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Today, Huangfu Jinhuan's mood has been a roller coaster ride of successes and failures. First, he was overjoyed and excited after defeating the son, but then Wang Shouzhe swooped in like a mantis hunting a cicada, being a yellow oriole waiting at the back.

Now, he managed to rely on the son, Yin Yuzhe, being parasitized by the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor, drastically increasing his strength and managed to hold back The Direct Disciple of Xue Palace. The situation made a sudden reversal once again.

From immense joy to extreme sorrow, again from extreme sorrow to overwhelming joy, nothing can surpass this.

"Wang Shouzhe, you didn't expect this twist of events, did you~?" Huangfu Jinhuan couldn't help but burst into laughter, but then his eyes turned cold, filled with chilling killing intent, "I'd like to see how you play your mantis hunting the cicada game today, with the oriole waiting at the back!"

He clearly saw that on his side, the Huangfu Clan, they now had two Heavenly Human Realm and five Spirit Platform Realm practitioners.

On Wang Shouzhe's side, there were also two Heavenly Human Realm practitioners, but Xu Beichen was merely a newly advanced Heavenly Human, surely not a match for the Old Ancestor, Hua Ye.

As for the Spirit Platform Realm, there were only Wang Longyan, Wang Shouzhe, Liu Ruolan, and a cloaked male of Spirit Platform Realm.

Even if Wang Longyan was very strong, he was confident that the five Spirit Platform Realm practitioners on their side could hold against the four Spirit Platform Realm practitioners on the other side. As long as Hua Ye could take care of Xu Beichen, Wang Shouzhe would not be able to turn things around!

"Indeed. I am not an immortal, how could I foresee that Yin Yuzhe would have such a sudden change?" Wang Shouzhe raised his eyebrows, yet his tone remained casual, "But it's all good, let's take it as fate's arrangement. You and I, the two families, should decide the winner here. The hatred that started from the fall of my Old Ancestor, Zhou Xuan, should be settled today."

"That's right. The downfall of my Huangfu Clan to this point today, is all thanks to you Wang Shouzhe." Intense hatred appeared in Huangfu Jinhuan's eyes, "Today, the feud between the Huangfu Clan and the Wang family will be settled here."

Things had developed to this point, there was no way back, hence there was no need for superfluous words.

Wang Shouzhe saluted Zhong Xiangyang, "Old Ancestor Xiangyang, I made a miscalculation, thus putting us in a bit of a crisis."

Xiangyang Old Ancestor said with a light smile, "Before making a decision, I will consider carefully. But from the moment I decided to cooperate with you, I will put all distractions aside and go all out."

Which matters in the world are absolutely perfect and always happen exactly as one wishes? Furthermore, the Huangfu Clan is only slightly advantageous at the moment. Who will have the last word is still uncertain.

"Worthy of being Old Ancestor Xiangyang, truly insightful." Wang Shouzhe smiled, once again giving thanks, "However, The Hundred Islands Zhong Family and Changning Huangfu Clan had no previous grudges nor recent hatreds. Old Ancestor Xiangyang just has to help hold back Yuan Wu, and leave the rest to me."

He had long understood the character and manners of Old Ancestor Xiangyang through long-term espionage and felt that this person was reliable, hence he planned to bring him into his camp.

"This is simple. Leave it to me."

The Old Ancestor Xiangyang agreed easily with a relaxed expression, and then looked at Xiao Yuanwu of Anyuan Xiao Clan, laughed and said, "Brother Yuanwu, did you hear the request of friend Shouzhe just now? Since we are old acquaintances, why don't we sit to the side, have a chat, drink some tea, and not interfere with others' family affairs?"

"This... Brother Xiangyang, you have no relation to the Wang family of Ping'an, why do you need to get involved in this?" Old Ancestor Yuan Wu looked somewhat troubled, after all, Anyuan Xiao Clan and Changning Huangfu Clan had long-standing marital ties.

"It's just a matter of stance," Old Ancestor Xiangyang stood with his hands behind his back, and said confidently, "You know that I, Zhong Xiangyang, have been running black markets for many years, the most important thing to me is 'commitment'. Since I have promised young friend Shouzhe, I will give it my all.

Brother Yuan Wu, if you are unwilling to have a tea, I don't mind competing with you, however, who will live and who will die is uncertain."

The words of Old Ancestor Xiangyang were very domineering, which clearly showed his confidence in his own strength.

Old Ancestor Yuan Wu's face darkened a bit.

He had just gone through a big battle with some consumption, and Old Ancestor Xiangyang of the Hundred Islands Guard was a tough nut to crack. If they really fought, he would have no chance of winning.

After all, Xiangyang had been running black markets for so long, who knows how many cards he had up his sleeves?

"Brother Yuan Wu, as you see, the potential of Ping'an Wang family is not ordinary, why do you insist on being ignorant of the situation and making an enemy out of them?" Old Ancestor Xiangyang clearly understood Old Ancestor Yuan Wu's mindset, and once again advised, "Or could it be, you want Anyuan Xiao Clan to follow the downfall of Changning Huangfu Clan?"

"Old Ancestor Yuan Wu, the Anyuan Xiao Clan is after all a longstanding and reputable Prominent Family. If there is no need, we, the Wang family, don't want to be enemies with the Anyuan Xiao Clan." Wang Shouzhe also saluted from a distance and said, "Your previous assistance to the Huangfu Clan is also due to the marital ties, which is understandable.

But Changning Huangfu Clan has ended up like this today, because they became greedy and impatiently sought quick success, and strayed from the right path. Why would the Anyuan Xiao Clan wish to walk down the same dark path with them?"

Wang Shouzhe hit the nail on the head with his words, making Old Ancestor Yuan Wu whose heart was already wavering indecisive.

He took a deep breath and said, "I have no grudges or hatred with Brother Xiangyang, indeed there is no need for a life and death battle. In that case, let's sit to the side, have a tea and a chat."

"Hahaha~ Great!"

Old Ancestor Xiangyang laughed loudly, raised his hand and signaled to the side, "Brother Yuan Wu, please."

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"Please."

Elder Yuan Wu sighed and withdrew his hands, genuinely following Elder Xiangyang to another side to sip tea.

"Elder Yuan Wu, you may rest for a while. After our battle with the Wang family, we can discuss other matters." Huangfu Jinhuan bowed to him, then turned his attention back to Wang Shouzhe.

Elder Yuan Wu was invited to assist in the fight after all. Although he was kin, he never expected him to risk his life for the Huangfu Clan.

Also, thinking positively, the most potent from Wang Shouzhe's group was Elder Xiangyang. Although Elder Yuan Wu withdrew, he still restrained Elder Xiangyang, which might not be a bad thing for the Huangfu Clan.

Concurrently, with Elder Yuan Wu and Elder Xiangyang withdrawing from the battlefield, the tension between the Huangfu and Wang clans intensified.

The air gradually filled with murderous intent.

Up to this point, both families harbored deep-rooted hatred and hostility towards each other, and there was no longer room for negotiation.

Today, it is either you die or I perish.

Wang Shouzhe's expression was solemn, his gaze serious. He began to arrange the battle: "Elder Beichen, along with Elders Longyan and Ruolan, will handle Huangfu Hua Ye. Leave the rest to me."

"We will follow your instructions, Shouzhe."

Elder Beichen bowed in response, then swiftly rose into the air, facing off in the distance with Huangfu Hua Ye.

Meanwhile, the middle-grade Spirit Instrument "Town Dragon Monument" already appeared within his palm.

As the current ancestor of Changning's Xu family, Elder Beichen was once considered a Sky Pride over a hundred years ago. He had registered in the Academic Palace and received superior cultivation techniques from the Xuan Yao lineage.

Although this technique was not as formidable as the core cultivation technique "Xuanyao True Verses" practiced by direct disciples, it was still superior and far more potent than the clan's medium-grade technique "Xu Family's XuanYuan Verses".

Moreover, his bloodline was also not weak. He had a double bloodline even when he was in the Spirit Platform Realm. Now, having advanced into the Heavenly Human Realm, his bloodline had transformed once again, successfully awakening a threefold bloodline. He was no less than some core disciples or Little Sky Prides from the Academic Palace.

At this moment, he was ready to launch his attack. His imposing aura intensified, and behind him, a faint outline of a brown human figure loomed, revealing his Dharma Shadow.

A mountain-like, sturdy aura radiated from him wave after wave, making the air around the altar appear somewhat stagnant.

Even the Town Dragon Monument in his palm, under his mysterious energy, exhibited a power far beyond its previous state.

After all, it was a mid-grade spirit instrument born from the treasure of his clan. Although its power wasn't as strong as a top-grade spiritual instrument, it was still far superior to a typical mid-grade spiritual instrument. It held its ground when facing Huangfu's Elder Hua Ye, who was also wielding a mid-grade spiritual instrument.

His disadvantage lay in the fact that he had just advanced to the Heavenly Human realm, and his cultivation base had not yet had time to consolidate. Compared with characters like Huangfu Hua Ye, who had immersed themselves in the Tiaren realm for over a hundred years, he was indeed far inferior.

Meanwhile...

Old Ancestor Longyan and Liu Ruolan exchanged glances, both soaring into the air, floating on the left and right behind Elder Beichen.

The greatest disadvantage for cultivators of the Spirit Platform Realm combating those in the Heavenly Human Realm was the ability to hover in mid-air. Because hovering requires significant energy, it isn't very agile for Spirit Platform cultivators, and their combat effectiveness decreases substantially when facing a Heavenly Human cultivator.

However, as soon as the two rose into the sky, their appearances dramatically changed.

Take Elder Longyan for example. She usually loved wearing ice-blue long skirts, which resembled those of the disciples of the Mysterious Ice Palace. This time, however, her clothes changed in the blink of an eye.

An ice-blue battle robe, like a living creature, instantly covered Elder Longyan's curvaceously petite body.

At the same time, a pair of white wings suddenly appeared from the shoulder blades on her back.

Those wings looked as if they were carved out of white jade, and every feather shimmered with a faint, luminescent aura.

Under the complement of these wings and the icy battle armor, a profound sense of sacred purity seemed to emanate from Elder Longyan. Combined with her innate cold and indifferent temperament, she looked just like the legendary Ice Goddess. Her ethereal beauty was unforgettable, causing people to forget their worldly desires upon seeing her.

"This is... the top-grade spiritual instrument grade ice battle armor, and a Feiyu Spirit Device?"

Upon seeing this, Xiao Yuanwu and Zhong Xiangyang, who had just managed to avoid the attack, were left astounded.

Is this some kind of joke?

The two Celestial Ancestors glanced at each other, both seeing the shock in the other's eyes.

Top Grade Spirit Instruments are already rare, let alone War Armor-level Top Grade Spirit Instruments. Even rarer still is one that actually matches Wang Longyan's bloodline attribute for mysterious ice.

This was evident from the fact that after Old Ancestor Huangfu Hua Ye's magical weapon, the "Fiery War Halberd", was taken, he had been using a Middle Grade Spirit Instrument-level "Fire-series Halberd".

Just how rare are top-grade spirit instruments?

Few Celestial Families have them in their possession, as they are not only rare but also exorbitantly expensive, often selling for more than four hundred thousand Qian Gold. They are even less powerful than low-grade magical treasures.

Therefore, most Celestial families pass down low-grade magical treasures when the time comes for a Celestial to succeed another.

Compared to top-grade spirit instruments, low-grade magical treasures are much more cost-effective. The only drawback is that low-grade magical treasures require a high level of spiritual sense, and most Spirit Platform cultivators cannot control them.

Only those exceptional beings who are ranked seven, or those from grade-six families, would be concerned with passing down more magical treasures, or have a middle-grade magical treasure to solidify the family status. In such cases, the families may be willing to splurge vast sums to purchase top-grade spirit instruments to provide their Celestial seeds with some protection.

In conclusion.

Whether it's the Xiao Clan from Anyuan or the Zhong Family from the Hundred Islands, they only have Middle Grade Spirit Instruments.

It's not that they aren't tempted by top-grade spirit instruments, and they could certainly afford them even if they had to sell everything. However, they really don't see the need. The money would be better spent cultivating another Celestial, or acquiring another magical treasure.

Only a family like the Wangs, which is currently lacking in high-end Celestial strength but is abundant in wealth, would consider improving their strength through the utilization of top-grade spirit instruments.

And that Feiyu Spirit Instrument is really something else.

Such Spirit instruments, usually, cannot be measured in terms of regular spirit instruments. They're often referred to as "Spiritual Treasures".

Some spiritual treasures can enhance combat power, while others are purely auxiliary.

But all spiritual treasures have one thing in common - they are expensive.

The cheapest is equivalent to a normal top-grade spirit instrument, but the more powerful ones have no upper limit, exceeding one million Qian Gold is quite possible.

These types of Feiyu spiritual treasures, which aren't high or low priced within the spiritual treasures, usually cost around five to six hundred thousand Qian Gold.

For most Celestial Realm families, this is something they can only look at and dream of. They certainly can't afford to spend that much money on it. After all, it's only used to improve a Spirit Platform cultivator's flying ability, or provide some auxiliary flying ability to Celestials.

"This set of spirit instruments on Wang Longyan is probably worth more than one million Qian Gold, isn't it?" Xiao Yuanwu was completely astounded, his expression full of disbelief.

"I don't think that's even close."

Zhong Xiangyang was far more knowledgeable about the prices of spiritual tools and magical treasures due to his involvement in the black market.

Fixated on the sword in Old Ancestor Longyan's hand, his eyes sparkled, "That sword, with its restrained brilliance and unostentatious appearance, makes one's heart palpitate. I'm convinced it must also be a top-grade spirit instrument!"

"This... this is probably the best equipped Spirit Platform Realm I've ever seen." Xiao Yuanwu, left stunned and a little numb, responded helplessly, "And, I heard that Wang Longyan's bloodline is incredibly remarkable, stronger than the ordinary Celestial Ancestors. If we add such equipment to help her, I'm afraid even the weakest Celestial cultivators could prove to be a worthy match."

While the two Celestial Ancestors were shocked, Wang Shouzhe looked at the Old Ancestor Longyan in her valiant manner. He felt immense satisfaction, yet a wistful sigh at the same time.

Long ago, Old Ancestor Longyan had single-handedly defended the family for more than fifty years with just one sword and shield at her disposal.

At that time, Wang Shouzhe had sworn a silent vow that once his family regained its strength, he would do everything he could to "nurture and support" Longyan. Over the years, he had been doing just that.

Now, Old Ancestor Longyan's battle strength was gradually coming into its own.

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However, even so, in Wang Shouzhe's view, there is still room for improvement in the strength of Elder Longyan. This has always been his regret.

The ancestral bloodline talent of Elder Longyan is merely at Mid-Rank 'A' Level. This is even after taking Junior Bloodline Aptitude Improvement Liquid. This made her reach only the second high segment of Bloodline Awakening in the realm of Spirit Platform, half a step short of the third segment.

But this half-step difference proved to be fatal.

This means that if she advances to the Heavenly Human Realm, she would still be half a step away from awakening her Spiritual Body.

Such a bloodline talent is excellent for most celestial prominent families. However, within the current Ping'an Wang Family, it seems somewhat inferior.

After all, there are quite a few members of the Ping'an Wang Family who have awakened their third-level bloodline in the realm of the Spirit Platform, and even Liu Ruolan who has awakened the fourth-level (spirit body) bloodline in the same realm!

Wang Shouzhe, who understands bloodline talents more and more, knows that the lower the awakening level of the bloodline, the easier it is to improve. Once it reaches the third high segment, if you want to go a half-step forward, you must rely on against-the-heaven treasures like the Origin Water Spiritual Pearl, just like his wife Liu Ruolan.

However, treasures like Origin Water Spiritual Pearl are stumbled upon by luck.

Therefore, in order to pave the way for Elder Longyan's future, Wang Shouzhe, relying on the increasing wealth of his clan, has exhaustively got three Bone Marrow Cleansing Pills over the years. Then, at an unlimited cost, he relied on two of the Bone Marrow Cleansing Pills to raise Elder Longyan's bloodline level by half a step.

This made Elder Longyan finally achieve the threefold bloodline awakening during the Spirit Platform Realm, truly becoming a Sky Pride.

A Sky Pride of the same rank as Fang Youan and Prince Yin Yuzhe.

Once she advances to the Heavenly Human Realm one day, she would be able to directly awaken her Spiritual Body. From then on, no matter where she goes, she would be an influential figure.

However,

The top-grade Spirit Armor and the top-grade Spirit Sword on Elder Longyan were not bought by Wang Shouzhe. Instead, they were the rewards from Wang Luo Jing and Wang Luoqiu after their trial in the Divine Martial Dynasty relics.

When choosing the top-grade Spirit Armor and top-grade Spirit Sword, they had already planned to give these two treasures to Elder Longyan. Like Wang Shouzhe, they grew up under the shelter of their old ancestor and have a special affection for Elder Longyan.

Moreover, they also know that their family still faces a powerful enemy. Brother Wang Shouzhe does not want them to get involved and only hopes that they can grow up safely in the Academic Palace, paving the way for their future dominance. They dare not disobey their brother's order, they decided to give all acquired treasures to the family in secret.

In their own words, their present main tasks in the Academic Palace are studying and practicing. They wouldn't be able to use treasures like spiritual treasures and top-grade spiritual implements even if they got some.

Also for this reason, everyone supports Elder Longyan together, making the combat power of Elder Longyan, who is now at Spirit Platform Realm Level Eight, comparable to the weakest Heavenly Human Realm.

Even when encountering a Realm Cultivator in the Heavenly Human realm like the Old Ancestor of Beichen who is a step stronger than the base level, she can still fight, at least not lose in a short time. With the Feiyu Spirit Treasure, she could save her life.

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The moment Elder Longyan revealed her power,

An amazing aura suddenly erupted from Liu Ruolan on the other side. A set of water-blue spiritual armor suddenly appeared on her body.

Her appearance was originally elegant and gentle, but it was made more heroic under the foil of this battle armor, highlighting her unmatched dominant temperament.

This set of spiritual armor is indeed another top-grade spiritual artifact!

At the same time, a pair of Feiyu Spirit Treasures also emerged from her back.

Unlike the pair of Feiyu Spirit Treasures of the Old Ancestor Longyan, these Feiyu Spirit Treasures were thin and transparent, lingering behind her like a gentle breeze. Each feather, falling shards of light, highlighted her increasingly ethereal and otherworldly temperament, almost not resembling a living being.

The graceful and enchanting Dharma Shadow emerged almost simultaneously with the Feiyu Spirit Treasures. It was as if a subtle change was taking place in the world, with countless water auras converging, like swallows returning to the forest, and disappearing into the Dharma Shadow.

The majestic force emanated from her body in waves, vast and limitless, almost as formidable as the Elder Beichen beside her.

Would Wang Shouzhe, who is always prepared for the worst, really put all his hopes on others?

When it comes down to it, the most reliable ones are still his own people.

His wife, Liu Ruolan, although currently only at the fourth level of the Spirit Platform Realm, just barely entering the mid-stage, has already awakened her water Aura Body, becoming a great Sky Pride, with extraordinary strength.

Therefore, Wang Shouzhe included her in the key development targets and made her one of the trump cards of the Ping'an Wang Family.

She already owned a top-grade Spirit Sword named "Autumn Water," and Wang Shouzhe, with a heavy heart, spared no effort (and Qian Gold) to purchase a top-grade Water Aura Battle Armor for her. In this way, with both offense and defense covered, plus the Feiyu Spirit Treasures, her strength is already comparable to the weakest in the Heavenly Human Realm.

If she can successfully summon "Liu Ruoling," her combat power will increase drastically again. Although it has not been tested, Wang Shouzhe estimates that she has a high probability of suppressing the weaker cultivators in the Heavenly Human Realm like Elder Beichen.

To increase the combat power of both Old Ancestor Longyan and Liu Ruolan, Wang Shouzhe has spent nearly two million Qian Gold in just a few years.

This huge expenditure not only drained all the family income but also led to a debt of nearly a million to their in-laws and allies.

However, the effect was also astounding.

With the appearance of Liu Ruolan, both Xiao Yuanwu and Zhong Xiangyang, two cultivators in the Heavenly Human Realm, didn't want to talk anymore.

Don't ask them why. The answer is because they're jealous.

As Wang Longyan and Liu Ruolan stepped forward, the formerly cocky Elder Beichen's face collapsed.

Are these two here to help? Or to slap his face?

Elder Beichen was very distressed and upset.

