-cold, while he bore such a name into his mind.

She then added, “The second matter is that, in a month, you will need to go to the Elegant Spirit Mountain to carry out an expedition mission because you took the number one place in the outer sanctum recruitment. Shao Yueming will certainly try to kill you there, as he has already laid a trap for you and is waiting for you to go there. As such, you should refuse this mission by any means possible!”

Her eyes were wide as she urged him, “Moreover, you should also avoid leaving the outer sanctum before you possess enough power to properly protect yourself.”

Su Yu furrowed his brows. “The Elegant Spirit Mountain? A trap? What kind of trap?”

Shao Li shook her head. “I don’t know. I just know that the Elegant Spirit Mountain is an extremely important place to the Red Blood Palace, and many of the sanctum’s important spirit herbs are cultivated there. While there are inner sanctum elders keeping watch over it, it also has a strict guard on duty at all times.”

She then added, “As for the trap, Shao Yueming didn’t inform me of any concrete details, but since Shao Yueming has a complex relationship with the Red Blood Palace, and since he was confident of killing you there, then he should have already considered all of the possibilities, so you will be in great danger if you go there.”

After hearing this, Su Yu cupped his fists at her. “Many thanks for informing me of all of this. Also, you said that you have something to ask me... What is it?”

Shao Li bit her lips lightly, “I wanted to ask you why you saved me?”

Su Yu looked at her as he shrugged his shoulders. “Who knows? Maybe I did it because you still have kindness in your heart, or maybe it’s because I’m too soft-hearted.”

After he spoke those words, Su Yu tapped the ground with his legs several times, then soared into the sky and flew back to the sanctum. As he looked at the time, Su Yu couldn’t help but think... It’s awful! I promised Zi Xuan to come back after half a day, yet now a whole day has almost passed!

As he thought of this, Su Yu was quite anxious, and he looked around hurriedly for his residence. But, after surviving the transvestite’s hunt and delivering the pill to Shao Li, he had already forgotten the way and gotten lost!

At this moment, he heard laughter. It was Shangguan Yunque and several of his friends, who had just come back after getting drunk. They were all chatting and laughing heartily.

“Brother Yunque, thank you for vouching for us! We are all thankful to you.” The three Level Three Fairy Realm youths, who were all drunk, were praising and complimenting Shangguan Yunque.

Shangguan Yunque waved his hand at them and laughed heartily. “It’s just a piece of cake to me, as it’s just a mere 1,000 merit points. In fact, it doesn’t even matter even if you don’t return it to me, as you are all my brothers.”

Su Yu furrowed his brows slightly when he heard their conversation. It seemed like Shangguan Yunque had used his own name to vouch for these three people, and had even taken 1,000 merit points out for them from a loan provider.

If those three people escaped, then Shangguan Yunque would be on the hook for the repayment alone. However, with Shangguan Yunque’s family’s background, such a mere sum wouldn’t really affect him, even if they were to truly swindle him out of it.

“Well, brother Su?” Shangguan Yunque suddenly noticed Su Yu, who was in a daze.

His eyes lit up as he got rid of the wine odor around him and bid farewell to the three people. He then quickly came over to Su Yu and said, “Haha, brother, I can’t believe that I ended up running into you this quickly! Let’s go and drink some wine, my treat!”

Su Yu took a look at the three people, then sighed as he spoke, “Brother Yunque, I’m just a stranger to you, so I don’t know whether it’s proper for me to say this to you or not...”

Shangguan Yunque became solemn as he said, “Brother Su, you can speak freely.”

Su Yu then continued, “There are many types of friends in this world. Some friends, many of whom are befriended at wine and food tables, are just seeking their own benefits. So, you must be prudent and cautious.”

Shangguan Yunque spoke awkwardly, “I just found refusing them to be embarrassing. But, I hear you... And it won’t happen again. Brother Su, I appreciate your concern.”

“Now, let’s go and drink wine until we are drunk!” Shangguan Yunque soon became quite cheerful and spirited once more.

Su Yu chuckled bitterly, but declined. “I still must go back to my residence. I got lost here momentarily and was just in need of someone to lead me to it. Shangguan, you are familiar with the outer sanctum, so can you help me find it?”

Shangguan Yunque laughed heartily when he heard him. “So, it seems that even the person who took the number one place in the exam can get lost! Haha, fine, I will take you to it. Oh, by the way... Where is your residence again?”

Su Yu pondered for a moment before he replied, “It’s in the Demon Mountain. That name is somewhat strange... Are demon path factions’ places names always so strange?”

“Brother Shangguan, what happened to you?” Su Yu suddenly noticed that Shangguan Yunque had stopped in his tracks, while his laughter had also come to an abrupt end.

Shangguan Yunque turned his head around with great difficulty, then started sizing up Su Yu with his eyes, which were full of shock and fear. “Is your residence really in the Demon Mountain? I didn’t mishear you?”

Su Yu nodded. “It’s there, yes. That’s the name of the place, which Elder Li and Palace Master Kong Chan told me at least. Why? What’s wrong with it?”

Shangguan Yunque sucked in a breath of cold air, while his face was full of shock and his eyes were filled with sympathy. He then said, “Brother Su, take care of yourself. I’m sorry, but I can’t lead you there.”

Shangguan Yunque didn’t dare go forward even a single step after he said these words. Su Yu’s heart thumped, as he was confused.

