

## Perfect WD 411

### Chapter 411 - Stone Clan Ancestral Land's Inheritance

"What Stone Clan has is truly formidable. It is even more important for those at the Formation Arrangement Realm or higher," Fire Nation's royal elder said.

He wore a set of fiery red clothes. His aged body was seated on top of a praying mat. His face was covered in wrinkles, and his eyes were dim. However, when Stone Country ancestral land's inheritance was brought up, a type of covetous light could be seen within his eyes.

"I ask senior for his guidance." Shi Hao earnestly said.

"With your natural talents, no one in this generation of Stone Country could match you. If you head for Stone Country Imperial Palace, you will be treated as a great figure, and the inheritance will naturally be yours as well." Someone spoke from the side.

Shi Hao frowned. He currently didn't really want to enter Stone Country capital. If he wanted to be the Stone Emperor's successor, then a bloody battle would be unavoidable. It was impossible to directly ascend the throne.

"It is a few ancient pill recipes." The Fire Nation royal elder spoke, for he could tell that Shi Hao truly didn't know.

Shi Hao was startled. Stone Country's ancestral inheritance was just a few ancient pill recipes? Wasn't this too ordinary? The Fire Nation's ancestral land has a Holy Emperor Palace with endless opportunities within!

"It seems like you truly don't know." After seeing his expression, the Nine Spirit King revealed a faint smile. Even though he was well along his years, his blood and qi were still abundant. His head of golden hair was shining.

"Stone Country's pill recipes are formidable, to the point where even ancient great figures longed after them, yet were ultimately unable to obtain them." The Flame Crow that came from the fiery cave spoke.

With several individuals here reaffirming this information, it was clear that the pill recipes were extraordinary.

"Look at us. None of us are of the human race, yet we still greatly desire those pill recipes. This alone is enough to clear your doubts." The Nine Spirit King said.

The Fire Nation royal elder nodded and said, "In reality, the value of those pill recipes is practically priceless. Even those from the Archaic Divine Mountains wanted to get their hands on them, but after spending a large amount of resources, they still weren't able to obtain anything."

An ape king from the side added, "Stone Country's cultivation methods are truly unordinary, but they haven't yet reached a level that could be called heaven defying. However, those pill recipes are still enough to make many great sects within the wasteland region green with envy."

Shi Hao was shocked. He finally understood what the most precious inheritance of Stone Country was.

It is rumored that the pill recipes could bring back those at the brink of death and put flesh back on bare bones. If one used them to refine spiritual medicines, they could bring out one's treasury of potential in the shortest amount of time.

Shi Hao was astonished. He was at the Formation Arrangement Realm, so he understood fully well how difficult it was to break through. Compared to the cultivation realms from before, not even spending several times the amount of time he used before was enough.

Based on his suspicions, if he wanted to break through into a higher cultivation realm to become a supreme expert, it would take many years.

In reality, with his age, this type of accomplishment would still be extremely shocking. However, Shi Hao couldn't delay his progress at all. He knew that he had to continuously improve to protect himself. Only then could he continue to live based on his own temperament and be free from the restrictions of others.

Otherwise, as a so-called heaven warping genius, there was a large possibility that he would fall. Regardless of whether it was the Immortal Mountain or the Heaven Mending Sect, neither of them would willingly watch him rise to power.

Even the Demonic Spirit Lake shared this opinion. How could they allow him to overlook the wasteland region?

Currently, the great disorder of the wasteland region was like an opportunity for him. He could rise to power within the chaos. Even if the supreme experts sealed within the mountains emerged in the future, he still wouldn't fear them.

Fire Nation's royal elder sighed and said, "What a pity. I've heard that Stone Country's pill recipe is no longer complete. Many things happened since the ancient times, and as a result, one of the most important pill recipes was lost."

The old kings nodded. If it weren't for this, Stone Country would have flourished even greater, and there would be many more experts within the royal family!

Currently, all of Stone Country's heavenly treasures and spiritual objects were being used up by one or two individuals within the imperial place.

This was all due to the recipes' shortcomings. Otherwise, they wouldn't have had to do this at all.

"It's just some pill recipes. Could they really be that formidable?" When Shi Hao heard this, he felt that it was a bit unbelievable.

"Of course they're extraordinary. People have speculated that the origin of those recipes isn't small and is in fact extremely mysterious. The amount of help it can provide to one's cultivation is tremendous, allowing one's innate potential to be unveiled."

When Shi Hao heard this, he was stupefied. Was this really reasonable? He felt some hesitation.

"The pill recipes are all in the hands of the human emperor. Unfortunately, one of them was lost, and the one that was lost was originally meant to be used together with the others, making it the most precious one. If it hadn't been lost, it truly would have been heaven defying."

According to what the old kings said, those pill recipes were extremely astonishing. One of them was especially effective for the current Shi Hao, as it could allow him to surpass the Formation Arrangement Realm and become a supreme expert.

“It’s just a pill medicine, so in the end, it should still be some kind of external object. Could it really have such a great effect? Even if I did use this to break through, there should be some consequences, right?” Shi Hao said.

Fire Nation’s royal elder shook his head and said, “We call it a pill, but its use is quite different...”

Pill recipes could be used to refine pills, which would then be consumed. Breaking through like this was a bit of a shortcut, so it could easily make one’s dao foundation unstable and cause other detrimental effects.

However, Stone Country’s pill recipes were different. They could be used to refine pills, but their greatest use was not to turn the medicinal fluid into a pill, but rather to refine the individual and medicine simultaneously. It stimulated one’s potential and opened the treasury hidden within their flesh.

What was refined was not only the medicine, but one’s own body as well. By cultivating within fire and flames, yin and yang, both the flesh and spirit were refined. It would allow one to undergo nirvana, completely transforming them. There wouldn’t be any repercussions, and it would only make one stronger.

When Shi Hao heard what was said, he was stupefied again and again. As he listened to these elders explain it in such detail, he sucked in a breath of cold air.

Not only did the pill recipe open up the potential of one’s flesh, it could increase their spiritual power as well. How astonishing was this? It wasn’t refining medicine anymore, but instead refining one’s own body. This couldn’t even be called pill refinement anymore!

“What a pity it is that the Stone Country imperial family lost the pill recipe, and their ancestral ground can no longer be found either.” The flame crow from the Li Fiery Cave shook his head. “Stone Country was extremely cautious and prudent. They made sure to establish the ancient country in a boundless territory outside, but didn’t bring all of their people with them. After sealing up the ancestral land, all relationships were cut off. This was done out of fear that clansmen from the outside world might destroy it. They wished to leave behind part of their bloodline within the ancestral ground to prevent it from disappearing.”

When these events were mentioned, the old kings felt both admiration and a bit of regret towards the decision that the Stone Country’s ancestors made.

If they wanted to find the complete pill recipes, it definitely wouldn’t be possible in the outside world. Even the Stone Emperor was missing the most important one.

“As long as the ancestral land is found, I estimate that even the Heaven Mending Sect and Immortal Mountain would be moved. Rumor has it that the pill recipe is incredible and has an extraordinary

background. Stone Country's ancestors were quite fortunate to have received it," said the Nine Spirit King.

When past events were brought up, they all sighed.

Unfortunately, after so much time passed, not even Stone Clan could find their own way back. Rumor has it that an extraordinary item was buried under the ancestral land.

Shi Hao was startled. He was reminded of what the Willow Deity said: because it was taking advantage of Stone Clan, it decided to protect the villagers. It was going to recover within the village, drawing energy from the item underground, and as a result, the formation was broken by it.

Moreover, in the end, the entire Stone Village was moved, so it should be easier to find than before.

"Seniors, may I ask how many ancient recipes Stone Clan has in total?" When Shi Hao asked these words, his heart was not calm at all. In fact, he was somewhat excited.

"If a part wasn't lost, then there would be five in total." Fire Nation's royal elder glanced over at him with shock.

At this moment, Shi Hao felt his blood flowing quicker and his entire body becoming hot. He really wanted to shout out. He was incomparably excited and felt as if his blood vessels were going to burst. In the end, he endured it and controlled himself, quickly calming down.

It was because Stone Village had five pill recipes, and they were all passed down from the ancient years!

He didn't need to think any more, and he didn't need to confirm anything. He already knew what it was. They were invaluable, and if news about them were spread out, it would definitely bring about great chaos.

Within Stone Country, the old village chief would always feel regretful that their clan's inheritance had been broken off. No one knew when those methods were lost, and as a result, the clansmen no longer became powerful.

In the end, only a few ancient cauldrons were left behind within the village, a few seemingly indestructible ancient objects, and five pill recipes.

The elders from the past always felt a bit sorry for their descendants, because they didn't leave behind any dao methods. The techniques that could allow Stone Village to stand proudly in the world were all lost.

Thinking back, Stone Clan's ancestral land encountered a few accidents and lost some extremely precious items. However, the most important and priceless inheritance was not lost!

Not even Shi Hao could have imagined that it was those pill recipes!

This really was like guarding a mountain of treasure without being aware of what was inside! This pill recipes were so important that even those from the Archaic Divine Mountains longed after them, so how could they be ordinary? However, Stone Village's people were just too simple and used them like ordinary medicine recipes.

If this had been lost, just how regretful would it have been?

Fortunately, it was passed from generation to generation and not lost. This shockingly valuable item was preserved.

Shi Hao thought back to the torment he experienced within the medicinal cauldron when he was a child. He was able to stick it through, while his companions couldn't. They all grimaced in pain while crying and screaming. Turns out that not only was it concocting medicine, but it was also refining his own potential.

"It is rumored that each of those pill recipes requires dozens to over a hundred ingredients. In addition, none of them are ordinary, so the amount of resources exhausted would be extraordinary."

The elders were still discussing. Even though they did not obtain them, they've heard the rumors. They were all sighing with regret.

Even if ordinary people obtained those ancient pill recipes, they still wouldn't be able to make full use of them, because the materials alone were impossible to gather. Only a top level power could collect all of them.

Shi Hao believed what they said because he was fully aware of what they were capable of. The old village chief had said in the past that while they were soaked within the medicinal fluid, the old medicines, centipedes, and scorpions were all substitutes. What the pill recipe required were spiritual medicines, primordial precious blood, and other items. How could a village collect them all?

Back then, being able to obtain the Suan Ni blood could only be considered fortunate. However, this was still far from enough, as it couldn't even provide the ingredients for one of the pill recipes.

At this moment, Shi Hao understood somewhat. No wonder the next generation of children like Dazhuang, Ermeng, and the others were stronger than their parents. It was because the conditions of Stone Village were now much better than before. The ingredients for the medicinal baths were much better as well.

"I was also a benefactor." Shi Hao said to himself inwardly. His outer appearance was calm, not showing anything. Otherwise, this secret would be too astonishing.

Turns out that Stone Village's most precious inheritance had always been there and had never been broken off. Only, he himself wasn't aware of it. A divine light flashed through Shi Hao's eyes.

It truly was searching everywhere only to find that it was right in his palm all along!

"I've heard that Stone Clan has a cauldron that is extremely formidable. It was found together with the pill recipe. If it is used to refine one's flesh, the results would be astonishing." The Fire Nation royal elder said.

Shi Hao was startled. He thought back to the especially unusual black cauldron and realized that that should be the one they were talking about. Back then, when precious flesh medicine was being refined, he heard all types of mysterious chants. Even the images on its surface seemed like they were being revived.

## **Chapter 412 - Need For Spiritual Medicines**

It turned out to actually be like this! That was an ancient precious cauldron!

Shi Hao suddenly realized this. He was far too familiar with that black cauldron, because that was the medicinal cauldron that was practically reserved for him. He was soaked within it ever since he was small and obtained great benefits from it.

This was especially true when he was refined within the Suan Ni's blood and a drop of Hairy Ball's true blood. The cauldron revived at that time and transmitted all types of sacrificial chants. Traces of the ancient people and various heavens emerged.

The sun, moon, and stars adorned its surface. Archaic vicious beasts and divine birds soared about, and various flowers, birds, fish, and insects could be seen. Great mountains and waterfalls decorated the cauldron. The scene was extremely magnificent, and it could definitely be called marvelous.

"That cauldron truly is formidable. Rumor has it that the medicinal characteristics of even common spiritual medicines would be greatly improved once they were placed within it, making them extraordinary. The ancient cauldron is a rare treasure," said Fire Nation's royal elder.

As an ancient country as well, they had a deep impression of Stone Clan's heaven defying clan guarding supreme treasure. Stone Clan's ancestors were extremely on guard, and it could also be said that they feared the things that were going to happen to their clan. As a result, after establishing their country, they immediately hid a rare ancient artifact together with one of their primary inheritances.

Shi Hao understood more and more. That cauldron was unordinary. Even though there weren't any great spiritual medicines used in his refinement process, through the cauldron, even normal medicinal grass became much more effective.

Of course, this cauldron did not provide him with any excessively heaven defying results. After all, what he used back then were all ordinary medicinal grasses. He hadn't even used a single stalk of spiritual medicine.

In the end, the reason he was able to reach this point was still mainly because of himself. From what the Willow Deity said, even wilted grass can prosper again.

During infancy, he lost his supreme being bone, and on his own, he slowly made it through and gave birth to one that was even more powerful, one with even greater potential!

"Little friend, with your innate talent, if you enter the Stone Country capital, I believe that the human emperor would definitely choose you as his successor. Those four pill recipes will inevitably fall into your hands." One of the king figures spoke.

The flame crow from the Li Fiery Cave sighed and said, "The affairs of the world are difficult to predict. Little friend, you should spend some time to think it over."

Shi Hao nodded. He immediately thought of many things. Unlike previously, it wasn't as simple as just offending the Demonic Spirit Lake. Right now, both the Immortal Mountain and Heaven Mending Sect stood against him, and many things could happen in the future because of this.

Fortunately, he didn't have to go to Stone Country capital, because the perfect and complete pill recipes were in Stone Village. There was no need for him to beg anyone else.

Afterwards, they sat and discussed various things in a friendly matter. Even though Shi Hao was from the younger generation, no one looked down on him. He would always hit crucial points each time he spoke.

He had astonishing talent on the path of cultivation, making many of the old kings sigh with admiration. They felt more and more like he was going to have unlimited future achievements.

“Little friend, with your talent, you will definitely have astonishing accomplishments in the future. However, human minds are difficult to predict, so on certain matters, you still need to act cautiously,” said the Nine Spirit King. He was an extremely powerful old king level figure. His cultivation was extremely terrifying, and it was likely that he was going to become a true supreme expert.

He was not from the Archaic Divine Mountains and merely had the bloodline of a descendant. However, he still accomplished this much, which was definitely astonishing!