After struggling to ascend to the Heavenly Human Realm, he was at the height of his pride. But he never expected that his two Spirit Platform realm comrades seemed to be not much weaker than him.

Looking at the top-grade spiritual artifacts they were covered in, compared to the pitiful middle-grade one in his hand, he wished he could crawl into a crack in the ground. Even his pride of carrying the heavy burden dissipated by about seventy to eighty percent.

It's all because that Wang Shouzhe is too rich.

Poor Changning Xu Family of his, they had to accumulate a pile of debt to help him ascend to the Heavenly Human realm, and every penny they earned in the past two years went to paying off the debt.

However, the most distressed at the moment is Elder Hua Ye.

Once the three of them took action together, Elder Hua Ye's previous confidence shatters.

He was a seasoned celestial being who had lived for 270 years, yet he was tightly squeezed by a "greenhorn" who had just advanced to the Tianren realm and two cultivators in the Spirit Platform Realm, wrapped in top-grade relics.

If word about this got out, how was he supposed to stay afloat in this world?

If it weren't that he couldn't muster the means or the strength, he would have liked to bellow in fury, is it really that great to be rich?

This situation was totally unexpected.

It had far exceeded Huangfu Jinhuan's expectations.

He originally thought that their old ancestor could take on the three of them, and even if he couldn't immediately take them down, at least he would have the upper hand. But the situation turned out to be so dangerous.

"Wang Shouzhe, I admit I underestimated the Wang family." Huangfu Jinhuan's fierce expression changed all of a sudden, "It's just a pity that you planned everything just perfectly, but you didn't take yourself into account. Elders and heads of households, let us all attack together, let's take Wang Shouzhe down first, let's see if his Wang family has any qualifications to fight against us!".

At this moment of life and death, even the pampered Huangfu Jinhuan drew his Spirit Instrument Level longsword and joined the battle.

He took the lead with his sword in hand, and directly charged towards Wang Shouzhe.

The four Spirit Platform Realm elders and household heads immediately followed, ready to join hands with Huangfu Jinhuan and apply the strategy of "capturing the king first".

"This is bad!" Zhong Xiangyang's face changed slightly, "Why is young friend Shouzhe so careless? He ended up leading to this situation after showing all his cards."

"This is probably the result of overthinking." Xiao Yuanwu coldly snorted with a hint of irony, "He focused all his attention on Huangfu Hua Ye and me but overlooked the Spirit Platform Realm cultivators of the Huangfu family. Perhaps, he was being too high-handed and didn't take the Spirit Platform Realm into account at all."

"Both Wang Shouzhe and the Cape Guard have power levels just touching the Spirit Platform Realm's early stage, two against five and among them, three are in the Spirit Platform Realm mid-stage! I do want to see what kind of trick he has up his sleeve to turn the tables."

As he spoke, the four Spirit Platform Realm elders and household leaders from the Huangfu family already had Wang Shouzhe surrounded.

However, even at this point, Wang Shouzhe's face remained calm, showing no sign of being "in danger".

"This decades-long grudge, it seems, will have to be settled by us, the Wang family." He said lightly, "Shouwei, take action."

"Yes, Family Head."

The man in the cloak, naturally, was the war soldier Wang Shouwei.

He responded with a firm voice and charged forward without any hint of fear.

With every step he took, his body grew larger.

"Hisss!"

As his body expanded, his cloak and clothes tore apart, revealing a body built like steel.

At the same time, both of his giant hands opened outwards and instantaneously turned into two large shields.

He seemed reliable, radiating a potent sense of safety.

He stood like an iron wall, blocking three Spirit Platform Realm cultivators, including the not-so-strong Huangfu Jinhuan.

"Is that... a Guard-Type Puppet?"

Huangfu Jinhuan's excited expression froze on his face, astonished and irked, did Wang Shouzhe still have any scruples? One expensive trump card after another was played.

Moreover, the strength of this Guard-Type Puppet was extraordinary. Even with three Spirit Platform Realm cultivators combined, they were unable to break down his shield of steel.

Could such a high-level Guard-Type Puppet be obtained with one million Qian gold?

"Good job, Wang Shouwei."

Wang Shouzhe approved with satisfaction.

Indeed, the products from the Divine Martial Relics truly were top quality.

Originally, he was quite skeptical of a Guard-Type Puppet at the Spirit Platform Realm's early stage being the final reward. After all, a mere Spirit Platform Realm combat unit could not compare to Bloodthirsty Vines, Yuan Water Spirit Pearls, and other spiritual treasures, could it?

However, once he took possession of it, he realized that it was indeed "a delight" to have.

The Divine Martial Dynasty's view of Spirit Platform Realm's early-stage battle capability, and Da Qian's concept of the same were not the same at all. Even the bloodline talent of the old ancestor, Longyan, was considered just an Elite Militia.

Therefore, one can imagine how formidable the protective capability of a Guard-Type Puppet, produced under this concept and at the early stage of the Spirit Platform Realm, would be?

Meanwhile,

Wang Shouzhe lightly tapped his foot, his figure moving back like a drifting willow leaf.

This movement skill called "Spring Blooms" was a perfect match with the "Spirit Platform Chapter" of Longevity True Verse. Unlike the flitting posture of a willow fluff, the speed was much faster. In a blink, he retreated several meters.

As he retreated, he scattered handfuls of seeds, saying to the blocked Huangfu Jinhuan, "Master Jinhuan, do you know why I chose to block the weakest of you all?"

Huangfu Jinhuan felt a chill in his heart, an ominous premonition immediately surfaced.

"That's because, I want you to witness our final victory on behalf of your ancestors of Huangfu Clan." The light in Wang Shouzhe's eyes was icy cold, his voice filled with deep hatred, "Let them atone for their sins down there, make them regret it!"

As Wang Shouzhe's words fell, the seeds of the vines rapidly took root and sprouted, with shoots growing wildly.

The stems of these vines were a little different from the previous Witch series. They had tiny barbs and a faint red color to them.

That's right.

These new vines were a hybrid between the "Witch" series and the Bloodthirsty Vines that Wang Shouzhe had cultivated. They not only inherited the rapid growth of the Witch series but also a part of the paralyzing and bloodthirsty traits of the Bloodthirsty Vines.

Wang Shouzhe named them - "Witch No.3".

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"Burst!"

With a light shout from Wang Shouzhe, his thick, light-blue Mysterious Energy within him was highly condensed. After a palm strike, the Mysterious Energy exploded like a spring rain, hopelessly falling onto those vines.

Instantaneously, the growth speed of Blood Demon Vine No.3, which was already rapid, boosted exponentially, making it go berserk. In a few short breaths, those vines had grown and shaped into place, wildly thrashing around like a witch's long hair.

Wang Shouzhe created his own "Rain Nurturing Origin Palm" based on the characteristics of his bloodline talent. It was not some profound and mysterious technique, neither was it targeted at humans, but was merely used to stimulate the growth and strengthen combat plants.

What Wang Shouwei let pass by were two mid-stage Spirit Platform Realm Elders from the Huangfu Clan.

Their capabilities were not weak either, each possessed a lower-grade Spirit Sword. When they unleashed their swordsmanship, the formidable Sword Energy rippled all around, effortlessly slicing the Blood Demon Vines, remnants of vines scattered across the sky.

Among them, one had cultivated the Huangfu Clan's clan-guarding technique, "Red Dragon True Verses (Spirit Platform chapter)". The lower-grade Fire Spirit Sword roared and rippled agilely, cutting and scorching the Blood Demon Vines, a formidable presence at that moment.

However, their speed of destroying the vines was not able to keep up with their growth speed.

Because at the same time as they were heavily damaging the Blood Demon Vines, Wang Shouzhe was continuously sending out waves of Sword Energy with Zhou Xuan Sword to interfere with them, while occasionally using the Rain Nurturing Origin Palm to stimulate the growth of vines.

Those Blood Demon Vines that were nearly completely chopped off, or were burned dry, as long as their roots remained, would crazily grow again like grass after a rainstorm.

At this time, the faces of the two trapped Elders of the Huangfu Clan turned ugly.

Those vines were growing faster than they could chop, how could they break free?

Not to mention that within the Vine Array, there was still Wang Shouzhe, constantly harassing them with Sword Energy.

After two or three rounds, one of the Elders was unexpectedly entangled by a vine while trying to avoid one of Wang Shouzhe's sword attacks.

Even though he had quick reflexes and cut it off with a swift backhand slash, and even using Mysterious Energy to shatter the vine's remnants tangled around his foot, a small portion of the Witch Vine's barbs still pierced his skin.

Even if they were cut off, those densely packed barbs were still as sharp as vipers' fangs, instantly injecting paralyzing venom into him. Subsequently, the venom sacs of the hollow barbs swelled up, sucking blood like a syringe.

Although those Bloodthirsty Barbs were small and the venom injected was just a tiny bit, and the blood sucked was less than a drop, there were too many of them!

The Elder of the Huangfu Clan felt a slight tingling on his foot, his speed and reaction instantly slowed down a little.

He cursed under his breath.

As expected, Wang Shouzhe immediately took the opportunity to target him, he used the vines as a barrier and distraction, constantly suppressing him with Sword Energy.

In order to resist Wang Shouzhe, he inevitably exposed flaws, continuously getting attacked by Witch Vines.

After seven or eight breaths, he had multiple places on his body that were overrun with vine remnants that he did not have time to deal with. He only felt the numbness getting stronger, and his blood was being drained increasingly fast.

He was filled with fear, understanding that if he did not flee, he would likely fall within this terrifying Vine Array.

Flee, flee, flee!

The Elder from the Huangfu Clan immediately exploded with surges of Sword Energy, sprinting outward.

However, he did not expect that among the numerous ordinary Witch Vines, a more reddish and robust vine hid. It was like a deadly venomous snake, waiting for the perfect opportunity.

Taking advantage of the moment when the Elder from the Huangfu Clan revealed a lapse, it rapidly sprung into action, its speed as fast as red lightning.

The Elder thought it was only an ordinary Witch Vine, and promptly answered with a slash back.

"Pitter-patter~"

The Bloodthirsty Vine's sap splashed.

But his lower-grade Spirit Sword was stuck on the vine, it only cut halfway in before it halted, being unable to go any further.

The Elder from Huangfu Clan's heart raced, realizing something was wrong.

However, it was already too late.

Before he could pull out the Spirit Sword in his hand, the Bloodthirsty Vine, like a constrictor, had tightly entangled him.

It was even more terrifying than a massive python. Its barbs were sharper and the performance of its paralyzing venom was in no way comparable to those of the Blood Demon Vines.

In just an instant, countless barbs pierced into his body, pulling him from mid-air down to the ground harshly.

The Elder of the Huangfu Clan let out a shriek, trying his best to roll and resist. But the surrounding Blood Demon Vines also started moving, entangling his body like a witch's hair.

With the passage of time, the painful screams kept coming, but the strength of the resistance became weaker and weaker.

Countless vines woven into a cocoon, shrouding him completely from the outside. The screams of agony and pleas for mercy coming from him became weaker and weaker, until eventually, they disappeared.

But all of this only occurred within a few tens of breaths.

"Fourth Uncle!"

Huangfu Jinghuan's eyes widened in disbelief.

The expressions of the others from the Huangfu Clan's lineage also became extremely ugly.

Everyone knew that that Elder from the Huangfu Clan was in a dire situation.

"Wang Shouzhe, I am going to kill you!"

Huangfu Jinghuan grieved and picked up his lower-grade Spirit Longsword intending to take revenge for his Fourth Uncle by killing Wang Shouzhe.

Pity, Wang Shouwei as the defensive puppet from Divine Martial Dynasty, although his offensive abilities were not considered strong, his defense was like an iron wall and could not be moved.

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Wang Shouzhe looked at him and sneered: "Huangfu Jinhuan, the Wang family did not offend the Huangfu clan, yet because of a whim of yours, we were nearly wiped out. Did you ever consider that they were living lives?"

"Moreover, the Huangfu clan secretly colludes with the Yinsha Sect, inwardly bullying the weak. Others may not know, but you, Huangfu Jinhuan should know. The downfall of your Huangfu clan today is a result of the immoral conduct of your past generations."

"Have you not heard, 'man's actions are observed by heaven'? Today, I, Wang Shouzhe, will seek justice for the lost souls of the Ping'an Wang family. Let the Huangfu clan also taste the bitterness of the Wang family's past! Prominent families have their unspoken rules. Even if this matter is brought to the Emperor's attention, the Ping'an Wang family will still hold themselves upright!"

As his words ended, Wang Shouzhe's attack became increasingly fierce.

He had planned for so many years, and today was the time to settle a decades-old grudge, and he could not afford to be soft-hearted.

Otherwise, he might bury a huge hidden danger for the future of the family and bring disaster to his descendants.

Under Wang Shouzhe's aggressive attack, another elder could only hold on for twenty breaths before all his blood was devoured by the Bloodthirsty Vines, leaving only a dried husk.

Such a strange and powerful method, while causing fear and anger in the Huangfu clan, also made Xiao Yuanwu and Zhong Xiangyang exchange glances.

Previously, they thought the strongest of the Wang family was either the Old Ancestor Longyan or the great woman Liu Ruolan. Surprisingly, the person who was the most deceptive and unexpected is Wang Shouzhe, who appears cowardly and fearful of death.

Indeed, Wang Shouzhe was very competent as a clan leader, and in a short period of time, he developed the family to such a degree that it could be considered a shocking talent.

But when he started to make his move, they realized that this capable money-making clan leader is the real trump card of the Wang family, giving a sense of surprise when he makes his move.

Moreover, once he decided to take action, he showed a decisive and emphatic demeanor.

"The Huangfu clan is finished." Zhong Xiangyang of Hundred Islands sighed, "With the methods of young friend Shouzhe, I'm afraid there will be no room for the Huangfu clan to turn things around."

Anyuan Xiao Yuanwu also looked at Wang Shouzhe with trepidation and fear.

He had an inexplicable thought in his heart: As long as Wang Shouzhe is in the Ping'an Wang family, his Anyuan Xiao family could only befriend them and absolutely not offend them.

The Huangfu Clan, as the in-law family of the Xiao Clan, has received much help from the Anyuan Xiao family, which had fulfilled its intention. As Wang Shouzhe said, it was all because the Huangfu Clan brought misfortune upon itself.

With the two Spiritual Platform Realm elders eradicated by Wang Shouzhe, the subsequent battle was already decided.

Even if the other party wanted to escape, it would be difficult to escape from the Vine Array set up by Wang Shouzhe.

Soon, except for Huangfu Jinhuan, the other two Spiritual Platform household heads were also eliminated one by one by Wang Shouzhe.

Despite their pleading, even betraying the Huangfu family and swearing allegiance to the Ping'an Wang family, and willing to expose some of the Huangfu family's scandals, Wang Shouzhe still ruthlessly ended their lives.

In such a crucial moment, why would he need household heads who betray their lords for glory?

The Wang family's household heads, he'd rather cultivate them slowly. In any case, the Wang family is becoming more and more affluent, and they don't lack resources to cultivate household heads.

As for Huangfu Jinhuan, Wang Shouzhe did not kill him immediately, but ordered Wang Shouwei to break his limbs and tie him up with the Blood Demon Vine.

"Wang Shouzhe, your Wang family has won, please, kill me." Huangfu Jinhuan was incredibly weak, pleading bitterly.

Upon seeing this, Xiao Yuanwu also pleaded: "Young friend Shouzhe, although the Huangfu clan has made many mistakes and brought all this upon themselves, Huangfu Jinhuan is after all the head of a prominent family. Can you face an old man like me and give him a quick death?"

Wang Shouzhe pondered for a moment and laughed, "I've already secretly investigated that although the Xiao clan and the Huangfu clan are in-laws who help each other. However, the Xiao Clan has a good reputation and is not involved in the colluding case with the Yinsha Sect. In that case, I will give face to Old Ancestor Yuan Wu."

With that, he ordered Wang Shouwei to snap Huangfu Jinhuan's neck, and didn't let the Bloodthirsty Vines drain him, leaving him a full corpse out of respect for a fellow head of a family.

"Thank you, young friend Shouzhe," the Old Ancestor Yuan Wu gratefully said, "If there is anything you need in the future, I will definitely not refuse."

He said this with all sincerity. Wang Shouzhe's magnanimity showed that the Wang family genuinely did not want to fall out with the Anyuan Xiao Clan.

As Wang Shouzhe's battle ended, the battlefield of Old Ancestor Longyan and others and Huangfu Hua Ye's side also quickly determined the winner.

No matter how strong Huangfu Hua Ye was, he couldn't withstand the joint attack of the three. Moreover, the death of each member of the Huangfu clan had already confused Huangfu Hua Ye.

After he used his last Red Fire Dragon Scale to fight, there was no chance to turn the tide. He suffered consecutive heavy blows and ultimately was beheaded by Old Ancestor Longyan.

Huangfu Hua Ye's head drew an arc in the air and fell to the ground. His red hair scattered disorderly, mixing with the blood on the ground, almost indistinguishable from each other.

Seeing this scene, Old Ancestor Longyan stood still for a while, tears suddenly silently slipping from the corner of her eyes.

The crystal-clear teardrops set off her red eyes, making her lose her usual coldness and indifference. Instead, she looked as weak as an ordinary girl.

Even the strongest person has their own weaknesses.

No matter how invincible Old Ancestor Longyan appeared to be, she was also a person, a living, flesh and blood person.

Not crying, just not reaching the point of heartbreak.

Wang Shouzhe sighed, stepped forward to support Old Ancestor Longyan, and softly comforted: "Old Ancestor, our Old Ancestor Zhou Xuan, Qiong Yuan Old Ancestor and our ancestors' enemy's vengeance has finally been avenged. It should be a happy thing. From now on, we, the Ping'an Wang Family can peacefully develop and live our days."

Actually, the revenge of the great enemy today is also a huge burden off Wang Shouzhe's heart.

Since crossing over, he has been under pressure all the time, having to think three steps for every single move. All the caution, nothing more than an act of helplessness.

If possible, who wouldn't want the family to be peaceful, and live their days calmly and peacefully?

Moreover, although he had not personally seen Old Ancestor Zhou Xuan, he had personally witnessed the former desolation and difficulty of the family. Naturally, he also hated the Huangfu family who caused all of this.

"That's right." The Old Ancestor of the North Star also persuaded from the side, "The main culprit is gone, and the remaining remnants of the Huangfu Clan are already negligible. From now on, we, the Great Families of Changning Guard, don't have to live in constant fear."

Of course, the Old Ancestor of the North Star was very happy with the end of this war.

The complete downfall of the Huangfu family benefited the Ping'an Wang Family the most. However, apart from that, the most benefited was the Xu family of Changning.

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"Wang Shouzhe, are you guys done there?"

Just as Wang Shouzhe and others completed their mission, a roaring voice of Fang Youan came from a distance: "This guy is too fierce, I and Junior Sister Green Fern are almost unable to hold on!"

Their battlefield had long left the inside of this gigantic Blood Nest, breaking through the dome, and going outside.

Naturally, Wang Shouzhe and others also hurriedly gathered their feelings and rushed over.

Their fight had already reached the edge of the Blood Nest Base Floating Island. Everywhere here was marked with pockmarked traces, the aftermath of the fierce battle.

Immediately after.

Wang Shouzhe then saw the miserable condition of Fang Youan, and couldn't help but twitch the corners of his mouth slightly.

The dignified Senior Brother Youan was beaten so miserably?

He vividly remembered the heroic figure of him flying out with snowflakes fluttering not long ago, wasn't this contrast too stark?

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One couldn't really blame Wang Shouzhe for his surprise. It was just that Fang Youan's current situation looked rather bleak. His once handsome robe had become ragged, and numerous stains of injuries decorated his body. Even his complexion was pale.

On his neck, one could see a few strands of black evil qi gradually spreading along his meridians, only being constrained within a certain range by his Mysterious Energy, as they wrestled with each other.

Clearly, in the previous fight, he had been inadvertently invaded by evil qi and was now suppressing it with his Mysterious Energy.

If it weren't for the strands of green aura spinning around him, helping to restrain his injuries, the evil qi would have invaded his internal organs by now.

"What are you looking at?"

Noticing Wang Shouzhe's strange expression, Fang Youan gave him an annoyed look.

Who hasn't seen combat before?

As a direct disciple of the Academic Palace, he has experienced countless battles over the past hundred years. Naturally, not everything always goes smoothly, injuries and poisoning were all common. He wouldn't become angry out of embarrassment just because someone saw him in a mess.

If it wasn't for Wang Shouzhe's overly obvious expression, he wouldn't have bothered to care.