“Brother Shangguan, can you explain this to me clearly?” Su Yu asked.

Shangguan Yunque sucked in another breath of air and forced himself to calm down, while he looked at Su Yu and spoke in a deep voice, “Brother, you’re on your own now. I can only wish the best for you.”

Su Yu became even more confused. “Please explain yourself clearly.”

Shangguan Yunque swallowed his saliva and surveyed his surroundings, as if he was extremely afraid of something. He then spoke in a low voice, “The Demon Mountain is the place where the four great demons live. Not only are they extremely powerful, but they all have eccentric and strange personalities.”

He swallowed hard again, then continued, “They have all caused great troubles and disasters in the outer sanctum, and even the three great palace masters couldn’t keep them under control. They are all lawless and unbridled.”

He shook his head. “As such, no one dares to provoke them, and even if someone was crippled or beaten to death by them, no one would dare denounce them. Even the law enforcement division chose to turn a blind eye to them.”

Su Yu couldn’t help but shudder when he heard his description of the demons. It was hard for him to believe that there were unexpectedly such cruel and ferocious existences in the outer sanctum! As was expected of a demonic path’s faction like the Red Blood Palace, their people possessed cruel and tyrannical personalities, which couldn’t be understood by ordinary people.

“Then, who are these four demons?” Su Yu asked, while his face became quite dark. He wondered why his residence was set among such ferocious demons!

Shangguan Yunque replied in a grave voice, “The four demons are known as East Evil, West Poison, South Monster and North Ice. East Evil is ranked fourth, while South Monster is third, North Ice second and West Poison is the head demon. Each one of them is terrifying!”

Hearing this, the corners of Su Yu's mouth couldn't help but twitch. He recalled the story of East Evil, West Poison, South Beggar and North Emperor. Each of those four characters were once great and peerless overlords.

“Are they really this terrifying? Are they even more powerful than the inner sanctum elites?” Su Yu asked in a deep voice.

Shangguan Yunque nodded. “They are! As such, few people in the inner sanctum dare to provoke them. The four demons are all people who could directly enter into the inner sanctum, and within the past years, they have already surpassed the Fairy Realm. But, they suppressed their cultivation base deliberately in order to continue staying in the outer sanctum.”

Su Yu then asked curiously, “What are they doing in it? Isn't the inner sanctum's cultivation environment better? Why are they attaching themselves to the outer sanctum?”

Shangguan Yunque smacked his lips as he replied, “It's rumored that they did so in order to get the opportunity of going into a trial in an ancient secret realm. But, I don't know any concrete information about that.”

He then added, “This is the outer sanctum map. Take it, as this all that I can do for you now.”

Shangguan Yunque then passed a map to Su Yu. “Brother Su, we must bid farewell to each other here. Take care of yourself. I will come tomorrow to the front of the Demon Mountain, so if you were still alive by then, call my name, and I will carry you out of there.”

After Shangguan Yunque finished speaking, he broke into a run and left. Su Yu was quite startled, so he called after him, “Wait! What do you mean by saying that you will carry me out? Hey! Explain this to me properly...”

Su Yu felt his scalp becoming somewhat numb as he took a look at the fleeing Shangguan Yunque. Upon seeing that he would get no reply, he turned to gaze in the Demon Mountain's direction.

Chapter 789: Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation

After an hour had passed, Su Yu reached the vicinity of the Demon Mountain. It was already nighttime, and the sky almost pitch-black. The only illumination was the faint light that was coming from numerous disciples' residences.

Although the sky was pitch-black, the Demon Mountain still shone in a splendid light. It almost seemed like a lighthouse that was illuminating the entire land.

The Demon Mountain was just five hundred feet long, and it seemed more like an ordinary hill, but all kinds of shining spirit stones were inlaid in the mountain. They were all emitting lights of all colors, including dreamy purple, deep blue, and sky blue.

Su Yu was startled when he saw the magnificent and beautiful Demon Mountain. It didn't conform at all to the image he had in his mind of an eerie and frightening land. As such, he figured that it would better to call this mountain a “Fairy Mountain” rather than a “Demon Mountain.”

Su Yu was bewildered, and he wondered... Do those four bloodthirsty and cruel people live in this place?

Su Yu felt doubtful, and just as he was about to set foot on the mountain, he suddenly noticed a lively ten-year-old girl in a fluffy purple dress. The young girl seemed to be very charming and vivacious.

She was wearing a golden belt, which outlined her slim waist. She also had a flat chest and a small, exquisite body.

When he raised his head and looked at her face, he found it to be extremely beautiful. Her black hair was hanging down behind her back, while two locks of curls hung in front of her chest.

She had an oval face and fair skin that glittered as the gem-like stones in the mountain shone upon it. She had a pair of glittering violet eyes, which were flickering constantly, and she seemed to be quite quick-witted.

The young girl stopped halfway on the mountain and was startled when she saw Su Yu. In fact, she seemed like a frightened young deer at that moment.

She examined Su Yu curiously, put her finger against her mouth, and asked softly, “Grandpa, what are you looking for?”

Her voice was soft, immature, and sounded like the cry of a young bird. She was really lovely and adorable, and anyone would quickly become quite fond of her.

Su Yu’s eyes lit up as he thought... What a beautiful girl! When she grows up, she will surely become an outstanding beauty!

“Young miss, do you live in the Demon Mountain?” Su Yu was surprised by her presence here, and he wondered if she was one of the demons’ maids.