Shi Hao became speechless. He naturally knew that the Nine Spirit King had good intentions. Implied within these words was advice for him to endure this silently and to not clash with the Immortal Mountain or Heaven Mending Sect.

“Little friend will definitely condense the divine core. There is no harm in finding a peaceful place to seclude for dozens of years. There will definitely be a day when you can look down on the rest of the world.” Fire Nation’s royal elder that was nearing 200 years of age said.

“Much thanks for seniors’ good intentions!” Shi Hao earnestly nodded. He understood what they meant.

However, he knew deep inside that silently training in isolation did not match his innate nature. No matter how mature a youth was, he still couldn’t get rid of his inner flame.

Moreover, he wasn’t someone who liked to separate himself from mortal affairs. Restricting himself and going against his nature would not produce much results.

From the moment he stepped out from Stone Village, he had always created waves with his steps. He had the courage to face the storm head on and go against all predicaments to polish himself.

Shi Hao knew his own path and understood how he should advance. He wouldn’t place himself in danger, but also wouldn’t hide himself in a corner to preserve his life. His dao path was something he had to create alone.

This time, Shi Hao obtained a lot just from the discussions on the dao alone by these old kings. After all, these were old cultivators that had been at the Formation Arrangement Realm for a long time, so they possessed ample experience.

The most important thing was that these elders knew a lot of inside information. They spoke of many past stories that helped Shi Hao quite a bit. For example, the old flame crow told him that there was a fiery mountain range in the wasteland region’s far west. There is a unique medicine there that is extremely rare and precious. It could be used within the pill recipe as a main ingredient and assist one in becoming a supreme expert. Unfortunately, it was too dangerous to enter those mountains, and it was practically impossible to make it out alive. From the ancient times until now, there were few individuals who dared to pick this unique medicine.

There were a few other pieces of secret information. For example, the Nine Spirit King told Shi Hao that there was a golden land within the wasteland region where even the rocks were gold. They possessed immortal divinity and could be used to refine one's body. It was also a forbidden area. It was possible that one would immediately be crushed to pieces by the terrifying golden laws as soon as they entered.

Shi Hao got up. He knew that he was still a younger generation individual, so he didn't have too much to bring to the conversation with these elders. After learning quite a bit, he retreated and left this small courtyard.

"Brother Shi, it seems like you've benefited quite a bit," said the rainbow luan.

At this moment, they were excitedly chatting. The big red bird was about to be knocked out from drinking, and right now, it was shooting its mouth in front of these people. He claimed to have seen a deity, a willow tree that was full of grace and surrounded by chaotic energy.

Shi Hao gave it a huge slap and woke it up. In a berating voice, he said, "Stop blabbing nonsense here."

Everyone laughed loudly. Naturally, no one believed its words.

The big red bird was embarrassed and realized that it was acting foolishly. It quickly changed the topic and said, "Do you all know where the Fire Nation's guardian spirit resides?" It was because it wanted the guardian spirit to be its master and become the disciple of a vermilion bird.

"Princess Huo Ling'er will come in a bit. You can just directly ask her." The nine-headed lion spoke. Its expression froze as it gazed into the distance, and it became serious. n//o-v-e.)1)-B)/l)n

Shi Hao felt that something was off. When he turned around, he only saw a white tiger hurriedly pass through this courtyard's gate.

"Western Tomb Beast Mountain's white tiger king!" The nine-headed lion said.

Western Tomb Beast Mountain was definitely a frightening place. The corpses of archaic vicious beasts were buried underneath, making it an ancient gravesite.

The descendants that were originally guarding the tomb slowly developed. After many years had passed, they became an extremely great power. They were extremely well known in the wasteland region.

There were many people who went there to dig for treasures, and there was once someone who obtained a divine object by doing so.

Unfortunately, there were very few people who were able to obtain anything. One region in particular had extremely ominous energy that would wreak havoc from time to time, creating a disaster. Over time, that incredibly strange region became devoid of inhabitants.

However, this ancient tomb had spiritual energy that was much richer than that of other places, allowing the Western Tomb Beast Mountain's strength to become much stronger.

"That old white tiger seems to know something. Could it be that it knows we killed its grandson in the Hundred Shattering Mountains?" The nine-headed lion asked.



Divine radiance flashed past Shi Hao's eyes. The enmity between himself and the Western Tomb Beast Mountain was not just that little bit. Back then, when the Heaven Mending Pavilion was destroyed, Western Tomb Beast Mountain and ancient families like the Tuoba Clan all invaded the place.

"Don't worry. If it really wants to take action, it has to first go through me," Shi Hao said. Right now, his name was extremely outstanding. If anyone wanted to cause trouble, they wouldn't dare take action against others recklessly without dealing with Shi Hao first.

Soon after, Shi Hao asked them where all types of spiritual grasses were.

It was because he knew the contents of the five pill recipes. After growing up at the old village chief's side and constantly being immersed within the medicinal fluid, how could he not be familiar with its contents?

If he wanted to break through in the shortest amount of time possible, now was the time to start collecting all types of spiritual medicines.

It was because the requirements were too shocking. Any recipe required dozens to over a hundred medicinal grasses, and none of them were ordinary. He even needed vicious beast blood and strange bugs like the silver sky centipede and golden scorpion.

"Yellow spring bamboo, I've heard that this kind of strange spiritual wood has appeared in the Western Tomb Beast Mountain before," the sable said.

"Right, I've heard that before as well." The flame crow nodded.

Among the main ingredients Shi Hao was looking for, the yellow spring bamboo was absolutely indispensable. It was to a point where there weren't any substitutes for it. As a result, when he asked seriously, he didn't expect there to immediately be a clue.

"Sigh, it seems like I have to pay the Western Tomb Beast Mountain a visit..." Shi Hao said softly.

"Brother Shi, there might be the grave of a great archaic figure there, and even the grave of the archaic vicious ten. If you are lucky, you might be able to dig out some primordial precious bones. Why don't we go with you when the time comes?" The rainbow luan's eyes were shining.

"Let's discuss this later." Shi Hao did not immediately agree, because it was quite dangerous there. Then, he stood up and said, "Let's go and walk around. Let's see what kind of precious medicines I can exchange for in this garden."

Before, he didn't know about it, but now that he did, Shi Hao would naturally act meticulously. During this gathering, apart from interacting socially, he could also exchange for all types of items.

Not long ago, he received a piece of sun stone. He didn't particularly care much about those spiritual grasses.

He now returned to the garden and began to look through and select what was available. Sure enough, there were quite a few precious medicines, some of which were truly useful for him.

They split up to help Shi Hao collect the medicinal grass.

“Yi, the pure-blooded creatures of the Archaic Divine Mountains also came!” Soon after, someone started a discussion. Many powerful auras appeared within the courtyard.

Even though these creatures arrived comparatively later, there were many medicinal herbs within the Divine Mountains. There were some who brought several stalks of spiritual medicines that were rarely seen in the outside world, and these were all naturally extremely expensive.

“This time, I will make an exception and reveal our precious medicines to the outside world. I only want the most precious artifact refinement material. If you don’t have it, then don’t even come close.” A young pure-blooded creature spoke.

Shi Hao was shocked. He saw someone he recognized: the purple-clothed Yun Xi was there. The other party also saw him, and she naturally became extremely stirred up. She immediately rushed over with a fiery gaze.

In the past, Shi Hao had wrestled with her and even bit on her sparkling ear. Yun Xi hated him to death, and even though she no longer wanted to get revenge after what happened later on, she still wouldn’t let it end just like this.

“Hey, what are you doing? I’m warning you, don’t come too close. If you try to attack me, be careful or I’ll forcefully carry you back!” Shi Hao said.

What was shocking was that the gorgeous and outstanding Yun Xi grabbed onto his arm and did not let go.

In the distance, the expressions of many pure-blooded creatures immediately changed. There was no need to say anything more about Yun Xi’s appearance. She was extremely famous within the younger generation of the various mountains and was the one many held in their hearts as their goddess.

However, right now, she actually voluntarily grabbed that youth’s arm. This left them completely shocked. They immediately felt their chests become empty.

“Yi, have you already thought it through and want to be carried back? Are you going to guard my village?” Shi Hao asked.

#### **Chapter 413 - Great Golden-Winged Peng**

Yun Xi’s pretty face was slightly blushing, and she wanted to let go of Shi Hao’s arm. With the redness on her beautiful complexion, she looked even more alluring.

Her beautiful hair was bright and gentle. Her skin was sparkling and full of luster. Her physique was elegant and curvy, so outstanding that others couldn’t help but be drawn to her charm. She was truly beautiful.

However, Shi Hao did not allow her to let go and asked, “Even if you want to return to my village, you shouldn’t have been in that much of a hurry, right?”

Not far away, the expressions of several pure-blooded creatures became ugly. All of their moods became utterly terrible after seeing the Archaic Divine Mountains’ most famous goddess walk that close to Shi Hao.

“Where is my clan’s divine magical artifact?” The purple-clothed Yun Xi asked. She seemed extremely stirred up; it was clear that she had an ulterior motive.

Shi Hao was startled. How could she ask for that precious artifact as soon as they met? Didn’t he already say that he wouldn’t exchange it no matter what? After seeing Second Baldy and being reminded again, it was even less likely for him to agree.

“Please return my precious artifact. I could use other items to exchange for it.” Yun Xi spoke. After seeing Shi Hao again after a year and a half, she naturally became extremely excited. At the same time, she was rather anxious, for she was scared that he would refuse again.

“I thought you wanted to return with me back to my village, yet in the end, you wanted to bicker over this matter. In that case, there isn’t much that needs to be said.” Shi Hao refused.

“What do you need in order to return it?” Yun Xi asked. Within her excitement was also fury.

“Yun Xi, what exactly does he owe you? Say it out loud for everyone to heard. With so many people here, how could justice not be brought to light?” A youth spoke up. He was a newcomer that came from outside the garden. He was one or two years older than Shi Hao and came from the Archaic Divine Mountains.

He had a head of blond hair, and his eyes were flickering with golden radiance. His face did not carry any arrogance, but a glint flashed through the depths of his eyes.

“This is one of the great Peng Race’s youth.” Not far away, a few old cultivators were shaken. They understood this youth’s background and became horrified.

It was because the great golden-winged peng was definitely one of the world’s most powerful races. They were known to be able to devour deities and sweep through everyone before it. They looked down on the entire archaic era.

This race not only ate gods and devils, they’ve become deities themselves. Moreover, those that became heavenly deities weren’t just one or two. From the archaic times until now, they were always ranked within the wasteland region’s most tyrannical races.

How powerful was the archaic golden-winged peng? It was the direct child of the Kun Peng, and it had the most powerful bloodline. Even though it was still a bit off from the archaic vicious ten, its power had always remained shocking.

“This one must be brother Shi, the supreme youth. I have been looking forward to meeting you.” The youth cupped his hands in greeting and did not lack in manners.

Shi Hao nodded and didn’t say much. Right now, he was comparable to an older generation king level figure, so this naturally wasn’t too rude. This was an era where the most powerful reigned supreme.

A glint flashed through the golden-haired youth. He could also be considered a formidable and shockingly talented genius. Even if older generation figures saw him, they would also exclaim in admiration. He never expected that Shi Hao would merely nod, making him feel rather uneasy.

“Brother Shi, what exactly did you take from Yun Xi? Could you please just return it?”

"You don't even know what I took, yet you want me to return it. Are you sure that I owe her anything?" Shi Hao calmly replied.

He could tell that this pure-blooded peng race youth was extremely arrogant. Even though he didn't act rudely on the surface, he was extremely unwilling inside. He was merely enduring it all silently.

"Yun Xi has already stated that you owe her a magical artifact, so how could there be a mistake?" The youth spoke. His eyes were bright as he looked at Shi Hao, not showing any signs of fear.

Right now, the little Stone's might was utterly shocking. Forget about those his age, even the older generation would feel restraining fear. Right now, under these circumstances, he was practically invincible.

All of the creatures believed that they should move out of his way. They were all extremely fearful of him.

In reality, they believed that no one dared to provoke him, yet right now, a golden-winged great peng was confronting Shi Hao. Even though it couldn't be considered a direct conflict, but he seemed to want to 'argue for what is right', making many people cast sidelong glances.

Could it be that he wants to challenge Shi Hao? Many people's hearts began to jump. They felt a wave of excitement.

"I say, I think a stalk of divine medicine that belongs to me landed in your clan. Can you please return it? Is that okay?" The big red bird continued and said, "Could it be that just because one raises a request, then it's definitely true? If that's the case, please return a stalk of divine medicine to me."

Everyone revealed expressions of shock. Could it be that they were going against each other tit for tat?

"Dao friend, you are making trouble without reason." The golden-haired youth shot the big red bird a look and then looked towards Shi Hao again and said, "Brother Shi, you clearly owe Yun Xi a precious artifact, so how could you not return it? With brother Shi's current identity, you wouldn't go so far as to refuse to admit this wrong, right?"

Everyone became shocked. He actually dared to speak these words!

Soon after, some people understood the reasoning. It was most likely not only because the purple-clothed girl was too beautiful, but also because as he was a Peng bird, he was interested in Shi Hao's Kun Peng precious technique.

"Right, this definitely has to be the case!"

Everyone gasped. Today, another great disturbance was going to be created! Everyone clearly knew what kind of background the Peng Race possessed.

It was rumored that the race's greatest desire was to find the Kun Peng's undamaged inheritance. They wouldn't tolerate it ending up in anyone else's hands. Right now, the rumor was that Shi Hao might have the Kun Peng technique, so it naturally startled the golden peng race.

Even though this race was few in numbers, each and every one of them was terrifying. They were known as one of the most powerful pure-blooded creatures. If this was truly what the race thought, then they might try to get rid of Shi Hao while disregarding the consequences.

It was possible that a supreme expert might emerge from their sealed mountains without fear of life or death.

“Do I need your opinion when dealing with my matters?!” Shi Hao simply shot him a cold look, almost as if he didn’t put him in his eyes.

The golden-haired youth was unsatisfied inside. This was a type of contempt. He already said so much, yet the other side didn’t seem to pay any attention or get angry. The other party didn’t seem to even think of himself as someone of the same level.

Then, Shi Hao turned around and looked at Yun Xi. “That item was what your grandfather owed me. Didn’t we already talk this through last time? Why are you asking again?”

Yun Xi grabbed him without letting go in fear of losing him. It was because that magical artifact was too important, and only as a pair could they create a key that could open up their sect gate.

In reality, Shi Hao was already somewhat aware. When he returned to the village, Second Baldy had told him that this magical artifact definitely could not be given back. They had to worry a bit first, because it was just too important to them.