"Cough cough~Senior Brother Yu An, let me help you with your injuries."

Wang Shouzhe immediately put his expression away, coughed lightly, and took the initiative to start treating Fang Youan's injuries.

By the time the ancestors of Beichen, Longyan, and his wife Liu Ruolan rushed forward to assist their junior sister Green Fern with Yin Yuzhe.

Under the influence of the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor, Yin Yuzhe had already lost his mind and his savagery was on full display.

His crimson eyes, frenzied aura, deformed body, and the snarling and shrieking noises that didn't sound human at all made him appear incredibly fearsome, almost unrecognizable in human form.

The thick Frost-Killing Air mingled with the smell of blood, swirling around him. As he roared, the blade energy swung out by the Demonic Blade of Yin Sha sliced through the air, each wave possessed a breathtaking might, so powerful that it was heart-pounding.

The ground around him had been ploughed into deep gullies.

The old ancestor of Beichen didn't even get close to the battlefield and his expression had already become serious.

However, even in such circumstances, junior sister Green Fern still seemed to have the situation well under control.

A tall tree stood behind her, with a canopy as vast as a cover and leaves as lush as they could be. Green auras fell from the canopy, opening up a huge protective shield, sheltering the junior sister Green Fern within it.

The blade energy swung out by the Demonic Blade of Yin Sha hit the shield, stirring up ripples, but it could never break through the defense and harm the junior sister Green Fern inside the shield.

Wang Shouzhe just glanced at it, and his mouth twitched.

He hadn't seen the tree before, but those leaves looked very familiar whichever way he looked.

Weren't those the leaves of the Longevity Tree?

Without thinking, this must be the Longevity Tree.

He had heard about the famous "Longevity Tree," a unique Spirit Plant of Master Changchun, a long time ago. However, Master Changchun had kept it carefully, and he never had a chance to see it.

Legend has it that the Longevity Tree is nearly a hundred feet tall, its crown is like a cloud, and it is like a wellspring on the battlefield. As long as the Longevity Tree does not fall, the base would not be breached.

Obviously, the Longevity Tree in front of him was too small to be Master Changchun's. It could only be regarded as a seedling.

Thinking of the few leaves of the Longevity Tree that he had managed to pry out of Master Changchun's hands, and then looking at the lush canopy, Wang Shouzhe felt a complex emotion in his heart, tasting the long-lost sense of being "poor".

Moreover, it was clear that this was not the full extent of junior sister Green Fern's abilities.

Outside the Longevity Tree's shield, robust Bloodthirsty Vines crisscrossed in every direction, occupying all the space within hundreds of meters of her like a forest, restricting Yin Yuzhe's movements in all directions.

The toughness and lethality of these Bloodthirsty Vines were obviously not as high as those of the original Bloodthirsty Vines, but they were still formidable, clearly the result of intentional cultivation of Spirit Seeds.

Often, the blade energy swung out by Yin Yuzhe could only sever five or six vines before being entangled by the vines that were continuously spreading.

Moreover, junior sister Green Fern could regenerate the Bloodthirsty Vines very quickly, which consequently restricted Yin Yuzhe's movement despite his formidable combat power, keeping it within a certain range while he was out of his mind.

At the same time, junior sister Green Fern wore a set of armor made of entwined Bloodthirsty Vines, and a Dharma Shadow that resembled her greatly was releasing a surging power behind her.

As the battle continued, bright red petals were constantly falling from her armor, fluttering and spinning around her.

With her hand seals, petals continuously flew towards Yin Yuzhe, exploding on his body.

These petals clearly had a powerful force. Not only had Yin Yuzhe's clothes been blown to pieces, the Bloodthirsty Vines that were close by would also be directly blown to pieces.

But clearly, the attack power of these Bloodthirsty Vines and petals was still not enough. They could only slightly break his defense, and would be unable to seriously injure Yin Yuzhe. If she were to fight alone, even if the fight continued for several days and nights, the outcome would still be uncertain.

Fortunately, with the addition of the old ancestor Beichen, old ancestor Longyan, and Liu Ruolan, the drawback of her lack in damage was compensated, making the scales of victory tilt swiftly.

"Senior Brother Yu An, how did junior sister Green Fern bring that Longevity Tree seedling over?"

Seeing the stable battle situation, Wang Shouzhe didn't rush to join anymore, instead, while providing long-range healing support, he started to chat with Fang Youan.

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The Longevity Tree is not like any ordinary Spirit Plant. It is unrealistic to expect it to grow this large in such a short time. Therefore, Junior Sister Green Fern most likely used some method to bring it here.

Fang Youan knew the answer.

"There are rumored to be a treasure that Master Changchun possesses, known as the 'Xirang Bracelet'. It contains a space that can hold combat-suited spirit plants," he speculated, "In my opinion, Master Changchun probably gave this item to Green Fern."

The Xirang Bracelet.

A thought occurred to Wang Shouzhe, isn't this the Spirit Plant Space?

If he had a treasure like this, wouldn't he be able to carry with him the Iron Python Vines, Fire Dragon Fruit Trees, and other immobile Spirit Plants that he cultivated?

This treasure is like a Divine Artifact for them, the Wood Type Profound Martial cultivators!

He immediately wished for it: "Brother Youan, is there a second Xirang Bracelet? I want one too."

"What are you thinking?" Fang Youan gave him a glare, "This treasure was excavated from the ruins of the Divine Martial Dynasty centuries ago. There are only a few in the entire Da Qian. The current owners of the Xirang Bracelet I know of are all big shots in the Purple Abode Realm, Divine Power Territory. Even if you have money, they won't sell it to you."

Wang Shouzhe instantly felt deflated.

It seems there is no way to obtain it in the short term.

He sighed and turned to watch the battlefield when he suddenly sensed something amiss.

The Dharma Shadow behind Junior Sister Green Fern, doesn't it seem too powerful?

He had seen several Spirit Bodies, whether it was Senior Brother Youan, Yin Yuzhe, or his wife Liu Ruolan, all had Quadruple Bloodlines, but the power of the Dharma Shadow didn't seem as powerful as what Junior Sister Green Fern was showing.

He couldn't resist asking Fang Youan, "Senior Brother Youan, how many bloodlines have Junior Sister Green Fern awakened?"

Fang Youan responded without hesitation, "I don't know."

But Wang Shouzhe didn't believe him,: "At the very least you are The Direct Disciple of Xue Palace, surely you must know something?"

At Wang Shouzhe's words, Fang Youan looked at him expressionlessly, "I only know that ten years ago, when I first saw her in action, she was already a Spirit Body. At the time, she was only in the Spirit Platform Realm."

My goodness! A Spirit Body at the Spirit Platform Realm~ No wonder Senior Brother Youan is making that face.

Wang Shouzhe sighed and closed his mouth quietly.

Ah~, he understands such feelings.

Time flew quickly, and an hour passed.

With the combined efforts of Junior Sister Green Fern, Old Ancestor Longyan, Old Ancestor Beichen, and Liu Ruolan, Yin Yuzhe who was parasitized by the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor was easily eliminated as expected.

At the very moment Yin Yuzhe fell, his body rapidly swelled and twisted. A blood shadow, carrying a shower of blood drops, flew out from his body and bolted towards the outside.

Fang Youan was prepared, he instantly took out a jade box and darted out, swiftly capturing that blood shadow, which is obviously the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor, into the jade box.

This jade box, similar to what Yin Yuzhe had prepared, is specifically designed to control the Wedding Blood Gu. It can put the Wedding Blood Gu into dormancy.

Before, they had already verified the effectiveness of this jade box.

However, just when everyone thought the matter was ended, Fang Youan's expression slightly changed.

The Wedding Blood Gu Emperor, instead of entering sleep immediately upon entering the box, began to struggle frantically.

Fang Youan was caught off guard and didn't exert enough force, allowing it to escape the jade box.

"Be careful!"

Fang Youan's face changed instantly.

The face of Old Ancestor Beichen also changed abruptly.

Because the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor that struggled out of the jade box was now heading straight for him at such a speed that only a trailing shadow was left behind.

The distance was too close for Old Ancestor Beichen to escape.

It's over!

His heart tightened, believing his life was inescapable danger.

Unexpectedly.

The Wedding Blood Gu Emperor didn't even glance at him, and directly brushed past him, disappearing lightning-fast into Old Ancestor Longyan behind him.

"What..."

This sudden turn of events confused everyone.

Even Wang Shouzhe couldn't have anticipated such a scene.

Suddenly!

Old Ancestor Longyan painfully crumpled to the ground, curling into a ball.

"Old Ancestor."

Wang Shouzhe and Liu Ruolan rushed to her, each supporting her up from either side.

Her sweat fell like rain, soaking her veil. But she was so tough, silently enduring the pain without a single moan, completely unlike the way Yin Yuzhe screamed in pain after being possessed by the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor.

"Go, you go!" Old Ancestor Longyan trembled all over, her eyes flashing with a faint red light, "I, can't, control it..."

Xu Beichen, Zhong Xiangyang, and others all had changed expressions.

The various changes undergone by Yin Yuzhe after being parasitized by the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor were all still fresh in their minds. Could it be that Wang Longyan is also going to change into that ugly, unreasonable monster?

"Shouzhe..."

An intense look was in Fang Youan's eyes. He was about to speak when he was coldly interrupted by Wang Shouzhe, "Senior Brother Youan, you take everyone and leave. Ruolan and I will stay here to help Old Ancestor. I want to make it clear in advance, no matter what the outcome, I, Wang Shouzhe will not allow anyone to harm Old Ancestor."

Having said that.

Wang Shouzhe carried Old Ancestor Longyan into a nearby empty Blood Nest at a swift pace, with Liu Ruolan quickly following.

The others all looked at each other, at a loss for words. If Wang Longyan turns to evil, this will cause big trouble, seeing Wang Shouzhe might just stir things up.

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"Everyone, please don't worry." Fang Youan said, "The Wedding Blood Gu mainly depends on personal will, potential of one's bloodline and other factors. It doesn't necessarily lead to possession after parasitism. Whether it is a blessing or a curse, we have to see what Sister Longyan herself will make of it."

He spoke so, but Fang Youan himself had no confidence. He could only reassure everyone while arranging for them to leave temporarily, giving Wang Shouzhe a quiet opportunity to save her.

Only Green Fern blinked her eyes and said, "I have some treasures that help resist the heart demon, I want to try to help."

Then she plunged into the vacant Blood Nest.

"Junior Brother Shouzhe, I have a Pill of Taoist Mind here." As soon as Green Fern entered the Blood Nest, she took out a jade bottle and handed it over, "It can wash away distracting thoughts and help to stay true to the Taoist Mind, though I don't know if it is useful."

"Thank you, senior sister."

Wang Shouzhe didn't hesitate to take it and gave the Pill of Taoist Mind to Elder Longyan.

He did not say anything, but he made a mental note of this favor from Green Fern. Even if she asked him to do some very embarrassing experiments in the future, he would grit his teeth and do them!

At the same time, Wang Shouzhe had Liu Ruolan support the elder, then he put his palms on her back, and the wood-based Longevity Mysterious Energy in his body poured into her continuously.

What Wang Shouzhe practiced is the top-grade cultivation technique "Longevity Youth True Verses", and what he cultivated naturally is the Longevity Mysterious Energy, only his Mysterious Energy has a stronger healing effect and a miraculous effect of accelerating plant growth.

"Elder, don't worry, my Mysterious Energy can greatly help you restrain the Blood Gu." Wang Shouzhe reassured softly, "You just need to stay still ones inner thoughts, making my Longevity Mysterious Energy circulate in the Grand Circulation."

He said so, but Wang Shouzhe himself didn't really have much confidence.

Before he did help Wang Zongchang successfully pass the bloodline evolution. However, the thing that parasitized Zongchang was only a common Bridal Clothes Blood Gu.

The Bridal Clothes Blood Gu Emperor's level is much higher than the common Bridal Clothes Blood Gu, and Wang Shouzhe was unsure how much help he could provide.

If Elder Longyan hadn't been parasitized, under normal circumstances, Wang Shouzhe would definitely not dare to take the risk and try it.

At this moment.

I don't know whether it was because of the Pill of Taoist Mind, or Elder Longyan's will forged from fifty years of fighting against the evil poison or both.

Though Elder Longyan was still in tremendous pain, her eyes flickered with a faint red, but she still remained in full control of her consciousness and body.

She sat cross-legged and started to operate the "Mysterious Ice True Verses".

In an instant, the temperature in the whole Blood Nest dropped sharply, and dense ice crystals and snowflakes were floating around her, forming a spiral pattern like a revolving galaxy.

However, after she practiced with the Yin Sha energy, there was a thread of Yin Sha among those ice crystals and snowflakes.

Liu Ruolan also started to operate her Mysterious Energy on one side, covering her and Wang Shouzhe with a layer of extremely pure water-type Mysterious Energy.

Seeing this, Wang Shouzhe was not surprised but delighted. Judging from this situation, Elder Longyan's condition was not bad at all, much better than Zongchang's unclear state of mind.

Time passed slowly.

When Wang Shouzhe exhausted his Mysterious Energy, he went to the side to eat medicine and meditate to recover his Energy. At this time, Green Fern took over.

She also practiced the "Longevity Youth True Verses", and her Longevity Mysterious Energy was even stronger and purer than Wang Shouzhe's.

However, her bloodline was classified as a type of Wood Bloodline, which was somewhat similar, but also different from the "odd-type bloodline" that Wang Shouzhe had.

For common people, several types of categorized bloodlines, such as "Li Huo Bloodline", "Yao Earth Bloodline", "Yi Wood Bloodline", "Yuan Water Bloodline", etc., are actually referring to fire-based, earth-based, wood-based bloodlines.

Such naming is just to sound more grand.

In fact, even for the same Li Huo bloodline, there will be slight differences. However, when everyone's bloodline is very thin, these differences are very small. Only by reaching the Fourth Level, or the Fifth or Sixth Level Bloodline Awakening, can the differences gradually show up.

Looking at Green Fern's powerful bloodline, it seems that she is not just the simple Yi Wood Bloodline.

Sometime later.

Wang Shouzhe and Green Fern took turns to stand, and three days passed like this.

Three days later.

Elder Longyan managed to safely pass the difficult trial of Bloodline Metamorphosis. There was a layer of dark dirt on her skin.

Then.

Wang Shouzhe was kicked out, and Green Fern was politely asked to leave by Liu Ruolan.

Only Liu Ruolan was left to take care of Elder Longyan.

A few tens of feet outside the Blood Nest.

Wang Shouzhe bowed deeply to Green Fern: "Junior Sister's great kindness and nobility, I will remember it in my heart. Should there be any orders in the future, I will definitely agree to fulfill them."

"No need to be so polite, it was just an easy task." Green Fern waved her hand casually. Then she paused, looked up and down at Wang Shouzhe and said, "Orders? Would you like to do a life factor experiment with me?"

"Uh ..." even with Wang Shouzhe's thick skin, he was a little embarrassed.

But he can't ignore this favor, so he gritted his teeth and said, "Yes, let's make an appointment with Junior Sister later, I will go to the Academic Palace to assist you one time."

Forget it! For the sake of repaying the favor, Wang Shouzhe has given up his dignity.

Anyway, he has lived for sixty to seventy years in his two lifetimes, is there anything he still cannot accept? Isn't it just closing one's eyes to open them again?

"This... I was just talking." Green Fern ruefully shook her head, "Actually, my Master has already strictly forbidden me to bring up that experiment."

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"This..."

Wang Shouzhe's face darkened, I have prepared myself for everything and now you're teasing me this?

"Junior, your bloodline seems quite special, and it's far from a simple common Grade-B wood bloodline." Green Fern switched the topic, "It seems to surpass my sacred wood bloodline..."

Sacred wood bloodline?

Wang Shouzhe was momentarily stunned, he had never heard of such a bloodline, it sounded quite advanced.

"It's a variant of the Grade-B wood bloodline, just at a higher level. My bloodline showed its difference after reaching the Spiritual Platform Realm." Green Fern explained, "To be honest, even I don't understand it thoroughly. All I know is what my master told me, that my bloodline is a sacred wood one. I do not have parents, my master found me at the side of the road."

This... just like his wife Liu Ruolan, she had reached the Spiritual Body level in the Spiritual Platform Realm.

Wang Shouzhe looked rather grim. He had heard Master Changchun speak of Green Fern being picked up in the wilderness. He hadn't taken it seriously before, but now he realized it might not be that simple.

Perhaps she was picked up, but the probability of finding someone like her in the wild was practically zero.

Alright.

Despite his curiosity, this had nothing to do with him.

Wang Shouzhe said, "My bloodline is obviously different from an ordinary Grade-B wood bloodline, but I still don't understand what kind of bloodline it is."

After chatting aimlessly with Green Fern for a long time.

Liu Ruolan and Old Ancestor Longyan came out from the Empty Blood Nest. Although Old Ancestor Longyan looked a little weak, her eyes were bright and clear, like gemstones. One could faintly see the Frost-Killing Air circulating within them and there were occasional mini Ice-Killing whirlpools around her body.

This was because she had just advanced to her Spiritual Body and was not accustomed to it.

With some time, she will be able to fully control her Spiritual Body. After all, Liu Ruolan had a similar experience when she advanced to the Yuan Water Spiritual Body.

It was quite clear that Old Ancestor Longyan had upgraded to the Spiritual Body, a rare one that combined Mysterious Ice and Yin Sha - the Ice Killing Spiritual Body.

"Congratulations, Old Ancestor," Wang Shouzhe was overjoyed, and came forward to salute, "Old Ancestor, advancing to the Spiritual Body in the Spiritual Platform Realm, you can be considered a great heavenly genius!"

At the same time, he couldn't help but sigh in his heart.

As expected from the Wedding Blood Gu Emperor, a treasure that even the Heavenly Human Realm Genius Yin Yuzhe wanted to grab. It directly promoted the Old Ancestor's bloodline from the third level to the fourth, making her a Great Heavenly Genius.

Compared to the Primary Bloodline Improvement Fluid, this effect was extraordinary.

Of course, it was also because the Old Ancestor's bloodline could adapt, and that she was in the Spiritual Platform Realm with a bloodline of the third level only. If she had a four-level Spirit Body in the Heavenly Human Realm, she would surely not be able to upgrade an entire level.

"For all this, I must thank Sister Green Fern," Old Ancestor Longyan expressed her gratitude, "And for wasting one of your Pill of Taoist Mind."

"No need to thank me, the effect of the Pill and my help were minimal." Green Fern said, "The main contribution should be Junior Brother Shouzhe's special bloodline effect, as well as your strong willpower, Sister Longyan, and the high compatibility of your bloodline itself."

"Anyway, I will find a way to repay you for the Pill, Sister." Old Ancestor Longyan said, "The Pill of yours, it should be a prize for the Spiritual Platform Realm Genius competition of the Academic Palace of each region, right? After this, I will ask my master for permission to participate in the once-in-ten-years Spiritual Platform Realm Genius Assembly."

"That's not necessary, the main function of the Pill is to help cultivators cleanse their minds before advancing to the Heavenly Human Realm, clearing their thoughts and greatly improving their advancement chances." Green Fern said, "Master said that I, as a Spirit Body, do not need any auxiliary breakthrough pills like the Ascension Pill when breaking through to the Heavenly Human Realm."

Anyway, I saved these. In any case, Junior Brother Shouzhe has already promised to repay this favor."

As soon as she finished speaking.

The gazes of Old Ancestor Longyan and Liu Ruolan both fell on Wang Shouzhe, both full of doubt, "What favor are you repaying Green Fern with?"

"Ahem!"

Wang Shouzhe's face turned red as he quickly changed the subject, "Junior Sister, if you already have a Spirit Body in the Spiritual Platform Realm, then you wouldn't need an Ascension Pill to advance to the Heavenly Human Realm? I thought that it was a necessity for cultivators."

"Master says it isn't quite necessary, after all, the 'Ascension Pill' in the era of Divine Martial Dynasty was known as the 'Intermediate Breakthrough Auxiliary Pill', note one of the key words, 'auxiliary'." Green Fern replied earnestly, "If you've already reached the Spirit Body before the Heavenly Human Realm, you won't need any auxiliary."

This was indeed good news, they would save two Ascension Pills and a bunch of other auxiliary pills in the future.

To avoid Green Fern returning to the awkward topic of life factors, Wang Shouzhe quickly went to find Fang Youan and others to forcefully end the conversation.

Fang Youan and the others weren't idle either, they had spent the last few days inspecting the entire Floating Island and sorting through various spoils of war.