The young girl nodded and blinked her gem-like purple eyes. “That’s right. Grandpa, do you need any help?”

What a kind and honest young girl! Su Yu thought as he nodded.

He wore a smile as he walked over to her and said, “I’m not looking for anyone. In fact, I just moved here. I live in the central residence.”

There were five residences in the Demon Mountain, one in each of the regions, including the eastern region, the southern region, the northern region, the western region and the central region. The four demons occupied the residences in the eastern, northern, western and southern regions, while no one had occupied the central residence before now.

The young girl’s eyes lit up as she said in a delighted tone, “So... You are the grandpa who joined us recently! I will show you the way!”

Su Yu smiled and thought... Even though the four demons are cruel and vicious, that clearly isn’t the case for their maids!

The young girl then led Su Yu through a cave in the mountain before arriving at the other side. He saw four residences there, which were built against the mountain, while only the central residence had been built in the center of the mountain, standing all by itself.

The residence was large and quite exquisite. It also had a beautiful courtyard, which was decorated according to Su Yu’s exact tastes.

“Grandpa, I will accompany you just to its gate. I will then leave, but will see you again later.” The young girl smiled sweetly and revealed two cute dimples.

Su Yu waved his hand at her and said, “Goodbye!”

After he spoke, Su Yu took out his identity badge and stuck it in a notch in a stone wall beside the gate. A muffled sound echoed out as the metallic gate creaked while he was opening it. Su Yu then stepped into the courtyard.

It had a cozy environment, which was to his liking. However, Su Yu still didn’t forget that Zi Xuan had already come here before him. He had asked her to wait for him for half a day, but a whole day had already passed by now, so he wondered if she would be angry at his tardiness.

The nervous Su Yu surveyed the surroundings. The courtyard wasn’t very big, and it only had a bamboo house in it. He figured that is where she would be.

Su Yu walked forward and was about to knock on the door, when his ears suddenly twitched. This was because he had just heard the sound of water coming from inside.

Su Yu stopped abruptly and wondered... Is she taking a bath?

Su Yu shook his head, turned around, then sat down calmly on a bench in the courtyard and waited in silence.

Creak!

All of a sudden, the gate opened slightly and a fuzzy woman’s voice was heard from inside the house, “I finished my bath. Come inside and let’s sleep.”

Su Yu was taken aback by this. He was also slightly embarrassed as he wondered... Doesn’t this silly All Creation Realm girl know what men and women must abstain from?

Since he had already detected that Zi Xuan wasn’t angered by his late arrival, Su Yu, who had a guilty conscience, didn’t dare to address this matter with her at the moment. Thus, he could only brace himself and go inside.

The room was dark, but he could still faintly see the outline of a woman. She was sleeping in her clothes.

Su Yu didn’t disturb her, nor did he use his Soul Eyes to take a closer look at her. After all, he did not want to behave indecently.

Su Yu took a look at the surroundings before he sat down cross-legged and began to meditate and cultivate in a corner.

“Wuxie, why don’t you come over here? You rarely cultivate, yet you seem to have become so earnest about it now! Besides, you have to stay on the lookout for Su Yu!” The woman turned over, opened her eyes slowly, and looked at Su Yu, who was sitting cross-legged and cultivating. As she spoke, she beckoned to him, but Su Yu still didn’t move. She clearly thought that he was someone else...

The woman was slightly flabbergasted when she got no response, so she stood up, causing the thin nightgown that she was wearing to fall down, thus exposing her perfect body’s silhouette in the dark

room. As she approached Su Yu, the woman's pupils gradually contracted, while she exclaimed in alarm, "You aren't Wuxie! Who are you?"

Su Yu had already noticed that this woman wasn't Zi Xuan, and he had also overheard her little conspiracy. That lovely young girl was unexpectedly a maid, who had been charged with keeping an eye on him!

Moreover, this woman, as well as the woman called Wuxie, had stayed in his residence on purpose, waiting for him! Thus, they were surely concocting something.

Su Yu's heart shivered when he thought about how cruel and vicious the four demons were, and he had to wonder... Was this woman ordered by the four demons to slander me, accusing me of peeping at the maid? If so, were they planning to use it as a pretext to beat me and leave me half-dead?

As he thought about this, Su Yu was infuriated. He instantly became more daring as he thought... Since they are this heartless, they shouldn't blame me for being cruel in response!

When the woman had just exclaimed her surprise, Su Yu pounced toward her like a cheetah, while thrusting both of his fists toward her. Since Su Yu was prepared for this altercation, while the woman was startled by it and only had time to cry out in alarm, the outcome was obvious...

The woman groaned in pain as she was sent flying. Then, she slammed against the cottage wall!

Since the cottage was made from excellent materials, it wasn't damaged, even after sustaining such an impact. On the other hand, the woman was heavily injured. She spouted a mouthful of blood and her vision became blurry, but she could still see the old man walking toward her just before she lost consciousness.

Su Yu wore an emotionless expression as he waved his hand and covered her bare body with a nearby blanket. Although the fight in this house lasted only a short while, it had still caused a great disturbance, and the people in the surrounding residences had to have heard it.

Swoosh!

A person clad in purple clothes flew over from the eastern residence and landed in the courtyard. The moment she landed, she looked at Su Yu and the unconscious maid in surprise.

"Su Yuxian, why did you beat her up?" Zi Xuan asked, clearly puzzled.