Shi Hao had already guessed that Second Baldy might know the Celestial Race’s secret, and that’s why it was forced to hide in the Hundred Shattering Mountains before. This was probably the reason why it didn’t want to come out.

The truth was not far from what he guessed. Right now, the Heavenly Divine Mountain’s people also finally understood that secret, only they were too late and could only regret. Their most important key was actually unintentionally gifted out, falling into Shi Hao’s hands.

This was truly was a case of ‘what’s gone can never come back’.

“I am willing to exchange with another divine magical artifact!” Yun Xi said.

If it wasn’t for the fact that it was tied to a shocking great secret, touching upon the so called ‘divine domain’, she definitely wouldn’t act so anxiously.

“Not exchanging!” Shi Hao shook his head and refused.

“Brother Shi, acting like this isn’t too good. This is originally the Heavenly Divine Mountain’s treasure. If you take it for your own like this, it is a bit excessive.” The golden-haired youth opened his mouth again.

“I am not an unreasonable person. You have also seen that Yun Xi admitted herself that the item is mine and that she just wants to exchange. Why is an outsider like you interfering?” Speaking up to this point, Shi Hao’s eyes erupted with divine radiance as they stared at him. His tone immediately became much more severe. “You’ve been speaking nonsense this entire time. Could it be that you think that I don’t dare to kill you?!”

At this moment, he showed off his ability. His gaze was extremely terrifying, and a wave of forceful energy was released, forcing that golden-haired youth to take steps backwards. He was greatly shaken, and a wave of coldness ran through his body.

He was still a golden-winged peng in the end, yet in front of Shi Hao, he still felt powerless.

The golden-haired youth was unreconciled. In a loud voice, he said, "What do you mean outsider? Yun Xi will become my sister-in-law in the future, so I naturally can stand for what's right. Why can't I?"

"Nonsense. I have nothing to do with your race," Yun Xi retorted.

"It's him. Could it be that person returned?" Someone said in a soft voice, seemingly understanding something.

"I've heard a rumor that the Golden-Winged Peng Race went to the Celestial Race to ask for goddess Yun Xi's hand in marriage." Unknowingly when, two more pure-blooded creatures entered the garden and began to discuss this.

"That person truly returned! He is known as the Archaic Divine Mountains' most powerful genius!" Someone gasped.

Soon after, everyone knew what was going on. The golden-haired youth's older brother had left this region to learn through experience and hadn't returned all this time. He must have returned to the wasteland region now.

"I've heard this rumor!" said the nine-headed lion. Even he heard about this before, so it could be seen how powerful that Peng Race expert was.

Shi Hao also seemed to realize with a flash what kind of figure it was. When he fought that great battle against the pure-blooded creatures, Yun Xi had said before that only one or two individuals could fight against him, only, those two geniuses have both left this region.

It was clear that one of them was the Golden-Winged Peng Race's most powerful genius, and he seems to have some kind of relationship with Yun Xi.

"My clan elders have already departed to ask the Heavenly Divine Mountain for marriage. In addition, my elder brother has arrived too," said the golden-haired youth. There was a bit of confidence in his expression, as well as a bit of pride.

It was clear that he admired his elder brother greatly and believed in his strength.

Shi Hao revealed a curious expression. He also wanted to try this elder brother of his. After all, this was a talent that has left the wasteland region. All of the pure-blooded creatures in the great divine mountains admired him, so he must have areas where he excelled in.

This was especially since he had heard about these two individuals' might previously.

A different wave of energy rose, and then a golden ripple appeared. A few more people appeared within the garden. Many people couldn't even see how they arrived. It was as if they teleported here.

Only Shi Hao remained calm. He could tell that this was the golden-winged peng's incredible movement technique. It truly was ridiculously fast.

"Yun Xi, we have not seen each other for a while. Have you been well?" The young male spoke.

Everyone sighed. This male was too handsome. His golden hair was like a divine sun, and his build was well shaped and sturdy. He was an extremely charming and beautiful man.

"There is no relationship between me and you," Yun Xi said. She once again grasped Shi Hao's arm.

Shi Hao frowned. At this moment, he finally understood. Not only did Yun Xi want the armguard back, she also wanted to be freed from this blonde male. She was going to borrow his might here.

However, his eyebrows soon smoothed out again. He didn't say anything.

"Please don't come looking for me again." Yun Xi calmly spoke towards the blonde male.

When Shi Hao heard this, his eyebrows jumped. He didn't want to be used by others. When he smelled the fragrance in her hair and then saw her sparkling ear so close to him, he thought back to his experiences inside the Hundred Shattering Mountains. For who knows what reason, he suddenly felt an urge. Just like before, he reached out and embraced her, then he bit down on her sparkling ear.

#### **Chapter 414 - Unexpected**

Yun Xi's ear immediately felt pain, and in that instant, she immediately knew what happened. She immediately shifted outwards, and her face became flushed with redness. She couldn't help but scream out.

The same thing from back then actually happened again, with the only difference being that they didn't toss and turn on the ground. However, this was still enough to leave her humiliated and angry. Others couldn't help but cover their ears when they heard her scream.

"Evil thing, you..." Yun Xi was completely furious. She never thought that by borrowing Shi Hao's power, she would actually suffer this disaster, moreover in front of so many people's eyes.

This truly felt like she was suffering a double loss.

Yun Xi's sparkling white face had long become red, and her entire body was pink in color. She couldn't help but tremble. This kind of feeling left her furious, for what happened made her ashamed.

Why did it end like this? She was so mad that she couldn't say anything. She wasn't able to use the other party, yet in the end, she was taken advantage of. She paid a 'heavy price'.

Everyone was stupefied. They actually saw something like this.

"Alright, let's go together. You're being carried back." The big red bird cried out loudly in a mischievous manner.

The cultivators here all revealed strange expressions. This evil bird was truly bold. There was nothing it didn't dare to say. Didn't it see that the golden-winged peng was clenching its teeth?

When they thought about its owner, everyone became at ease again. What could it say? There was no need to say anything more about the little Stone's power. Even the Immortal Mountains' people were chopped like vegetables.

With flushed cheeks, Yun Xi stared towards the big red bird. After screaming out, she then looked at Shi Hao and clenched her fists. She didn't know what was the best thing to do here.

On the other side, the group of youths from the Archaic Divine Mountains were stupefied. This was the goddess they held close to their hearts, yet she was humiliated by the little Stone. They were shocked and furious.

"How could it have ended like this?" A youth muttered to himself. It was hard for him to accept what he was seeing.

In the eyes of the Horned Dragon, Bifang and others, this Celestial Race lady was holy and had no time for others. She was inviolable. Among the Archaic Divine Mountains' younger generation, she occupied an irreplaceable position, just like a goddess.

"Are you provoking the Archaic Peng Mountain?" The golden-haired youth's expression became downcast. He loudly berated and then looked at his older brother. He couldn't stop himself from challenging him.

"Provoking the Archaic Peng Mountain?" Shi Hao turned around and looked at him. The youth was only one or two years older than he was. Golden fighting aura was seething from his body.

"Yun Xi is going to join my race, yet you dare to treat her rudely?!" The blonde youth's sharp eyebrows jumped. His voice carried a chilliness, and his eyes shot out two beams of faint golden light.

The Peng Race's aura was released, and powerful fluctuations diffused, making this entire garden shake. This was a genius who had a shocking cultivation level among his peers.

"Then why am I hearing Yun Xi say that there is nothing between you two?" Shi Hao asked.

Yun Xi's ample chest rose and fell, provoking endless fanciful thoughts. Her physique was tall and thin, and her impressive figure had curves undulating up and down. She now gradually calmed down.

"Jin Yunxiao, there is nothing between me and your Peng Mountain!" She said. At the same time, she stared hatefully at Shi Hao.

"You!" The golden-haired youth Jin Yunxiao's face became ugly. Being refuted in front of his face like this and having what he just said be completely overthrown left him feeling extremely uncomfortable.

He came from the Peng Mountain, a powerful and honorable race. He was a genius rarely seen in this world. Being shown contempt by the little Stone had already left him discontent, and now, he was even more upset.

"Hey, I said, didn't she already say several times that she has nothing to do with you? Could it be that you are going to force yourself onto her?" The big red bird looked at him with disdain.

Jin Yunxiao's face was overcast. He didn't say anything. His eyes continuously swept between Yun Xi and Shi Hao, because he wasn't sure what exactly the relationship between the two was.



He wasn't the only one. The group of youths from the Archaic Divine Mountains were also completely shocked. How could the normally distant and unapproachable goddess Yun Xi be like this? Forget about her previously voluntary movement towards that youth, after being 'counterattacked', she still had this kind of attitude, refusing the Peng Mountain.

"Yun Xi, what is going on? Are you being forced to do this? It doesn't seem like it though..." Someone said softly. He couldn't accept this reality.

In a way, they were more willing for Yun Xi to be married to the Peng Mountain's most powerful genius than for her to have any kind of relationship with Shi Hao. They all felt that the former was more suitable.

The Archaic Peng Mountain's heroic genius Jin Yunteng had visited every great divine mountain before, so they were all familiar with him. In addition, ever since he was born, he had never been defeated.

Afterwards, he left the wasteland region on his own and cultivated bitterly outside this region. Everything was for the sake of sharpening and improving his strength. Even though he left for many years, he still possessed great prestige in these youths' eyes.

After all, they were comparatively closer to him. If Yun Xi absolutely had to choose a husband, then they hoped that she would enter the Peng Mountain.

"Yun Xi, don't be so impulsive. Look how awesome brother Yunteng is!" A young lady said. She had long green hair, and her appearance was rather graceful. She was truly trying to placate Yun Xi's anger.

Even though the little Stone was stunning, in the end, he was still someone on a different path from them all. This was especially true after they learned how strong Shi Hao was. He has killed a supreme expert from the divine mountains and even eaten a green luan.

"Yun Xi, what is going on? Even if you don't want to get married, you still don't need to refuse like this. How talented is brother Yunteng? You should understand that this is a bit hurtful." Another young lady spoke.

Within the youngsters that came from the divine mountains, there were many males that had favorable impressions of Yun Xi, viewing her as their goddess. However, seeing her like this made their hearts drop.

Meanwhile, the girls that came from the archaic restricted lands were inclined to Jin Yunteng and would speak on his behalf. This was their most powerful genius, and he possessed a brilliant reputation. Many females had feelings for him.

Even though Yun Xi was gradually calming down, when she thought back to what happened, her face flushed red again. She inwardly ground her teeth and sighed. Turns out that one truly had to pay the price when using another.

"I know how I should choose, and right now, I do not want to think about personal matters." She did not say too much, only this sentence.

As of this moment, everyone could naturally see that she truly was against it. Moreover, she probably wanted to use Shi Hao as a shield, yet in the end, Shi Hao didn't act as she suspected he would and instead performed an extremely improper act.

When the males from the Archaic Divine Mountains cleared up some of their confusion, they all couldn't help but sigh. Fairy Yun Xi's choice was the best option for them.

When they looked at Shi Hao, their eyes were no longer as fierce anymore. After all, he was used like a shield and didn't pose any true threat.

The blond youth Jin Yunxiao's face became overcast. He shot a cold look towards Shi Hao and inwardly snorted. He felt extremely discontent, because today's matters damaged the Peng Race's reputation.

"Little Stone, even though you are amazing, you still shouldn't go too far!" He spoke coldly.

"Is little Stone something you can casually call out?!" The big red bird berated. Right now, the two Stones had a nice-sounding ring to it, but it was usually used by the older generation in their discussions. Those of a similar age usually wouldn't directly call him the little Stone.

Jin Yunxiao was proud and unyielding. When he looked forward, a terrifying fluctuation was released from his body that pressured the big red bird. It was clear that he was not willing to give in to Shi Hao, as his expression carried killing intent.

Everyone felt a wave of indescribable palpitation. It was almost suffocation, making them all tremble. This youth from the Peng Race was terrifyingly powerful after all.

Forget about those his age, even the older generation figures were moved. Once this outstanding talent grew up, he would definitely become a formidable supreme expert. There was no doubt about it.

The big red bird found it difficult to breath. With its current strength, it was truly hard for it to match a well-known pure-blooded creature. Even the nine-headed lion beside it was shocked and felt the pressure.

Shi Hao snorted coldly. This person dared to take action in front of him and indiscriminately harm those around him. This was a provocation, and he would never ignore something like this.

His body did not move, and instead, he simply released a cold snort. However, this alone possessed profound mysteries of divine sound, and it smashed forward like an enormous hammer. With a honglong sound, the space around them shook.

Jin Yunxiao released a muffled groan, and his face became a bit pale. He looked at the 'little Stone' with disbelief. The difference between the two was obvious; even as a heaven warping genius, he wasn't his match.

At this time, his brother Jin Yunteng finally made his move. His entire body was surrounded by a layer of golden light. He was like a shining sun, and even his hair was covered in a layer of holy radiance.

His body was well proportioned and tall. His heroic appearance was outstanding. As he walked forward, the golden radiance pervaded the air. He protected his own brother, allowing color to return to his pale face. The younger brother's heart was no longer palpitating heavily.

Jin Yunteng did not get angry, and his voice was gentle as he said, "Yunxiao, you cannot act rudely. Brother Shi is a heavenly genius in our generation, so how could you challenge him? In the future, not many people can contend against him in this world."

This surpassed everyone's expectations. A great battle was about to break out, yet they never expected that the Peng Race's most powerful genius didn't get angry. Instead, he controlled his own younger brother.

"Older brother!" Jin Yunxiao was still unwilling to let it go and wanted to say something.

However, Jin Yunteng only gave him a glance, and he closed his mouth. He was extremely respectful towards this older brother of his and did not dare rebel.

"Regardless, Yun Xi can make her own decision. No one else has the right to interfere," Jin Yunteng said. He then left without taking action.

Everyone was truly surprised. From their intuition, they could all tell that this Peng Race genius was extremely powerful and might even possess a ridiculous level of strength. However, in the end, he remained so calm and collected and left just like that.

This left the big red bird that was watching speechless. It felt that things had already reached the climax, and a battle between geniuses was going to break out, yet in the end, it was dissolved just like that.

"How is he?" The nine-headed lion asked.

"Very strong. He has long reached the Formation Arrangement Realm. He is a very young king level figure." Shi Hao replied. This was an extremely young king-level figure, and was the most powerful individual around his age from the Archaic Divine Mountains.

Jin Yunteng was only eighteen or nineteen years old. Possessing this kind of cultivation was definitely astonishing!

After all, not everyone could be like Shi Hao and become a king level figure at fifteen years of age. It was truly rarely seen since the ancient era.