Fang Youan pulled out a list of spoils, his face visibly excited, "Everyone, although this time has been a little bumpy and dangerous, not only did Sister Longyan turn misfortune into blessing, but the spoils of war are also extremely abundant."

Upon hearing this.

Old Ancestors Xu Beichen and Zhong Xiangyang were immediately excited. They foresaw immense riches, which would be extremely beneficial for their family's future development.

Old Ancestor Xiao Yuanwu, on the other hand, looked quite awkward.

His group wasn't part of this team, so he naturally wouldn't get a share of the spoils. Furthermore, he almost ended up as part of the spoils if he hadn't checked himself in time.

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Wang Shouzhe knew deeply that the organization and distribution of the spoils of war were of great significance.

There were many prominent families that had a good relationship at first, but because they failed to handle their interests well, they ended up collapsing their relationship.

The sorting and counting of this war's spoils were mainly presided over by the two old ancestors, Zhong Xiangyang and Xu Beichen, and ultimately listed by Fang Youan. Each and every item was clearly listed.

"First and foremost is Yin Yuzhe's top-grade Storage Ring and the magical treasure Yin Sha Demonic Blade." Fang Youan was also a bit excited, after all, that's a Sky Pride.

Sky Pride is a nurtured target that all powers value highly, and they typically wouldn't be assigned extremely dangerous tasks that could lead to their demise. Even when going on dangerous experiential missions, they would sometimes have teachers and elders secretly protecting them.

Of course, this does not mean that Sky Prides don't die, just that the probability is low.

Yin Yuzhe became a Sky Pride and fell here because of his overconfidence, wanting to monopolize the benefits of the Blood Nest Base. If he was a bit more careful and invited one or two partners of the same level, the result wouldn't have been this bad.

"There are 'Qin Gold' ten thousand in the Storage Ring, a copy of 'Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Yue's' Spirit Platform chapter, and Sky Human Chapter." As soon as Fang Youan mentioned Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Yue, he snickered, "Yin Yuzhe was very bold, daring to copy the sect's secret teachings, and even dared to carry them with him. He definitely had plans to cultivate his own power in secret."

The sect's secret teachings are always heavily guarded. For Yin Yuzhe to do this, if the Yinsha Sect found out, he would surely receive severe punishment.

Upon hearing this, Wang Shouzhe's eyes brightened and he said: "Senior Brother Yoan, what would the consequences be if I cultivate this Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Yue?"

"You're not..." Fang Youan's words were interrupted when he looked at Wang Longyan and coughed. "The Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Yue is one of the top cultivation techniques of the

Yinsha Sect. Unless they have the Yin Sha bloodline, typically cultivation needs to start from a young age and gradually strengthen the Yin Sha bloodline.

In addition, there needs to be a cultivation environment and sect guidance, otherwise, it is very likely to come across problems."

"Actually, there's a copy of the Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Jue in the Saint Place of the Academic Palace. However, the Academic Palace only used it for reference, and it didn't really come of much use. But if it is cultivated rashly, I'm afraid the Yin Sha Sect would become hostile."

Once the words of Fang Youan came out.

Xu Beichen and Zhong Xiangyang, who were initially somewhat tempted, immediately dismissed the thought. They couldn't provoke the behemoth that the Yinsha Sect represented.

"It doesn't matter, I just want to use it for reference." Wang Shouzhe laughed and said, "After all, I have a strong feeling of resentment towards the Yin Sha Sect, so who knows, we might be in conflict someday. It's better to learn more about their techniques so I can guard against them."

"It's no big deal if you just want to refer to it." Fang Youan nodded, "After all, our Da Qian and Da Qin are opposing nations, and you are also a direct disciple of the Academic Palace. As long as you keep it a secret and don't let everyone know, I believe the higher-ups of the Yinsha Sect would not dare to easily intrude into the Academic Palace lands to stir up trouble.

After all, there are also members of the Yin Sha Sect studying our secret scriptures from the Purple Abode Academic Palace. However, you need to know that this copy might not be complete, so you could only pick out some useful parts to absorb."

Fang Youan was very clear that this wasn't about what Wang Shouzhe needed, but Fang Longyan his Junior Sister needed. However, since Longyan primarily cultivates the Mysterious Ice True Verses, and if she concurrently cultivates Yin Sha, there would be no need for her to cultivate Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Jue from beginning to end, she just needs to absorb the essence of them.

If it was somebody else that had a request, Fang Youan probably won't agree. But there's no problem if it's his Junior Sister Longyan, even their Master Binglan has already promised her that she can practice some Yin Sha.

Next, Fang Youan enumerated the treasures in Yin Yuzhe's storage ring. They were all rare and precious heaven and earth treasures, all of which were worth hundreds of thousands of Qian Gold.

Thus, just these things on Yin Yuzhe alone, add up to over a million Qian Gold. And that's not even counting the corpse coffin housing the Yin Sha Mysterious body and the corpse.

"Indeed worthy of a direct disciple." Wang Shouzhe also sighed, "Truly rich!"

Afterward, his eyes began looking Fang Youan up and down.

Fang Youan felt his hair stand on end with the intensity of his gaze. He swallowed and said: "Don't look at me like that, Little Brother Shouzhe, I'm poorer than Yin Yuzhe."

"Senior Brother Youan is too modest." Wang Shouzhe laughed, "No need to hide your wealth, I won't rob you."

Fang Youan shook his head helplessly. This kid will not rob him, but when it comes to wealth, who can surpass your Ping'an Wang family? Even some grade six prominent families' incomes may not be as much as the Wang family, right?

Next, Fang Youan began introducing other treasures. Inferior spiritual artifacts-four pieces, middle-grade spiritual artifacts-two pieces, middle-grade storage rings-two pieces, and various resources in the storage rings which added up to several tens of thousands.

Moreover, the most valuable were the seven Bridal Clothes Blood Gu and two Bridal Clothes Blood Gu Kings. If used correctly, these could potentially give the family a chance to rise.

Whether it was Xu Beichen or Zhong Xiangyang, their breaths became a bit rushed.

"Of course, apart from these, the most valuable thing is this floating island." Fang Youan said with a serious expression, "This floating island is based on two top-grade spirit veins of Mysterious Ice and Yin Sha. After cleaning, it could plant two attributes of advanced spirit plants.

Green Fern Junior Sister has already calculated that as long as we are willing to invest in labor and material to develop and plant, it will produce a minimum value of several hundred thousand annually in the future and if managed for a long time, there is a very high possibility of producing even more..."

Several hundred thousand annual value? And even more?

The faces of Xu Beichen and Zhong Xiangyang turned red instantly. Even for a celestial prominent family, such a figure is hard to control.

"However, due to the blood nests on the island and some technical material of the Blood Nest Base," Fang Youan said seriously, "These must all be given to the Academic Palace, after all, the Academic Palace will not allow this terrifying technical material to be leaked out."

"No problem, no problem." Xu Beichen and Zhong Xiangyang hastily said, "The Academic Palace's recovery of these evil technologies is the right thing to do. We won't attempt to touch them."

"In that case, our Academic Palace is willing to give out more shares of the floating island to all of you." Fang Youan nodded satisfactorily, everyone is indeed respectful.

"Wait a minute!" Wang Shouzhe said, "What about that talking Artifact Spirit?"

"Artifact Spirit?" Fang Youan frowned slightly, "Artifact Spirit is something that the Academic Palace always recovers."

"I want that Artifact Spirit." Wang Shouzhe said.

"?" Fang Youan was a bit surprised, "What do you want an Artifact Spirit for? She's the Artifact Spirit of the Blood Nest Base, with a lot of technical data about the Blood Nest, we can't give it to you."

"The Technical data can be transferred." Wang Shouzhe chuckled, "Just give me an empty one, which still retains intelligence."

In Wang Shouzhe's view, this kind of Artifact Spirit was somewhat like Artificial Intelligence. He didn't want anything special, he just wanted to see if she could install a system or something...

After all, always simulating the system with a small notebook is too embarrassing.

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Wang Shouzhe had never thought of learning the technology behind the Blood Nest Base, after all, although the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu were nice, the process of growing and refining them was simply too brutal and bloody.

Given the policies of the Academic Palace, they would definitely not allow Wang Shouzhe to get involved in the formulation of the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu. Therefore, the Blank Artifact Spirit would be better, providing more room for operation.

As expected.

Fang Youan pondered for a moment and said: "There should be no problem with the Blank Artifact Spirit. However, to include it into the list of war loots, everyone can use their contributions to bid for it, I estimate this item to be worth 300,000 Qian Gold."

"Excluding the information collected by the Academic Palace, various corpse materials and the Corpse Coffin, the estimated value of the remaining war loots is 3.62 million, there are ten shares for the development of the Floating Island industry, each share is priced at 300,000 Qian Gold.

The Academic Palace of Purple Abode has the priority to subscribe to five shares, the remaining five shares are priced at 1.5 million and added to the pool of war loots."

"According to the previously agreed distribution plan for the war loots, and the roles you've played in this cooperative mission. Wang Shouzhe, who planned and led throughout the mission, receives 50 points, 20 points for his role in the battle, Wang Longyan receives 20 points, and Liu Ruolan 20 points."

"Xu Beichen receives 20 points, Zhong Xiangyang gets 20 points plus 10 points for his family's participation."

"Green Fern and I, since we have already received the information from the Blood Nest Base, can receive quite a few study points as rewards at the Academic Palace, so we won't participate in the

distribution of war loots. The total points are 160, each point is priced at 32,000 Qian Gold, does anyone have any objections?"

Each point is worth more than 30,000 Qian Gold.

Xu Beichen and Zhong Xiangyang both smiled happily and expressed no objections.

Especially Xu Beichen, the Xu family of Changning has been too poor in recent years, his 20 points, if all are converted into Qian Gold, would amount to a total of 640,000!

Indeed, doing business with Wang Shouzhe is really exciting, there's almost no risk, but the benefits are extremely high.

"Since everyone has no objections, the stock rights for the development of the Floating Island are fixed at 300,000 each, the war loots are estimated to consist of a luxury Storage Ring worth 250,000, two Middle Grade Storage Rings and one Low-grade Storage Ring worth 180,000, two Middle Grade Spiritual Artifacts for 160,000, five Low-grade Spiritual Artifacts for 140,000, a copy of the Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Jue for 100,000, an Artifact Spirit for 300,000, seven Bridal Clothes Blood Gu, each being worth 100,000, two Blood Gu Kings each worth 300,000, a Middle Grade Magical Weapon, Yin Sha Demonic Blade, for 500,000, and the rest of the Heaven and Earth Treasures worth about 500,000, and a total of 190,000 Qian Gold and Qin Gold."

A comprehensive list of war loots for exchange, it gets the blood pumping just listening to it.

Wang Shouzhe looked at the two Celestial Beings, Old Ancestors, and thanked them with a polite bow: "The two Old Ancestors have worked hard this time, please choose your war loots first."

"Thank you for your kindness, Shouzhe." Xu Beichen returned the gesture, he thought for a moment and said: "I'll exchange one share of the Floating Island worth 300,000, and take the remaining 340,000 in cash. If there's not enough cash, I can exchange for some corresponding Heaven and Earth Treasures to sell off."

Xu Beichen actually wanted to take two shares, but he was very clear, with only five shares left, it would be overly greedy to take two shares.

As for not adopting those Spiritual Artifacts, Xu Beichen also wanted to save some cash, and then find a way to purchase a handy Low-grade Magical Weapon. After all, he is now a Celestial

Ancestor in his own right, without a Magical Weapon, his battle power would be greatly reduced, and he would be easily bullied.

As for things like Bridal Clothes Blood Gu, they look pretty, only about 100,000 each, but the final effect is much stronger than that of Bone Marrow Cleansing Pills. But the weakness is also very obvious, once a member of the tribe uses it, they may turn into a monster.

It is said that those with stronger talents are less likely to get possessed, but once possessed, the losses would be too great. As for following the practice of Huangfu clan, breeding the lesser branches or the head of the household, killing them and replacing them once they get possessed...

Not to mention that they can't commit such dirty tricks, even if they hardened their hearts and did it, they would be in trouble once exposed.

Furthermore, Zhong Xiangyang of the Hundred Islands was also very satisfied with the results. The war loots valued at 96,000 could greatly help his family. Moreover, from beginning to end, he just went through the motions, spending his time chatting and discussing Dao with people.

"I'll also take a share of the Ice Sha Floating Island, the remaining 66,000, I hope to get the Yin Sha Demonic Blade, the remaining 16,000 will be taken in the form of Heaven and Earth Treasures." Zhong Xiangyang's emotional intelligence is not low either, he didn't dare to fight for more beneficial Floating Island shares.

But the Middle Grade Magical Weapon Yin Sha Demonic Blade, valued at only 50,000 Qian Gold, clearly has a price that is somewhat low."

As a major player in the black market, Zhong Xiangyang is very sensitive about the prices of Spiritual Artifacts and Magical Weapons. Although Zhong Family rarely had Magical Weapons to hand out, they did have their own channels to dispose of them.

However, Demonic Blades are relatively troublesome to handle, but if operated properly, they can earn an additional profit of tens of thousands over several years.

Of course, if the remainder of the money was used to exchange for two Middle Grade Spiritual Artifacts, with the channels of Zhong family they could also make a profit of a few thousand. But one cannot be so greedy, one cannot have the best of everything.

Finally, it was Wang Shouzhe's turn, and naturally, he took all the remaining war loots at once: "In that case, my Wang family will take a Top Grade Storage Ring, two Middle Grade Storage Rings, a Low-grade Storage Ring, two Middle Grade Spiritual Artifacts, five Low-grade Spiritual Artifacts, a copy of the Extreme Yin Mysterious Evil Jue, an Artifact Spirit, and the remaining Heaven and Earth Treasures, seven Bridal Clothes Blood Gu, two Blood Gu Kings."

The Wang family had 110 points, naturally taking the lion's share when distributing the war loot.

But having said that, even though the Wang family took more, in truth both Xu Beichen and Zhong Xiangyang, the two Old Ancestors, were very convinced. Firstly, because Wang Shouzhe has been planning and strategizing for many years, spending countless efforts and resources in the process.

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Next, the fighting power of the three members of the Wang family was quite formidable. Each of them was almost equivalent to the weakest Tianren Realm Cultivator. Moreover, they contributed a lot in this battle.

The most important thing was that thanks to Wang Shouzhe's nature of preparing for the worst, the whole process went very smoothly. Any unexpected issues were resolved in the end. Therefore, no matter what, the Wang family benefited the most this time.

As for Fang Youan and Green Fern, the Direct Disciples of the Xue Palace, they achieved considerable gain and made significant contributions to the Academic Palace.

"Additionally, my Wang family will subscribe to three floating island development stocks," Wang Shouzhe calculated briefly, "But our Wang family is tight on funds lately. We have to pledge some family assets to raise funds after returning."

In fact, Wang Shouzhe could sell some of the spoils of war, but they didn't come easily. It would be great to add them to the family's Treasure Pavilion to strengthen the family's foundation.

After all, the Wang family was going to have more and more Spirit Platform Realm members in the future, but the family's foundation was still too weak. Furthermore, the fact that no cultivation methods had been found in the storage rings of Master Hua Ye and others was regrettable to Wang Shouzhe.

However, it made sense. The Huangfu Clan members had come to fight the battle, but who would bring the inherited cultivation methods of the clan in their storage rings? It seemed that they had to find a way to take the Huangfu Clan's cultivation methods in the future.

The Wang family lacked various weapons and equipment, and even more, they lacked various cultivation methods.

"Shouzhe and everyone else, you don't need to worry about the finances of the floating island development right now. After you subscribe to it, you can slowly start contributing," Fang Youan offered a solution, "We don't need a lot of money for the initial development, the Academic Palace will take the lead."

"In that case, thank you Brother Youan," said Wang Shouzhe, expressing his gratitude.

After this battle, Fang Youan and Green Fern gained a lot, and the Academic Palace obtained fifty percent of the floating island shares. Wang Shouzhe had no complaints. After all, without the Academic Palace's participation, the development of the floating island would be a huge problem.

Besides, without the participation of Fang Youan and Green Fern, the other Direct Disciples of Xue Palace, how could the Wang family keep running this? The fact that the Wang family was able to avenge themselves while completely defeating the Huangfu Clan, their enemy, meant that the Wang family had gained the most benefit.

After the allocation, everyone was very satisfied.

Only Xiao Yuanwu felt dissatisfied. Having chosen the wrong side, his outcome was indeed dismal.

"Master Yuanwu," Wang Shouzhe saluted him, "Although the Xiao Clan of Anyuan didn't gain much this time, if Master Yuanwu doesn't mind, we can cooperate on some projects in the future."

Rejuvenated by these words, Xiao Yuanwu hurriedly returned the politeness. "Thank you, young friend Shouzhe. After this matter is settled, I and the Clan Leader will personally visit you in Ping'an."

Wang Shouzhe was indeed a legendary figure who, at a young age, could unite all the Old Ancestors. He is also a business genius. In a short time, he made the Ping'an Wang family an irresistible force.

Such a person was now interested in establishing a connection with him. How could Xiao Yuanwu refuse? He had already sensed that the rise of the Wang family in the southern part of Longzuo was unstoppable, and they would definitely become a dominant clan in the future.

With this event concluded, everyone returned to their homes.

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At the same time,

Xuanlu Mountain, Shaoyang Peak.

A handsome youth wearing a white wide-sleeve robe was standing with his hands tied in the middle of an exquisite courtyard, apologizing respectfully to a young girl and an old man who were happily eating.

"Master Yunyang, sister Licui, it's not that I'm unwilling to continue hosting you both. It's just that my master has decided to initiate seclusion, and Xuanlu Mountain will close for five years. I dare not delay your cloud tour," he said.

The older of the two sitting in front of him wore a green Dao robe. He seemed to be the epitome of confucian immortality and is none other than the Vice Dean of Purple Abode Academic Palace, Master Yunyang.

As for the young girl, she was naturally his beloved student, Wang Licui.

Right now, there were several dishes in front of Wang Licui, all made from Level Three or Four Fierce Beast meat. These were exquisite delicacies that would cost at least two hundred Qian Gold in the restaurants at the foot of the mountain.

She held a Level Four Spirit Bird's leg in one hand and a soup stew made from Level Four Fierce Beast fish meat in the other, and was eating heartily.

Years had passed and she had grown taller unknowingly. Although she was not "strong" in stature, she was not slim either. Instead, she emanated a feeling of power.

The aura around her was also much stronger than before. It seemed that she was already a Two or Threefold Spirit Platform Realm Cultivator and was very close to reaching the mid-stage Spirit Platform Realm.

Her cultivation speed was even faster than Wang Shouzhe's, which shows that she must have enjoyed a lot of good food over the years.

Across from her, Master Yunyang was drinking and eating alone.

This master and disciple were sitting comfortably as if they were the owners of this place.

Upon hearing what the white-robed young man had to say, Master Yunyang casually waved his hand, "No worries. Just tell Xuanlu to proceed with his seclusion. I don't have anything else to do right now. As long as meals are provided three times a day on the mountain, I don't mind staying for three to five more years."

Three to five years?

The white-robed young man's face twitched as the forced smile on his face finally faded.

A moment later.

At the foot of Xuanlu Mountain.

"Hum~"

The massive Mountain Protection Array slowly rose in front of the master and disciple.

A wisp of fog spread from the mountain, and gradually, Xuanlu Mountain disappeared into the mist. From outside the array, not a single shadow of the mountain could be seen.

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Master Yunyang and Wang Licui stood in front of the formation, silent for a long while.

With the chill wind blowing and dried leaves drifting around, their figures seemed unspeakably lonely.

After a while, Master Yunyang suddenly coughed lightly and looked at Wang Licui very seriously, as if nothing had happened. "Xuanlu's journey hasn't been easy. Licui, you must remember the kindness of your Senior Uncle Xuanlu. He provided us with food and shelter for almost a year; it's quite a task."

Wang Licui, still gnawing on the leg of a Four-Level Spirit Bird, nodded in agreement upon hearing these words, "Master, don't worry. I'll remember."

Old Man Xuanlu was indeed a good man, always treating them to delicious meals with generous portions, and the Spirit Food he provided was of high quality. Her time on Xuanlu Mountain was really enjoyable.

It was just a pity that within a year, Master Xuanlu, like the other Masters before him, had gone into seclusion.

Ah~ it's hard to understand why they prefer seclusion over a life filled with food and drinks.

After stripping the last morsel of meat from the bird's leg, she threw the bone away and licked off the remaining juice from her fingers with some regret, "Master, who will we visit next?"