Su Yu was taken aback by this question, and as he walked toward her, he asked, "Why were you in the eastern residence?"

Zi Xuan blinked her eyes, then said, "The eastern residence's owner exchanged residences with us. The central residence's Spirit Convergence Formation is damaged, and its Spiritual Energy doesn't rival even half of the other residences'. So, the eastern residence's owner felt like we needed more Spiritual Energy because we are newcomers. So, she kindly exchanged residences with us. She's really a kindhearted person."

Huh? Su Yu's expression stiffened, while his heart thumped. The eastern residence's owner was known as East Evil, and was one of the four great demons! These demons were known for their cruelty, so to think that one of them unexpectedly cared about newcomers like Su Yu and Zi Xuan was surprising indeed.

Su Yu pointed at the woman, who was lying there unconscious and asked, "Is she the eastern residence's owner?"

Zi Xuan shook her head, "No. She's the northern residence's owner. Since the eastern residence's owner moved into our central residence, the northern residence's owner feared that she wouldn't be comfortable in a new and unfamiliar residence. So, she came over to be with her."

Su Yu's current expression changed instantly upon hearing this. He smiled bitterly as frustration, shock, and guilt appeared on his face.

Su Yu's smile became even more bitter as he looked back at the unconscious woman, who had blood seeping out of the corners of her mouth. Why didn't they inform me of this earlier? Su Yu wondered. After all, if he was aware of it, he wouldn't have attacked her so ruthlessly!

Su Yu sighed, then went over to help the woman up into a seated position. He put his palms against her bare back and imbued his Vital Energy into her, which instantly healed her damaged internal blood energy channel.

As he was healing her, the woman suddenly woke up. She looked at Su Yu blankly, while still only half-sober, before she succumbed to sleep once again.

It was only the next day in the early morning that the woman opened her eyes again. As she did so, an aged person appeared before her eyes. When she caught sight of him, the woman sobered up completely, and as she surveyed the surroundings, her expression turned ice-cold.

She had just realized that was lying completely naked on a stone bed, while an aged man was standing before the bed, his back facing her! She suddenly recalled that she had been seriously injured the day before, being knocked out by this person for no reason!

Moreover, when she woke up midway through the night, she vaguely recalled that it seemed like this man was groping her body! When she thought of this, her face turned deathly pale and her lips shivered as she asked, "You... What did you do to me?"

As Su Yu turned around to face her, he wore an apologetic expression. It was only at this moment that he noticed that this woman was extremely beautiful. She had fine black hair, exquisitely shaped brows, and eyes that were as pure as a spring day. She also had a Grecian nose and gorgeous rosy lips.

When Su Yu had a closer look at her, her beauty took his breath away. It was his first time witnessing a woman this beautiful since arriving in Jiuzhou. Her beauty was almost on par with Xia Jingyu's!

However, he had already had many love affairs in Zhenlong, and he had seen many outstanding women. Thus, he was practically immune to them!

So, his heart remained calm, while his gaze was clear as he said his apology, "Miss, I'm really sorry!"

"What did you do to me?" The woman repeated the question, while gritting her teeth.

Su Yu was taken aback, then realized what she meant and said, "Miss, you can rest at ease. I didn't do anything! I just healed your injuries!"

She relaxed slightly after hearing his first words, but when she heard the last sentence, her expression turned ice-cold. She wondered... How could that be considered a treatment? After all, she remembered clearly that this man's hands had been touching her back!

“You... You are shameless! I will kill you!” The woman had great killing intent surging from her eyes as she spoke.

She then patted the stone bed with her right hand, but it shook her internal blood energy channel greatly, so she groaned with pain and fell down. Her actions caused the blanket that was covering her body to slide down slightly, exposing a part of her beautiful body.

The woman quickly hid her body, while she became even more angry. She wasn't just in a sorry physical state, but this man had even seen her naked body!

Su Yu was also quite frustrated now, as this woman was one of the four great demons, North Ice! If his memory served him right, she was the one had advanced the farthest in the Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate, and the tall woman's phantom image, which was on the 57th layer, belonged to her! Her fighting prowess was considered to be the greatest among the four demons!

He had really never imagined that he would end up injuring one of the four demons just after entering the Demon Mountain. Moreover, after she recovered, she would surely look for Su Yu to punish him!

“Miss, this is all just a misunderstanding. How could I have known that you would be in this room?” Su Yu felt quite helpless at the moment.

North Ice almost went crazy upon hearing this, and she instantly berated him, “You are just talking rubbish! There is a maid in the middle of the mountain, who will receive you and inform you that the residences have already been exchanged. Old lecher, I promise you, this won't end here!”

Su Yu sighed and wondered... Why can't this woman listen to my logical explication?

Su Yu was angry, but he just turned around and left, while saying, “I won't say anything more. If you need me, I will come to you at any time.”

After he spoke, he swaggered off, leaving Zi Xuan dazed and confused.

“You!” North Ice, also known as Bing Wuxin, was really infuriated.

Ignoring her, Su Yu left this side of the mountain and started planning for the future. According to what Shao Li said, he would most likely need to take a trip to the Elegant Spirit Mountain because he took first place in the Outer Sanctum's exam. She had also stated that Shao Yueming had set a deadly trap there.

So, although he really didn't fear it, he still knew that he must get some deeper knowledge about the Elegant Spirit Mountain. When he was just about to leave the mountain, a person suddenly appeared before him and looked at Su Yu in shock.