"You should be careful. If it was any other king, then it's fine, but he is from the Peng Race, the most powerful pure-blooded creatures from the Archaic Divine Mountains. This is already terrifying." The flame crow reminded.

Shi Hao nodded and didn't say anything.

A crisis was neutralized just like that. Yun Xi did not leave and offered a few conditions, yet in the end, they were all refused.

Shi Hao carefully selected spiritual grasses and exchanged with their owners. He obtained quite a few things here, obtaining more than ten types of spiritual medicines he needed.

Soon after, Huo Ling'er hurried over. As the host, she enthusiastically invited Shi Hao, nine-headed lion, and the others to dinner. However, when a certain dish appeared, everyone became stupefied.

"What is this? Pig ears?!" The rainbow luan was stupefied.

The cold dish was sitting on the jade table. Compared to the other meat dishes, it was clearly quite different.

"Isn't there someone that particularly likes to eat ears? It was prepared specially for him." Huo Ling'er said.

"Haha..." Everyone erupted into laughter.

Shi Hao felt extremely embarrassed. When this subject was brought up again, he didn't know what was the right thing to say.

Yun Xi didn't leave either and was similarly invited to this table. Seeing this scene, her jade-like face became even more rosy. This was just too embarrassing.

She hatefully looked at Shi Hao and then looked at Huo Ling'er without the slightest hesitation. She gradually calmed down and no longer looked so awkward.

Finally, Shi Hao said his goodbyes. This atmosphere left him feeling extremely embarrassed.

"Where is brother Shi going?" The flame crow asked.

"I am preparing to roam the wasteland region. I want to see this region's beautiful mountains and rivers." Shi Hao replied.

"Good, we aren't occupied with anything at the moment. We'll go with you," said the nine-headed lion. They wanted to go on a trip as well.

"All of you need to be careful. Once you leave the capital, there will probably be people who will take action," Huo Ling'er reminded, because she received some information.

"No matter!" Shi Hao was not scared.

In the end, Huo Ling'er followed them while hugging the little wolf. Apart from this, Yun Xi actually followed as well, leaving together with them out of Fire Nation capital.

#### Chapter 415 – Medicine Capital

After leaving the capital, regardless of whether it was the nine-headed lion, Huo Ling'er, or the others, they were all on guard. They received some news that there were people plotting against Shi Hao.

The imposing city wall was already far away, and they were travelling on the horizon limit where the sun was falling. They had not been attacked yet.

Even at night time within a small town's tavern, they still didn't encounter any trouble. It was still extremely peaceful, and the trouble they anticipated never happened.

"Wu, I received a report that a large bounty was placed on your head in the Blood God Building. However, the Assassination Hall did not accept it and rejected those symbol bones." Huo Ling'er received the news.

Everyone sighed. Even the wasteland region's famous Assassination Hall feared Shi Hao, not daring to send someone after him. This left them all amazed.

“Brother Shi’s fame is far reaching and truly admirable!” The three-eyed race’s brothers were greatly moved. The Blood God Building was not a normal place. These assassins all came from different clans, and they were shockingly powerful.

It is rumored that for the past many years, few people have survived their attacks. At their peak, they even dared to take the heads of supreme experts!

“It is good that nothing bad happened!” Regardless, these people were extremely happy. No one wanted to live while suffering from constant attacks. The assassins shrinking back was naturally a good thing.

The Formation Arrangement Realm was a threshold that was extremely difficult to break through. Shi Hao wanted to cut down on the time and enter a high level, so he would naturally use his clan’s pill recipes.

What he lacked right now were various types of spiritual medicines. This was what was most pressing, so he naturally had to go and gather what he needed.

“Fire Nation has some famous mountains and rivers. I would like to personally pick some medicines,” Shi Hao said. He consulted Huo Ling’er.

“What famous mountains and rivers? There’s no need to go to those places to collect spiritual medicines. It’s enough just to directly purchase them.” Huo Ling’er informed him. How could true masters of medicine refinement have the time to pick their ingredients themselves? They would always have specific people prepare it for them.

“Let’s go to the Medicine Capital!” The nine-headed lion said. He was a bit more familiar with this place, as his birthplace and home was rather close. The Medicine Capital was an extremely wealthy and well-known place. Their tradition had been passed on for a long time. From the ancient times until now, they had always been well-known.

This wasn’t a sect, but it still similarly had its own established rules and customs. It was an ancient city that was situated right at Fire Nation’s border. Many medicine masters would roam about this place, so there were naturally many spiritual medicines here as well.

Rumor has it that this was the birthplace of the medicine god.

Previously, Shi Hao did not understand too much about this place. After listening to them, he became more and more interested. He could exchange for many spiritual medicines here and increase his power.

“I’m also going!” The big red bird said. It originally came for the sake of finding a master, but this was also along the way. The Fire Nation’s ancestral ground was also in that direction.

They didn’t make any stops along the way. While sitting on the Void Beast Skin that Huo Ling’er brought, they traveled through the void at lightning speed.

Otherwise, moving on their own would definitely take one or two months, because this great earth was too vast. The wilderness stretched boundlessly everywhere.

The void beast was rare even during the ancient era. Regardless of whether it was their bones or their skin, they could all be turned into priceless magical artifacts.

It was already near impossible to see a void beast in this world. As a result, this divine beast skin that could travel through the void was an invaluable treasure.

After a period of time, they emerged from the void. The black crack behind them slowly closed.

“With this kind of treasure, where can’t you go? It truly is enviable.” The flame crow and the other descendants were all drooling inwardly like the big red bird.

They had arrived at a mountain range. Clouds and mist surrounded this place, and the spiritual essence was abundant. They could vaguely hear the cries of apes and roars of tigers. All types of fierce beasts and vicious birds were coming and going.

What kind of place was this? It definitely wasn’t the Medicine Capital. Everyone looked towards Huo Ling’er and expressed their doubts.

“The distance is too far. Even if we have the coordinates, the Void Beast Skin still can’t precisely lock in on the location. However, it shouldn’t be too far. Look, there is a vague medicinal fragrance within these mountains. It means that there are quite a few medicinal fields nearby.

Huo Ling’er made this determination and pointed towards the nearby mountain peaks.

Everyone nodded. They stepped onto their precious treasures and flew out of the mountain range. They arrived at a field, and after moving for several hundred li, they could see an ancient city. This was precisely the Medicine Capital.

Outside this city, there were all types of medicinal fields. Not only did the fragrant odor fill the air, all types of spiritual essence were curling about. It made this place seem extremely outstanding.

Apart from this, there were also extremely rare spiritual insects and other creatures moving about within the old medicines.

“Yi, that’s a golden medicine butterfly!” The rainbow luan cried out in shock.

Inside that medicinal field, there was a golden butterfly fluttering about. Its wings were golden, and they were at least a meter in length, and brilliant splendor was being scattered down from them.

It moved through this place. The medicinal herbs were full of vitality, and many flowers were budding, releasing their fragrance.

Within the butterfly species, there were two that were especially famous. One was the Crack Demonic Butterfly with shockingly terrifying fighting strength, and the other was the Golden Medicine Butterfly, which could allow spiritual medicines to grow even better. They could also help medicine masters refine medicine.

“This most likely isn’t a pure-blooded Golden Medicine Butterfly. However, it is still a rare sight!” Huo Ling’er commented.

Even the city was full of medicinal fields, and there were formations laid down around them. These formations gathered spiritual energy from all sides into the medicinal earth to nourish these medicinal herbs.

“Apart from the restricted lands in the great wasteland, this is probably the place most suitable for growing plants,” said the nine-headed lion. It was clear that he had heard some rumors.

The medicine god was born here, and in the end, he also died here. His body of spiritual essence contained medicinal attributes, and in the end, it turned into a spiritual rain that scattered down onto this land.

“Yi, during the ancient era, heavenly talents rose to power and many saints struggled for supremacy. Even the medicinal god fell. That era was truly a glorious and terrifying time.”

They approached the ancient city. The city walls weren’t that tall, and some parts had even collapsed into a ruined state. The pair of city gates had long vanished as well, and it was opened wide just like that.

However, the city was extremely lively. It was not desolate at all.

Since the ancient times, the Medicine Capital had already become a holy land. Even though this city wall had collapsed, it did not affect what happened inside the city.

In reality, it wasn’t that the people here couldn’t reconstruct it, only they felt that there was no need. The Medicine Capital didn’t need city walls to protect it. The ancient walls were merely a remnant of the past.

As soon as they arrived at the ancient city, a wave of thick medicinal fragrance assailed their nostrils. The aura of spiritual medicines was included within this fragrance, making them feel rather comfortable.

“Ah, is this a spiritual medicine tree?” The flame crow was stupefied.

There was an ancient tree at the side of the city’s main road. The trunk was so thick that one couldn’t even wrap their arms around it. It possessed an ancient aura, and the entire tree’s green leaves were releasing green light. In addition, there were several massive flower buds that flowed with sparkling multicolored light and released fragrance.

The flame crow had heard the rumor that there were a few ancient medicines in the Medicine Capital that underwent transformation. Some spiritual herbs grew into trees, and they’ve existed for an extremely long time.

“This spiritual herb has lived for five thousand years already. In the end it didn’t turn into a divine medicine, but instead gradually grew spirituality and became a medicinal tree.”

There were quite a few old medicines that have lived for seemingly endless years. However, those that could become trees and break free from its past form were rare.

According to its understanding, this spiritual herb was struck by lightning, and in addition, it obtained a baptism of heavenly tribulation liquid. This allowed it to mutate and change into its current form.

Shi Hao naturally knew how precious lightning tribulation fluid was. Back then, within the Heaven Mending Pavilion, old ancestor Mu Yan taught him the lightning technique. Moreover, for Shi Hao's sake, the elder brought him into the rainy skies to refine this lightning tribulation liquid. It was extremely dangerous and difficult to obtain.

Previously, even old ancestor Mu Yan only managed to refine a single drop.

For this spiritual herb to obtain a baptism of lightning tribulation liquid, that was truly an absolutely shocking opportunity!

"It isn't a divine medicine, but its effectiveness is not inferior to a divine medicine. What's more important is that it possesses powerful fighting strength," Huo Ling'er said.

Everyone became shocked. After understanding this tree's background, they all surrounded it to take a look.

Even Yun Xi, who originated from the Archaic Divine Mountains and had seen many bizarre medicines revealed a startled expression. She walked up and observed the tree.

Its branches were complex and its leaves were luxurious. The entire tree was verdant and lush, and it towered over a hundred meters. The old bark on the trunk was cracking apart, making it look like dragon scales. Its leaves were scattering down strand after strand of green light.

Everyone heard a unique sound, and it seemed to make them become absent-minded. They stood there in a stupefied manner.

In addition to this spiritual medicine, the tree also scattered down several sparkling branches. It touched their bodies and released multicolored light.

Shi Hao was startled. He had already snapped back to reality. However, he didn't feel any killing intent, so he didn't resist.

Soon after, the nine-headed lion, flame crow, and the others all woke up. They all exclaimed in astonishment. This ancient tree's fighting prowess was definitely unmatched!

Huo Ling'er explained, "Anyone entering the Medicine Capital would be examined by the spiritual medicine tree. It can see through any concealed malice."

The nine-headed lion nodded and said, "I've also heard this. In addition, I've heard that the flower buds on this spiritual medicine tree are second only to holy medicines."

"You all seem to know quite a bit." Someone from the side chuckled and spoke. They were already inside the city, and there were many people on the streets.

"Unfortunately, each year, the old medicine tree only produces a few flowers. Each time, they would be auctioned off for extraordinary prices. Normal people would never be able to purchase them..." Another person sighed.

Sure enough, there were only a few flower buds on the tree. Their colors were all different, and they sparkled brilliantly as they released their radiance.



Upon entering the city, Shi Hao felt as if there were just too many interesting things to look at. There were all types of medicinal herbs, and the various smells of medicinal herbs were mixed together. It was as if one's illnesses could be cleansed a bit just by being here.

"The Medicine Capital really is a good place!" They were deeply moved.

"Selling divine herb. A holy magical artifact is enough for an exchange." Not far off, someone had set up a vendor's stall on the street.

This made the big red bird and the others dumbstruck. Was there really a divine herb?

"Wu, in this place, you have to be good at discerning what is real and fake. One must carefully differentiate between the two." Someone reminded.

Several individuals immediately understood that even if it was the Medicine Capital, there would be many counterfeit herbs being brought out. Of course, true unique and unmatched medicines would still show up.

"Golden Medicine Butterfly, unique and unequaled. There is only this pair, so if you want to purchase, hurry and bid a price." On the other side, an elder hugged a jade container while hawking out what he had.

Shi Hao and the others moved over to take a look. They only saw two caterpillars inside of a jade container, leaving them a bit stumped for words.

"Youngster, haven't you heard about breaking through a cocoon and turning into a butterfly? This Golden Medicine Butterfly is still in its childhood stage, not having undergone any transformation yet." The elder was all smiles.

"Who are you fooling? You even dare to fool others with two bugs?!" The big red bird was unconvinced.

The elder's face was calm without any sign of embarrassment. "I am merely stating the facts. If a real Golden Medicine Butterfly could be found in this world, then it would definitely be in the Medicine Capital. It might just be a caterpillar that had been hibernating for endless years!"

They didn't stay here and continued on their way. Soon after, they stopped again and looked towards a bizarre medicinal vine.

There was a small medicinal field here. Many people were lined up in an orderly fashion, waiting to refine medicine. However, what was shocking was that the one refining the medicine was an ancient vine.

"What is going on?" Shi Hao and the others were shocked.

On top of this ancient vine, there was a flower in the shape of a medicinal cauldron. It was a shining bronze, and in addition, it could light up and release flames. Once those in line placed their medicinal herbs inside, the bronze flower cauldron would start refining the medicine. It was extremely astonishing.

An older woman explained, "This is the Medicine Capital's holy medicine vine. The flower it produced is like copper cauldrons, and it has even absorbed a lump of divine flame that descended from the heavens, allowing it to transform and ultimately develop spirituality. It can help one refine medicine."

“There is something like that?” Shi Hao and the others were astonished. They felt more and more like it was extremely mysterious. They wanted to stay here for a while and carefully explore this place.

“You’ve all come at the perfect time! Soon, there might be a divine supreme ancient treasure that will make an appearance. This is a grand occasion that is worth a look!”

#### Chapter 416 – Phoenix Bone

The copper cauldron was roughly a third of a meter in height and wrapped within an ancient vine. Even after hearing the introductions made by the surrounding people, Shi Hao, the flame crow, and the others were all astonished.

It was because after someone placed their medicines inside to be refined, some hard beast bones began to strike against the top of the cauldron. Qiang qiang sounds were created that sounded clearly metallic.