She had only eaten about one-third of her meal and she was not full yet~

"No rush, let me check," Master Yunyang said as he pulled out a small book from his Storage Ring and began to flip through it.

A long list of names was listed in the book, and most of them had check marks indicating they had been "visited".

"Zixiao... no good. This guy has been in secluded cultivation for a hundred years, claiming he won't come out until he reaches the Divine Power Territory, it's hopeless. Silan...

also impossible, he started seclusion ten years ago aiming for the mid stage of the Purple Abode Realm..." Looking at the two remaining names, Master Yunyang shook his head and sighed,

"Regretfully, there's no one left to visit. It seems my circle of friends is too small, not much help when I need it the most."

Upon hearing this, Wang Licui blinked, "Master, are we going back home now?"

"Absolutely not," Master Yunyang shook his head and handed her a pack of candied fruit, "If you're hungry, eat this. You are currently in the crucial stage of building your foundation. You possess a rare Bloodline that can increase its level by ingesting Spirit Food and Spiritual Objects.

Before you break through to the Heavenly Human Realm, I must enhance your Bloodline to the Four-level Spiritual Body."

"Isn't that rush though?" Wang Licui took the candied fruit nonchalantly and began to nibble, "Didn't a few of the Senior Brothers only transform into Spiritual Bodies once they reached the Heavenly Human Realm?"

"How could it be the same?"

Master Yunyang looked at her with a kind of exasperated affection.

Only by achieving a Spiritual Body in the Spirit Platform Realm, can one have a bigger chance to break through to the Divine Power Territory in the future.

Looking at her several Senior Brothers, reaching the Purple Abode Realm should be their limit. As for breaking through the Divine Power Territory, it's extremely difficult. Many people try their whole lives but never succeed.

He wanted to explain the differences to Wang Licui, but he held his tongue when he saw her simple and honest face, which seemed completely uninterested in anything apart from eating.

Forget it, forget it~ There's no point expecting her to be ambitious on her own. As her Master, he should take the initiative to think for her~

Feeling a little blue, Master Yunyang sighed, then took out another small book from his Storage Ring and began to browse through the list of names inside.

Wang Licui, with a piece of candied fruit in her mouth, looked over curiously, "Master, you have another book? Hey? Why are the names on this one red?"

"Hmph~ everyone recorded in this book is an old rival of mine." Master Yunyang sneered, "Repaying debts is just a matter of principle. This is a good opportunity to settle the score."

As he spoke, his eyes swept over the list of names and finally landed on one. His smile seemed particularly evil.

"Hehehe~ it's him."

Wang Licui, still chewing on her fruit, froze for a moment.

Why did Master's smile look just like the smile on the face of the Fourth Brother, the Great Demon King, every time he "awarded" her with a book? It felt like there's no good news coming.

Whatever, it's not her bad luck anyway. She decided not to care and continue to enjoy her food.

Within a blink of an eye, her focus shifted back to the candied fruit.

It wasn't long before the entire bag of candied fruit ended up in her stomach.

She smacked her lips, still wanting more, "This fruit candy is really delicious, it's just not enough. It's all gone."

On hearing this, Master Yunyang felt a pain in his chest.

This was fruit candy made from Third Grade Spirit Fruit, Hong Yu, a special product of Changchun Valley, ideal for Spirit Platform Realm students for foundational cultivation.

Just this small pack of fruit candy which Wang Licui had was painstakingly purchased by his third disciple through saving up Study Points earned from tasks at the Academic Palace. A single task at the Academic Palace could only afford three packs of fruit candy.

For others, a pack like this could last at least a month, as any more would be indigestible. But for Wang Licui, it was all gone within no time.

True to her Bloodline's name, her absorption ability was surprisingly good. He found it more and more difficult to take care of her alone.

Fortunately~

Fortunately, he had others he could exploit.

Having these comforting thoughts, Master Yunyang quickly shut his small book and looked at Wang Licui with a kind smile, "My dear disciple, you've never been to our Da Qian's National Capital, have you? Come along, let your Master show you the world!"

"Great~ Great~ Let's head out!" Wang Licui was thrilled. Such a charming place like the National Capital would definitely have a lot of delicious food.

"Hahaha~ Off we go!!"

Master Yunyang roared with laughter, waved his hand. Instantly, a red cloud rose beneath their feet and whisked them away into the sky.

In a blink of an eye-

The sky was filled with red clouds, stretching towards the far-off sky.

What an impressive presence!

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Ping'an Town.

No matter what chaos and discord were outside, Ping'an Town always maintained peace and tranquility, and the lives of ordinary people didn't undergo any changes.

For ordinary people, the strife among the prominent families was far away from their world. They didn't really care which family became stronger and which one declined. To them, these issues were merely topics of discussion after meals, entertaining for a brief moment and quickly forgotten.

What they really cared about was their simple daily lives.

Over the years, with the rapid development of the industries under the Ping'an Wang Family, the opportunities to make a fortune increased dramatically. As a result, the townsfolk's wallets grew fatter, and naturally, their lives improved.

The most obvious change was that there were more smiles on the faces of the townsfolk.

The common people are practical. They gravitate towards whoever makes their lives better.

As a result, the prestige of the Ping'an Wang Family in Ping'an Town has already reached an extraordinarily high level. Many people feel fortunate and proud to live in Ping'an Town.

Could the lives of people in other towns be as good as theirs?

As for the subsequent impact of the deaths of Huangfu Hua Ye and Huangfu Jinghuan, it will gradually emerge after some time.

Surely, for Wang Shouzhe, with the death of Huangfu Hua Ye, the Huangfu Clan of Changning is no different from a lamb waiting to be slaughtered, easily wrapped up.

Wang family's main residence.

Wang Shouzhe's courtyard remains the same, simple yet elegant, displaying a strong living atmosphere.

In the courtyard, besides the pavilion and stone table which once used to serve Fang Youan and Sister Green Fern, Wang Shouzhe is now sitting across from a man and a woman, drinking tea and chatting leisurely.

The woman, wearing a sword whip around her waist, is dressed in a red armor with a black banner. She's in perfect physical shape and emanating a majestic air - it's Wang Luotong.

Having spent many years on the front lines in Qianma Town, her temperament has become more refined. She now has a bit of the imposing demeanor of the Principal.

The man sitting beside her is a handsome young man from a prominent family, dressed with great care.

It is indeed Lei Bowu, the direct heir of the Lei Family in Changning.

Since being taught a harsh lesson by Luotong at the Xu Family's Pill Furnace in Changning, he has taken pleasure in frequently "visiting" Wang Luotong in Qianma Town.

This infatuation has been ongoing for several years now, and Wang Shouzhe has even run into him a few times.

"Bowu, try this Cloud Mist Spirit Tea."

Wang Shouzhe, with a faint smile on his face, personally pours tea for Lei Bowu, making no attempt to put on airs.

"Many, many thanks, Master Shouzhe." Lei Bowu respectfully and nervously accepts the tea with slight apprehension, clearly awestruck by Wang Shouzhe.

"Fourth Brother." Wang Luotong sweetly said, "Why are you so polite to him? Such shameless tagalong should be driven out of our Wang Mansion."

Saying this, she frowned and shot a fierce look at Lei Bowu.

Lei Bowu's hand shook, nearly spilling the tea, and his face flashed embarrassment.

"Luotong, Bowu is our guest, don't be impolite." Wang Shouzhe withdrew his smile, solemnly criticizing Wang Luotong's behavior.

"Yes... Fourth Brother."

Wang Luotong was somewhat wronged, but she didn't want to linger and withdrew her gaze reluctantly.

While she was undertaking expansion and business development outside, she was a decisive and bold woman. In front of her brothers and nephews, she enjoyed her role as a domineering sister. Only in front of Wang Shouzhe, she behaves like an obedient daughter.

Has Lei Bowu ever seen her like this?

The typically charming and domineering "Queen Luotong" becoming soft and gentle could intoxicate anyone's heart.

For a moment, he was so infatuated that he was lost in her charm.

"Luotong, don't worry about your Fourth Brother. Come on, try the Red Crystal Cake I made myself."

At this moment, Liu Ruolan, dressed in a long water-blue dress, gracefully arrived with some spirit fruit cakes. At this time, her temperament was dignified and gentle, very different from when she beheaded the Celestial being as the Hundred Islands Guard.

"Fourth Sister-in-law." Wang Luotong quickly rose to pay her respects, accepted the fruit plate and helped to set the table, saying, "Fourth Brother taught me right, I was impolite."

As for Lei Bowu, he too quickly stood up, cupped his hands in salute: "Lei Bowu, greets the Master's wife."

Being a part of the Heavenly Human Direct Lineage, when it came to manners, he was the epitome of a well-bred young master.

"Bowu, you are too polite, let's continue our discussion while sitting down." After greeting him, Liu Ruolan pulled Luotong's hand and exchanged pleasantries for a while.

The group continued to drink their spirit tea, eat spirit fruits and cakes, and engaged in casual conversation.

During this time, Liu Ruolan held onto Wang Luotong's hand and asked in a low voice: "Luotong, what do you think of Bowu? It seems he has fallen for you, heart and soul. Some time ago, the Lei family even asked my father to mediate a marriage proposal on their behalf. However, your Fourth Brother did not directly agree since he was unsure about your intentions."

Although her voice was soft, the abilities of the other people present were not ordinary, so it wasn't difficult for them to hear everything clearly.

Lei Bowu instantly became nervous, stealing glances at Wang Luotong, looking downward.

"Sister-in-law, Fourth Brother promised me that if I didn't want to get married, I wouldn't have to." Wang Luotong subtly bit her lip, "Since I was little, I hated the phrase 'girls eventually have to get married'. I have secretly vowed that I will prove myself and make a name for myself as a woman."

"Sigh~"

Wang Shouzhe sighed inwardly. How could he not know Luotong's thoughts?

This was all the fault of the Fourth Grandfather, Wang Xiaozhi, who held strong patriarchal views. He casually repeated the phrase 'girls eventually have to get married'.

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Even once, he had privately asked Wang Luotong for elixirs to give to Wang Shounuo.

Although Luotong always said that she gave them willingly to her brother, Wang Shouzhe understood that her personality would naturally have no problem giving Dan medicine to Shounuo because she pitied him. However, the humiliation and psychological scars likely remained from being forced by the notion of a woman's duty to marry.

This made Luotong become somewhat stubborn, wanting to grow stronger to prove her worth, to the extent that even in her thirties, she had no intention of marrying.

"I did tell Luotong that if she didn't want to marry, then she shouldn't," Wang Shouzhe nodded and said, "Since Luotong is unwilling, I will reject the proposal from the Lei Family on her behalf."

When these words were spoken,

Lei Bowu grew anxious and hastily stood up, "Master Shouzhe, even if Luotong doesn't want to marry, I can become the son-in-law!"

Wang Shouzhe's expression stiffened and he sternly said, "Nonsense! You are of the Heavenly Human Direct Lineage, you may not be the eldest son, but you still have status. I know your father Lei Yangyu; he would definitely not agree for you to marry into another family."

"Master Shouzhe, in this life, I belong to Luotong, and in death, I'll be her ghost," Lei Bowu said stubbornly, "If my father won't let me marry into another clan, I'll request for our family to split and establish a separate branch of Lei Family. This way, I can decide to marry into another family myself. In short, I'm settled on Luotong."

"Rascal," said Wang Luotong through gritted teeth, "When did I ever agree to your pursuit? Don't force this young lady to beat you up again."

"Luotong, you can hit me. No matter how you punish me, I won't change my wholehearted affection for you."

His despicable behavior made Wang Luotong so angry that she was almost steaming. If it weren't for her elder brother and sister-in-law being present, she might have pulled out her whip to "satisfy" his needs.

Wang Shouzhe and his wife exchanged glances.

Truly, like matches well with like.

However, with Luotong's temperament, regular prominent family's sons probably couldn't handle her. This Lei Bowu might actually be a good match for her.

The biggest issue now is Lei Bowu's status.

Being the direct descendant of a prominent family is serious. Luotong being of the direct vessel, even if she was to marry into the Lei Family, they may not agree to it. Let alone Lei Bowu wanting to marry into Wang family as someone from the direct lineage. No family would ever agree to this.

This is a real problem~

Wang Shouzhe contemplated it briefly and decided to put the matter aside for now. He would look for an opportunity to meet Lei Yangyu and indirectly inquire about his views on the matter.

Hopefully, he won't get punched for it~

After the casual conversation, they all had lunch together.

After lunch, Wang Luotong could not wait to send Lei Bowu away. She said she had important matters to discuss with her fourth elder brother, and Lei Bowu, an outsider, should not participate.

Lei Bowu dared not protest or refute her; he could only reluctantly take his leave with regrets, looking back every few steps, and was eventually driven away.

After he left, Wang Luotong turned to Wang Shouzhe with a serious expression and asked, "Fourth Brother, I heard from Grandfather Six that our family obtained a batch of treasures that can enhance bloodline talents?"

As she spoke, her eyes were filled with anticipation.

Throughout, Wang Luotong had been very diligent and her cultivation was progressing quickly. But, due to her restricted bloodline talent, her achievements were overshadowed by Wang Luo Jing and Wang Luoqiu.

Over the years, she completed various family tasks and accumulated contribution points, which she used to exchange for Enlightenment Pills, Stone Marrow, Blood Refining Pills, and various cultivation materials.

The Enlightenment Pill, for example, is the lower-grade pill that can improve bloodline talents. However, its effect is very limited and mostly targets ordinary people with no cultivation base who are of lower class.

Wang Luotong began with a solid talent, a high B grade at the lower class, nearing A grade.

She used an Enlightenment Pill and a drop of Stone Marrow to break through to lower-class Grade A and then took a Grade Four Spirit Pill, Blood Refining Pill. The Blood Refining Pill isn't cheap, but its effects are much stronger than the Enlightenment Pill, leading her bloodline talent to be elevated to the middle level of lower-class Grade A.

Nevertheless, the elixirs that improve bloodline talents are extremely expensive. Secondly, their efficacy reduces substantially upon second use and continues to decrease with further uses.

Thereby, Wang Luotong's original plan was to accumulate contribution points for a few more years, borrow from her fourth brother to procure several more Blood Refining Pills to be taken together to see if there was a chance to advance into the middle-grade bloodline talent and awaken the first layer of bloodline.

This would allow her to walk a longer path in the future.

However, news from Old Ancestor Xiaohan made her restless. So she hurried back to consult her fourth brother.

Wang Shouzhe smiled, "You're really impatient. But don't worry, you're not being left out."

This time, he chose to bring all the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu back, which naturally was based on his own considerations.

For the Changning Xu Family and the Hundred Islands Zhong Family, the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu is but a chicken rib.

But for him, the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu is a true top-quality treasure.

Only because Wang Shouzhe's bloodline talent is extremely unique and can effectively help cultivators who have been parasitized by the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu to safely undergo bloodline transformation and thereby avoid the risk of demonic possession.

However, this effect of his bloodline is a hidden attribute. Only small senior sister Green Fern had a faint feeling of its uniqueness, even Fang Youan, a fellow disciple from the same academic palace, is not aware of it.

Most probably, even till now, senior brother Youan still thinks that Zong Chang and Old Ancestor Longyan relied on their strong willpower and excellent physical bloodline to survive the ordeal.

This has indeed benefited Wang Shouzhe greatly, and he obtained the war spoils at a relatively low price.

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Now that this batch of Bridal Clothes Blood Gu has fallen into the hands of the Wang family, it should naturally be used to its full potential.

Upon hearing this, Wang Luotong's face brightened slightly: "I knew Fourth Brother would think of me."

"Don't jump for joy just yet, let me finish." Wang Shouzhe's expression was not as relaxed, he said solemnly, "The Bridal Clothes Blood Gu is extremely domineering and even with my protection, there is still a certain risk in the process of using it. Once you fall into the demonic state, I'm afraid no one can save you."

Wang Luotong nodded in understanding: "Since Fourth Brother dares to use it on the clan members, there must be a certain degree of certainty; even if there is some risk, I am willing to take a chance. Even if I fail, it is better than living an ordinary life."

Seeing her determination, Wang Shouzhe nodded secretly.

The stronger the belief and willpower, the higher the probability of success in resisting the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu. Together with his bloodline talent protection, Luotong's chance of success is quite high.

At the very least, Wang Luotong's willpower is much stronger than what Wang Zongchang had back in the day.

Moreover, as she said, if he had no confidence, why would Wang Shouzhe let the clan members take the risk?

So, one of the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu was set aside for Wang Luotong.

A few days later, with the help of Wang Shouzhe, Wang Luotong successfully advanced her bloodline talent to a Mid-Rank 'A' Level, leaping an entire major level.

She also successfully awakened her first bloodline, the Lihuo Bloodline.

Because precautions were made in advance, Wang Shouzhe was watching over from beginning to end, and Wang Luotong's process of combating the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu was much simpler than Zongchang's trial.

This was indeed a joyous occasion~

Moreover, Luotong was fortunate. After refining her bloodline for two more years, she would be qualified to explore the trial ruins of the Divine Martial Dynasty, and might even have a chance to obtain the Primary Bloodline Improvement Fluid, thus joining the ranks of the Sky Pride.

However, last time when Wang Shouzhe heard from the Artifact Spirit of the trial ruins, it had been a long time since new equipment had been added. No one knew how much of the Heavenly Spirit Pill, Primary Talent Improvement Liquid, and Top Grade Spiritual Artifacts were left.

Hope there's more stock inside, so that more clan members have the opportunity to join the ranks of Sky Pride.

As for the remaining Bridal Clothes Blood Gu, Wang Shouzhe also had plans.

Firstly for Elder Xiao Han, who has been working diligently for the family, Wang Shouzhe hoped that he might have a chance to advance to the Heavenly Human Realm. However, the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu was too domineering, and Elder Xiao Han was just at the weakest Spirit Platform Realm with a single bloodline.

Even with Wang Shouzhe's protection, the risk would not be small for him to use the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu directly.

Therefore, the best way to upgrade Elder Xiao Han's bloodline would be to first use the Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill for forced enhancement, then use the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu to break the shackles and awaken the Double Bloodline.

As long as he reaches the double bloodline at the Spirit Platform Realm, plus the abundant cultivation resources in the future, Elder Xiao Han will have a chance to break through to the Heavenly Human Realm. Even if it requires more resources, Wang Shouzhe will not be stingy, after all, Elder Xiao Han has suffered a lot for the family his whole life.

In addition, the rest of the Xiao generation elders no longer have the chance. Wang Shouzhe wanted to leave at least one of them alive, to live longer, and witness more of the future scenery of the Ping'an Wang family.

Furthermore, Shu Yong, Shu Lian, Shu Ye, these brothers who grew up with him, as well as his younger sister Luomei and elder sister Luo Yi, one should be left for each of them.

In this way, all seven Bridal Clothes Blood Gu now have an owner.

As for the two Bridal Clothes Blood Gu Kings, Wang Shouzhe was also pondering whether to give one to each of his daughter and son, or one for himself and his daughter. However, upon consideration, given Zong'an's mid-grade class C bloodline, using a Bridal Clothes Blood Gu would be a waste on him, and he might not be able to bear the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu King.

He could completely go through the process of using the Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill and afterwards the Primary Bloodline Improvement Fluid to upgrade his bloodline.

On the contrary, Wang Shouzhe, who now holds a triple-layer Spirit Platform Realm bloodline, has minimal effects from the Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill or the Primary Bloodline Improvement Fluid.

The only effective options are perhaps the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu King, Bridal Clothes Blood Gu Emperor, or possible Medium or High-level Bloodline Improvement Fluids.

Originally, for a triple-layer Spirit Platform Realm bloodline, Wang Shouzhe was already quite satisfied.

After all, such a bloodline would place him among the "Sky Pride" when placed in the Academic Palace, comparable to Fang Youan and Yin Yuzhe.

But seeing that his wife Liu Ruolan, Elder Longyan, both reached a quad-level Spirit Body bloodline when they were in the Spirit Platform Realm, and Little Senior Sister Green Fern was at a similar level, Wang Shouzhe felt somewhat discontent.

After all, he was a transmigrator and the reviver of the Ping'an Wang Family. Shouldn't he have some ambition and plans for his future?

Therefore, Wang Shouzhe also hoped to achieve a quad-level Spirit Body before breaking into the Heavenly Human Realm, and then use the bloodline metamorphosis during the promotion to the Heavenly Human Realm to reach the quintuple bloodline level in one fell swoop.

