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The imposing aura of Wang Shuzhu, the Heavenly Human Realm Puppet, surged instantly, firmly locking onto the Huangfu Clan's elder Celestial being. It seemed that the moment he made the slightest move, Wang Shuzhu would attack or even self-destruct to ensure mutual destruction.

The Huangfu Clan elder, hardened from countless battles, had an incredibly sharp sense of impending danger.

He felt a chill in his heart, sensing the threat and immediately stepped back a few meters, his face stern as he exclaimed, "What do you, a friend of the Wang family, want to do to our young lady? Are you trying to provoke a conflict between the Wang family and the Huangfu Clan?"

His words were harsh, but his expression emitted a sense of weakness hidden beneath his strong demeanor.

At this point, he no longer dared to look down upon Wang Shouzhe.

Anyone who could have a Heavenly Human Realm Puppet guardian could not be a common character. Regardless of cost-effectiveness, the absolute value of a Heavenly Human Realm Puppet far outweighed that of the elder himself.

"Shuzhu, do not be disrespectful," Wang Shouzhe said calmly, "The elder was only overprotective and acted hastily. Step back."

"Yes, Master."

Only then did Wang Shuzhu withdraw his breathtaking aura, falling back behind Wang Shouzhe, returning to his unassuming guard's demeanor, as if nothing had happened.

However, after this incident, no one dared to underestimate the inconspicuous "guard".

After all, purchasing a Heavenly Human Realm Puppet from the Tiangong Workshop cost three to four million Qian Gold, not to mention the long-term maintenance and Spirit Stone expenditure.

For any prominent Purple Abode family, wouldn't it be better to use those three to four million Qian Gold to nurture some talented family members to ascend to the Heavenly Human Realm?

"Thank you, Fourth Grandpa, for saving me," Wang Shihai swallowed his saliva, slightly trembling as he bowed to Wang Shouzhe.

By this point, he no longer dared to belittle Wang Shouzhe.

With just a purple gold note, he managed to secure Huangfu Feifei, a fellow Sky Pride member. The guard beside him turned out to be a Heavenly Human Realm Puppet. How could such a person be simple?

Wang Shouzhe glanced at him disapprovingly.

Can't this lad just take a beating and get it over with? He had to drag me into it.

He really couldn't be bothered with this youngster, leaving him aside and turning to Huangfu Feifei, saying, "Earlier in the heat of the moment, I overreacted."

He knew very well that this young lady had no ill intentions. After all, she had warned him to be careful just now.

With that, he lightly waved his hand.

The net woven out of the Witch's long hair withered instantly, turning into ash.

Wang Shouzhe didn't feel anything while performing these actions, but to others, he appeared agreeable, elegant and incredibly graceful.

The eyes of many young ladies by the side were wide open in admiration.

Huangfu Feifei was startled for a moment, before realizing she was free. She scrambled on her feet.

Her previous arrogance and ferocity mysteriously transformed into tenderness and shyness at this point.

She bowed her head slightly, her cheeks burning with heat, "It's...it's not your fault. I was arrogant. You were just teaching me a lesson. I'm grateful you didn't hold my impudence against me."

"Hiss~" Wang Shihai drew in a sharp breath, looking in disbelief at Huangfu Feifei, "Huangfu Feifei, did that blow to your head turn you dumb? Where did your usual fierceness go?"

"Wang Shihai, if you haven't gotten enough beatings, you can tell me," Huangfu Feifei glared at him, "I'd be delighted to humiliate you."

"Whew~" Wang Shihai sighed in relief, "At least you're acting like your old self. I was really afraid that Fourth Grandpa's beating might've driven you mad, and your Huangfu Clan would cause trouble over it."

Without waiting for Huangfu Feifei to lash out, Wang Shihai turned to Wang Shouzhe eagerly, "Fourth Grandpa, it's getting late. Since we've settled the situation here, we should hurry to Dong Cha Cha Lake's dock, and see if we can get on the Tianyan Boat."

"..." Wang Shouzhe stared at him in disbelief. This fellow's line of thinking was rather unique. He was just beaten to a pulp, and before his wounds had healed, he was thinking about rewarding himself with a trip on the Tianyan Boat.

Huangfu Feifei gave him a disgustful glance, thinking it a shame that such a prominent member of the Southern Desert Wang family would stoop to such base actions as flattering the ladies of the flower boats.

That said, it's really Master Wang who's admirable, with a body as clear as icy glass, and a temperament as gentle as warm jade, his demeanor is of a celestial being. So desirable... In comparison, Wang Shihai is like repugnant, filthy mud.

Who would have thought.

Wang Shouzhe deliberated a moment, then said, "Well, it's not as if I have anything better to do. I suppose I'll go and see for myself."

"..." Huangfu Feifei was a little taken aback. However, she quickly thought to herself, "Is not Master Wang above ordinary people? Surely, he wants to unveil the true identity of this Celestial Lady of Tianyan."

"Master Wang is a member of the Southern Desert Wang family, so he must have traveled a long distance," Huangfu Feifei reasoned. "In that case, it's only proper that I accompany him and fulfill the duties of a courteous host..."

"Huangfu Feifei, he is a member of my family." Wang Shihai looked at her solemnly.

"What a joke! It's well known that our prominent Southern Desert family is quite hospitable," Huangfu Feifei declared staunchly. "As they say, 'every traveler is a guest.' Master Wang, having come from afar to the Southern Desert, is our honored guest. Therefore, it is only natural for me, Huangfu Feifei, to extend my hospitality."

"Huangfu Feifei, in this Southern Desert County Town, how many guests do we have from across the country and yet you don't entertain them?" Wang Shihai said with suspicion on his face. "Could it be that there is a plot here?"

"Wang Shihai, are you itching for a fight again? Come here, let's spar, I'll use my Fire Spirit Battle Halberd."

"Are you scared? If you're not, bring it on!"

"You bring it as well."

"...." Wang Shouzhe.

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As the final moments of twilight passed, the darkness of night gradually set in.

In Dong Cha Cha Lake, lanterns on countless pleasure boats were lit, casting a bewitching charm throughout the gloomy night.

The dock was swarming with people, among them were nobles of prominent families and wealthy merchants. Roughly estimated, there were hundreds of them.

Amidst this, a massive pleasure boat slowly sailed closer, which stirred excitement in the crowd. However, many of the guests, being "elegant individuals" of high status, did not cause a noisy uproar.

"You are quite unaware, fourth uncle," Wang Shihai quietly explained. "The Tianyan Boat has significant rules, it only hosts one group of guests per day. As for who they host, it depends on the question they pose for the day. Whoever answers first, they are the guest of the night. One must not interfere with the Tianyan Boat's choice, or else they'll be blacklisted forever."

"However, occasionally, the Tianyan Boat poses no question and the Celestial Lady of Tianyan personally decides whom to host. Until, ultimately, the Celestial Lady makes her decision as to whose concubine she wishes to be."