The vine bloomed with bronze flowers. This was extremely shocking and unthinkable. It did not seem like a bronze cauldron, because it was clearly alive.

“These aren’t that special. This ancient vine and the spiritual medicine tree are of the same sort. They are both abnormal existences that protect the Medicine Capital.” Someone explained.

Even Yun Xi revealed a look of shock. They lined up here to ask the person refining the medicine for more information.

A lump of divine flame descended from the heavens, landing on the spiritual vine. Not only did the flame not burn the vine into ashes, it instead nourished its body, allowing it to become much stronger through a complete transformation.

Afterwards, the ancient vine became completely different. It had a will and spirituality, and it could also absorb metal attribute energy. Part of itself was changed, allowing the flowers it produced to form copper cauldrons.

When he heard these rumors, the big red bird’s eyes lit up. It said, “Is there no one who lusts after this spiritual vine?”

Someone from the side revealed a look of shock and said in a low voice, “Don’t speak nonsense. Otherwise, the great fiery gold vine won’t be happy.”

Fiery gold vine was the name of this spiritual vine. Its appearance reflected its attributes. There was divine flame inside of it that devoured metal, allowing it to produce the copper flower cauldron.

The people here all felt reverence towards it because this ancient vine was extremely powerful. Back then, there were experts who wanted to subdue it, but they were all defeated.

However, it never caused trouble, and it would typically even help others refine medicine. The medicines that underwent the copper flower cauldron’s refinement would all have effects that were miraculously better. As a result, it developed a well-known reputation within the Medicine Capital.

It was precisely because of this that it stood side by side with the medicinal tree and was respected in the same way. From a certain perspective, they could be considered the guardians of the Medicine Capital.

Everyone understood how extraordinary this vine was. The divine flames inside might possess a heavenly origin that could allow a cultivator to greatly evolve, but no one wanted to try and steal it.

The flame crow lined up. When it was his turn, he placed some medicinal herbs into the cauldron and offered some payment. Several pieces of uncommon metals were tossed in, and immediately after, the fiery golden vine produced metal attribute energy, absorbing it.

Meanwhile, when the medicinal pill was extracted, it was full of spirituality. It was much better compared to when an ordinary person refined it.

"It's quite extraordinary. The flames that it uses far surpasses the flame essence from my Li Fiery Cave!" This was what the flame crow determined after this experiment.

Shi Hao used the dual-pupil he had, and he immediately became shocked. Within the fiery golden vine, there was a small person sitting within a lump of fire. It looked extremely dignified. What kind of flame was this?

He felt a wave of shock. This vine was formidable. To be more precise, this counterpart was the spirit housed within. The small figure within the flames was surrounded by layers of divine chains.

This was far more terrifying than that spiritual medicine tree! He had a feeling that once the small figure within the spiritual vine revived, a great chaos would immediately be stirred up!

"How long has this fiery golden vine existed for?" Shi Hao asked.

"Should be several thousands of years." Someone replied.

Shi Hao took another careful look. He noticed that the aura was quite similar to that of the cave sealed within the Fire Nation capital's fiery guardian spirit divine tree. This can't possibly be the source of the 'calamity and chaos', right?

It was hard for him to calm down. The wasteland region was going to become chaotic; could it be that there might be some connection to these mysterious existences?

"Let's go." Shi Hao spoke. He did not want to stay in this place for too long.

They left this place and entered another bustling street in the Medicine Capital. As expected, this place was abundant with medicinal herbs. Stalls lined both sides of the street and trading was happening everywhere.

"Dragon bone, selling true dragon bone! True miraculous medicine! Do not miss this opportunity!" Someone hollered from the side.

The medicines sold in in this area were not plants. Instead, they were all bone fragments, ore, and other similar items. It was because these could all be used for medicinal purposes as well, so there were quite a few people looking around.

Even the booth where the true dragon bone was being advertised had many creatures around it. Even though the people didn't believe that it was true, they still couldn't help but take a look out of curiosity. They wanted to see what kind of spiritual medicine it was exactly.

“Ladies and gentleman, don’t be so quick to think that this is fake. This piece of bone was salvaged from the depths of the Bottomless Abyss. Not even the endless passage of time could destroy it, so it’s definitely not ordinary. Other than dragon bones, what else could there be in a place like that?” The seller boasted.

Everyone walked up and shoved their way forward to take a look. Then, quite a few people revealed looks of shock.

“I want this bone.” A vicious bird spoke. Of course, it had turned into a human form, and only his head remained in its original state. It made his appearance appear rather fierce.

“I am willing to exchange with five stalks of spiritual medicines!” Another person said.

“Yi, this truly isn’t an ordinary piece of bone. It’s quite formidable.” The nine-headed lion was moved. He had long turned into human form. His hair was golden, and his aura was heroic. If he hadn’t, his outward appearance would have been too astonishing. It might draw an unwanted crowd.

“It’s a piece of holy bone at the least. It can’t be crushed at all.” Yun Xi was astonished. She never thought that she would truly encounter a piece of bone that was this valuable.

When Shi Hao obtained it, he carefully inspected it. Then, he tested it with his divine force. In the end, without saying anything, he placed it down again.

“So?” Huo Ling’er asked him in secret.

“It is a saint’s bone, but its divinity had long been guided outwards. The little that remain is all on the bone’s surface,” Shi Hao explained.

“Isn’t this just a scam? They are clearly ripping us off.” The big red bird was discontent.

The bone quickly raised in price, and by now, many people surrounded this stall. Someone had already declared their willingness to exchange for eight spiritual medicines.

This region primarily sold bone pieces and ores. Shi Hao and the others discovered a few truly good items and purchased them at a high price.

In the end, they returned to the vendor selling the dragon bone and discovered that the holy bone was purchased by someone.

Suddenly, Shi Hao sensed something. He saw a tortoise shell inside this unremarkable looking booth. After picking it up and rubbing it within his hands, a slight silver color was revealed.

Could it be a white tortoise’s shell? He was startled. If this was true, then this was a good item. When refining the little nirvana pill, the white tortoise’s shell was one of the main ingredients. However, this item was too rare. Tortoise shells were easy to come by, but white ones were difficult to encounter!

If he could obtain this tortoise shell, Shi Hao felt that he could collect some spiritual medicines here and refine a batch of precious medicines for now, enabling an initial breakthrough.

However, after carefully inspecting it with the dual-pupils, he found that this seller truly wasn't genuine. It was another counterfeit. There was only a small piece of white tortoise shell, with the remaining portions all belonging to a normal tortoise. It had been pieced together.

This tortoise shell only revealed a tiny bit of silvery whiteness. Without carefully observing it, one wouldn't even be able to discover it. It was purposely done to bait careless buyers, making them feel like the entire item was spotlessly white. It was covered up previously to make others feel as if they discovered something good.

"This dishonest businessman!" Shi Hao cursed silently.

Sure enough, when the vendor saw him pick up the piece of bone, light flashed through his eyes. He carelessly walked over and began to try and dupe Shi Hao.

"Too shameless. This fellow is truly lacking in virtue." After being informed of what was going on, the big red bird cursed inwardly as well.

Shi Hao secretly used the dual-pupils to observe the entire booth. He was suddenly shaken, for he truly noticed a good item. It seemed to be a pile of items that had been delivered, and there was even some dirt brought along with it.

"How much for this pile?" Shi Hao asked.

"A saint grade magical artifact," said the booth's vendor. He then introduced it in detail. "Do all of you see? These are good items that had just been dug up from an ancient cave. Have you all heard the news about the precious ancient medicine appearing in this world? These were precisely brought out from that place. They are all good items!"

Shi Hao's group had been informed previously that someone had discovered a divine valley. There were countless formations arranged there, and immortal mists curled about. It was suspected that precious ancient medicine grew within it, so those from the Medicine Capital immediately rushed over. The divine valley was surrounded, and they were currently breaking the formation.

"Your price is too ridiculously. What kind of rotten items are these?" The big red bird's mouth twitched.

In reality, no one would give him a saint grade magical artifact. How could normal people come into contact with something like that? Even supreme experts would be moved. The vendor was merely putting out an absurd price.

"How about this. I'll be straightforward with you. A Formation Arrangement Realm magical artifact," said the vendor.

Shi Hao's group naturally still shook their heads. They weren't willing to pay that price, so they turned around and prepared to leave.

The vendor carefully inspected those ores and bone fragments, and in the end, he wanted to exchange for an Engraving Realm precious artifact. After some dispute, Shi Hao agreed and brought away those items.

"Was it worth it?" Huo Ling'er asked.

“Extremely worth it!” They hadn’t walked far from the stall when Shi Hao gave this reply.

“What is inside?” The flame crow asked.

“I’m not sure what kind of bird’s bone this is. The surface is pitch-black, but there is divine light inside that is like a small sun.” Shi Hao said.

Right at this time, an extremely valiant middle-aged male flew over on a precious artifact and hollered, “A’De, you absolutely cannot sell the pile of items my people brought back!”

“What is going on?” The vendor was confused.

“Someone discovered a few bones within the valley, and they might be true phoenix bones! Some of the bones might contain primordial symbols within them that possess limitless energy!” The valiant male clearly recalled that there was a piece of bone within the pile of items that had been sent back.

“Ah, I just sold it!” A’De was shocked. Then, he looked towards Shi Hao’s group and said, “Friend, I’m not selling anymore!”

Their voices were extremely low and were spoken in secret, but with Shi Hao’s cultivation, he could hear them perfectly.

This left him amazed. If it was truly a phoenix bone, then there would be limitless energy inside. It would be far more valuable than a white tortoise shell. It could be used to first refine a batch of precious medicine to help him break through.

What kind of place is that valley exactly? There is an ancient divine medicine being protected by formations and phoenix bones scattered about. This is just too astonishing!

“Friend, I am not selling those items.” The middle-aged individual walked over with a downcast expression. For this pile of items, he killed two competitors. Now that he knew the value was unordinary, he naturally wouldn’t let it be sold. n)/OvelbIn

“I’ve already purchased it, so they belong to me.” Shi Hao said.

The middle-aged male reached out a large hand and quickly grabbed towards Shi Hao. He was going to completely surround Shi Hao, suppress and capture him to seize back the pile of items.

Shi Hao casually brushed it away, blocking that hand.

“Friend, are you really not going to hand them over?” The middle-aged male’s expression became malicious. He never anticipated there being a rare true phoenix bone within the pile of items.

“What happened?” A luxurious carriage stopped, and eight vicious beasts roared in front of the carriage. It was clear that the identity of the individual inside the carriage was unordinary.

“Sir Qibing, someone is trying to forcefully purchase my precious bone.” The middle-aged male said.

Right at this moment, several divine rainbows tore through the skies. Someone shouted, “The divine valley might be where a true phoenix fell. Immortal divine objects have been discovered!”

These were all messengers, and they were here to inform some of the great figures within the Medicine Capital. It immediately triggered a huge uproar.

#### Chapter 417 – Divine Valley's Wondrous Medicine

When the news arrived from the divine valley, it immediately raised an uproar within the Medicine Capital. The streets immediately clamored with noise, and everyone began to reveal fervent gazes.

What kind of treasure ground was that? When it was first discovered, everyone already knew that it was unordinary. There were formations everywhere, protecting the divine precious medicine. They never thought that this might be the grave of a true phoenix. This made this place too important.

This discovery was not inferior to that of the Kun Peng nest, because it was also one of the Archaic Vicious Ten. Back then, no one knew just how many people died in the Northern Sea. Now, a true phoenix suddenly appeared within the wasteland region as well, which was utterly shocking.

"How could that be? Even though there was a rumor that the true phoenix's blood had been shed in this region, its inheritance was not left behind in this region. What exactly is that divine valley?"

"Wu, so far, there's just a possibility that a true phoenix bone might have been discovered. Nothing is certain yet. It might just be the remains of another divine bird."

On the main street, a few experts were discussing with each other.

The luxurious carriage that stopped in the street did not hesitate and immediately took to the skies. It quickly left for the distance and disappeared into the distance.

Soon after, streak after streak of divine light flew across the Medicine Capital's skies into the horizon. They all departed for a single destination: the divine valley!

The aggressive middle-aged male's expression changed, because the great elder of the Divine Medicine Gate did not pay attention to his matter and instead left just like that. It was clear that the elder wanted to obtain some of the treasure.

He immediately felt conflicted. Should he hurry back? Even though there were countless formations in that divine valley, making it a difficult place to take over, they've already discovered a phoenix bone outside, so there might still be great opportunities.

"You all better return my precious bone. Otherwise, I won't be polite!" The middle-aged male threatened. A flash of killing intent appeared in his eyes.

Shi Hao brought forward his arms from behind his back. Symbols flickered within his palms. Without a sound, a piece of dark and swarthy rock was picked up and flung out. "You truly are lacking in reason, taking advantage of others when it benefits you. Fine, you can think of it as me being scared of you. Here!"

A'De quickly went up to catch it.

However, he was a bit suspicious. The pile of items from before was extremely messy, so he didn't have a deep impression of the contents.

He only recalled that there was a black piece of bone. He wasn't sure if the one in front of him was that piece.

As for the middle-aged male, he also didn't recall what it looked like exactly. He revealed a look of confusion and carefully looked it over. However, he noticed that it was just a normal piece of bone.

"This isn't it. Hand over the divine bird bone of mine!" The middle-aged male's eyes revealed a vicious glint, and killing intent surged.

"You are simply extorting others! You threatened and forced me to bring out a piece of bone, and now not only did you break the promise, you still want me to bring out another divine bone. Do you think I'm easy to bully?" Shi Hao's face fell.

The middle-aged man hesitated. He also felt that he might have been mistaken, and that the black bone he received might have been this one. It wasn't some true phoenix bone, and it seems like he had been too cautious.

"Youngster, count your luck to be good. Right now, I have urgent matters to take care of, so I won't bicker with you anymore." It was clear that this middle-aged man was an expert. He remained inside the Medicine Capital this entire time, and now, he directly took to the skies.

The rainbow luan was puzzled and said, "Why did you act so politely? You should have just straight up dealt with him!"

Shi Hao shook his head and said, "Even though that person was overly aggressive, directly killing him wouldn't be good. It will draw attention from everyone in the Medicine Capital."

He did not want to attract attention right now. After hearing about the divine valley, he wanted to go take a look. If too many people knew that he was an expert, then it wouldn't necessarily be something good.

This time, they had paid close attention to making sure that their identities were hidden before entering the Medicine Capital. They didn't want others to stare at them.

"Then we should hurry over as well and take a look. It wouldn't be good if we get there too late and end up with nothing," said the big red bird excitedly. It wanted to get in on the action immediately.