Of course, just having the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu King would not be nearly enough. However, he still had time to develop his resources gradually with the growth of the Wang family.

Step by step, there was a chance to achieve the fourfold Spirit Platform Realm bloodline.

For the other Bridal Clothes Blood Gu King, Wang Shouzhe planned to aid his daughter Wang Liyao. After all, Liyao naturally born with a top grade class B Elemental Water Bloodline, just slightly inferior to his wife Liu Ruolan.

If she attained a triple bloodline during the Qi Refinement stage, she could directly achieve a Quad-level Elemental Water Spirit Body by promoting to the Spirit Platform Realm, which would save a lot of trouble in the future.

"Alas! There are still not enough Bridal Clothes Blood Gualas." Wang Shouzhe only made a slight calculation and allocated all the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu, but somehow, there was still a shortage.

If there were dozens more, it would be perfect.

Unfortunately, the chances of acquiring another instance like the Blood Nest Base are too slim. Thus, he had to keep farming diligently, amass more resources, and have a chance to network with Master Danding.

This elder, as the top Pill Master in Longzuo County, will need him to think of a good way to establish connections.

While Wang Shouzhe was lost in thought,

The head of household came to report that Gu Hanyu had come to visit and requested to see the Family Head.

"Gu Hanyu?" Wang Shouzhe was slightly taken aback, isn't she the 'Pill Doctor Par Excellence' whose fame has been soaring in recent years?

When dealing with such a rising figure of Changning Guards, Wang Shouzhe had also sent people to make a courtesy contact, but there were no deep ties between them. She and Wang Shouzhe have never met so far.

What is she here for? Nevertheless, Wang Shouzhe did not hesitate and immediately said, "If that is the case, this Family Head will go and meet the 'Pill Doctor Par Excellence'."

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Hosting Gu Hanyu certainly couldn't take place in one's own small courtyard.

The Wang family's main residence had formal halls for entertaining honorable guests. As per protocol, Gu Hanyu had been led by the manager into the main hall designated for welcoming guests.

Upon entering the guest reception hall, Wang Shouzhe immediately noticed the attractive silhouette of a woman sitting in the guest seat.

She was a tall woman, dressed very modestly. In terms of looks, she couldn't be considered top-tier, but her very demeanor seemed to exude a tranquility and purity, akin to a white kite reflecting off the water, clearly dazzling, making it hard for anyone to harbor ill feelings towards her.

"Immortal Gu's gracious presence truly brings glory to my Wang family." He briskly walked two steps forward and greeted her with a radiant smile, "However, it would have been better if the Immortal had sent someone to inform me in advance, so I could have gone to Changning to welcome her."

"Master Shouzhe, you are too kind." On hearing Wang Shouzhe's words, the figure on the guest seat elegantly stood, bowed politely in his direction, her voice crisp and captivating, "Hanyu is but a simple independent cultivator, hardly deserving such respect from the Family Head."

"Not at all, not at all~ Ever since Changning was hit by disaster, with plagues breaking out one after another, were it not for the Immortal's sleepless efforts, coming up with a cure in record time, in cooperation with the Academic Palace and the City Guard Mansion, we would not have been able to control the plague early, let alone ensure peace.

For such a monumental contribution, I truly admire you," praised Wang Shouzhe, his face full of admiration.

As a matter of fact, it was precisely because of this accomplishment that he came to know of Immortal Gu, the 'Pill Doctor Par Excellence'.

In this world where prominent families form the base, during natural disasters, though they generally show solidarity under government and academic organization, everyone has their own selfish motives, and who else would be selfless enough to sacrifice sleep and devote their all?

Gu Hanyu, a mere independent cultivator, had such benevolent intentions that even prominent families couldn't match, this alone was enough to earn her some respect from Wang Shouzhe.

After some small talk, the two took their seats, casually chatting over Spiritual Tea, even sharing stories about the flood.

The Wang family had taken on the responsibility of resettling four ten thousand displaced people, a truly commendable deed that Gu Hanyu had heard of and greatly admired. Thus, she treated Wang Shouzhe with extreme courtesy.

Having had three cups of tea, the two's initial awkwardness wore off significantly.

Gu Hanyu brought up the main subject: "Master Shouzhe, there are two matters for which I sought you out."

"Please share, Immortal." Wang Shouzhe gave her his full attention, "Given your benefaction to Changning, I will indeed consider whatever you have to say seriously."

As the saying goes, 'no one visits the Treasure Palace without a cause', Gu Hanyu wouldn't have approached him without a motive, something Wang Shouzhe had already anticipated.

And he too wanted to cultivate a relationship with Gu Hanyu, the Pill Doctor Par Excellence.

Not only was she an exceptionally skilled Alchemist, her principles seemed quite upright. If he could host her as Guest Elder, the advantages would greatly outweigh any disadvantages for the Wang family.

"Previously, I inadvertently heard from the Old Ancestor Beichen of Xu Family that you have obtained a few legendary Bridal Clothes Blood Gus." Gu Hanyu hesitated slightly, "I have read about the Bridal Clothes Blood Gus in ancient texts and, out of curiosity, I'd like to have a look."

Beichen Old Ancestor.....

Wang Shouzhe was speechless for a moment.

This old fellow usually seemed reliable, how could he reveal everything when he encounters a beautiful woman? Could it be he had just ascended to the Heavenly Human Realm, gained two hundred more years to live, and was now keen to experience a romantic pursuit once again?

"Don't blame Ancestor Beichen." Gu Hanyu apologized, "He only unwittingly leaked some clues which I then pieced together."

"That's just a minor issue." Wang Shouzhe shook his head indicating he didn't mind, "However, the Bridal Clothes Blood Gus of our Wang family have already been allocated. I fear I cannot spare one for the Immortal."

Being as he was, he certainly wouldn't bend over backwards for someone just because she was beautiful, even going so far as to offer a Bridal Clothes Blood Gu. It wouldn't be a problem if she wanted to look, but that had to be the limit.

Gu Hanyu nodded, "My main intention was to understand more about it. I have no intention of desiring the treasures of the Family Head."

"If that's the case, I will arrange a courtyard for Immortal Gu to stay at the Wang family residence for a few days. There will certainly be an opportunity to observe it." Wang Shouzhe then changed the subject, "You mentioned earlier that you came with another matter?"

"The other matter is that Huangfu Chengpeng of Huangfu Clan in Changning has asked me to mediate. He wants me to speak on his behalf." Gu Hanyu seemed a little uncomfortable, "Normally, I wouldn't interfere in disputes between two families. However, when I first arrived in Changning, the Huangfu Clan helped me a lot. Hence, I couldn't refuse this request."

"Oh," Wang Shouzhe took a sip of his tea, noncommittally, "The case of the Huangfu Clan of Changning colluding with the Yinsha Sect is under the jurisdiction of the City Guard Mansion and the Academic Palace. We are just a local family. We have limited power, why would Huangfu Chengpeng find us?"

"From what I understand so far," Gu Hanyu nodded, "The evidence against the Huangfu Clan colluding with the Yinsha Sect seems irrefutable. They'll soon face exile."

She paused before continuing, "Their current request is that the Wang family pardon those remaining clan members who weren't implicated."

"Immortal Gu is joking." Wang Shouzhe laughed softly, "Although our Wang family has some grievances with the Huangfu Clan, we will abide by whatever the City Guard Mansion decides. It's not our place to discuss whether to pardon anyone."

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Gu Hanyu took a deep look at Wang Shouzhe, sighed, and said: "Family Head Shouzhe, let's speak frankly."

"Everyone can see the changing landscape of Changning Guard City. The Wang family, and several of the Wang family's in-law families, now all look up to you as their leader. This prestige and influence has even superseded the Celestial Lei Family."

"If Family Head Shouzhe does not nod his head in agreement, those exiled clansmen of the Huangfu Clan wouldn't even dare to step outside of Changning Guard City. Not even the City Lord can protect them."

Wang Shouzhe took his time sipping the Spiritual Tea, thought for a moment, and said: "If Immortal Gu is willing to tell the truth, then I will briefly mention a few things."

"The Huangfu Clan has greatly wronged my Wang Clan in the past. Although all the principal criminals have met their end, the damage inflicted on my Wang Clan has never been compensated."

Gu Hanyu nodded and said: "Family Head Shouzhe is absolutely right. It is only fair the Huangfu Clan compensates accordingly. Could you please provide a suitable plan, Family Head Shouzhe?"

"If that's the case..." Wang Shouzhe pondered, "a compensation of one million Qian Gold, and I will let bygones be bygones."

"One million Qian Gold?"

Gu Hanyu was visibly taken aback. Could this be the famed lion opening its mouth?

She hesitated and asked, "Family Head Shouzhe, isn't that a bit much?"

Even at the peak of the Huangfu Clan's prosperity, they would have to raise funds from various sources to produce one million Qian Gold at once. And now, many properties of the languishing Huangfu Clan had been pawned off.

After deducting confiscated assets, auction discounts, etc., the leftover Huangfu Clan members can only muster up tens of thousands of Qian Gold at most.

"One must take responsibility for one's actions," Wang Shouzhe's eyes became icy. "Has Immortal Gu ever considered the situation of our Wang family back then? How many people sympathized with us?"

If they can't come up with so much Qian Gold, the Huangfu Clan has techniques from their family that could be used as compensation, like the 'Red Dragon True Verses', as well as some mid-to-low grade techniques."

Gu Hanyu now understood.

The Wang family's businesses were thriving, Qian Gold was not particularly important to them. Instead, it was the lack of backbone in their family such as the inheritance of Top Grade techniques and the storage of some mid-to-low grade techniques.

Wang Shouzhe's demand was undoubtedly targeting the Huangfu Clan's family techniques.

Gu Hanyu considered for a moment and said: "I will convey this message. However, I cannot guarantee Huangfu Chengpeng will agree. Regardless of his decision, I have fulfilled the favor I owed. The future of the Huangfu Clan will be their own decision."

"In that case, why don't you stay here in the Wang family and study the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu?" Wang Shouzhe suggested with a meaningful smile. "Huangfu Chengpeng is an intelligent person; I believe he will make a wise decision."

"That will be all from me then," Gu Hanyu stood up and bowed gracefully.

She understood how frightening the phrase "forced by circumstances" could be.

As the saying goes, "everyone pushes a falling wall." The Huangfu Clan was being pushed into a dead end. She had already done what she could by mediating for the Huangfu Clan during this crucial period. The rest was beyond her control.

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In the following days, rumors swirled around Changning Guard City.

All revolved around the Huangfu Clan's collaboration with the Yinsha Sect to plot against other clans and harm the interests of Da Qian. The members of the Huangfu Clan involved were naturally arrested or executed.

The Huangfu Clan's properties were also set for auction, most of it being confiscated for the city treasury, only a small portion being left for the remaining members of the Huangfu Clan.

This was the fate they shared with the previous Ma Huangfu Clan.

It was just that due to the vastness of the Celestial Huangfu Family's property, and many of those properties had been pawned away, the situation was much more complicated than before.

Furthermore, during the Huangfu Clan's mortgage of their properties, they mortgaged to noble houses from other cities such as the Xiao Clan of Anyuan City, while the noble houses of Changning City were unwilling to let the noble houses from other cities set up in Changning City. As such, the situation became very complicated, and the handling process extremely lengthy.

The major families of Changning Guard City, including the Wang family, decided it was best to preemptively redeem those properties.

Those other city noble families who accepted the Huangfu Clan's pawned properties saw the unity amongst the native noble families of Changning City and did not wish to stir up the hornet's nest. Properties were just properties; if they were squeezed by the noble families of Changning City, these properties would become more of a liability.

In this mutually beneficial situation, those pawned properties were quickly evaluated and redeemed.

The only thing that caused Wang Shouzhe a headache was that in order to defeat the Huangfu Clan and increase chances of winning, he had not only completely invested all of the Wang family's profits from recent years, but he also became indebted of over one million Qian Gold.

It would now be difficult for the Wang family to come up with a large sum of Qian Gold without cashing in their painstakingly acquired top-grade Spiritual Artifacts and Feiyu Spirit Treasures.

Therefore,

Wang Shouzhe had to once again set his sights on Qian's Bank.

Wang Shouzhe's courtyard welcomed a new guest - Qian Xuean.

Qian Xuean's cultivation base hadn't grown much over the years, but his body had become more prosperous, a sign that he had been raking in quite a bit of profit these years.

It was already summer, and even in the cool pavilion, the temperature was not low.

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Qian Xuean was sweating profusely, continuously wiping his forehead with a handkerchief, his entire body trembling as he lamented, "Dear brother Shouzhe, while it's true our Qian family is wealthy and well-established, the larger the family, the greater the expenses. Moreover, I'm just the minor head of the Southern Six Guards of Longzuo County, not the family head of the Qian clan.

You already owe our family over a million Qian Gold, and now you want to borrow another two million. The accounts just can't stretch to that."

"Brother Qian, it's just a mere two million Qian Gold. I'm not borrowing it from the Qian family for nothing. With future collateral and interest, it is a surefire profit-making deal." Wang Shouzhe served him tea and water with a smile, "Not to mention, you might even be able to afford a few more legitimate wives and concubines."

"Brother Shouzhe, don't joke about me, it's all just a misunderstanding." Qian Xuean said embarrassedly, "Xiaocui's family was originally a Grade Eight Prominent Family from Donghaei, but due to their downfall, they couldn't maintain their family property anymore. I just helped them out because I couldn't bear to see it.

Xiaocui and I are genuinely in love, I did not intentionally marry a prominent family's legitimate daughter as a concubine."

Wang Shouzhe just smiled and said nothing, giving him an odd look.

He had known Qian Xuean since he was eighteen and knew he came from a humble background. There was a strong sense of inferiority within him. The chance to marry a legitimate daughter of a prominent family as a concubine could be a form of compensation.

"Brother Shouzhe, I won't hide anything from you either. Recently, the Qian family's headquarters have moved a lot of funds around, and I can only take out seven or eight hundred thousand Qian

Gold from my accounts." Qian Xuean felt uneasy under his gaze and said helplessly, "I can personally lend you another three hundred thousand Qian Gold without interest."

Wang Shouzhe and Qian Xuean knew each other from humble beginnings, they could talk to each other without beating around the bush.

Thinking back to how they had racked their brains and gone to great lengths over a mere three thousand Qian Gold, it made one sigh to hear them casually mentioning millions of Qian Gold now.

They were no longer the small futures they once were.

Qian Xuean, relying on Wang Shouzhe, has constantly made contributions for his clan, his status rising like a rocket, while Wang Shouzhe, using the connections and the vast channels of the Qian family's business, has expanded his family's assets considerably.

Now, when the Wang family stomps their foot, the whole Changning County trembles three times over.

This was because the Wang family's influence had spread throughout Changning County, and was even gradually spreading outward.

"Alright, one hundred and twenty thousand it is," Wang Shouzhe said nonchalantly, "the rest of the Qian Gold is still easy to raise."

The assets of the Huangfu clan in Changning who have dominated for five hundred years are all quality assets. If they fell into Wang Shouzhe's hands, their potential for future growth would be even greater.

This was a piece of territory that Wang family had fought for, of course Wang Shouzhe wouldn't just watch it fall into the Lei family or other clans' hands.

Though it was a challenging feat.

But as long as the Wang family were given ten to twenty years to digest it, the power and wealth of the Wang's as a whole would escalate to a new level.

Such an opportunity could not be missed!

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As the two were talking, Fang Youan and junior sister Green Fern, who had just returned from the Academic Palace, brought the cleansed Artifact Spirit to Wang Shouzhe and took the chance to visit her good friend Liu Ruolan.

Women develop friendships quite quickly; a single instance, and Ruolan and Green Fern had become close friends.

So much so that Liu Ruolan took upon herself to cover all of Green Fern's skincare products and other life necessities by the Wang family.

Such an extravagant move left Wang Shouzhe sighing incessantly.

Green Fern was a piece of high-end clientele who was always the first to buy any new high-end skincare products. Over a year, she would usually spend one to two thousand Qian Gold, while the Wang family was paying just over a thousand Qian Gold as cost.

This just goes to show, earning money from women could be easy.

But, if Ruolan was happy, then they'll let her carry on.

After all, there was no way they could stop her.

Green Fern was a direct disciple from the Academic Palace and had a close relationship with the Qian family. Her arrival immediately caused Qian Xuean, who had been eager to return to Xiaocui's side, to not even mention going back anymore, and started dancing attendance on her, showering her with various compliments as if he didn't care about money.

"Junior brother Shouzhe, I heard you're in need of money?" Green Fern asked when she heard the news, and took the initiative to find Wang Shouzhe, "I've got some spare, I could lend it to you."

"This..." Even though this was the second time Green Fern had used money to stun Wang Shouzhe, he still felt slightly uncomfortable, "My dear sister, the amount I need isn't small."

He still needed one million Qian Gold. Even a seventh-rank aristocratic family in its prime would be severely affected by withdrawing such a large amount all at once. Even though Green Fern was a direct disciple, the full wealth of Fang Youan and Yin Yuzhe was only so much.

"Wasn't it said it was just a million?" Green Fern asked with innocent blinking eyes, "Don't tell me you need several million? If it's more, I don't have it. Should I write a letter asking my master for some?"

Wang Shouzhe was speechless. Was a million Qian Gold just a trifle in Green Fern's eyes?

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His gaze inadvertently fell on Fang Youan, who was sipping tea on the side.

You're both direct disciples, yet why are you, Fang Youan, so poor?!

"Cough, cough, cough!"

Fang Youan nearly choked on a mouthful of Spiritual Tea, looking quite embarrassed.

In terms of the Purple Abode Academic Palace of Longzuo County, naturally, the most formidable are from the Mysterious Ice Palace lineage, but the lineage of Changchun Valley is the most profitable.

In terms of making money, the disciples of the Mysterious Ice Palace are pretty much at the bottom of those in other Peaks and Valleys, only on par with the Yunyang lineage.

The lineage of Mysterious Ice Palace is generally very capable of fighting, they spend most of their time contemplating how to better their combats, and often get injured, with medical treatment alone making up a significant cost.

On the other hand, those in the Yunyang lineage live carefree and are not particular about material possessions.

However, what's odd is that those from the Yunyang lineage have recently and actively started accepting academy assignments, clashing with the Mysterious Ice Palace disciples over these tasks repeatedly.

Who knows what got into the Yunyang lineage folks' heads?

"Junior Brother Shouzhe, don't expect to borrow money from Senior Brother Youan," Little Senior Sister Green Fern muttered, "The study points from the Blood Nest Base mission were all exchanged by him for Heaven and Earth Treasures that improve bloodline talent. The disciples of the Mysterious Ice Palace were already poor, and now they are even poorer. I wonder what provoked him?"

What provoked him?

Wang Shouzhe and Fang Youan exchanged glances. Obviously, Green Fern had been the one to provoke him.

However, the good thing for Wang Shouzhe was, he only had a third layer bloodline in the Spirit Platform Realm, although it's somewhat difficult for him to progress further, there's still a chance. But Fang Youan was a Quadruple Spirit Body in the Heavenly Human Realm, and awakening the fifth bloodline could be said to be akin to ascending to heaven.

Therefore, Fang Youan's goal is likely merely to reach the middle tier of Quadruple bloodline.

Enough about that for now.

Thanks to the generous support of Little Senior Sister Green Fern, Wang Shouzhe decided to go along with being the target of her generosity.~

Soon enough.

With financial support, Wang Shouzhe swept up Huangfu family's assets, just like a gusty wind sweeping up fallen leaves, and his family enterprise, like a balloon, rapidly blew up in size.

Several months go by.

After the disaster, the surviving members of the Huangfu Clan, entrusted Gu Hanyu to send their top-grade Fire Element cultivation technique "Red Dragon True Verses", along with two Middle Grade Cultivation Techniques, five Middle-grade movement techniques and martial arts, and dozens of Lower-grade Cultivation Techniques, movement techniques, martial arts, etc., to the Wang family.

All these techniques and arts were originals, what the Huangfu family left behind were merely reproductions.

This was also one of the conditions that Wang Shouzhe had put forward, to prevent the Huangfu Clan from using revisions to deceive people.

The Huangfu Clan who were barely surviving, eventually gave in to the Wang family after having endured for so long in the Changning territory without having a place to squat.

As Gu Hanyu had said, without Wang Shouzhe's approval, the entire Huangfu Clan, with all of their possessions and dependents, would likely have great difficulty escaping the influence of Changning Jin and safely reaching the place of exile.

With such gains, Wang Shouzhe, of course, didn't push the remaining members of the Huangfu Clan to the brink of extinction.