"Hmph, she's just making a mystery of it to boost her own value," sneered Huangfu Feifei disdainfully. "It's a shame that all these nobles in the Southern Desert have been seduced by her beauty. That woman, she must have ulterior motives. It's only those inferior families that are drooling over her. What a bunch of immoral and shameless perverts!"

As soon as Huangfu Feifei finished speaking...

A voice called out: "The Head of the Huangfu Clan of Southern Desert Huangpu Chengping has arrived! The family head has a message. He invites the Celestial Lady of Tianyan ashore for a discussion at the Huangfu Mansion tonight."

"....What~?!" Huangfu Feifei's eyes bulged in shock, her face filled with astonishment. Was not Huangfu Chengping her father?

"Ha ha ha~" Wang Shihai, after a moment of surprise, burst into hearty laughter. "Ah, Fei Fei... who were you calling inferior just now? Ha~~"

But before Wang Shihai's laughter could subside...

Another voice resounded from the dock: "The Head of the Wang family of Southern Desert Wang Zonghao has arrived! The family head has an announcement: The Celestial Lady of Tianyan is of noble lineage, and he wishes to take her as his concubine and care for her for an entire lifetime."

The laughter on Wang Shihai's face immediately turned into a twisting grimace of embarrassment. His eyelid twitched uncontrollably as he exclaimed, "What on earth is this turn of events? Is the woman I admire supposed to become my stepmother?"

Wang Shouzhe's eyes narrowed slightly. It seemed this Celestial Lady of Tianyan was indeed no simple character. Offspring of a noble lineage? It seemed that both the fox-like Wang Zonghao and Huangpu Chengping smelled something fishy.

However, the hype surrounding this Celestial Lady of Tianyan was also intense. She probably had some agenda.

At that very moment...

A female voice came from the pleasure boat: "We appreciate the generous offer from both Family Heads. However, today, my mistress already has guests."

"May I ask which one of you is Mister Wang Shouzhe? Our mistress invites you to the mansion for a chat~"

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"This..."

Even with Wang Shouzhe's intelligence, he was somewhat taken aback at this moment. He could never have imagined that the owner of the painting ship, the Celestial Immortal Tian Yan, wanted to meet him?

Wang Shouzhe of the Wang Family?

This name immediately triggered a burst of uproar and chatter.

"Who is Wang Shouzhe? I've never heard of this person..."

"Judging by his name, he should be from the 'Shou' generation of the Wang family. However, I've never heard of a Shouzhe in the 'Shou' generation..."

"Although the 'Shou' generation of the Wang family has produced many talents, including four Elders of the Heavenly Human Realm, none of them are Purple Abode seeds. Could it be that the Wang family is hiding a Sky Pride member from the 'Shou' generation?"

For a while, the "onlooking nobles" were all in discussion.

Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai both looked at Wang Shouzhe with strange eyes, as if questioning when he had offended the Celestial Immortal Tian Yan.

"Cough cough~" Wang Shouzhe coughed twice, "Honestly, I really don't know this Tian Yan Immortal. But given her grandeur, she probably hides some secret. Let's withdraw first."

If this had happened before, he would have been somewhat interested in meeting this "Tian Yan Immortal" to broaden his horizon.

But now, his interest was completely gone, and he was unwilling to get involved in some unknown events.

His main purpose of coming this time was for the infinite treasure pill and to gain some insight in the Southern Desert County. He didn't want to get involved in chaotic affairs.

"Young Master Wang really has a discerning eye, recognizing the vulgarity of that demoness at once." Huangfu Feifei said with satisfaction, "In that case, let me treat you to a Royal Spirit Meat Feast, where you can enjoy the most intense wine 'Fire Cloud Burn' of the Southern Desert County."

Southern Desert County has always been rich in meat production. Many estates breed various types of meat-producing spirit beasts. Over the years, Southern Desert County has gradually developed various unique and advanced techniques for cooking spirit meat, and the requirements for meat quality are extremely strict.

Inviting friends to a Royal Spirit Meat Feast is regarded as a sincere way of entertaining guests in the Southern Desert.

"How could it be that casual?" Wang Shihai became anxious upon hearing this, "Since we've come all the way, why can't we pay a visit? If this Tian Yan Immortal really has any ulterior motives, with the presence of our Wang and Huangfu families, why should we be afraid of her?"

"Disgusting." Huangfu Feifei gave him a side glance.

"Feifei, you are supposed to be the Sky Pride of the Huangfu Clan." Wang Shihai goaded, "Don't tell me you're worried that you can't compete with the woman on that painting ship? You don't even dare to go have a look? Is the lack of confidence this severe?"

"Ha ha~ You can even resort to such a childish method. However, I admit that you make some sense." Huangfu Feifei folded her arms, chin raised haughtily and said, "Fine, I'll go to see what kind of ability that vixen has."

Having said that, Huangfu Feifei turned to look at the painting ship and sweetly said, "I heard you were looking for Young Master Wang? This one standing next to me is him. Can we board the painting ship now?"

No sooner had her voice fallen.

Before reacting to the painting ship, there was an astonished and infuriated voice from a luxurious carriage parked nearby: "Feifei? You...how come you're here?"

"Father, I haven't even asked you yet~~" Huangfu Feifei hummed lightly, a note of displeasure in her voice, "What are you doing here? Could it be that you seriously want to take that woman from the painting ship as a concubine?"

"Nonsense! As for your father's affairs....."

Inside the carriage, Huangpu Chengping was so angry that he shouted.

However, after all, Huangfu Feifei was his beloved daughter, and her character was spoiled by him. After a pause, he swallowed the rest of his words and stammered in explanation, "I came here for a reason, Feifei, I will explain it to you later."

At the same time.

The voice from the painting ship spoke again, "So it's the famous Miss Huangfu Feifei. Since you are a companion of Young Master Shouzhe, please come aboard for a conversation."

"Hmph~"

Huangfu Feifei gave a soft snort, then rose into the air and walked on the water. In a few breaths, she gracefully landed on the painting ship.

"And me, Wang Shihai, we three all came together."

Wang Shihai also called out in a hurry and followed suit. He also leapt into the air, fluttering down to the deck of the painting ship like a sliver of fluff in the wind.

Eh?

The surprised nobles all looked on in bewilderment. Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai were both rare Sky Prides, the key training targets of their respective clans, and usually none of them submitted to the other....

For some unknown reason, the two were now together.

Meanwhile.

The family head of the Wang Family was similarly sitting in a luxurious carriage with a look of bewilderment on his face, unaware of what had just happened. His adored son, the Sky Pride of the family, had somehow mixed with Huangfu Feifei and even boarded Tian Yan Immortal's painting ship.....

The old man driving the carriage turned back and asked telepathically, "Family Head, how should we handle this? Should the Young Master be invited back?"