His eyes were examining Su Yu all over, and it seemed like he was trying to see through him completely. Su Yu was scared by his gaze. After the previous day's experience with the transvestite, he had become even more sensitive to men's gazes.

“Brother Shangguan, what are you doing here this early in the morning? Did you change your profession and become a bandit?” Su Yu asked. He was clearly not in a good mood as he descended from the mountain.

The person before him was Shangguan Yunque. He had come over to collect Su Yu’s corpse, so he was obviously surprised to find Su Yu still alive. He was really shocked!

Shangguan Yunque looked at the Demon Mountain, dread filling his heart as he pointed at his chest and said, “I might dare to become a bandit, but I would never dare to rob the demons!”

Shangguan Yunque then exclaimed, “It’s really strange! You unexpectedly passed a whole night here safely. Did the four great demons take pity on you and decide to spare you?”

The corners of Su Yu’s mouth couldn’t help but twitch upon hearing this question. After all, they didn’t pity him, but it was Su Yu who attacked first, injuring Bing Wuxin so heavily that she couldn’t even move!

“Brother Shangguan, can you please tell me where to find the Elegant Spirit Mountain?” Su Yu asked.

Shangguan Yunque wore a stern look as he said while he was walking, “The Elegant Spirit Mountain is one of our Red Blood Palace spirit herbs nurseries. It has a dense Spiritual Energy, an excellent environment, and is suitable for growing precious fairy herbs and spirit herbs. Most of the sanctum’s high-grade elixir’s ingredients come from there.”

Shangguan Yunque then added, “It’s rumored that the Human and Ghost Clans’ great battle occurred there a hundred years ago. Moreover, the outstanding King Shen Yichen died there.”

Shangguan Yunque then said, “It’s probably because of the remnant energy of the countless almighty existences who fought there. That must be why its land has become so magical that it is even suitable for nurturing many powerful spirit herbs. It’s also because of this that the sanctum values it so much that it sent a massive military force to protect it 24/7. Its importance to them is second only to the outer sanctum’s!”

After hearing this, Su Yu got lost in deep thought... The battlefield of the Human and Ghost Clans? And... Shen Yichen... He was the past central prefecture’s king, who almost became the Jiuzhou Emperor!

Sure enough, Jiuzhou’s people assumed that he died here, while he was actually just injured by the current central prefecture’s king, then forced to go to the Zhenlong World. The truth is already buried in history!

Su Yu suppressed his emotions as he asked, “I heard that, this time, someone from the outer sanctum’s exam may go there. Can he shirk this task and not go?”

Shangguan Yunque suddenly had a realization, causing a look of jealousy to appear on his face. “That’s right! I almost forgot that. This exam has an additional Elegant Spirit Mountain’s trip reward. I really envy you! But... Wait... You don’t want to go? Did you lose your heart after passing a night in the Demon Mountain?”

He then asked, “Do you know what kind of mystical place the Elegant Spirit Mountain is? The four demons asked the sanctum for it many times, and they all hoped to carry out an excavation mission

there. But, they were all rejected. Also... Do you know how many merit points you can you get by carrying out a mission there?”

Huh? Su Yu was startled by this question, and he answered, “I don’t know.”

It seemed from Shangguan Yunque’s current expression like he wanted to choke Su Yu to death. “If an outer sanctum disciple was asked to go there for a mission, it could only be for a single reason, opening up a new land.”

He then added, “They are tasked with opening up desolate lands, then turning them into plains that are suitable for farming. The reward of just this mission alone is 500 merit points, and if they manage to dig up an object that was left there from the great battle between the humans and the ghosts, like a divine weapon, a book, or something of the like, they can exchange them with the sanctum for more merit points!”

He paused, then continued, “The inner sanctum’s disciples will frequently carry out such a mission. If they have bad luck, they may only find some scrap metal, which they can exchange for 2,000 merit points. If they are lucky and find an intact Ghost Clan’s object, they may exchange it for tens of thousands of merit points.”

Wow! Su Yu’s pupils contracted upon hearing this. He was aware of the difficulty of gaining merit points, and it would be great for an early stage Fairy to manage to gain just 1,000 merit points in a year. Yet, the very least they could get within the Elegant Spirit Mountain was 500 merit points!

Someone like Su Yu, who was in debt, must surely go there. It was, after all, a place that even the four demons coveted venturing to.

However, since he had decided to go there, he knew that he must prepare for the deadly trap that was set by Shao Yueming, as it was only by becoming stronger that he could face all of such crafty plots fearlessly. Hence, it was time for him to go into the Depository of Scriptures and choose a new cultivation technique.

“Brother Shangguan, do you know how can I get the Depository of Scriptures’ cultivation technique books?” Su Yu then asked.

Shangguan Yunque wasn’t baffled by Su Yu’s choice, as the first target of all of the Red Blood Palace’s newcomers would be these cultivation techniques. So, he answered Su Yu casually, “It depends on the grade of the cultivation technique. Borrowing a low-grade spirit cultivation technique costs 1,000 merit points.”

He then continued to explain, “It’s 5,000 merit points for a middle-grade one, 20,000 merit points for a high-grade one, and 50,000 merit points for a top-grade one. As for legendary techniques, those cost 1,000 for a low-grade one, 500,000 for a middle-grade one, a million for a high-grade one and three million for a top-grade one.”