Through all this.

The prestige of the Ping'an Wang Family rose by a considerable margin once again, even without the Heavenly Human Old Ancestor, its prestige has already surpassed that of the Changning Xu Family, being on par with the Changning Lei Family.

Then after.

The Changning Jin carried on methodically.

The Wang family, who had previously overeaten, did not make any major moves but simply digested the benefits they gained after swallowing the Celestial Huangfu Family.

In a blink of an eye, several more years passed.

At this point, a full twenty years has passed since Wang Shouzhe crossed through dimensions.

Great Qian Changlong era, year three thousand one hundred and sixty-five - early June.

This day.

It was the most important day since the establishment of the Ping'an Wang Family.

Because it was on this day, after a rapid rise in cultivation base and more than a year of secluded meditation, Old Ancestor Longyan finally broke through her limits, calling forth Heaven's thunder.

After enduring numerous Heavenly Tribulations, Old Ancestor Longyan successfully ascended to the Heavenly Human Realm.

From this day forward, the Ping'an Wang Family finally had its own Heavenly Human Old Ancestor.

From hence forth, the Ping'an Wang Family truly stands strong.

Instantly, everyone in the Wang family, from top to bottom, was ecstatic, the atmosphere was as festive as the New Year festival.

At the same time, this news spread across the Southern Six Guards of Longzuo County like wildfire.

The "Heavenly Human Feast" being held for the Old Ancestor, also started being planned eagerly.

Under the hard work of the family and the head of the household, invitations for the Heavenly Human Feast, like snowflakes, were quickly sent out, delivered to every prominent family.

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To the west of Changning Weicheng, where the Jinsha River and Peace River converge, lies a town known as Ningxi Town, nestled within the corner of a delta.

Ningxi Town is a place of gentle terrain. Numerous rivers crisscross within its jurisdiction, providing fertile soil and rich resources. It is one of the important granaries of Changning Weicheng.

This town has been ruled by two prominent families for generations: the Ningxi Party Clan, and the Ningxi Liang Clan.

The Ningxi Party Clan is a prestigious eighth-grade prominent family, occupying most of the high-quality land resources in Ningxi Town. As for the Ningxi Liang Clan, it is a small ninth-grade family that has been rendered cautious by years of having to continually engage in long-term maneuvering with the "beast" of the Party Clan while also attempting to grow and escape from their predicament.

Eighteen or nineteen years ago.

The Ningxi Liang Clan mistakenly participated in a conflict between the Wang and Liu clans, culminating in a severe blow from the Wang family that consumed many of the resources painstakingly accumulated by their forebears.

In theory.

The wounded Ningxi Liang Clan might have fallen into decline, gradually overwhelmed by the overt and covert encroachment of the Party Clan, ultimately vanishing into the "long river of history".

But not only did the Liang Clan not decline, their circumstances actually improved day by day. And in just eighteen or nineteen years, they reared a second old ancestor in the Spirit Platform Realm, establishing a pattern of two spiritual platforms within the clan, and they even seemed to be on the verge of standing toe to toe with the powerful Ningxi Party Clan.

The primary architect of this miraculous situation was none other than the old ancestor of the Liang Clan, Liang Haofeng. Despite suffering a major setback at the hands of the Wang family, he also saw the formidable strength of the Wangs and the potential for future development.

While actively making reparations, he used his past relationship with Lu Mingsheng to seek reconciliation with the Wang family and mend their broken relationship. Over time, he even managed to gain a modicum of trust from the Wangs.

Some of the core farms were granted the right to cultivate and produce crops like Wang's Number Seven. And while representatives from the Wangs oversaw the farms, they also offered fair prices for the bulk purchase of these crops.

With the help of serving the Wang family as if it were a "job", the "family income" of the Ningxi Liang Clan consistently climbed higher. With more money, they followed the example of the Wang family and expanded their family assets, primarily by purchasing additional land and meticulously reclaiming it.

This meticulous reclamation referred to the process of transforming lands that were originally too costly to develop, such as hilly terrains full of loose rocks and swampy lowlands, into fertile farmland through renovation and remodelling.

For instance, lands like rocky hills and swampy hollows weren't feasible for cultivation considering the substantial upfront costs. However, with increasing yields per unit of land prospective, what initially wasn't feasible became feasible over time.

With refined development within their jurisdiction, it was as if they had a stroke of good luck when they discovered a small copper vein buried deep beneath the land. This discovery propelled the development of the Liang Clan to the next level.

One day.

Several carriages set out from the main residence of the Liang Clan, heading east.

The last two carriages were loaded with fresh Spirit Melons and Spirit Fruit harvested from the Spiritual Fields, salt-cured Spirit Fish caught from Peace River and Jinsha River, and Bai Yu Spiritual Rice Wine brewed from rice produced in their own farms, along with hundreds of fine fabrics and thousands of catties of fine copper ingots.

The goods in these carriages were worth tens of thousands of Qian Gold.

In the leading carriage sat an old man, a young man, and a youthful maiden around fourteen or fifteen years old.

The elderly man was lean and had a pair of eyes full of restrained brilliance. He sat as still as Mount Tai in the carriage.

The young man was about seventeen or eighteen. He wore a jade crown, a long silk gown, a belt decorated with white jade, black boots, and held a delicately crafted Sword. The Sword Sheath was made of python leather and adorned with green jewels.

This young man had a handsome countenance and oozed charm, a truly striking figure.

And the young girl, her eyes clear and innocent, had skin so soft and fair it looked like it could break at the slightest touch. She blinked her twinkling big eyes curiously and asked, "Old ancestor, can you tell me the tale of old ancestor Longyan of the Wang family? I am bored with this journey."

"Little sister, you have heard the story of Longyan too many times that your ears have calluses." The handsome young man said with a chuckle, "In my view, the rapid development of the Wang family as celestial beings can be attributed entirely to the merit of the family head, Senior Wang Shouzhe.

Senior Shouzhe's creativity, unfettered by traditional thinking, and his far-sighted and meticulous planning, serve as a role model for my generation."

"Big brother, I know you admire Senior Shouzhe because, like him, you also started with Lower Class A qualifications, and also passed the initial examination of the Purple Abode Academic Palace.

That compliment about you resembling the winds of Senior Shouzhe has stuck with you since." The young girl pouted and said, "In my view, today's prosperity of the Wang family as celestial beings is upheld by a woman, the old ancestor Longyan."

The young man retorted without backing down. The two differed in their opinions and began to argue to uphold their respective idols.

Seeing his descendants start to argue, the old man, with a stern look in his eyes, swept them with a reprimanding glance. "Hongxuan, Muqing, stop arguing. The rise of the celestial Wang family from

a lowly ninth-grade family to the renowned celestial family of the southern six guards of Longzuo is due to both Longyan and Shouzhe. They complement each other and both are indispensable.

"We can briefly discuss the past of the two seniors here in this small carriage."

"Once outside, especially after we arrive in Ping'an Town, refrain from speaking freely to avoid spilling trouble from your lips."

"Yes, Ancestor Haofeng, we will be cautious with our words." Both younger ones, closed their mouths respectfully and obediently. After all, they were the legitimate heirs of the Liang Clan and had been strictly educated since childhood.

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This group of three consisted of Old Ancestor Haofeng from the Liang Clan, and the current heir and eldest son, Liang Hongxuan, and second daughter, Liang Muqing. They were embarking on their journey with ample provisions in order to attend the promotion banquet of Wang Longyan, the Celestial Being of the Wang family, as scheduled in Ping'an Town.

This "Banquet of the Celestial Being" hosted by the Wang family presented an excellent opportunity for the Liang clan to curry favor with them. They brought their eldest son to witness the grandeur of the event.

Their decision to bring along their second daughter revealed the Liang Clan's subtle intentions, hoping to see if there might be a chance to further improve their "relationship" with the Wang family.

The carriage procession of the Liang Clan made its way to the south of Changning Weicheng, traveled east along Peace River until they reached the Changning crossing.

Compared to over a decade ago, the present-day Changning Crossing had undergone significant changes. The old crossing had been demolished and rebuilt, its area expanded by several times. The building materials used were durable cement mortar and a new type of building material known as hollow bricks.

Hollow bricks are large bricks, formed by firing a single mould. They have a fast construction speed, and they contain a substantial amount of cement, thus structurally solid and good at sound insulation.

This kind of hollow brick construction combined with new frame structures was the original invention of Wangs, the Celestial Beings. It was said that many new buildings in Ping'an Town were already constructed using this method.

However, it was still relatively rare to see such structures north of Peace River.

"It is said that the Celestial Wang family couldn't stand the inefficiency of Changning Crossing a few years ago," Liang Haofeng alighted from the carriage along with his juniors and commented while surveying the new crossing.

"Therefore, Master Shouzhe and City Guard Mansion went through multiple rounds of negotiations and entanglements, finally took over the Changning Crossing at a great expense, and expanded it extensively. It must be said that Master Shouzhe's methods are indeed formidable."

"All these surfaces are smooth, cemented floors," Liang Hongxuan admired, "This way, even on rainy days, there won't be any issues with mud and the footing will remain clean."

As the Liang's were conversing,

Suddenly, a sturdy voice of an elder arose from not far away: "Isn't that Old Ancestor Haofeng of the Liang's? Have you also traveled early, more than ten days in advance, to participate in the Celestial Feast of the Wang family?"

Liang Haofeng turned to look and, indeed, saw a familiar face. He immediately laughed and greeted humbly, "Isn't this Old Ancestor Yunfei of the Sun Clan in Xingan Town? You're also here early for the Celestial Feast?"

As he glanced at Sun Yunfei, he noticed that Yunfei was accompanied by a few young clan members, and several horse-drawn carriages trailing behind. Those who were at Changning Crossing at this time were naturally going to attend the Celestial Feast.

Located between Shanyang and Donggang, Xingan Town was filled with lakes due to its low-lying terrain. Due to its shortage of suitable agricultural land, it had been unsuccessful in its development. Despite this, the poor region was packed with three intact Prominent Families of Rank 9.

"Thanks to the support given by the Chen Clan's alliance, who are in-laws of the Celestial Wang Clan, they actively promoted reed planting technology in our region. This has improved the lives of us three poor families in Xingan," replied Sun Yunfei with a hearty laugh.

"Planting reeds can also make money?" asked a slightly startled Liang Haofeng, "Reed fluff can't keep warm, and the roots and stems are tasteless when eaten..."

"Conventional species of reeds wouldn't suffice. However, the Chen Clan of Donggang has introduced a high-yield species of reeds from abroad. These reeds have a developed root system and are highly suitable for watery areas. They grow very quickly and require minimal labor and materials to make use of the wetlands," explained Yunfei excitedly.

He then sighed, "But now we have disagreements among ourselves. The wetlands and mudflats that were not sought after in the past have now become popular, causing old grievances to surface among our poor clans."

"So, we have arrived early this time in hopes of discussing with Master Shouzhe, hoping that he may help mediate..."

Looking at the carriages filled with gifts and two beautiful girls among the young generation of the Sun family, Liang Haofeng sneered secretly. 'What consultation with Master Shouzhe?, he thought, 'You clearly want to take advantage of coming early to solidify your bond with the Wang family and oppress your two old competitors using the name of the Wang family.'

However, he didn't voice his thoughts.

Firstly, he bore no grudges against Sun Yunfei, and secondly, he himself had come early in hope to consolidate his bond with the Wang family and let his younger generation get familiar with the younger generation of the Wang family.

The two elderly men who had lived for over a hundred years, fully aware of each other's plans talked to each other like old friends meeting after a long time. At the same time, the younger generation of both clans greeted one another and familiarized themselves with each other.

Since everyone belonged to the lower echelons of Changning Weicheng's prominent families, it was beneficial to have close interactions.

"Old friend Haofeng," said Sun Yunfei, looking at Liang Hongxuan with some envy, "I heard that your son Hongxuan has passed the preliminary examination of the Academic Palace? With his good looks, if he has the opportunity to enter the Purple Abode Academic palace, he will definitely reach the Spirit Platform Realm.

At that time, your Liang family of Ning West will become a Grade Eight Prominent Family with three Spirit Platform practitioners."

"Ha ha, he just passed the preliminary examination, whether he can pass the final test in the Academic Palace is still uncertain," Liang Haofeng's mouth was humble, but his eyes were full of pride and satisfaction. Of course, those who entered the Academic Palace with a passing grade would only become ordinary students in the Academy.

More often than not, they would watch their academically brilliant classmates strive on stage while they would cheer and admire from below.

Even so, these chances, even in hundreds of years were rare occurrences for the 9th Rank Aristocratic Families. In Grade Eight Prominent Families, the chances were significantly higher. As for the 7th-rank Aristocratic Family, every generation had the ability to spare one person to enroll as an ordinary student, if they wished to.

At that time, Liang Hongxuan, because of his striking appearance, and the identity of having passed the preliminary examination of the Academic Palace, had unknowingly become the small boss among the youth. There was a sense of superiority and arrogance in his delight and laughter.

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At this moment.

The large ferry had arrived, and everyone orderly got on board in succession, with corresponding positions for the carriages to park. With the expansion of the ferry terminal, the throughput on both sides had increased. A ferry now came and went every half an hour, and at the moment it was only carrying half its capacity.

Just after Liang Haofeng and these two small families had boarded the ship, suddenly, a huge procession of carriages appeared outside the ferry terminal. One of the knights, appearing middle-aged, spurred his horse to the front of the ferry and shouted, "Wait for the ferry. I am Gongsun Qiang, we of the Gongsun Clan of Shanyang are boarding."

The manager in charge of the large ferry shivered in response, hastily bowing his head in acknowledgement, "I obey Elder Qiang's commands." These ferries were all managed by the Wang family.

And Gongsun Qiang of Shanyang was no ordinary man, even Master Shouzhe had to politely address him as uncle when he met him.

The other ferry passengers naturally had no objections. The Gongsun Clan of Shanyang was now a Grade Eight Prominent Family, and moreover, it was the maternal clan of Master Shouzhe, making its status extraordinary.

A convoy of carriages drove into the ferry terminal.

As people and carriages needed to be separated when boarding, all members of the Gongsun family got off their carriages and boarded the ship on foot as required.

"That's Elder Gongsun Meng from the Gongsun Clan." Liang Haofeng said with narrowed eyes, "After a hurried eighteen years of not seeing him, has Gongsun Meng's strength already reached such an unfathomable level? I can't see through him at all anymore, I'm afraid he's already reached the fifth or sixth level of the Spiritual Platform Realm."

"Elder Meng is barely a hundred years old now." Sun Yunfei also said with a hint of envy, "With his age and cultivation base, combined with the Gongsun Clan's great wealth, it's hopeful that Elder Meng will reach the Heavenly Human Realm."

Just as the two of them were about to approach and pay their respects.

Suddenly, one of the carriages contained an elderly lady who was helped down by two middle-aged women. Her hair was white, yet she looked dignified and wealthy, with a crowd around her like a wealthy family's Grand Aunt.

She looked at Changning's official crossing and the surging Peace River, and her old tears fell, "Last time I returned to my natal home was on the day of Shouzhe's wedding, and it's been eighteen or nineteen years in a blink of an eye. I didn't expect that I could still be alive to see Grand Aunt Longyan's promotion to the Heavenly Human Realm. I'm afraid, this is my last return to my natal home."

"Grand Aunt." The current Clan Leader of the Gongsun Clan, Gongsun Yan, was now a mature man in his thirties. He helped the old lady onto the ship himself and said with a smile, "You're only eighty-two this year and still in good health. Didn't Cousin Shouzhe bring back a few longevity pills from the Academic Palace and personally gave you one?"

"You have many occasions to come back to your natal home in the future. Nephew Zong'an will be getting married in a few years. You should certainly come back for that. Besides, Cousin Shouzhe said he would let you wait for his promotion to the Heavenly Human Realm."

As soon as Wang Shouzhe was mentioned, the old lady laughed heartily, "Shouzhe is good in all aspects, but just doesn't know how to economize. I and Xiao Hui, Xiao Zhi are so old now..."

Another woman, a little older but well-preserved, also helped the old lady and said, "That's just Shouzhe being filial. He said that our Wang family's fifth generation, the Zhen character generation, only has you left. He will do as much as he can. Shouzhe always sends people to give me various beauty and skincare products."

Seeing this, Liang Haofeng on the side quickly figured out who these two women were.

One was Wang Zhenrong, from the Wang family's fifth generation Zhen character line. The other one was Wang Liuyu, from the Liuyu character line. Although both of them had married into the direct line of the Gongsun Clan, as the Wang family became increasingly powerful, their status within the Gongsun Clan also rose with the tide.

After all, Liang Haofeng was now relying on the Wang Family for his survival, so it made sense for him to research the genealogy of the Wang family. He immediately went up and greeted them with a smile, "Liang Haofeng pays his respects to the members of the Gongsun Clan."

One should always flatter when necessary, so as to leave a good impression on Master Shouzhe later. After all, Master Shouzhe seemed the kind of person who greatly valued his family elders.

Just as they were talking.

Suddenly!

On the river, a man was flying across the river, each time he fell, he would touch the water surface and then soar up like a giant bird flying. In the surging river, his seemingly small figure seemed so heroic.

"That's Elder Xiao Han..." Gongsun Qiang said with sharp eyes.

"Who would have thought that Brother Xiao Han would come to meet us." Wang Zhenrong was both overjoyed and lamented.

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"Goodness, seeing that aura of Ancestor Xiaohan, he must have already reached the Spirit Platform Realm Level Three, right?" The faces of Liang Haofeng and Sun Yunfei were filled with shock as they watched the scene unfold.

Wang Xiaohan was the second one in the Ping'an Wang family to reach the Spirit Platform Realm. He had broken through when he was over 60 years old, which was considered to be a case of a late bloomer amidst the numerous Spirit platform Realm ancestors in Changning.

However, it's only been 19 years since he broke through to the Spirit Platform Realm, yet his cultivation base had experienced a rapid growth, similar to a reversed aging process.

The reason was simple; the Wang family was wealthy.

Most Rank 9 prominent families found that their resources for cultivation could hardly keep up once their Spirit Platform Seeds had broken through to the Spirit Platform Realm. This was because even to sustain their cultivation base and combat power, they would need a significant amount of Spirit Meat and Spirit Rice, and Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill to support.

They would have to consume at least 700 to 800, or even 1,000 Qian Gold in a year.

For a poorer Rank 9 prominent family, it remained uncertain whether their surplus would exceed 1,000 Qian Gold after all the expenses in a year.

If one in the Spirit Platform Realm wished to advance further, the consumption would become a bottomless pit. The starting annual expense would be over 1,000 Qian Gold and it would only allow a slow growth in the cultivation base.

If an ancestor of a Rank 9 prominent family decided to spare no expenses in their cultivation in order to pursue a rapid progress in their cultivation base, it would not be enough even if they consumed several thousand Qian Gold in a year. He would be like a gold-eating beast, occupying the family's cultivation resources designated for the younger generations.

Consequently, the family's foundation would be gradually undermined.

Moreover, the cost-effectiveness of such exhaustive cultivation was low. Whether one was at the mid-stage or at the advanced stage of the Spirit Platform Realm, their lifespan wouldn't increase unless they broke through to the Heavenly Human Realm; otherwise, all efforts would be in vain.

This was the reason why most of the Rank 9 prominent family ancestors who chose to stay in place were only at the initial stage of Spirit Platform Realm. They simply couldn't afford to cultivate!

They could only rely on themselves, slowly polishing their cultivation base within extremely limited resources, and it was still uncertain whether they could reach the mid-stage of Spirit Platform Realm in their lifetime.

However, it was a different case for Ancestor Xiaohan.

Under the robust arrangement by Wang Shouzhe, Ancestor Xiaohan's annual accumulation of contribution points was considerable by rotating the industries of the in-law families, the stewardship of the industries in Qianma Town, and by participating in various family tasks.

In particular, in recent years, considering that Ancestor Xiaohan was a Spirit Platform Realm elder, there were annual stipends and subsidies. Together, they added up to at least seven to eight thousand Qian Gold or even more. It was enough for him to cultivate luxuriously.

This was why the later stage of Ancestor Xiaohan was strong.

Moreover, a few years ago, Wang Shouzhe made use of a Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill to boost Ancestor Xiaohan's bloodline wave, and then activated his bloodline to the second level of the Spirit Platform Realm with a Bridal Clothes Blood Gu.

With such a bloodline combined with his cultivation base, he would be considered an elite disciple if he were to go to the Academic Palace.