"Forget about it, let's return to the main residence first." Wang Zonghao waved his hand, "With her sensitive status, the Tian Yan Immortal must have chosen to meet Wang Shouzhe today because she doesn't want to pick sides between myself and Huangfu Chengping."

"Yes, Family Head..." After acknowledging, the old man turned the luxurious carriage to leave.

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Wang Shouzhe stood on the pier, watching Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai board the painting ship one after another, and shook his head. Immediately, he also took a casual step and instantly arrived tens of feet away, landing on the deck of the painting ship without any hint of affluence.

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As such, whether in the depth of his mysterious energy or his comprehension and application of movement technique, he far surpasses Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai, those two young pride of the skies.

Since his transition, over twenty years have passed, and Wang Shouzhe has always maintained his habit of dutiful cultivation. Only by becoming more powerful could he take control of his own destiny in a world filled with strong contenders.

"Uncle Four truly lives up to his name. Just in the movement technique alone, Shihai is significantly inferior..." Wang Shihai jokingly complimented, "I will certainly learn from you in the future."

The longer Wang Shihai spent with Wang Shouzhe, the more he discovered his unfathomable side, as if he hides many techniques and secrets, and is not at all like an ordinary Family Head of a 7th-rank aristocratic family.

"Master Wang's Willow Catkin Body Method has reached a peak level," Huangfu Feifei also praised, "It seems to contain some unique significance, elevating the mysteries of the Willow Catkin Body Method to another level. Like an elusive immortal fairy, it is truly admirable."

"Oh, I merely incorporated some of my own understandings into the movement technique." Wang Shouzhe modestly responded.

Just as the trio was conversing.

The door of the pavilion opened to reveal a plain middle-aged woman, who bowed and said, "I am a servant lady by the mistress's side. On behalf of the mistress, I invite Master Shouzhe, Master Shihai, and Miss Feifei to come aboard for a chat."

"Thank you." All three returned the bow.

The middle-aged woman led them into the pavilion and straight up to the loft of the pavilion.

The loft was elegantly decorated with heavy antiquity. The furniture and tables were mostly made of a rare spirit wood material. The craftsman must have been a master in his trade, as every piece was exquisite and as beautiful as artwork.

At a corner of the loft was a zither stand, next to which sat a veiled woman in a lake-blue silk dress, her hair tied up, revealing a slender pink neck.

Above the veil, a pair of eyes shone brightly, captivating one's heart.

She stood up and performed a graceful curtsy, "I am Tian Yan, nice to meet you Master Shouzhe, Master Shihai, Miss Feifei." Her voice was crisp yet mellow, moving one's heart involuntarily with an urge to comfort.

Furthermore, her slender figure can hardly be hidden in her long lake-colored dress.

Huangfu Feifei was a spirited girl with a pretty figure, but compared to Tian Yan, she seemed like an unripe green apple, lacking some grace and charm.

She glanced at Tian Yan, then at herself, her face a bit uncomfortable.

As for Wang Shihai, his eyes were somewhat straight, and his cheeks were blushing, seeming a bit out of character. It wasn't that he hadn't seen beautiful women before, but Tian Yan seemed to carry an indescribable, peculiar charm.

Only Wang Shouzhe just took a glance at Tian Yan, hesitated for two breaths before regaining his composure. Indeed, this woman had a unique allure that could be very fatal to men.

Besides, she deliberately covered her face, creating a sense of mystery.

But, who was he, Wang Shouzhe? Let's not even mention his beautiful wife Liu Ruolan in this life. In his previous life on Earth, with such advanced information technology, what style or temperament hasn't he seen?

In terms of being an "experienced driver", very few could match Shouzhe.

"Indeed, worthy of Master Wang, your composure is truly extraordinary." Huangfu Feifei, who had witnessed this scene, couldn't help but praise Wang Shouzhe even more in her heart. At the same time, she regretted Wang Shihai's lack of composure.

After a brief exchange of pleasantries.

The three of them took their seats in the loft of the pavilion.

A servant offered spiritual wine along with some exquisite spirit food snacks.

"Master Shouzhe, these snacks are clumsily made by me, I call them 'Milk Crisp Cake'. After tasting them, could you provide some advice so I can improve?" Tian Yan's voice was sweet and mellow, as if it could seep into one's heart and spleen.

Wang Shouzhe tasted one and then honestly reviewed, "It's too sweet, lacks a milky flavor, and the baking time was too long which resulted in a hard crust, you need to practice more." She was not Liu Ruolan and had not earned the right to be flattered by Wang Shouzhe with insincere praise.

Tian Yan was taken aback. Her Milk Crisp Cake had been tasted by many people, but this was the first time a man had criticized her so openly. The others, who were they not lavishly praising her with beautiful words?

"Master Shouzhe, you are absolutely right, Tian Yan has learned her lesson." Tian Yan lowered her status.

"Let's get to the point," Wang Shouzhe said earnestly, "I've only been in the Southern Desert County for two days. Where did you hear about me, Fairy Tian Yan? Why are you ignoring to see Huangpu Chengping and Wang Zonghao, both heads of the Purple Abode family, but insist on seeing me?"

"What if I say that I happened to see the performance of the master in the street while I was passing by and became curious about the master?" Tian Yan smiled gently, "I wonder, would Master Wang believe this?"

"I believe." Wang Shouzhe nodded.

"..." Tian Yan was at a loss for words. Was he always going to be so unpredictable? They barely talked a few sentences, and he killed the conversation twice.

Left with no choice.

Tian Yan let out a few dry laughter: "Master Wang, you are really humorous. I was just joking with you. Actually, a few days ago, I heard a guest from Longzuo talking about recent major events in Longzuo. The Changning Wang Clan, and Master Shouzhe, have made quite impressive performances. I admire you."

"Today, when I learned that Master Shouzhe just happened to be in the Southern Desert County, I couldn't help but become curious and wanted to see the master's demeanor."

In a few words, Fairy Tian Yan explained her unusual behavior this time.

"Quite impressive?" Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai looked at each other, then at Wang Shouzhe, and again at Fairy Tian Yan, as if interested in this gossip.

Wang Shouzhe, on the other hand, just shrugged it off with a laugh: "Fairy, you're too kind. My Wang Clan was just doing it out of self-preservation."

"Self-preservation?" Fairy Tian Yan asked softly, sounding both intriguing and deep, "Just for self-preservation, you were able to turn the tide. First, you subdued the 5th Grade Qian Family, making them willingly pay a heavy price to cooperate with your Wang Clan. Then, relying on your own strength, you kept the fierce Jiaolong Gang at bay.

Such a powerful 7th-rank aristocratic family is truly unheard of."

"And the one who made all this happen, I heard, is Master Shouzhe, right?"

"What?"

Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai looked incredulously at Wang Shouzhe. Was this a joke? The Qian Family from Longzuo was one of the top aristocratic families, and the Jiaolong Gang was a notorious organization.

Master Shouzhe, he stopped them all by himself?

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"Fourth Grandfather..." Wang Shihai swallowed, "Is your Changning Wang Clan really that powerful? Why... why did you not mention this earlier?"

Huangfu Feifei's bright eyes were constantly darting towards Wang Shouzhe. This lord Wang was not only handsome and elegant-looking like an exiled immortal, but his cultivation level and prowess were unfathomable for someone his age. Above all, was he also the young and capable head of a prominent family?

However, the thought of Wang Shouzhe already being a family head made her eyes flash with disappointment. Any noble family head would surely have a wife and children. It was a law essential for the survival of any family: the Clan Leader, the eldest wife, the rightful first son, and the rightful first daughter; these are all fundamental to forming a family.

And each has their own status and responsibilities.

Against the several pairs of intense eyes, Wang Shouzhe was surprisingly calm, lifting up a glass of wine and said: "My visit to the Southern Desert served two purposes, firstly to attend the auction, and secondly to appreciate the local customs here."

"The Southern Desert Wang family and Huangfu family have been two influential and dominating clans in the Southern Desert for thousands of years. It's hard to count the numerous hardships they have conquered over the generations and the heroic deeds passed down. Now, how can our infinitesimal achievements in the Wang Clan be worth bragging about compared to theirs?"

"That's true..." A sense of pride flashed across Wang Shihai's face, "My Southern Desert Wang family has its roots in the Southern Desert, we pioneered this barren land. Our ancestors sacrificed and contributed a lot."

"But Fourth Grandfather, considering the achievements of your Changning Wang Clan, they are hardly typical for a 7th-rank Aristocratic Family. It seems we have been neglecting you during this occasion..." At this point, Wang Shihai's face turned red, feeling slightly embarrassed.

The interactions between prominent families are often filled with many protocols. If the Changning Wang Clan were a typical 7th-rank Aristocratic Family, his attendance would have been considered appropriate.

However, given the strength and size of the clan mentioned by Lady Tian Yan, the proper courtesy would have been for his father to have personally attended the entire event. At the very least, the Young Clan Leader of the Southern Desert Wang Clan should have been present.

"Not at all, not at all." Wang Shouzhe laughed, "After all, my Wang Clan is merely 7th rank, and Shihai, you are the Bloodline of Sky Pride, destined to be an elder figure in the clan, so do not belittle yourself. Besides, I quite like you, lad."

"Hehe, thanks Fourth Grandfather for the compliment." Wang Shihai was visibly pleased. Though he wasn't the Young Clan Leader, he was indeed one of the rare Sky Prides, and his future achievements would certainly be much greater than those of the Young Clan Leader.

"I presume your cultivation, Fourth Grandfather, has reached the advanced stage of the Spiritual Platform Realm? If my guess is correct, you must also be of the Heavenly Proud Level bloodline, right?"

"And not just any ordinary Heavenly Proud Level bloodline, either." Huangfu Feifei added, a deep look in her eyes.

"Oh well, it's more or less the same as yours." Wang Shouzhe modestly replied, "Let us strive together to attain the Purple Abode Realm as soon as possible."

Attain the Purple Abode Realm at the earliest?

"Fourth Grandfather, you sure dare to say that? Is reaching the Purple Abode Realm that easy? And considering I am just in my twenties..." Wang Shihai rolled his eyes. Although he did have the Sky Pride bloodline and the journey to the Purple Abode would be possible with sufficient resources, it was still a considerable prospect.

Even for the Sky Pride, it takes eighty to ninety years to ascend to Celestial being, followed by two to three hundred more years of cultivation, perhaps even the chance to break through to the Purple Abode Realm.

The process is too lengthy, and any accident could occur. Whether it's a reckless obsession, bad luck, severe injury that affects one's foundation, and so on, any of these could impede the journey to the Purple Abode Realm.

Hence, despite their high statuses, the Sky Prides are merely Purple Abode seeds. Not every seed can grow into a towering tree. Similarly, not every Purple Abode seed can become a Purple Abode Realm Cultivator.

"To the contrary, I think Lord Wang is correct; we Sky Prides should indeed be more ambitious. The earlier we reach the Purple Abode Realm, the less the family pressure will be." A gleam of confidence flashed in Huangfu Feifei's eyes.

"Clap! Clap! Clap!"

Several claps echoed, and Lady Tian Yan lamented wistfully: "How I envy you Sky Prides born into prominent families...Ah, poor me..." Her deep sigh was truly pitiful, quite touching to anyone who heard.

Wang Shihai was moved, and was just about to say something when Wang Shouzhe interrupted him: "Lady Tian Yan. This wine is pleasantly sweet when tasted, with a long-lasting aftertaste. Not bad, not bad. Don't tell me it's a homebrew?"

"Tian Yan... senior?" Lady Tian Yan's eyes, full of deep resentment, were fixed on Wang Shouzhe. It seemed that resentment was brewing...Why did this man always interrupt her rhythm and plot, leaving her feeling oppressed?

"Senior is a Tianren Realm Cultivator, and even if you are a Sky Pride, you should be at least eighty to ninety years old, right?" Wang Shouzhe's eyes glinted with an uncanny light, "Is it inappropriate to call you senior?"

"No-th-ing-is-in-ap-pro-pri-ate!" Underneath Tian Yan's veil, her face twitched uncontrollably, suppressing the urge to beat Wang Shouzhe. "This wine is called 'Hundreds of Flowers Drunken'; it is a floral wine brewed using several Spirit Flowers. If Lord Shouzhe likes it, please drink more."

"This wine is good, it's worth savoring a few times," praised Wang Shouzhe.

"If Lord does not wish to hear about my past, is it because you detest the fact that I come from a humble background?" Lady Tian Yan felt indignation, her tone growing colder and colder.

"Of course not... We are here to enjoy ourselves. We should avoid telling sorrowful stories that carry heavy negative energy, lest it dampens the mood for wine. Besides, among the hundred or so boats on Dong Cha Cha Lake, which maiden does not have a tragic backstory?" Wang Shouzhe took a sip of 'Hundreds of Flowers Drunken', and said with a playful tone.

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Before he had traveled to a different world, he also liked to read novels for entertainment. He particularly enjoyed the books written by an author named Le Ao, which contained captivating and interesting stories, and also introduced him to a lot of strange and curious things.

For instance, works like "My Wife is in Love with Me" and "Twelve Girls of Huadu" were all focused on various female characters, they were so fascinating they were sealed off from the rest of the world.

The tricks of this Tian Yan immortal seemed shallow by comparison. As someone who had been influenced by Le Ao's positive energy, how could Wang Shouzhe be led by the nose so easily?