At this moment, many precious artifacts took to the skies and headed into the distance. Shi Hao's group also moved and followed these cultivators without drawing attention to themselves.

After moving for about a hundred li, they arrived at the center of a divine mountain range. They could see immortal energy surging in the distance and all types of glistening symbols around this valley.

"This is a good place! I can tell that there is an ancient divine figure's cave here. There are extraordinary formations laid here." The nine-headed lion sighed in praise.

They could feel the refined energy without even getting close. The spiritual essence that passed through the great formation was ridiculously dense. The medicines inside were definitely not ordinary and might have developed spirituality.



The unique medicine that was under special protection was even more special. It was definitely extraordinarily precious, and it should be a holy medicine at the least.

There were many creatures here, and they were from all different races. Normally, they all lived in the Medicine Capital. Their cultivations weren't weak, because normal people wouldn't be able to even get close to the divine valley.

"If it wasn't for the supreme experts secluding themselves from the rest of the world, this mountain valley would have been completely smashed apart. There wouldn't be any life left in a circumference of tens of thousands of li," Huo Ling'er said.

They were fully aware how extremely powerful those experts were!

"These symbols are so mysterious. They aren't weaker than the ones in my clan's divine mountain." Yun Xi frowned. She was deeply shocked. Exactly what kind of place was this? Could it be that one of the Archaic Vicious Ten really fell here?!

"Let's give it a try too and see if we can break into the valley depths." The sable spoke with a fiery expression in his eyes.

Shi Hao stopped them. After taking a look with the dual-pupil, he revealed a serious expression. "I can see more than a hundred formations. They are too complex and mysterious, and they are even linked up together like an ancient formation. Forget about those like me, even a supreme expert would have a hard time breaking through them."

He was considerably shocked. This place was too mysterious. How could there be such terrifying symbols? They seemed holy and auspicious, but once one entered, they would definitely be killed.

No wonder the experts of the Medicine Capital were left helpless. It would be hard for them to overcome these formations anytime soon.

The entrance into the valley seemed to almost be completely red. It was clear that quite a few people died. However, the ground surrounding the valley had been dug ten zhang deep; it was clear that this was where the damaged magical artifacts and bone fragments were dug up.

"What do we do then? Do we just sit here and stare at it?" The big red bird was unsatisfied.

"This might have been left behind by a heavenly deity. Even if all of the Archaic Divine Mountains' ancestors revived and cooperated, it might be just enough to open this place," Yun Xi said.

She was able to say this because she came from that place and knew just how terrifying these ancient symbols were. Even though her clan's ancient formations were damaged, they had the same aura.

"Heavenly deity?" The nine-headed lion gasped. n-/O.-v-.**E--L-**)b/-l-)n

Who could break through this formation right now? There was simply no way.

"It really might be something left behind by the Archaic Vicious Ten." Yun Xi added.

Once this sentence was spoken, the group's eyes became red. The formation laid by the Archaic Vicious Ten were all for the protection of a wondrous medicine, so if one ate that, wouldn't one immediately ascend into the heavens?

Even though they couldn't break through the formation, they could still fly into the skies to take a look. Upon doing so, they found that people were scattered about here, and no one stayed in one place for too long.

"Yi, I can't see too clearly. There's only a verdant mountain valley." They were all astonished.

When they looked downwards, they saw immortal energy surging. This place was filled with spirituality. They could tell that this was divine earth, but when they reached this higher position, they noticed that the mountain peaks were green and the valleys were bluish-jade. Nothing seemed out of place.

This was precisely the so-called divine valley, yet everything seemed normal.

"It truly is strange. The things you see from different sides are all different. There's clearly a space restricting formation distorting this area. If we charge in rashly, we might be annihilated by the spatial fissures."

Everyone descended a bit to look into the valley. They were finally able to see some strange scenery within the haze. There seemed to be quite a few immortal palaces hidden within the mist.

"There is an enormous boulder there, and some great figures are observing from atop," said the flame crow.

Quite a few people were here, waiting for great figures to leave so they could view the valley from their location atop the giant boulder. They wanted to see what was inside for themselves.

Sure enough, after asking around, Shi Hao found out that this was the only place where the wondrous medicine could be seen. This was a platform where one could vaguely see the divine medicine.

"This divine valley has already been hidden for countless years. It is really difficult to break in with the power of mortals. Could it be that the divine precious medicine has matured, so this mountain valley is going to appear in this world as well?" The nine-headed lion frowned. It was clear that he had heard a few rumors.

Ancient caves like these cannot remain hidden forever, as a day will eventually come when they reappear in this world. However, it usually only happens after a series of conditions are triggered.

"Who was the one that saw the so-called phoenix bones?" An important figure asked. This was an individual who was half a step away from becoming a supreme expert. A strong medicinal fragrance could be smelled from the elder's body.

"Reporting to Divine Medicine Gate seniors, this young one received a piece." Someone stood out from the crowd, not concealing it at all. It was a youngster that spoke out, because he knew that he couldn't hold onto it with his cultivation alone.

"Let us take a look." The Divine Medicine Gate's respected elder did not hold back at all.

Everyone's eyes gazed over, and even Shi Hao's group was paying close attention. They wanted to see whether there truly was a phoenix bone.

"Yi, this really is the divine bird's bone." Next to the Divine Medicine Gate's respected elder, there were a few others. They were all quite powerful, and right now, they were all observing it.

They couldn't ascertain that this was phoenix bone, but they could tell that this definitely belonged to a heavenly ranked divine bird. What was rather unfortunate was that it didn't include the important part of the primordial symbol bone. Moreover, the immortal divine essence was already nearing its end.

"What a formidable mountain valley! Even a heavenly ranked divine bird had fallen here. Truly formidable!"

Finally, several great figures walked down from that giant boulder stage, for they already knew that it wasn't the time for the divine valley to emerge yet. They couldn't break in with their current strength.

The crowd immediately flocked over and gazed into the valley.

Shi Hao's group waited for an extremely long time. Only after the crowd dispersed did they go up.

"This really is a strange place. In the other areas, we can't see through the formation at all, yet we can over here." The rainbow luan was extremely shocked.

They could vaguely see an object there. It was suffused with divine splendor, as if stellar rivers were curling about it. The scene was extremely indistinct. They could actually smell an extremely faint fragrance.

"Good stuff! We are separated by at least ten meters, and there are even layers of great formations between us, yet we could still smell a faint fragrance. That wondrous medicine is formidable. Could it be the wasteland region's first precious divine medicine?!" The nine-headed lion cried out in amazement.

Shi Hao naturally used the dual-pupil to carefully observe this place, allowing him to see far clearer than what an ordinary person could. It was a small tree only a foot tall. He saw an astonishing sight.

He simply didn't dare to believe what it was he saw. Within the hazy white immortal mist, he saw a flower on top of the small tree turn into specks of light. They then congregated together, forming a fist sized figure. The little figure was full of life and jumped about there.

There were three flowers in total on the small tree. Another one turned into specks of light, and then it merged into a magical artifact. It was extremely resplendent, and a sphere of light surrounded it.

Not even the dual-pupil could see it clearly. He could only vaguely see that it was like a pagoda, yet also like a furnace and a cauldron; it was ever-changing.

As for the third flower, it didn't budge an inch. It grew on top of the small one foot tall tree.

#### Chapter 418 – Wasteland Region's First Spiritual Root

Shi Hao was astonished. What kind of tree was this? How could it be like this? This was just too outrageous!

The fist-sized little figure turned, did a flip, and then sat down on the tree without moving. It was as if it was cultivating, creating a rather dignified scene.

The savage child licked his lips. This type of thing definitely had to be delicious! The flower it produced actually turned into a human form, so if he ate it, wouldn't it be a bit too cruel?

Soon after, he knew that he was thinking too much. With more than a hundred formations separating them, how could he possibly obtain it? It was as if it was situated within a dark abyss.

The little tree was only a foot tall. Immortal mists curled up about it hazily, and its branches and leaves were sparkling with brilliance, resembling stars.

Dang...

Suddenly, the second flower turned into a magical artifact. It released a ringing sound similar to that of a dao bell. The sound could vaguely be heard as it transmitted outwards.

"Do you all hear something?" Shi Hao asked.

"There seems to be a strange fluctuation." The nine-headed lion spoke with a rather uncertain expression.

Everyone else nodded. They felt that this place wasn't ordinary. It was as if there were sutras being chanted, and the profound mysteries of a great dao were diffusing outwards.

Shi Hao trembled inwardly. He sensed even more, because when he could distinctly hear the sound, his body began to feel light and his mind started to calm down. He was on the verge of sinking into a state of dao comprehension.

"There is this kind of effect too?" Shi Hao was astonished. The first flower transforming into a humanoid form was already said and done, but the second flower could assist one's dao comprehension even through the hundred or so magical formations. If it wasn't trapped within the formation and was right in front of him, how great would it be then?

This was definitely a supreme treasure, a heavenly world-shaking spiritual root. This little tree was far more precious and mysterious than he had imagined. This was truly a rare existence!

The little tree was quiet and motionless. The three flowers were surrounded in mist, making them appear extremely mysterious.

The fist sized small figure sat underneath the foot tall little tree, as if it was comprehending the dao.

The second flower turned into a magical artifact and suspended itself above the little figure's head. It turned into a stove, and from its opening, streams of 'magma' flowed out onto that figure.

Was this refining his body? The longer he looked at it, the more mysterious he thought it was. This was clearly just a tree, yet it could produce such an astonishing scene.

Shi Hao didn't show any expression, but he was definitely not calm. This small tree was too strange. Needless to say, if he was able to obtain this tree, it would definitely be an extraordinary opportunity!

If he was able to merge with that small figure and comprehend the dao with the magical artifact above his head to refine his body, how heaven defying would that be?

Eventually, the space around them shook. It was clear that another change took place within the divine valley. Shi Hao observed the valley carefully with the dual-pupil to avoid missing anything.

The sound of a cauldron rang through the air. The magical artifact scattered into specks of light and then formed a flower again, returning and growing on the small tree again.

Meanwhile, the fist-sized little figure was the same. It disintegrated following the sound and formed a beautiful and glistening flower, once again taking root on the small tree.

"It truly is strange!" Shi Hao said to himself. This little tree was too bizarre. He originally thought that the flowers had matured and that was why they left the tree, but it turns out that this wasn't the case at all.

Was it trying to defy the heavens? Shi Hao hadn't been this astonished in a long time. Had the flowers on the small one foot tall tree developed intelligence? They could actually move about on their own and cultivate. How astonishing was this? He had never heard of a spiritual root like this before.

"What did you see just now?" How Ling'er and the others asked. After hearing his muttering and seeing his shocked expression, they all became extremely shocked.

Shi Hao did not hide anything and directly told them what he saw, leaving them baffled. Not even legendary precious medicine was this heaven defying.

"No wonder even a heavenly ranked divine bird died in this valley and this small tree is protected by more than a hundred ancient formations. It might even be on a divine level. This matter isn't simple!" said the nine-headed lion.

Shi Hao did not retract his gaze and instead continued to stare forward. The three flowers stood side by side as they released a hazy immortal energy. As the energy surged, it made them seem even more mysterious.

"One tree, three flowers, one life in the dao, three existences in harmony. It definitely isn't ordinary, and it is acting in line with the world's profound mysteries." Yun Xi also spoke up. Her outstanding and beautiful face revealed a look of shock. n0Ve/lb(1n

After hearing her say these words, everyone else became shocked as well. They felt that this valley was more and more extraordinary.

The rainbow luan brought up a question. Did the Archaic Divine Mountains' divine medicine produce this kind of strange scene?

Not every Archaic Divine Mountain had a divine medicine, because after all, it was just too rare. There weren't many divine grade spiritual medicines in the wasteland region, and it was a number that could definitely be counted.

The Heavenly Divine Mountain just so happened to have one, but Yun Xi shook her head. She stated that there definitely wasn't this kind of scene, and that it couldn't be compared to the divine valley's little tree.

"In that case, this tree might become the wasteland region's first spiritual root?" said Huo Ling'er. Her hand propped up her spotlessly white forehead; she truly felt that this place was extraordinary.

"This tree might not be a spiritual root of this realm, and it could be even more shocking than what we are imagining. Otherwise, how could it do these things? Have you guys ever heard of something being protected by more than a hundred ancient formations before?" asked Yun Xi. She came from the divine mountains after all, so she knew a bit more.

"There has been a rumor that the ancient medicine god's death was related to a spiritual root. This place is so close to the Medicine Capital, so could it have been this tree?" Huo Ling'er asked. She recalled some of the imperial palace's records and produced this speculation.

This kind of inference was naturally shocking. Many of them sank into a state of silence.

Regardless, this should be the wasteland region's first spiritual root. Even though he was shocked, he also felt a feeling of anticipation. Once this great formation was broken, he wanted to fight for what laid inside.

"I feel that eventually, blood will flow like rivers here, and this land will be in devastating disorder. This is something that even the ancient medicine god wanted to obtain," said the rainbow luan.

Shi Hao was moved inwardly. Was the divine valley going to open during the wasteland region's chaos? Why were they both happening so close together? He had a feeling that this small tree didn't belong to this realm.

"Wu, the more I think about it, the more terrifying it becomes. This spiritual root was carefully sealed and hidden in this place. If it isn't something from this realm, then is its owner still in this world?"

Everyone discussed with each other, and they felt a bit scared.

The most frightening part was that if the individual that laid down the one hundred formations was still alive, once that individual appeared, it would definitely lead to huge troubles!

After analyzing it like this, everyone felt a wave of dread. The great sects from outside this region came precisely to seize opportunities, so this place definitely met the criteria they were looking for.

It was impossible for them to break this formation right now. Even if they knew how rare and heaven defying the things inside were, they still couldn't obtain them. They could only wait for their chance in the future.

Shi Hao was experiencing an unquiet state of mind, because no matter who it was that learned of this secret, they would all become uncalm. They then returned to the Medicine Capital. This matter had to be carefully considered.

"Regardless, we need to hurry and increase our strength. The wasteland region is about to become chaotic, and extremely bad things are going to happen."

When Shi Hao returned, he wandered about the limestone laid streets. He entered and exited ancient stores one after another to purchase medicinal ingredients. He felt an urgent need to become more powerful.

To refine the little nirvana pill, he needed several dozen to a hundred or so spiritual medicines. Some of them had to even be wondrous medicines that were rarely seen in this world, with many years passing without even a single one appearing. They all grew in extremely dangerous places as well.

It was to a point where these wondrous medicines weren't more common than divine medicines. They were extremely rare.

Even though the Medicine Capital was known as a holy land for medicinal herbs, it was still impossible for him to obtain everything he needed here. Being able to obtain half was already quite good, because in the end, that pill recipe was just too unusual.