"Hahaha~ Sister Zhenrong, you didn't notify me ahead when you came back to your parents' house." Wang Xiaohan flew over the river surface like a giant bird, with an astounding aura, "Luckily, Shouzhe received the news just now and asked me to pick you up."

As his voice fell, he landed on the ferry dock.

"Sixth brother."

Wang Zhenrong couldn't help but get excited and immediately came forward to salute him.

At the same time, the members of the Gongtsun Clan came forward one after another. They greeted each other and were bustling with conversation.

Looking at the scene, Liang Haofeng and Sun Yunfei couldn't help but envy. The Ping'an Wang family and Shanyang Gongtsun Clan were simply too powerful.

Now, the Ping'an Wang Family, which had become the Celestial Wang family, needed no mentioning. Even the participants of the Heavenly Human Banquet from the Shanyang Gongtsun Clan had three people on the Spirit Platform Realm.

Even Gongsun Yan, who was just over thirty years old, had broken through to the Spirit Platform Realm last year.

For a time, the two small prominent families' ancestors, them, were a bit embarrassed, not knowing whether to stay or to leave.

Luckily, Wang Xiaohan also recognized them. After he finished attending to the Gongtsun Clan, he greeted them and started to make small talk.

Liang Haofeng and Sun Yunfei felt flattered and cautiously talked with Wang Xiaohan.

This made Liang Haofeng sigh inwardly. As the same ancestors of the Spirit Platform Realm, their destinies were different depending on which prominent family they were born into.

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Time passed.

Outside the main entrance of the Ping'an's family's main residence.

A vast square paved with majorly aligned bluestones had numerous gazebos temporarily set up.

Everyone in the Wang family, young and old, had started to take action for this Heavenly Human Banquet.

Especially the younger generation of the Wang family. Those who were over 14 years old had been given tasks and were hosting guests from all around outside.

The person in charge was the third in the "Shou" generation, Wang Shounuo.

Once a handsome young man, he was now a mature man in his forties. Life's trials and tribulations and his post-marital life had not only matured him but also made him a bit plump. There were two tufts of small mustache on his upper lip, making him look quite different from his young days.

At the moment, he was dressed in a brocade robe, standing among a crowd of young people, exhibiting a natural aura of authority.

Off in the distance.

A carriage convoy consisting of five or six vehicles was slowly appearing in their field of vision.

Wang Shounuo said, "This is the Wu Clan and Hang Clan from Yingxiu, both are Rank 9 prominent families. Zongyao, you take your younger brother Zongcai and greet them. It's a good opportunity for him to gain experience."

Wang Shouzhe always maintained strict surveillance on Ping'an Town. The network of surveillance had even continued to spread outwards. Once any convoy from a prominent family entered the Wang Family's surveillance range, the Wang family would immediately get the news.

The family which had arrived and where the convoy was currently, everything was clear to the Wang family.

As Wang Shounuo's voice fell, a handsome young man of about 18 or 19 years old stepped forward, bowed and said, "Yes, Third Uncle."

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Wang Zongyao is the second son of Wang Shouyi, who is the second eldest of the Shou generation. At the tender age of nineteen, he is handsome with sword-like eyebrows and bright eyes, possessing an extraordinary martial aura and a commanding presence. Despite his youth, he does not exhibit any of the rash impulsivity typical of his age, but instead emits a calm and steady demeanor.

This is no surprise.

The standards that Ping'an Wang Family sets for their younger generation are incredibly high.

All members of the Wang Family, regardless of gender, must begin studying fundamental knowledge at the clan school from the age of five. By the age of twelve, they are eligible to begin taking on some simple family tasks.

Starting at the age of fourteen, while continuing their studies at the clan school, they must also participate in part of the family affairs under the guidance of their older siblings or elders. After graduating from the clan school at the age of sixteen, they are required to formally participate in managing the family affairs.

Therefore, despite only being nineteen, Wang Zongyao has already matured and is quite experienced, even being able to handle some family projects entirely on his own.

As Wang Zongyao stepped forward, a thirteen- or fourteen-year-old boy quickly followed suite, bowing respectfully, "Yes, father."

This young man is naturally Wang Zongcai.

He is the eldest son of Wang Shounuo, and his mother originates from the direct line of the Lu Clan of Yingxiu.

When he was born, the Wang family was already in a period of rapid development. Therefore, he has lived in an extremely privileged environment since childhood. Even at the tender age of fourteen, he is already as tall as an adult.

The two brothers obediently took commands and quickly went to greet the caravans of Yingxiu Wu Clan and Yingxiu Hang Clan, treating the guests with utmost courtesy, showing no negligence despite the latter being a Rank 9 Prominent Family.

representing the Yingxiu Wu Clan this time was the Old Ancestor Wu Yunqun from the Spiritual Platform Realm. Representing Yingxiu Chen Clan was Old Ancestor Chen Yuyang, also from the Spiritual Platform Realm. Both of these individuals are crafty old foxes with a keen awareness of their own status; they did not hold any dissatisfaction with the Wang family sending two juniors to welcome them.

After all, this Celestial Feast is a significant event for the whole of Changning.

Every prominent family in Changning is obliged to send representatives here, which would amount to at least dozens of prominent families.

Not to mention that over the years the Wang family has formed a vast network of relationships. Among the Southern Six Guards of Longzuo County, celestial and Grade-Eight Prominent families will undoubtedly have been invited.

In such a scenario, the welcoming personnel of the Wang family are inevitably stretched thin – a fact which they all understand naturally.

Besides, both of these juniors leading the reception – in terms of looks, demeanor, cultivation base, and strength – are top-tier amongst the younger generation, which is a great show of respect to them.

This still left them feeling a mix of shock and admiration.

That Wang Zongyao, only around eighteen or nineteen years old, handles affairs with maturity and offers pleasing demeanor. His cultivation base has even already reached the Eighth Level of the Qi Refinement Realm.

Meanwhile, Wang Zongcai, a mere thirteen or fourteen years old, astonishingly has a cultivation base that already approaches the peak of the Fifth Level in the Qi Refinement Realm.

The two old ancestors also brought along the elites of their family's younger generation, allowing them to broaden their horizons. However, even the most outstanding of these elites seem to fall far behind when compared with the two brothers.

Indeed, the aura of a Celestial Family is beyond comparison for them, belonging only to a mere Rank 9 family.

Under the guidance of Wang Zongyao and Wang Zongcai, the steward quickly registered the list of congratulatory gifts, and the head of the household ordered servants to store away the gifts brought by both families one after the other.

Having finished these tasks, Wang Zongyao led the way alongside his younger brother, taking their guests to their accommodations.

The Celestial Feast would only begin in a few days, so they needed to settle in first.

"Honorable Old Ancestors, your accommodations have already been arranged. Please follow us to the front inn to complete check-in." said Wang Zongyao.

"Inn?"

Both Old Ancestor Wu Yunqun and Old Ancestor Chen Yuyang momentarily paused.

They already knew beforehand that due to the number of guests arriving, they might not be allocated a room in a guest house in the main residence. But, even if they were mentally prepared, the feeling of being slighted was still somewhat uncomfortable.

Hadn't the Wang family thought of building more annexes over the years?

But following Wang Zongyao and Wang Zongcai's invitation, they were taken to the "inn" adjacent to Zhuwei Lake within the Wang Family's grand courtyard and were astounded by the sight in front of them.

It was a massive and peculiar structure, over sixty feet high, stretching more than one hundred fifty feet wide. Shaped like an arch, it enclosed a part of the Zhuwei Lake shore.

The walls were constructed from white and sleek water-polished stones, with large pieces of pure, foreign glass embedded in the windows. Under the sunlight, it glowed brightly with a dazzling luster.

As a luxury item, foreign glass only became popular in the last decade or so.

In particular, the Lu Clan, who are also in Yingxiu, have been acquiring more and more foreign glass. To keep up appearances and stay on-trend, the Yingxiu Wu Clan and Yingxiu Chen Clan have also frequently purchased foreign glass products via the Lu Clan.

Under normal circumstances, they treat these items like priceless treasures, only displaying them when they have esteemed guests over. But the Wang family, they've used such large, pristine pieces of foreign glass to make their windows...

This isn't just foreign glass being inlaid here, this is shiny, bright Qian Gold!

The sight shocked even the old ancestors, let alone the younger generation that tagged behind. They all stood agape, gazing up in awe at the magnificent twenty-story building.

The highest building in Changning is barely forty feet tall. When have they ever witnessed such an imposing structure?

And yet, the biggest shock was yet to come.

Upon entering the grand hall, they vividly felt what was meant by grandeur and extravagance.

Chandeliers of elaborate foreign glass dangled from the lofty ceiling, bathing the room in reflective light. The floors were spotless, and the pillars so thick that it would take two people to wrap their arms around them...

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What they saw before them was almost too much for their eyes to take in.

Inside the lounge, a leisure chat area was specially set out. Some of the early arriving descendants from the prominent families were currently chatting in groups on the soft leather chairs, while the maids from the hotel occasionally brought them some exquisite desserts.

"How are these foreign glass lamps glowing? They're so pretty." A young lady from the Yingxiu Wu Clan asked curiously, her bright eyes blinking. She was pretty and had a shy and gentle demeanor.

"Miss Lingyun," Wang Zongyao answered elegantly. "These were invented by Aunt Xiaoxiao, her Master, and my Fourth Uncle. It's called the Array Illumination System. The principle is to use formations to drive the Spirit Stones, and then the spiritual energy inside them is channeled into the glass lamps, which can produce lights of various colors."

"Aunt Xiaoxiao? You mean Lu Xiaoxiao of the Lu family?" Surprise glimmered in Wu Lingyun's eyes as she said with admiration, "Sister Xiaoxiao reached the Spirit Platform Realm before the age of thirty and she is also a rare Array Master. Indeed, she is the idol of all female cultivators like us."

"Miss Lingyun, you're also very strong," Wang Zongyao praised. "I heard that among the results of those from Changning who took the Academic Palace examination this year, three of them passed the preliminary test, and your results were ranked first. And, you are only seventeen, but already at the peak of Level Six in the Qi Refinement Stage."

With a little more effort, you can reach Level Seven by eighteen, and entering the Academic Palace would be a sure thing."

"Young Master, you flatter me," Wu Lingyun said, blushing slightly as she lowered her head. "I had thought that I was doing quite well, but upon seeing you, Young Master, I now realize there are always people better. But I wonder, with your outstanding potential, why didn't you participate in the initial exam of the Academic Palace?"

The others also looked at Wang Zongyao with curiosity. If he participated, it would be guaranteed that he would be first, as he was already on the Level Eight Qi Refinement Stage at only nineteen.

But Wang Zongyao did not respond immediately, instead leading the Wu Clan and the Chen Clan to complete their check-in procedures first.

The check-in procedure was a policy made by his Fourth Uncle that he dare not change.

While a maid was checking him in at the front desk of the hotel, he humbly explained: "Because there are too many siblings going to the Academic Palace from my family, some of us need to stay back and help to grow the family. Moreover, my strength is too weak, it would be of no point for me to go to the Academy."

Too weak...

The young people, including Wu Lingyun, looked at Wang Zongyao with strange eyes. If someone like forth son Zongyao was considered too weak, then what would they, the "talents" of their families, be considered?

There's no doubt about it, the Wang's, the Celestials, were in a league of their own. The gap between them and others was just too large.

They all praised Wang Zongyao for being too modest.

"Well...Fourth brother is indeed modest, he is indeed a bit weak," Wang Zongcai said earnestly, "With such strength, if he went to the Academy, he could only cheer on others from behind. It's better for him to stay at home and develop the family."

A slight shadow passed over Wang Zongyao's handsome face, "Sixth brother, give your brother some face. Give me some time to develop, I'm sure I can still strive for a Core Disciple position."

"What's the use of being a Core Disciple, they get beaten up every day," Wang Zongcai shook his head and sighed, "The culture at the Academy isn't great right now, each peak and lineage are trying their best to recruit young talents to be their direct disciples and specifically beat up Core Disciples from other lineages."

"That's because..."

Wang Zongyao wanted to say it was because of the bad habits brought by his two aunties who joined the Academy. Especially Six Aunt Luo Qiu, who had beaten up all the Core Disciples she could find in just a few years after joining the Academy.

"So, it's better not to go to the Academy if you can't become a direct disciple," Wang Zongcai fretted, "People like us who can't become direct disciples should honestly stay at home and cultivate our lands."

The young ones of Wu and Chen families stood there in dumb surprise. Going to the Academy meant studying and cultivating in peace, right? Why did it sound like a demon's den?

The Old Ancestors of the Wu and Chen clans were also rendered speechless. Wasn't it too high a requirement to not go to the Academy if one couldn't be a direct disciple? Even the Grade Six Prominent Family would not dare say such things.

Wu Lingyun, in particular, was so scared her face turned pale. She pulled at Wu Yunqun's sleeve and said, "Grandpa, can I not attend the Academy? I don't want to be beaten up."

Wu Yunqun's face stiffened slightly, "Lingyun, don't be naughty. With your potential and strength, you can't just dawdle and marry anyone, can you? If you stay at home, the family can't afford the costs needed for you to reach the Spirit Platform. Wouldn't it be a waste of your life?"

The family already had a Spirit Platform user, consuming too many cultivation resources. The accumulation of Qian Gold and purchase of Heavenly Spirit Pill for impact on the Spirit Platform Stage will be needed in the future. The financial capability of the Yingxiu Wu Clan could not afford to support a second Spirit Platform user.

This was the sorrow and helplessness of a lower-level clan.

Wu Lingyun remained silent.

If she couldn't achieve the Spirit Platform, she would just be an ordinary person. By the age of 50 or 60, she would be considered old, and by the age of 70 or 80, she could die anytime.

But in the Spirit Platform State, one could live for 200 years, even at over a hundred years old, one is still considered a young person.

This was the difference between heaven and earth.

If her talents were mediocre, she would have accepted her fate. But she had potential and since there was a chance, how could she not give it a try?

Afterwards, once he had finished helping them check in, Wang Zongyao led them to the fifteenth floor.

During this period, Wu Lingyun was very reserved, even when she saw the "Spirit Energy Cloud Ladder" powered by an array, she couldn't help but feel dispirited.

She didn't feel like going to the Academy anymore, but at the same time, she didn't want to live an ordinary lifetime. It was indeed a hard decision to make.

Sharing the same suite with her was Chen Yushan, the legitimate second female of the Chen Clan. She was looking around excitedly, everything was new to her: "Sister Lingyun, look, there's a mechanism here. If you press it, all the lights in the room turn on."

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"Sister Lingyun, look quickly, from this angle, you can see the whole Zhuwei Lake, it's so beautiful~"

"Sister Lingyun, there are instructions for this bathroom. If you turn this device, water will come out. Hmm, hot water is available all the time. Eh, what is this? This, this, this... it's even got a toilet...

how embarrassing."

"Oh my, this bed is so soft. Just what kind of heavenly life do the members of the Celestial Wang family lead? This is too blissful!"

Although Wu Lingyun was also quite interested, her mood remained rather low, so she could only reluctantly accompany Chen Yushan to explore around.

"Sister Lingyun, the fourth son of Zongyao really looks good, and he is gentle and elegant. If I could marry him, life would be good."

Wu Lingyun was surprised: "Yushan, you are just fourteen years old, and you are already thinking about marriage? Besides, you're the legal daughter of your family, you can marry into another Rank 9 Prominent Family as the primary wife."

"Primary wife, what's so great about being a primary wife?" Chen Yushan pouted, "All those major families of Rank 9 are too poor and destitute. Even if I go to be the primary wife, my life wouldn't be any better. Although the Fourth Son Zongyao is just a direct disciple, but looking at all of Changning, which legitimate son of any major family can compare with him?"

"Before my Grandpa brought me out to see the world, he told me that, except for the fifth son of the Wang family's direct line, Wang Zong'an, if I liked any unmarried talented young men of the Wang family, I could tell him, and he would find a way to bring us together." Chen Yushan said without any pretension, "Besides, it's not a disgrace for a Rank 9 legitimate daughter to marry a Rank 7 direct line member, there are plenty of such cases in various cities and garrisons."

My Grandpa said, in the future, the Wang family may not just be limited to Rank 7..."

Each of her words seemed to be stabbing into Wu Lingyun's heart, like opening a door to a new world for her.

If it were the Fourth Son Zongyao, it seemed to be quite good...

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While the entire family was busy, Wang Shouzhe, the family head, was no exception.

This time, for the Celestial Banquet, Wang Shouzhe had followed all the usual protocols, and all the Celestial Families in the southern six garrisons had received the invitations one by one. If there were no accidents, they would all send representatives to attend.

Nobody who became a Noble Family Head was a fool, who would unnecessarily offend a newly risen celestial family with good prospects? Unless they were inviting trouble.

Adding them all up, there would be more than a dozen Celestial Families. All these Celestial Families could only be personally received by Wang Shouzhe and Old Ancestor Longyan.

And for the women of these Celestial Families, they had to be entertained by Gongsun Hui, Liu Ruolan, Wang Luomiao, Wang Liyao and other legitimate family members with high enough status.

If they casually asked a junior to entertain the Celestial Family, it would be considered disrespectful, and it would unnecessarily increase animosity on both sides.

In a courtyard exclusively for entertaining guests of the Wang family.

Wang Shouzhe was personally entertaining the representative from the Celestial Lei Family who came to congratulate, Lei Yangyu.

The two were seated opposite each other, sipping Spiritual Tea.

The surrounding area was filled with the aroma of tea, but Lei Yangyu's face was rather gloomy, occasionally glancing at Wang Shouzhe, as if he had a lot of complaints about him.

"Brother Yangyu, come and have a taste of this crystal spirit persimmon." Wang Shouzhe welcomed him warmly, "This is one of the specialties of the Academy Changchun Valley. I asked my friends at the academy to keep it fresh with ice, and then had it delivered by a Spirit Bird Flying Carriage day and night. This spirit persimmon..."

Before Wang Shouzhe could finish speaking, he was abruptly interrupted by Lei Yangyu, "Wang Shouzhe, I, Lei Yangyu, consider you as a brother, but you insist on treating me as an elder! In this regard, no, these two matters, you need to give me an explanation, otherwise I, Lei Yangyu, will cut ties with you!"

"Explanation, of course, there needs to be an explanation." Wang Shouzhe patted his chest loudly, then turned to glare at a handsome young man, "Seventh Brother, since the matter has already happened. You might as well get married to Sister Yanyun sooner and reproduce for the family, thrive, and prosper."

The young man was Wang Shouye, who had been sent by Wang Shouzhe to learn alchemy. He looked bitter and frustrated: "Fourth Brother, I just want to quietly refine pills. I don't want to get married."

"Nonsense!" Wang Shouzhe's face became stern, "You want to quietly refine pills, but why did you ruin a girl's reputation?"

"It's... it's Yan Yun..."

"Seventh Brother, watch your words." Wang Shouzhe said solemnly, "No matter what, the situation has reached this point, you just have to accept it. I also know Sister Yanyun, she has a crush on you. Next, we will propose marriage, get married, and then have children."

Wang Shouye was dejected: "Yes, Fourth Brother."

"Don't look like that, adding more members to the family is also a contribution to the family." Wang Shouzhe patted his shoulder encouragingly, "On this point, you have to learn from your father. In the past few years, he has added another male member to the family."

Saying this, Wang Shouye's heart was filled with speechlessness. His father Wang Dinghai was really becoming more and more lively with age.

After having his eighth son Wang Shouming from the "Shou" generation, and his ninth daughter Wang Luoqing from the "Luo" generation, he has added another brother at home a couple of years ago, the ninth "Shou" generation - Wang Shoucheng.

Now, the eldest "Shou" generation, Wang Shouxin, is already sixty-three years old, while the youngest, Wang Shoucheng, is only two years old. The eldest of the "Shi" generation, Wang Shinin, has to call the two-year-old kid "Ninth Grandpa".

"Yes, Fourth Brother, I'll try my best."

Wang Shouye sighed. If fulfilling family duties required it, he could have two kids. But, following his father Wang Dinghai's footsteps of having five kids over time was asking too much.

"Good, good, good." Only then did Lei Yangyu feel somewhat relieved, "Even though my Lei Family's legitimate daughter is marrying into your Wang Family's direct line, it's considered marrying down. But my prospective son-in-law is going to be a great Alchemist, so it won't be a

disgrace to my Lei family. Brother Shouzhe, from now on, our Lei and Wang families will be related through marriage."

Wang Shouzhe silently shot a look at him. You sure changed your attitude quickly.

But, you'll probably have to change it again soon.