Wang Shihai was stunned by this scene. His grandfather was really audacious. The Tian Yan immortal, who was held in the palm of countless nobles' hands, was apparently undermined by him?

Wouldn't they be expelled from the painted boat?

Huangfu Feifei, on the other hand, felt quite satisfied. What Prince Wang said was very reasonable. This Tian Yan immortal was nothing more than a woman of pleasure, who made herself appear extraordinary.

"Very well, Prince Wang, your words are... reasonable!" Tian Yan immortal was shaking with anger, "Tian Yan is nothing more than a woman of the dust, and you all are the honored guests. How could my sorrowful life disrupt the mood of the guests? In that case, I will play a piece 'Ascending the Heavenly Que' to express my apology."

Ah... Wang Shihai was shocked. It was rumored that the Tian Yan immortal's musical skills were unparalleled, but she very rarely performed. Few people in the Southern Desert County had the chance to hear her perform a piece. Unexpectedly, she didn't send people away but instead apologized by playing a piece of music?

"The spirit of 'Ascending the Heavenly Que' is too firm and grand, it should be paired with strong liquor." Wang Shouzhe frowned slightly, "Let's change to another piece."

"How about a piece of 'Drunk in the Spring Pavilion'?" Tian Yan immortal grinded her teeth.

"That is a song of indulgence every which way, it might lead these two children astray. Play something with positive energy."

"Then 'Wander The World With The Sword'!"

"This is a frivolous composition glorifying the life of an independent cultivator, it contains several acts that go against the law of Da Qian and should be banned."

"Then how about 'Defending against The Heavenly Gate', it tells the story of a prominent family's descendants guarding the heavenly gate against a monster disaster, persisting until the end despite facing death."

"It is tragic and desolate, and subtly hints at the local government office's lack of control and the incompetence of the Wang Fu's command... it is a rebellious song. Immortal Tian Yan should be careful."

"This won't do, nor will that." Tian Yan immortal was trembling with anger, her eyes rolling up, "Are you asking me to play a lullaby?"

"Ah... anything celebratory would do." Wang Shouzhe also felt that he was asking for too much.

"Fine, then I will play a piece of 'Phoenix Seeking The Male Phoenix'." Tian Yan immortal glared at Wang Shouzhe, "If you have any other opinions, you can leave my boat. I can't afford to serve you."

"'Phoenix Seeking The Male Phoenix'?" Wang Shihai raised his eyebrows in confusion, "Isn't that a song for a wedding procession?"

"Idiot, the wedding procession song is 'Phoenix Seeking The Female Phoenix'." Huangfu Feifei rolled her eyes at him, "'Phoenix Seeking The Male Phoenix' is about a woman having feelings of admiration for a man..."

Halfway through her sentence, Huangfu Feifei unconsciously looked over at Wang Shouzhe, a touch of melancholy appeared in her eyes. Sigh, such an ideal and perfect man, why had he already...

Tian Yan immortal knelt before the piano table, her slender jade-like fingers lightly pressing the chords, after some effort, she adjusted her breathing. To be honest, she thought of herself to be quite mature and determined, having gone through hardships and turbulent times.

Who could've imagined, that she would have her thoughts muddled up by Wang Shouzhe's statements.

For the sake of the bigger picture! She endured.

In just a few breaths of time, Tian Yan immortal had entered the state. Her slender jade-like fingers lightly brushed the chords, clear and sweet notes flowed out smoothly like a babbling brook.

The song, 'Phoenix Seeking The Male Phoenix', started off happy and lively, as if describing a naïve and romantic girl's carefree days. Then, when the girl met the man of her dreams, the melody became both joyful and melancholic, perfectly depicting a girl experiencing love for the first time.

At the end.

The girl, after several missed opportunities with the man, overcame societal norms and eventually married him. The melody turned beautiful and ethereal, making one feel relaxed.

Yes, this was a story with a comedy ending.

When the song ended, it left a feeling of comfort in the listener's heart.

"Excellent." Wang Shihai listened with waves of excitement surging in his heart, as if he had become the male protagonist in the melody, his mind filled with a drunken delight. "This tune of 'Phoenix Seeking The Male Phoenix' by Immortal is truly unforgettable, persisting in one's ear for days. Shihai admires it."

Unexpectedly, Immortal Tian Yan didn't even glance at him, but looked at Wang Shouzhe with a faint gaze, as if she was saying, Is Prince Wang satisfied now?

And, it wasn't just her.

Huangfu Feifei's dazzling, bright eyes were filled with mist, occasionally sweeping over Wang Shouzhe with an unspeakable complex look. Should she perhaps learn from the maiden in the opera, or should she...

This strange atmosphere...

Instantly left Wang Shihai extremely embarrassed. He started to quietly eat his milk cake and drink his Hundred Flowers Drunken. The cake was sweet, the wine was smooth, but his heart was bitter and astringent.

He deeply regretted coming to the pleasure boat with his great-grandfather. His usual dazzling Sky Pride, in the presence of his great-grandfather, seemed as different as a glowworm from the bright moon.

He decided he should keep more distance from his great-grandfather in the future, lest his confidence be shattered.

However, Wang Shihai had not considered this. If Wang Shouzhe wasn't there, would Huangfu Feifei dine and drink with him? And would he have the opportunity to board the pleasure boat of Immortal Tian Yan?

Whilst Wang Shihai was uneasy, Wang Shouzhe wasn't quite at ease either.

The gaze of Tian Yan and Huangfu Feifei was like that of two quietly lurking hungry wolves. One was mysterious and dangerous, and the other was the Sky Pride heiress of the Huangfu clan.

If he really got entangled with either of them, it would inevitably cause trouble in the future.

Without waiting for Immortal Tian Yan to speak, Wang Shouzhe clapped his hands twice: "Senior Tian Yan truly has outstanding skills on the zither, which I greatly admire. Having heard the celestial sound, I am well satisfied with this trip. Shihai, remember your father wants to talk to me tonight, right?"

"There's no..." Wang Shihai had just started speaking but was cut off by Wang Shouzhe's piercing gaze. He immediately felt a chill, and quickly changed his tune, "Yes, yes, I do remember a matter like that."

"It's getting late, don't let your father wait too long.", Wang Shouzhe got up to leave, "Senior, please calculate the bill, as I intend to take my leave."

"Prince Shouzhe..." Immortal Tian Yan said, the resentment in her eyes seemed almost solid, "Am I so unpleasant to look at in your eyes?"

"Not at all, Senior Tian Yan is quite excellent." Wang Shouzhe casually placated her.

She gritted her teeth and said: "I might as well tell you the truth. My background is not very good, and I wish to entrust myself to a reliable husband. I wonder if my slender body can attract your compassion?"

"What?" Huangfu Feifei and Wang Shihai both gaped at Immortal Tian Yan in surprise. She was being incredibly direct!