He then added, “Brother Su, if you have just 1,000 merit points, you can exchange that amount for a low-grade spirit cultivation technique.”

Su Yu didn’t care about spirit level cultivation techniques, as techniques at such a level didn’t have any appeal to him. However, Su Yu still almost fainted when he heard that even a low-grade legendary technique cost 100,000 merit points!

Ordinary disciples would need to work hard for a hundred years to get such a legendary technique. As for a middle-grade or high-grade one, it would be impossible for them to get those, even if they worked their whole lives for it!

Shangguan Yunque shook his head when he noticed Su Yu's surprise. "Well... That amount isn't too much. Do you know how precious legendary techniques are? If their price was low, they could be found everywhere. Moreover, all legendary techniques in the Depository of Scriptures are complete techniques. Thus, such a steep price simply confirms their worth."

He then added, "If they were sold on the outside, they would be sold for, at the very least, 400,000 crystals. Moreover, even if someone wanted to buy them, he still may not find them available for sale. Hence, all people who possess them will hide them away, never exposing them rashly. Thus, even if one is wealthy, he still might not be able to buy one."

He shook his head, then said, "As for middle-grade or high-grade ones, most almighty Divine Masters are the only ones cultivating techniques at those levels. So, how could they not be considered precious?"

Shangguan Yunque clearly disapproved of Su Yu's point of view. Su Yu was startled by this, and he smiled bitterly. It was fortunate that he had inquired about them ahead of time. Otherwise, he would have just embarrassed himself if he had gone to the Depository of Scriptures rashly.

Su Yu suddenly thought about Shao Lingjian. He regretted not having interrogated him about the Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering Technique before killing him. Even though it was just an incomplete technique, it was still precious.

Su Yu suddenly had a realization and asked, "Brother Shangguan, is it possible to exchange cultivation techniques in the Depository of Scriptures?"

"Exchange them?" Shangguan Yunque understood what he implied, so he nodded and said, "It's possible. If you have a cultivation technique, you can offer the Depository of Scriptures' keeper a copy of it. Then, if it can pass their examination, you can then exchange it for a technique at the same level."

Su Yu heaved a sigh of relief, then started considering whether he should take out the Buddhist Saint's Eight Characters Technique. After he made a decision, he immediately followed Shangguan Yunque into the Depository of Scriptures.

"Brother Su, did you really decide to exchange a cultivation technique?" Shangguan Yunque asked.

He then suggested cautiously, "If you really want to do that, why don't you first go in and see whether there is any technique you may need before making a decision?"

Su Yu nodded, then entered the Depository of Scriptures after him. However, he was dumbfounded when he discovered that even if he didn't want any techniques, he still had to pay 200 merit points as an entry fee! Moreover, he was only allowed to stay there for four hours!

Su Yu was pained by such a loss of merit points, but paid the fee nonetheless. He then hurried to look for techniques. The Depository of Scriptures was divided into a Spirit Floor and a Legendary

Floor. One of them had spirit level cultivation techniques, while the other had legendary level cultivation techniques.

Su Yu ignored the Spirit Floor, and since Shangguan Yunque didn't have any interests in it either, he did too. The number of books on the second floor was distinctly less than the Spirit Floor. In fact, there were only a few dozen bookshelves.

These bookshelves were filled with books on assistance techniques, demonic techniques, five elements techniques, body techniques, blade techniques, sword techniques and so on.

Wait! Sword techniques? As soon as Su Yu saw the sword technique books, he went straight over to them.

When Shangguan Yunque saw this, he asked curiously, "Well, brother Su, are you proficient in the sword path?"

Su Yu shook his head. "I have only used it occasionally in the past. I want to have a look at it and see whether there is any sword technique that is suitable for me in it."

After he glanced through the books, he discovered that most of them were filled with demonic swordsmanship techniques. As Su Yu wasn't proficient at all in using just a single sword, he lost most of his interest in them on the spot.

After he looked at all of the books on this shelf, Su Yu shook his head and was about to leave, but he suddenly noticed an incomplete book beneath the shelf. It was completely covered in dust.

Su Yu stamped the ground, which gave rise to a current of air that swept away all of the dust. As the dust was cleared away from the book cover, six big words appeared before his eyes.

When he read those words, Su Yu's blood flowed faster and his heart thumped hard. His eyes shone with excitement as he gazed in amazement at this incomplete book.

"The Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation!" Su Yu uttered the incomplete technique's name slowly, while taking a deep breath.

Chapter 790: Inner Sanctum Disciple

During the past few years, Su Yu had gotten the Nine Yin-Yang Sword Formation from the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. It possessed a great might, which had helped him kill many powerful enemies.

The three small golden swords that were in his hands had been refined and created by melting the nine steel needles. It was rumored that the Nine Yin-Yang Sword Formation had been developed out of another sword formation, the Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation. However, the Nine Yin-Yang Sword Formation still didn't possess even a hundredth of the latter's might.

Su Yu had thought many times about this sword formation, yet he had never once imagined that he would one day witness it with his own eyes. Excitement appeared on Su Yu's face, and as he extended his hand to take it, before he even touched it, an electric current shot out of the incomplete book and numbed the tip of his finger, causing him to immediately retract his hand.

“Brother Su, you mustn’t touch them casually, as there is a powerful seal that is set on each book. As such, without the Cabinet Master’s permission, no one can take them away,” Shangguan Yunque said.