Shi Hao couldn't help but sigh. This was still only the first pill recipe. The other ones needed spiritual objects that were even rarer.

No matter what kind of place it was, spiritual medicines would always be extremely precious. Even a few was already quite good, so where else would you see someone like Shi Hao who needed dozens to a hundred medicines at once? He did not want to be too conspicuous, so he kept a low-profile.

He asked the nine-headed lion and the others to separately purchase on his behalf; however, it still raised a huge commotion. Even if it was the Medicine Capital, forty-eight precious medicines being sold in the market was still enough to shock everyone.

"Who is this person? What a huge spender! What kind of spiritual pill needs more than forty spiritual medicines in one go? It has been many years since something like this happened!"

None of them were stupid. Such a large amount of business transactions would never happen normally. Spiritual medicines were precious, and each family would make a record after each sale. This all happened so abruptly today, so everyone immediately realized that this might be the doing of a single person.

Fortunately, the nine-headed lion, flame crow, and the others all turned into their human forms. Otherwise, they definitely would have been recognized, and their background and plan might have been exposed.

Even though this kind of big client was rare, it wasn't like they didn't exist. After a few days had passed and the commotion calmed down, Shi Hao prepared to refine the spiritual medicines according to the pill recipe.

He was still far from a hundred medicinal ingredients, so he definitely couldn't produce the little nirvana pill. In the end, the main medicinal ingredients were too hard to find, and Shi Hao did not place all of his hopes on this place.

The history of the pill recipe was mysterious. From what the old king level figures said, their effects were astonishing. Shi Hao felt that even though he couldn't gather all the ingredients this time, he could still bring out some of his body's potential and make a breakthrough.

"I need a slightly larger medicinal cauldron," Shi Hao said. This time, not only was he refining medicine, his flesh had to be inside the cauldron as well to be refined simultaneously.

As for the Medicine Capital's 'fiery golden vine', he didn't even consider it. Forget about being surrounded by others, even quietly using it at night was out of the question. There was a supreme creature sitting within that spiritual vine that left him with rather fearful.

Apart from this place, there were actually some places in the Medicine Capital that were specifically meant for a cultivator to refine medicine in.

Two days later, Huo Ling'er selected a good location that was relatively further away and extremely peaceful. Within a spacious courtyard, plants released their fragrance. The medicine refining furnace inside was also an old cauldron.

"This cauldron has existed for a long time and has been used for over a thousand years. There is a powerful spirituality inside that could increase the efficacy of medicines." The owner of this place introduced.

Shi Hao nodded. The cauldron was glistening yellow, clearly due to being cleaned well. Meanwhile, even when clear water is poured into the cauldron, a medicinal fragrance would suffuse the air. It had obviously been used countless times to refine medicines, and only with what it had accumulated over all this time could it produce this kind of 'medicinal characteristic'.

This kind of cauldron was extremely uncommon. Any of them would fetch a sky-high price in the markets.

Of course, borrowing it wasn't cheap either. Shi Hao only rented it for three days, yet he had to pay three stalks of spiritual medicines. This price was a bit ridiculous, enough to leave many speechless.

However, for the sake of breaking through, no matter how high the price was, he would still pay it. When refining himself together with the spiritual medicines, the cauldron that's chosen has to be sufficiently extraordinary.

This was especially true for the pill recipes passed down in the Stone Clan, which cared even more about these things. Medicinal cauldrons without enough spirituality can't refine those medicines. It would result in failure, leaving him with nothing.

"I am preparing to slowly improve myself and open up my potential to break through. Please help protect me while I am doing so." Shi Hao wouldn't act overly polite with them.

#### Chapter 419 – Flesh Golden Pill

"Yi, this flame isn't ordinary either. Was it extracted from underground?" The flame crow was astonished. Originally, they needed his help in refining the medicine because he came from the Li Fiery Cave and possessed a rare flame essence.

However, when it saw the silver flame beneath the medicinal cauldron, it stopped its actions and carefully observed it. In the end, it released a sigh and said, "This is a Spiritual Ley Line Flame!"

"I've long heard that the Medicine Capital was unordinary and that the earth beneath the ground was special, making it suitable for growing precious medicines. However, there is actually spiritual fire underneath the ground that could be used to refine medicine as well! This truly is outstanding." Huo Ling'er sighed as she spoke.



This place was truly worthy of being known as the place where the medicine god was born, as well as the place where he ultimately fell. This ancient city was not ordinary.

The glistening yellow medicine cauldron was extremely heavy. Just the legs alone were about half a person in height. Clear water had already been placed inside, and the medicinal fragrance was gradually becoming thicker.

The silver flame jumped about beneath the ground. Wisps of white mist rose from the great cauldron, and the contents released a strong fragrance. The people here couldn't help but sigh with admiration. This cauldron deserved to be known as a thousand-year-old cauldron. The medicinal nature inside was too powerful.

If he was able to, Shi Hao truly would have wanted to purchase it because he would often make use of it. A fine medicinal cauldron was hard to find, but he knew that the owner would never sell it.

Even if it really was up for sale, he most likely wouldn't be able to afford it. This cauldron was too precious.

Everyone else retreated. Shi Hao washed himself in the courtyard's clear spring. He then adjusted his body, and only after his body became completely clean and his mind became completely clear did he enter the cauldron.

Huo Ling'er and Yun Xi naturally wanted to avoid looking at him, because Shi Hao had entered the cauldron while completely naked. Only one of Shi Hao's spiritual bodies remained at the scene, because someone needed to tend to the fire.

At this moment, no one joked around. They needed to stay on their guard, because the slightest mistake could lead to huge problems.

The glistening yellow medicinal cauldron had experienced the baptism of endless years, causing its spiritual characteristics to become extremely great. When its surface was lightly struck, a pleasant sound would ring through the air. Shi Hao was already sitting inside.

The water gradually boiled, and the steam surrounded him.

"Hound Leaf Vine," Shi Hao instructed.

There was a pile of spiritual medicines on the ground that released an alluring fragrance. These items used up all of Shi Hao's savings. He instructed his spiritual body to send the medicine into the cauldron.

This spiritual vine was entirely pitch black with strange leaves, and its shape resembled a vicious hound. As soon as it was placed into the cauldron, a wave of black light blossomed, turning the water inside black as well.

"Snow Jade Ginseng!" Shi Hao continued.

This was a silvery white old ginseng that flowed with sparkling luster. Strands of white spiritual mist were spilling out from it. It was obviously a good item.

By the courtyard wall, the big red bird was peeking inside. It continuously drooled while saying, "This truly makes one envious! He is going to place so many spiritual medicines inside and make that cauldron eat it all up."

Soon after, Shi Hao instructed the spiritual body to cast in a purple centipede that was at least a meter in length into the cauldron. This scene was rather terrifying, and those that watched felt a bit uncomfortable.

"It is a pity that it isn't a spiritual bug." Shi Hao sighed as he spoke.

Based on what was written in the pill recipe, he needed a Silver Sky Centipede and a Golden Scorpion, but those precious bugs were too rare. They were even more precious and difficult to find, so he could only use substitutes.

"The inside of that centipede is extremely toxic! Aren't you scared that it might ruin the medicinal properties?" The big red bird on top of the wall was a bit frightened.

"There's no need to worry!" Shi Hao shook his head.

The recipe for the little nirvana pill did not have any spiritual bugs, but another recipe did. This was the most precious recipe that the Stone Country's imperial family had lost.

This pill recipe wasn't used to refine medicine alone, but rather to use together with the other pill recipes, providing supplementary effects. It could increase the medicinal effects by several times, making it the most valuable recipe.

If one had this 'supplementary recipe', then they could make medicines undergo fundamental changes.

"Silver Feather Grass," Shi Hao spoke to once again instruct the spiritual body to send in medicine. This was a spotlessly white herb, and it was emitting a ring of light. The leaves had patterns atop it that made it look like a feather. Its strong fragrance wafted through the air.

After twenty different spiritual medicines were thrown inside, the entire cauldron became different and released a golden radiance. It had developed spirituality after all, and when refining spiritual medicines, it resonated together with the ingredients.

At this moment, the pill recipe's unique value was revealed. Shi Hao formed imprints within the cauldron and began to activate the dao flame within him from what he recalled. The flames inside and outside resonated together, and a unique method was used to refine this cauldron of medicine.

His spiritual body returned to the cauldron and merged with him. Then, with a honglong sound, the cauldron's lid flew over on its own and covered the cauldron.

The big red bird became dumbstruck. Wouldn't he be cooked alive like this?

Soon after, it felt a wave of fluctuations. Shi Hao was forming imprints within the cauldron, and he began to use the secret technique to refine his body. He was going to unleash his body's potential.

Time flowed on, and half a day quickly passed. Then, with a kuang dang sound, the cauldron's lid flew out. Shi Hao's body was buried within the boiling fluid. His skin was sparkling, and his pores were relaxed and expanded, absorbing and sending out spiritual essence.

“Formidable!” The big red bird exclaimed in admiration.

Shi Hao opened his eyes. The boiling water did not harm his body at all. This time, he didn’t use the spiritual body, and he instead sent the medicine flying through the air inside. After the first stage was completed, he didn’t need to be so careful anymore.

“What a large spider!” The big red bird was stupefied. It was the size of a person’s face and dark green jade in color. It’s length was somewhat frightening.

Shi Hao had the creatures from the Demonic Spirit Lake on him, and he even had a golden spider. However, he was reluctant to use them, for he wanted to use them when he was truly entering the supreme expert realm.

This was still a substitute. Either way, he hadn’t found over a hundred ancient medicines and only had half of it today, so there was no way he could refine the little nirvana pill. This time, it was enough if he could just take another step forward.

In reality, it was impossible to break through the Formation Arrangement Realm into the next level in one go. Who could reach the heavens with a single bound and cross a great cultivation realm? Refining one’s body was like simmering soup, and only by doing that could the effects become optimal. Rushing too forcefully could easily harm one’s body.

The Formation Arrangement Realm was also divided into the initial, middle, late, and consummate stages. He did not place his hopes on instant success, because that could definitely end up harming his body.

The big red bird wanted to try and learn what Shi Hao was doing, but it found that the most crucial part of the pill recipe was still the secret refinement method. It was because it noticed that Shi Hao began to activate his own dao flame within the cauldron and also continuously made imprints.

“Forget it.” It turned around.

Finally, a Dustpan Poison Bug was tossed inside the cauldron. The remaining twenty or so spiritual medicines and a large pile of materials like beast bones and flood dragon tendons were also tossed in. Only after these ingredients were inside could the cauldron now be truly sealed.

“There’s still more?” The big red bird turned around one last time and became somewhat dazzled. What kind of stuff was this? Rocks, bugs, bone fragments... it was just a hodgepodge of random things.

The cauldron’s lid was once again closed, and an entire day passed. The large, glistening yellow cauldron shone. The cauldron’s lid was sealed tightly. The inside was full of spiritual essence and medicinal fragrance.

“Yi, not simple! What kind of great medicine is being refined?” The owner of this place revealed a shocked expression, because he noticed that heaven and earth spiritual essence was congregating here and entering that courtyard.

Outside the courtyard, the nine-headed lion, flame crow, and the others were rather shocked as well. Medicine refinement could cause spiritual essence to move? What a powerful sight! This would definitely startle people from all directions.

“Quick, hurry and lay down some formation flags and cover up all sides,” Huo Ling’er said.

They set up a formation around the courtyard. Otherwise, the activity here would become greater and definitely attract suspicion from people in the Medicine Capital.

When they had just entered the courtyard, they saw the spiritual essence had formed a whirlpool. They were sucked in one stream after another into the cauldron. Life force was surging at a somewhat shocking level.

Apart from this, the silver flame that was drawn from underground also began to throb intensely. It then surged and overflowed outwards, and the spiritual objects accumulated inside were extracted and sucked into the yellow medicinal cauldron.

In the end, this courtyard began to stir frantically. There was even lightning around the cauldron; it was extremely shocking.

Everyone became stupefied. What was going on? Was it still medicine being refined? Why did it seem like supernatural things were happening? Even the heaven and earth were losing color!

The cauldron’s lid continuously moved about. Shi Hao’s body was revealed, buried within the medicinal paste. His entire body shone and resonated with heaven and earth. The scene was extremely abnormal. There was even a dao sound ringing through the air.

Was this refining medicine or refining a person? Everyone was astonished. This was too extraordinary.

Vapors continuously rose from the cauldron. The spiritual spring water had dried up, but the air was suffused with dense spiritual essence. It quickly condensed into liquid and irrigated the cauldron continuously.

This left everyone dumbstruck. What a powerful spirit condensing method! Following the imprints Shi Hao made, the dao flame within his body blazed and the surrounding lightning rumbled. It was as if ghosts were crying and deities were howling.

“This is a terrifying breakthrough method! Its significance far exceeds pill refinement!” Everyone was shaken.

Kacha

Around the cauldron, the sound of lightning and thunder became even clearer. They hacked at Shi Hao’s body, but instead of harming him, they were absorbed, resonating with his body.

“What kind of pill refinement technique is this? It really is like something supernatural!”

Everyone backed up. The thunder and lightning became greater, and frantic winds brew. Spiritual essence surged and poured into the medicinal paste inside the cauldron.

“Golden pill!”

Everyone was given a fright. They noticed that the medicinal paste in the cauldron began to take form. It wrapped Shi Hao within and gradually turned faintly golden. In the end, it formed a golden pill!

Hong!

Even thicker spiritual essence poured over, altering the characteristics of the medicinal paste. Lightning hacked over, and the silver spiritual flame underground also spiraled upwards, all of which entered the golden pill inside the cauldron.

The cauldron's lid jumped from time to time. This place was surrounded by dense multicolored light and wrapped up in lightning and flames. A shocking transformation was currently taking place.

Regardless of whether it was Huo Ling'er, the nine-headed lion, or Yun Xi, they had never seen anyone refine medicine like this before despite their great backgrounds. This was truly creating a flesh golden pill!

Kacha!

A sound was transmitted from within the cauldron, and it was as if flesh was cracking apart. Everyone's expression changed. The golden pill was changing shape; it would crack apart from time to time, and then the cracks would fuse. It blossomed with golden light. From these cracks, they could see Shi Hao's condition.

"What is going on?" Huo Ling'er was a bit scared. She was startled.

Everyone else became rather anxious as well. Shi Hao's transformation was too shocking. His body was full of cracks, as if he was about to split apart.

"Using this method to refine medicine and refine one's body at the same time is too forceful. The transformation that will take place is similarly intense." They all made this judgment, and it wasn't too far from the truth.