Especially Wang Shihai, whose heart was roiling like a stormy sea. His idol, who he thought was an unattainable goddess, actually wanted to become his concubine? Not his, but Shouzhe's!

What has the world come to... Doesn't she find young talent appealing?

"This... I'm much obliged for your liking," Wang Shouzhe frowned and declined, "My wife has a fiery temperament, you can't lead a peaceful life if you become her concubine."

"No matter, since I intend to be a concubine, naturally I am prepared. I will be quiet and humble, serve the wife diligently, and bear any scolding or beating without complaint." Immortal Tian Yan was desperate.

Wang Shouzhe was speechless. He had guessed that her initial intention was likely to attract him or Huangpu Chengping. However, how did it suddenly end up on him?

Sigh~

Sometimes, being too attractive and too excellent can be a problem.

If he was just mediocre, he could've lived a much quieter life.

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Upon hearing these words, Huangfu Feifei raised an eyebrow.

What was this celestial being from Tian Yan up to? Even if Master Shouzhe was so outstanding, she wouldn't degrade herself to this extent, would she? Even if born in the dust, the celestial being from Tian Yan was, after all, a genius in the Heavenly Human Realm. Even in the Academic Palace, she would be considered a direct disciple. Would she degrade herself to such an extent?

"How... how could this be... how could this be?"

Wang Shihai felt like spitting out blood, his gaze filled with desolation.

The celestial being from Tian Yan was, after all, the goddess in his heart. Why did she stoop so low as to become a concubine for the fourth grandfather?

Even more so, she even put forth such a submissive attitude. What man could resist such an offering? It was over, the goddess was definitely about to turn into a grandmother.

Surprisingly.

"Sigh~" Wang Shouzhe sighed, shaking his head, "Thank you for your misplaced affection, Senior. It's a pity that my Wang family is but a humble 7th-rank aristocratic family with meager wealth and resources. We can't afford to take in more geniuses. Here is the fee for today's music performance, I will take my leave first."

Saying so, he stood up and set out a stack of gold tickets.

This stack of gold tickets amounted to at least ten thousand Qian Gold, far exceeding the normal expenses. It was clear that Wang Shouzhe did not wish to have any further dealings with her.

Following that, he ignored the change in Tian Yan's eyes and elegantly flew away.

"Fourth Grandfather, wait for me."

Sensing that something was wrong, Wang Shihai, unwilling as he was, had no choice but to follow promptly.

"Hehe~ As expected of Master Wang, possessing such determination." Huangfu Feifei was secretly delighted in her heart. She disdainfully glanced at the celestial being from Tian Yan, before following closely behind Wang Shouzhe.

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Meanwhile.

In the Tian Yan painting boat.

After Wang Shouzhe left, the forced smile on the face beneath the celestial being from Tian Yan's veil disappeared instantly.

"I didn't expect that Wang Shouzhe would be so impervious. He didn't leave any chance for me." She furrowed her brows, a hint of solemnity crossed her eyes. "Auntie, your insight into people is superior to mine. How do you perceive Wang Shouzhe?"

Upon hearing this, a middle-aged maidservant, who had been silently standing in the corner, slowly walked out.

"I observed that, while his actions might seem absurd, they carry underlying principles. His wit is sharper than most people," her attire remained the same as before. Her dull and ignorant eyes were replaced by a wise and profound light. "As a genius in the Heavenly Human Realm, you are willing to become a concubine.

Yet he, as the head of a 7th-rank aristocratic family, remains utterly unmoved, even showing great resistance. This is very unusual. Either he is naturally extremely cautious, reluctant to take even the tiniest of risks, or, he was on his guard all along, already having a vague idea about our objective."

"On guard all along?" The celestial being from Tian Yan showed her surprise. "That's not possible, is it? The 'Struggle for the Throne' has just barely begun. The conflicts in each county are still lurking beneath the surface. Even the Wang family from Southern Desert and the Huangfu Clan are oblivious. How could he, being the head of a 7th-rank aristocratic family, have been on guard all this while?"

"It's not inconceivable for him to be on guard." The middle-aged servant's eyes flashed, as if reminiscing. "The world is unpredictable. Even the most humble independent cultivator could grow to be master in the Purple Abode. History tells us there have been many visionaries who led their clans to glory. My lady, remember this, Anything is possible.

A cultivator from Profound Martial wants to live long, they should never underestimate anyone."

Seeing her like this, the celestial being from Tian Yan knew her aunt must have thought of that man.

She was a bit melancholic, yet she didn't know how to comfort. All she could do was nod respectfully: "Yes, Auntie, I understand."

The middle-aged maidservant reignited in her thoughts, and continued: "Furthermore, when Master Wang Shouzhe first saw you, he had clear and calm eyes without the slightest hint of trying to be composed. There was even a noticeable lack of reverence in his eyes for your impressive bloodline. It wouldn't be possible if he didn't have broad experience."

The celestial being from Tian Yan nodded in agreement.

She was very confident in her own appearance and temperament. With her looks and bloodline, she could compete for superiority even in Dragon City of the Great Qian land, let alone in a common county town like Southern Desert. Here, her status was enough to stand shoulder to shoulder with a direct line descendant of a Purple Abode Family.

She wouldn't be so sought-after in Southern Desert County otherwise.

No ordinary 7th-rank Aristocratic Family Head could remain so calm at their first meeting.

But she still had doubts: "However, according to the information received from Longzuo County, it seems that Wang Shouzhe has never left Longzuo County. His trip to Southern Desert seems to be the farthest he's ever travelled. How could he have such broad vision? Could our information be incorrect?"

"It's possible..." the middle-aged maidservant nodded slightly. "My lady, don't forget that our information network in Longzuo county has not been active for very long. Omission is indeed possible. Of course, it doesn't rule out the possibility that he's had unique experiences. Regardless of the situation, he is someone we should try to further explore and win over."

The celestial being from Tian Yan contemplated: "Aunt is right. This man and the whole Wang family are quite extraordinary and may be hiding other secrets. Who would have thought that such an insignificant 7th-rank aristocratic family could be this formidable. Several Sky Pride seeds have appeared in their family, not to mention a great Sky Pride daughter who has become a disciple of Master Tianhe..."

How could we not vie for such a promising family?"

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"Wang Shouzhe, Wang Shouzhe, do you really think you can escape from my grasp with just these efforts?" An unusual glimmer of madness flickered in the eyes of the celestial being Tian Yan.

"There's no one who can alter the decisions made by me, Tian Yan."

"I just can't believe it. How can such a heavenly proud like me, your concubine, not feel any struggle inside me. There must be a secret I haven't noticed... I wonder what that secret could be?"

Seeing Tian Yan displaying such fervor, the middle-aged maid grew a knot in her heart, growing anxious and worried silently. Miss, for the sake of our family, you must have self-control.

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"Fourth Grandfather..."