Su Yu quelled his excitement, forcing himself to calm down, while he surveyed the surroundings and asked, “How many merit points does this book cost?”

Shangguan Yunque took out his identity badge and placed it against the book, which caused a series of characters to appear on the badge. He then answered, “The cultivation technique grade isn’t clear, but after appraising it, it appears to to, at the very least, possess the might of a middle-grade legendary technique.”

He paused for a moment, then said, “But, because it’s just an incomplete book, it is treated as a low-grade legendary technique. Therefore, 100,000 merit points need to be paid each time one wants to borrow the book and read it.”

As Su Yu heard the amount, the corners of his mouth twitched. He looked deeply at the sword art book, a gaze of longing on his face.

Shangguan Yunque couldn’t help but sigh. “I’m sorry, I was always careless, so I didn’t ever save any merit points. But, if you are in great need, I still have a pair of Blue Water Nine Heaven Wings, which are worth 100,000 crystals, which could be converted into 50,000 merit points.”

Su Yu would obviously not accept his generosity. “Brother Shangguan, many thanks for your kindness, but I will look for another way by myself.”

Even though Shangguan Yunque was the young master of the Shangguan family, he still wouldn’t have several of such valuable treasures. As such, the pair of Blue Water Nine Heaven Wings was probably his only life-saving charm.

In light of this, Su Yu could not accept such a gift with a clear conscience. So, even though Shangguan Yunque still insisted, he was only meet with Su Yu’s firm refusal. In the end, Shangguan Yunque could only give up on pursuing the matter any further.

After finding his sword art book, Su Yu didn’t feel like taking a look at any of the other books. Instead, he started pondering about how could he quickly get such a great amount of merit points in order to exchange them for the book.

After Su Yu left the Depository of Buddhist Scriptures, he bid farewell to Shangguan Yunque and returned to the Demon Mountain.

North Ice, or Bei Wuxin, who was in the central residence, had already returned to the northern residence, while Zi Xuan had gone to some unknown place. Su Yu closed the gate and windows properly, then entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl with his mind, going straight to the plant nursery.

Numerous Cloud Galloping Horses were being cultivated within it. In fact, there were even around three or four hundred of them running around the plant nursery.

The Incredible Feather Spiritual Pomegranate had also become quite magnificent, and its leaves were like an imperial canopy, the shade of which engulfed the whole nursery. The tree bore a great number of resplendent golden fruits.

As Su Yu swept his gaze through this place, he looked at the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo, which had grown taller and now emitted a faint silver light. At first, when it was just a sapling, it had emitted a golden light. Then, when it was half-way to maturation, it had emitted a faint golden light that had a purple luster.

Now, its whole body shone with whitish silver light, as if it was a sculpture of bamboo that had been made out of silver. Just like its name indicated, when it became fully-mature, it would be wholly silver.

Judging on the basis of the nursery's cultivation speed, the white bamboo before him should be, at the very least, 1,000 years old at the moment. If news of such an object's existence was to spread, then it would surely shock all of Jiuzhou, as even if it was just an ordinary object, once it aged to full maturity, it would surely be reborn and turn into a worldly and rare treasure! Moreover, the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo was Jiuzhou's greatest divine bamboo, which had already gone extinct during the ancient times.

Su Yu was somewhat delighted by this sight, as this bamboo would provide enough materials for him to make nine Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo Swords! Su Yu couldn't help but become excited as he thought about the might that could be achieved with the combination of the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo's sturdiness and sharpness and the Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation's power.

He now had all of the necessary materials before him, and the end product was just two steps away! The first step was making the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo Swords. Su Yu needed to become proficient in craftsmanship in order to accomplish this, as if he passed such a precious object to another person to make the swords, then he might bring a great disaster upon himself.

The second step was that he must quickly earn a large number of merit points in order to get the Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation. As he thought of this, Su Yu heaved a sigh of relief. He could foresee that, after he got the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo Sword Formation in his hands, then he wouldn't need to fear the five All Creation Old Monsters any longer!

Although he had already entered the Red Blood Palace, the sense of crisis that had been hovering over him, still hadn't dissipated until just now. After all, those existences were Su Yu's greatest source of trouble, which meant that he must quickly make this sword formation!

While he was pondering these things, a small girl appeared behind him and said, "Greetings, master."

Su Yu turned his head around and looked at Sheng Ge. After she had gone through a period of rest, she had recovered a large amount of her life force, which had made her tender and fair face become rosy once more. But, Su Yu could clearly see that her gaze was filled with fright.

"You really have good luck, as I managed to survive," he said.

Before the world destroying battle in Zhenlong, Su Yu had told her that, if he managed to survive, he would put her to great use. But, if he died, then the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl would end up covered in dust, which would cause Sheng Ge to be sealed away for all eternity within its space.

Sheng Ge had no idea about the great battle that had happened in Zhenlong, nor did she know that they were already within the Jiuzhou World, which she had long yearned for.

“As a member of the Ghost Clan, you should be quite familiar with the Ghost Clan’s members’ aura, right?” Su Yu’s gaze flickered slightly.

Su Yu was slightly startled, when she nodded without giving a second thought to it, then said, “As a member of the Ghost Clan, I’m quite familiar with my clansmen’s auras. In fact, my detection range of them is five times larger than normal humans’, and as long as they are within one mile of me, I can detect them. This is something that I couldn’t achieve if they were mere humans.”