Shi Hao was undergoing a change, an extremely violent and fierce change. After staying in the Formation Arrangement Realm all this time, he found it hard to increase his cultivation in the slightest. However, today, he was actually breaking through in the cauldron.

He entered the middle stage of the Formation Arrangement Realm. His transformation was extremely intense because he was forcefully opening his body's hidden treasury. His potential was too great, so even his flesh was cracking apart from the shockwaves.

Shi Hao didn't move. He sat there and continuously underwent change, refining the flesh golden pill. His body's potential was boiling, and cracks began to appear more frequently all over his body. However, a powerful aura was erupting as well.

Even though he was bleeding, his body began to emit a faint golden light as well. It was as if a golden pill was forming. The aura flourished greater and greater!

Meanwhile, he kept his mind clear, and he began to carve formations within his flesh. This was the true 'formation arrangement' that allowed one to become more powerful.

#### Chapter 420 – Successful Transformation

The spiritual essence from all directions became even thicker, forming small streams that flowed into the cauldron. The silver flame underground began to burn more vigorously, bringing with it its spiritual nature as it surged into the cauldron. Water and flames mixed together, condensing into a golden dan.

Yin and yang energy vaguely appeared, producing sounds that resembled the cries of dragons and tigers. The smell of medicine wafted through the air.

This kind of scene was extremely shocking and just too extraordinary. What was refined inside could no longer be considered purely spiritual medicine. With the underground spiritual veins, heavenly essence, and the lightning that hacked down, the spiritual medicines in the cauldron's composition had long changed.

"No wonder it is so tyrannical. Just the process of refining this medicine is already so extraordinary. It truly is a rare sight!"

Huo Ling'er, the nine-headed lion, Yun Xi and the others had already been shocked for quite a while. This kind of technique might not even be displayed by an experienced medicinal master.

Water and fire assisted each other, yin and yang blended together. Flame essence from underground and spiritual fluid from the heavens interweaved, merging together inside the furnace to produce a golden pill. This place was ringing with a beautiful sound.

This pill refining technique was extremely astonishing. They finally understood why even a body as powerful as Shi Hao's cracked apart and almost exploded within the pill furnace. It was because he was undergoing a complete change.

The pill recipe was astonishing. Lightning and thunder emerged, and Yin and Yang accompanied the refinement process. The energy of the great dao was accumulated within, and this was going to help him break through, so it had to be forceful.

Shi Hao endured the intense pain as his muscles and bones were refined. He persisted through it as his body went through near collapse. Medicinal energy entered his body and continuously battered against his body's inner treasury to unleash his potential.

When he used the medicinal cauldron to refine his body, he rushed into the mid-stage of the Formation Arrangement. Right now, he was consolidating his cultivation and polishing his body's condition. He hoped to completely stabilize himself and not leave himself with any hidden dangers.

After all, the breakthrough this time was too overbearing. He had been stuck at this stage for such a long time already, yet today, he forced his way through. This kind of bursting through was extremely ferocious and shook his foundation.

The greatest danger was reflected on his body. His body was covered in cracks that interweaved over each other like a spider web, almost causing it to collapse. He needed to take some time to recover from this.

"This truly is breaking through with force! Extreme and violent, forcibly tearing apart the gate into one's inner treasury to unleash one's potential. A single mishap could result in the destruction of both body and spirit."

Everyone's hearts trembled as they watched. Ordinary people would never be able to break through like this, and the chances of successfully doing so was extremely low! Fortunately, Shi Hao's body was powerful enough, allowing him to endure the splitting process.

A grain of sand can form a world, a blade of grass can form a heaven; something as weak as an ant can become as large as a celestial body. If one's inner 'gate' was opened, a limitless amount of power could be produced.

However, how many people could accomplish this? One could easily destroy both their body and soul, eternally erased from this world.

"Actually, the reason why he suffered so greatly to the point where his body split apart was because his potential is too great. In the past, there were also a few who decided to break through like this, but there was no way their inner treasury was that powerful," said the nine-headed lion.

Everyone nodded. The potential inside Shi Hao's body was endless and enough to make them all astonished. The energy that emerged from this process was enough to make them all stupefied; it completely exceeded what they had anticipated.

This was not only a reflection of how powerful his mind was, but also a reflection of how much power was contained within every inch of his flesh. The power was as boundless as an ocean abyss. As soon as it was allowed to pour out, it would definitely be world-shaking.

Within his flesh, formations were formed one after another and successfully carved. Inside of them, one stalk of grass was bursting with exceptional vitality. Apart from this, the Kun Peng was becoming more and more spirited, as if life had been injected inside of it. There was also a vermilion bird, archaic divine ape, Zhuyan, and others.

Currently, the glistening yellow cauldron no longer moved, and instead, a gentle radiance was released from inside. It was because the yin and yang energies inside no longer stirred against each other. They reached an equilibrium and slowly swirled within.

Only now could both yin and yang be considered to be mutually existing in perfect harmony. The golden dan inside the cauldron became more and more round. The cracks shrunk and disappeared.

Shi Hao's broken body was also being repaired. A stream of golden multicolored light bathed his wounds, bringing sweet moisture to the dry and cracked skin. His wounds slowly merged, and his skin once again became rich with vitality.

The bloody scars disappeared, and the surface of his body began to shine like jade. When his blood flowed, the sound of lightning could be heard, and within his body, fire and water flowed simultaneously. This was a sign of stability after his breakthrough.

"Success!"

Everyone knew that this time, Shi Hao had successfully seized luck from the world and advanced. The overbearing aura disappeared and his body no longer cracked apart. Instead, a gentle light was diffusing outwards to nourish his body.

Kuang dang!

The lid of the cauldron descended, and a hazy mist surrounded the great cauldron. No one could see the inside of the cauldron. The final part of the refinement process was going to begin.

Shi Hao sat there unmoving with his legs crossed. The medicinal paste wrapped around him and carried out the final consolidation. His flesh was nourished, and his wounds were closing. The energy that erupted was becoming more and more powerful.

Cultivation wasn't easy. The further one went, the harder it would become to improve. However, every single step forward resulted in tremendous improvement.

Moreover, with how powerful Shi Hao's potential was and his reputation as the supreme youth, each time he forged ahead vigorously, his strength would correspondingly rise rapidly and far surpass other king level figures.

Kacha!

The sound of shattering rang out from within the cauldron, immediately leaving everyone within the courtyard startled. They thought that some accident might have happened. A large dang sound rang out, and the lid was blasted off. Shi Hao walked out.

"What a waste of resources!" The big red bird cried out miserably.

The golden dan shattered, forming a faint golden lump. Shi Hao's entire body flickered with radiance as if he had been carved from gemstones. He put on some clothing. His body was full of life force, and his divine force was surging. He gave off the appearance of a powerful and respected figure.

Everyone knew that Shi Hao had broken through and that he was far more powerful than he was before. During this time when supreme experts were only looking after themselves, he could definitely look down on the world!

Everyone looked at the golden pill fragments within the cauldron and felt a wave of regret. This was too wasteful. Was it going to be disposed of just like that? You have to understand that this was refined from almost fifty spiritual medicines.

Who would squander it like that? This kind of stuff was originally priceless.

"It can still be continuously refined. I've absorbed eighty percent of the medicinal characteristics, so there is twenty percent remaining," Shi Hao said. He placed the lid back on and used the silver flames to continue refining it.

Then, he entered the rear of the courtyard and rinsed himself under the clear spring. He changed into a fresh set of clothes.

When he appeared again, Shi Hao was radiating health and vigor. He appeared to be pure and intelligent. Even though his face seemed to be a bit young and immature, he was still a mid-stage king figure in the Formation Arrangement Realm. There was an intangible type of grandeur to his appearance.

The group of people sighed with admiration. Were there any king level figures younger than him alive in this world? He was only fifteen years old, yet he reached this kind of cultivation level! This was simply a fact that would shock anyone from the ancient times until now!

Golden light seeped out from within the cauldron. It seemed like the fragmented pill was about to take shape again.



At this moment, outside the courtyard, two people came to speak to the courtyard's owner and understand the situation. In the end, they seemed to have confirmed something.

"A'De, you are rather quick-witted. You've actually caught such a large fish." A seemingly fearless middle-aged male said.

Several days ago, Shi Hao unexpectedly purchased a 'true phoenix bone' and provoked vendor A'De and the figure backing him. It was precisely these two that came.

They had also suspected that it was Shi Hao who purchased the forty-eight stalks of spiritual medicines. They had been paying close attention this entire time, and after asking the owner, they confirmed that someone inside had refined a large cauldron of medicine and even caused the worldly spiritual essence to erupt chaotically.

"A'De, report back to that person that there is someone who refined a batch of precious medicine from forty-eight stalks of spiritual medicine." The vicious looking middle-aged male was the one who spoke. He had always had his suspicions that he had sold a phoenix bone, and a fake had been substituted in later, so he wanted to get revenge.

Of course, he also knew that someone who could purchase forty-eight stalks of spiritual medicine was definitely not simple. As a result, he told A'De to inform a great figure. He wasn't going to rush indiscriminately into action himself.

The cauldron inside the courtyard shone. A golden pill was going to form.

The nine-headed lion and the others took down the formation surrounding this place because they didn't need to hide Shi Hao anymore. There was no spiritual essence swirling into the cauldron.

A few minutes later, a roar sounded from within the cauldron. The lid was lifted by a wave of dense energy, and it slid off on its own. An expanse of golden light blossomed.

"Not bad, this batch of pills is truly rarely seen. Yi, there's only two, a bit less than what I expected. I won't say any more than necessary. Give me one of them."

Several people walked in from outside the courtyard. Apart from A'De and the middle-aged individual, there was also a youth. He was the one leading them, and also the one who spoke. Apart from these people, there were some others that accompanied them.

The big red bird sneered and said, "Who are you? As soon as you speak, you want to take away a golden pill. Do you not know how little you all are worth?"

Regardless of whether it was Shi Hao, nine-headed lion, or the others, they all frowned. They could already tell that this was trouble that the vendor stirred up. They were laughing and truly looking down on others in an undisguised manner.

"You want a golden pill? Sure, exchange with twenty stalks of spiritual medicine." Shi Hao spoke in an expressionless manner.

"Don't you know the Medicine Capital's rules? You need to pay a tax if you want to use my Medicine Capital's underground spiritual flame. You must have used up a large amount of spiritual essence to

refine a golden pill like this, so you need to pay up with that golden dan,” said the youngster with a sneer.

“Do you think we’ll pay this tax just because you say so? Do you think you are anything significant?” The big red bird berated.

“Correct, if I say pay, then you will pay. This Medicine Capital was established by my Divine Medicine Gate, and we are one of the parties that drafted up the rules.” The youngster’s face was full of arrogance.

After speaking, he grabbed towards the medicinal cauldron. There was a lot of medicinal residue left behind, as well as two golden pills that were as large as longan fruits. He wanted to seize them both in one go.

Shi Hao did not want to waste his breath. He sent a kick outwards. Even though the youngster was quite powerful and an expert among his peers, he still spat out blood. His entire body was sent flying, and his face looked like it had seen a ghost. He coughed out blood and passed out.

The expressions of vendor A’De and the middle-aged individual both changed. This was truly a powerful dragon crushing a ‘local bully’. They felt that things were far from good.

“You are extremely unbridled and without the slightest bit of scruple. Do you think there’s no one inside my Medicine Capital?” A luxurious carriage traveled through the skies. This was precisely the respected elder of the divine medicinal gate.

When he arrived and saw the youngster knocked out with a kick, he did not deal with Shi Hao, and instead stared at A’De and that middle-aged male. His gaze was cold as he said, “Instigating my descendant to come here, you two are quite daring!”

With a honglong sound, a large hand reached out and surrounded the area in front of him. This was a peak level expert at the Formation Arrangement realm. The vendor and the middle-aged male cried out in shock and immediately shouted out.

“Great one, have mercy! It is this person that purchased forty-eight spiritual medicines in one go. We wanted to report to you, but we didn’t find you in the end!”

“That doesn’t mean that you should urge my descendant to take action!” The respected elder from the Divine Medicine Gate’s large hand descended, and those two immediately spat out blood. Their cultivations were ruined, and their faces became pale and incomparably grieved.

Then, he turned around and laughed coldly towards Shi Hao. “Even if my descendant was wrong, it isn’t your job to discipline him. Hand over your medicine and slap yourself.”

“You are truly looking to die.” The big red bird shook his head. Even if this person was powerful and a peak-level expert, he definitely wasn’t Shi Hao’s opponent.

The nine-headed lion, flame crow, and the others all revealed indifferent expressions as they looked towards this person.

Shi Hao pointed forward, and a silver radiance shot out. It immediately penetrated the youngster on the ground, ruining his cultivation.

“You...” The Divine Medicine Gate’s respected elder was furious. He formed an earthen-colored large hand and slapped over. The fluctuations that were released were extremely terrifying.

Shi Hao’s fist faced it head on. A clean and crisp pu sounded, blasting apart that large hand. Blood continuously flew out in all directions.

The face of the respected elder from the Divine Medicine Gate became pale. What kind of person was this? How old was he?! How could he destroy the palm of a peak level king figure like this?

“I apologize, friend. This rude old one has erred.” He directly lowered his head, because he thought of a terrifying youth. In the entire wasteland region, only the little Stone could possess this kind of divine might.

His retreat was straightforward as well. He grabbed the crippled youngster and left.

A’De and that aggressive middle-aged man’s face were completely pale. Cold sweat continuously poured out. They weren’t even this terrified when their cultivations were ruined. Even the respected elder of the Divine Medicine Gate backed off due to fear?

At the heart of the Medicine Capital was a short mountain, and this place was known as this area’s most sacred place. The ancient medicine god became a deity in this place. It is rumored that immortal energy swirls underneath the ground and fiery light burns in that place. This was a ‘gate of life’ within this world.

At this moment, an ancient well within the short mountain had dense multicolored mist surging about. It led into the underground abyss, and an ancient caudron was sinking and floating within as if it was being refined.

Next to the ancient well sat an individual in gray clothes that did not move. Upon closer inspection, it was a female with skin as white as jade. Her fine black hair was scattered about, hiding her exceptional complexion.

If there was a supreme expert here, they definitely would have been shocked, because she had once broken into the Demonic Spirit Lake and brought away Shi Yi. She was in a realm of her own.

“Senior, you have said that by using my Divine Medicine Gate’s ancestral well, you will promise to complete one matter for us. Right now, there is someone who bullies my divine medicinal gate. I ask for you help.”

When the Divine Medicine Gate’s respected elder returned, he immediately sought out this place. He had an extremely respectful expression as he asked this mysterious gray-clothed lady for help.