In the direction of the Southern Desert Wang family's main residence, Wang Shihai finally caught up with Wang Shouzhe, who had slowed his pace.

Even till now, there was still astonishment and curiosity on his face, "That's a celestial being, a Sky People Realm Genius. Once you take her as your concubine, wouldn't the Changning Wang Clan's prestige and strength advance another level?"

If it was him, Wang Shihai, let alone take Tian Yan as a concubine, he would not even mind taking her as his wife. After all, he was not the direct heir of the family, so he had much more freedom in his choice of marriage.

Moreover, marrying a Sky People Realm Genius would certainly elevate their family's honor and glory.

For Fifth Grade Prominent Families, it was rather difficult to marry a genius from a family of the same grade. Even if it was the direct heir with a heavenly pride marrying, it would be hard to marry a genius wife.

Because for Fifth Grade Prominent Families, heavenly arrogance bloodline in itself was rare. Even if there was a genius among the family's women, they would not marry her off easily. Rather, the family would mostly keep her and cultivate her into the next generation's Purple Abode Old Ancestor.

If there was already a Purple Abode Seed in the family, they would most likely choose to send her to a local learning palace or the Lingyun Sacred Land as another option.

Even the future marriages are mostly decided as marrying into a higher-grade family.

"Hehe~ I, Wang Shouzhe, have a clear understanding of my own worth," Wang Shouzhe said with an indifferent smile, "Tian Yan is not someone I was arranged to marry by family, nor is she my childhood friend or a close confidante. For her to lower her status and become a concubine, there must be some other motive."

"We as a 7th Rank Aristocratic Family are of a small standard and weak, not in a position to handle any sort of storm or turmoil. Therefore, I neither wish to know her secret nor get involved with her in any way."

Meanwhile, Wang Shouzhe pondered internally that with the current foundation of their Wang family, they didn't lack a heavenly pride.

Therefore, even if Tian Yan had no mysterious motive, she didn't hold much attraction for him, Wang Shouzhe.

To cultivate a Heavenly Proud to the Purple Abode Realm would require astronomical resources. Having an additional Heavenly Proud in the family meant taking on more responsibility.

"Fourth Grandfather's words do make some sense," Wang Shihai agreed after some thought, yet he still expressed regret, "It's just a pity to miss such an opportunity. Having a Heavenly Proud concubine... just thinking of it is thrilling..."

Wang Shouzhe glared at him, exasperated. He was lacking ambition. His wife, Liu Ruolan, was a Great Heavenly Proud. But he didn't see her being overly... okay, he admitted that some things were indeed thrilling, especially when he was unable to defeat...

With nothing else to do outside today, he returned to the main residence for a brief rest. For the following few days, Wang Shihai had Wang Shouzhe travel all around Southern Desert County Town, greatly broadening his horizons. During this time, Huangfu Feifei also invited Wang Shouzhe to a Spirit Meat dinner, which served as a little interaction between them.

Of course, this interaction was merely a friendly one, and Wang Shouzhe had no objections toward Huangfu Feifei. After all, she was a Celestial Being, under the nurturing of the Southern Desert Huangfu Clan, she had a good chance to become a Purple Abode Old Ancestor in the future.

It was also good to expand their social network this way.

Meanwhile, during these days.

The Southern Desert Wang family's attitude towards Wang Shouzhe and the Old Ancestor Longyan had discreetly shifted. The family head Wang Zonghao, who was originally quite busy, "found time" to see "guest residing" Wang Shouzhe every day, and chatted with him with a friendly demeanor.

In addition,

They were also more thoughtful in the hospitality towards the Old Ancestor Longyan. Not only had they sent a legitimate daughter with a group of maids to attend to him, but the matriarch of the family also personally visited Longyan every day to inquire about his well-being.

Such hospitality specifications were as if treating the Changning Wang family as guests of equal status.

With things going as such, a few more days passed and the auction was about to officially begin.

On this day, early in the morning.

The Family Head of the Southern Desert Wang Clan, Wang Zonghao, and his son arrived early to visit Wang Shouzhe at his guest residence. With them was a man who looked around 50 or 60 years old.

"Fourth Uncle Shouzhe, did you have a good rest last night?" Wang Zonghao asked with utmost concern after performing a gesture of respect, "If there's anything you're not satisfied with, please feel free to tell me, don't be polite."

"Thank you for your concern, Master Zonghao, everything is quite satisfactory," Wang Shouzhe returned the gesture with a beaming smile, then glanced at the older man and asked, "Master Zonghao, who might this elderly man be..." the man gave him an impression of a vast and fathomless ocean, making Wang Shouzhe feel he's quite remarkable.

"Let me introduce you," Family Head Wang Zonghao introduced enthusiastically, "This is the elder of the ninth generation of our family—my Ninth Grandfather Wang Dingxin. Ninth Grandfather, this here is the Fourth Uncle Shouzhe I told you about from the Changning Wang Clan."

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Wang Dingxin?

Wang Shouzhe's expression instantly became solemn, and he immediately bowed and said, "Long live the Shouzhe of Changning, greetings to Uncle Nine."

If you say the current Wang family of the Southern Desert, the strongest and most prestigious are naturally the old ancestors of the family. However, aside from the old ancestors, the most prestigious member of the family is the ninth of the Ding generation - Wang Dingxin.

He is not just a regular Tianren Realm elder, but the successor trained meticulously by the Wang family of the Southern Desert. At the first glance, he appears to be just over fifty years old, but in fact, he is already two hundred and fifty-sixty years old.

Wang Dingxin, who hails from the Sky Pride, was promoted to the Heavenly Human Realm at the age of ninety. Now, it is said that his cultivation has already reached the eighth level of the Heavenly Human Realm, and in at most four to five decades, he will be able to start attacking the Purple Abode Realm.

This fits perfectly with the process of cultivating successors for Purple Abode families. If one pursues more rapid cultivation, one will inevitably encounter the problem of diminishing marginal returns, with extra resources invested leading to a poor cost-performance ratio and a large waste of resources.

If it is slower, the body's functions will gradually degrade, increasing the difficulty of impacting the Purple Abode Realm.

How could Wang Shouzhe neglect such a person?

"Master Shouzhe is indeed as Zonghao mentioned, handsome, and promising at a young age. At just about 40, you have already reached the advanced stage of the Spirit Platform Realm." Wang Dingxin lavishly praised, "You must have reached the top Grade B bloodline, and if you can keep up this momentum, you should be able to attack the Heavenly Human Realm before sixty."

Cultivation is indeed this way, where each realm grows quickly in the early stage, but slower and slower as one approaches the later stages. The Old Ancestor Longyan was an exception because her fifty years of painful existence greatly tempered her divine sense, allowing her to accumulate profound strength and create an unparalleled miracle that couldn't be replicated.