Su Yu was astonished, as this distance wasn’t a small scope. He then nodded and said, “Fine. Then, prepare yourself, as after a short period, I will probably use you.”

“Understood, master,” she said obediently.

Su Yu nodded, then left this space and returned to his body. When he opened his eyes, he saw a pair of gem-like blue eyes, which were just before him, and he felt a warm breath, which blew upon his face lightly.

Su Yu was startled, and as he looked at the face before him, which had alluring rosy lips on it, he couldn’t help but become frustrated, and he asked angrily, “What are you doing?”

Zi Xuan fell away from him and spoke in a curious manner, “It’s strange! It felt like your soul wasn’t within your body for a moment, and I could feel a ghost’s aura. Your body surely has some great secret!”

Could she detect the presence of Sheng Ge, who was in the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl? Su Yu was slightly startled upon wondering this.

However, at the moment, Zi Xuan didn’t intend to pursue the matter further, but threw a white letter at him instead, then said, “Well, a shifty-eyed person left this before the door, then ran away.”

As Su Yu took it, he saw that the words “Su Yuxian” were written upon the folded letter. He became somewhat curious, and as he opened it, he couldn’t help but stand up immediately in shock.

It was from Ruffian Long, explaining that he had already prepared the elixir recipes and materials! As accomplishing such a feat wasn’t easy, especially for an ordinary outer sanctum disciple, Su Yu couldn’t help but become curious about the faction that was behind Ruffian Long.

“I will go now,” Su Yu said as he stood up, then left.

Zi Xuan twitched her nose, supported her chin with her hands, then snorted softly and said, “You are leaving me here alone once again. This time, remember to come back earlier.”

Su Yu was somewhat embarrassed, as such words seemed like something that a wife would say to her husband. “I will try.” Su Yu replied, without turning his head back to look at her.

Zi Xuan replied with insistence, “Don’t just try! You must surely come back before midnight, as the Demon Mountain’s 30th federation conference will be held then, and as a resident of the Demon Mountain, you must attend.”

Su Yu was startled by her words, and he like he had returned to his past world for a moment. He then said, “Fine, I will surely come back by then.”

Su Yu’s head then became somewhat of a mess. Now that he thought about it, he had seen just one of the four demons, North Ice, also known as Bing Wuxin.

He still hadn't met East Evil, West Poison, or South Monster. He had to wonder if they would be as unreasonable and rude as Bing Wuxin.

Su Yu shook his head as he descended the mountain. It was already midday now, and the disciples who were living near the Demon Mountain had already woken up and started their daily activities.

When they saw Su Yu descending the mountain, their eyes widened and they all started whispering to each other, while they looked in amazement at Su Yu as if he was some kind of freak. As Su Yu wiped the sweat on his face and saw all of their wide-eyed stares, he wondered to himself...

Is my face embroidered and filled with flowery patterns? Why are they all staring?

Su Yu became somewhat frustrated when he noticed that it wasn't just in the Demon Mountain's surroundings that he was being stared at in such a way, but it was the same case wherever he walked! The crowd would avoid him, all scrambling to get out of his way, as if he was born under a cursed star!

They all looked at Su Yu with gazes that were filled with shock, some respect, and much fear. As such strange gazes followed Su Yu everywhere, he was quite displeased.

After a short while, Su Yu came to the Heavenly Peak Tower, which was a place of entertainment that had been created by the Red Blood Palace for its disciples to enjoy. Shangguan Yunque frequently went to this place.

To enter it, one needed to use their badge, and even if they wouldn't consume anything within it, they would still need to pay 50 merit points as an entry fee. All those who could enter this place were people with ample amounts of merit points, who were experts in earning merit points, or who had close relationships with some wealthy people in the sanctum.

Su Yu felt quite pained as he thought of this, as even though he didn't really do anything extraordinary during this day, he had already ended up consuming 250 merit points! If he didn't quickly find a way to earn more, then he would quickly end up consuming all of his current points entirely!

Su Yu glanced around the first floor, which was filled with people, and he quickly found Ruffian Long. There was a tall woman with him. She wore a green robe, which was thin and revealed her body's alluring curves.

She had a thin waist and an ample chest, which gave her a great allure. She also had pretty facial features, as well as charming eyes, and her whole body emitted an unspeakable charm. As such, most of the male disciples couldn't help but cast longing glances at her from time to time.

Currently, Ruffian Long was standing beside the woman respectfully, without even daring to take a single look at her. Su Yu was slightly surprised to see this, as it seemed like this woman had a great status. As he tried to check her cultivation, he was startled to find that her cultivation had reached the Divine Master Realm, which meant that she was an inner sanctum disciple!

Ruffian Long's eyes lit up, and he spoke softly to her upon seeing Su Yu approach, "Young miss, this is Su Yuxian."

The lovely woman looked at Su Yu with her charming eyes, as she slightly furrowed her refined brows. It was obvious that Su Yu's aged face was quite different than what she had imagined or expected.

As Su Yu sat down, the lovely woman's expression changed quickly, and she revealed a bright and alluring smile, which made people feel close to her.

Then, Ruffian Long introduced her, "Junior brother Su, this is my senior sister, Xue Qi. It just happened that she had something to attend to in the outer sanctum today, so she came with me to take care of your loan."

Su Yu looked fixedly at Xue Qi with a calm expression, which was as serene as lake water. "It doesn't matter who came here with you, as I'm only concerned about whether you brought the elixir recipes and materials with you or not."