"Uncle Nine is overpraising me. I have just been aggressively consuming resources to speed up my cultivation," Wang Shouzhe reluctantly replied. "Our Changning Wang Clan is not as stable as the Southern Desert Wang Clan, and the family urgently lacks Tianren Realm Cultivators. It's a last resort, there was no other way."

Both Wang Zonghao and Wang Dingxin nodded understandingly, "Different families have different situations, and naturally there will be different decisions. However, the Changning Wang Clan has a Sky Pride like you of not lower grade, which truly embodies your great fortune. You have hope for the fifth grade in the future."

After a few brief exchanges.

Wang Zonghao said, "This is not the place to talk. After paying respect to Old Ancestor Longyan with Uncle Nine, let's sit down and chat together."

Wang Shouzhe had a hunch and seemed to guess their intentions.

Indeed, it was about time. With the strength of a Purple Abode Family, if they truly want to get a rough understanding of the Changning Wang Clan, these days would have been enough for them to investigate and gather information.

Afterward, everyone paid a visit to Old Ancestor Longyan.

Although Wang Dingxin's age and cultivation base both far exceed those of Old Ancestor Longyan, since there is quite a gap in generations between the two, Wang Dingxin is still respectfully behaving like a younger generation, respectfully addressing her as Old Ancestor Longyan.

Such is the relationship within the same clan, it is the seniority that matters before one's cultivation level. No matter how high your cultivation is, or how high your status is, when you see your elders, you must be respectful. The Southern Desert Wang Clan reproduces slightly faster, hence they are disadvantaged in terms of seniority.

After the necessary formalities were exchanged.

Wang Zonghao arranged for everyone to have breakfast together at the guesthouse dedicated to entertaining distinguished guests, enjoying some exquisite and spiritual-energy-rich breakfast delicacies. There is a kind of spiritual grain that can be ground into flour and processed into buns, bread, noodles, and so on.

The Southern Desert County is mostly grassland, with a small amount of fertile soil and Spirit Fields, mostly somewhat lacking in water, which is quite unfavorable for growing water-intensive crops like rice.

Therefore, the staple food in Southern Desert County, besides meat, is mostly various kinds of pasta.

Everyone chatted and after finishing the delicious food, the atmosphere became much warmer. Then, Wang Zonghao introduced the main topic, "Uncle Four Shouzhe, I have something to tell you honestly. Out of some curiosity about the Changning Wang Clan, we have used some connections to learn more about you."

"Truthfully, Fourth Uncle, your Changning Wang Clan has startled me." Wang Zonghao shook his head with a bitter smile as he spoke, "I never expected that in addition to you, who is a Sky Pride, within the Purple Abode Academic Palace, there are two aunts, Luo Jing and Luo Qiu, who are also Sky Prides and have both become personal disciples of Masters."

"In addition to this, there's an uncle of generation 'Shou' who has surprisingly taken the renowned Independent Alchemy Master, Danding, as his mentor..."

"Not to mention your clan has four Sky Prides, but Shouzhe's daughter, Liyao, is a Great Heavenly Proud. Moreover, she has also become a disciple of Tianhe Enlightened One."

With every sentence he uttered, Wang Zonghao's face would twitch, as if subjected to an enormous shock.

Between the Academic Palace and Longzuo County, Wang Zonghao left out Wang Licui. However, upon reflection, it made sense. Licui had kept a low profile when she had become a pupil of Master Yunyang, and then she hardly appeared in public.

Not to mention outside intelligence, even within the Purple Abode Academic Palace in Longzuo, very few knew about Wang Licui's existence.

As for Old Ancestor Longyan, due to her late ascension to the Heavenly Human Realm, they didn't consider her bloodline exceptional. The rest of the family's children were also overlooked due to the Wang Clan's low-key approach.

However, the visible strength of the Wang Clan alone had already warranted the attention of the Purple Abode Prominent Families. Of course, having only Sky Prides would have been fine, as it might have meant they had potential to rise to the Fifth Grade Prominent Families in the future.

However, a Great Heavenly Proud was a different matter. Especially one with a divine power territory mentor.

If it weren't for the emergence of Wang Liyao, Wang Dingxin would have never taken the initiative to approach Wang Shouzhe's faction. At most, he would have just invited Wang Shouzhe to meet.

"Master Zonghao, please do not blame me." Wang Shouzhe held a hand to his chest in an apologetic gesture, "I didn't mean to deceive you. I surely cannot brag right after arriving in the Southern Desert."

The information that's already been revealed is public. Anyone who's slightly interested could gather it. However, the real strength of the Wang Clan—those parts hidden away—still remained unknown to outsiders.

"How could I blame you, Fourth Uncle?" Wang Zonghao laughed heartily, "Our Wang Clan has produced a Heavenly Proud; it is an honor for the Southern Desert Wang Clan as well. This is good news, great news."

"So, after receiving the news last night, I immediately went to discuss it with my great-uncle. Here I am, early in the morning to discuss the matter with you and Old Ancestor Longyan..."

"Discuss?" Wang Shouzhe was slightly taken aback. What were they going to discuss? Could they possibly want Liyao to be adopted by the Southern Desert?"

Wang Zonghao's expression became serious: "The situation is this. I heard that the Changning Wang Clan is quite skilled at making money. However, no matter how capable you are at making money, given your current scale, you naturally can't compare with the Purple Abode Prominent Families.

Moreover, the Wang Clan has several Sky Prides that need to be nurtured into the Purple Abode Realm in the future."

"Although Aunts Luo Jing and Luo Qiu are both from the Academic Palace, the Wang Clan still needs to provide subsidies. On the side of Uncle Shou Ye, the Wang Clan also has to offer assistance. Consequently, your funds are bound to be stretched thin. However, even if funds are scarce, it should not hinder the growth of a Great Heavenly Proud."

"I have consulted with my great-uncle and decided to allocate some resource assistance to Sister Liyao under the banner of the Southern Desert Wang Clan. We just hope she can traverse the road of divine power more smoothly in the future."

"However, my Southern Desert Wang Clan is still a Fifth Grade Prominent Family after all. Considering our size and the massive consumption that comes with it, we can only provide subsidies to Sister Liyao until she reaches the Purple Abode Realm. We hope this action can relieve some financial burden of Changning Wang Clan."

Relieve financial stress?

Wang Shouzhe understood. The Southern Desert Wang Clan was preparing to co-sponsor Liyao with the Changning Wang Clan.

In other words, they wanted to share in the glory of the Changning Wang Clan's Great Heavenly Proud...

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In fact, Wang Liyao is not lacking in resources at the moment.

After all, she is the direct disciple of the Great Heavenly Proud, Tianhe Enlightened One, and within the Academic Palace, she belongs to the highest treatment level.

But the Academic Palace also has its own rules. Each resource is provided according to its grade, with a fixed quota. If one wishes to obtain more resources to speed up cultivation, one has to complete some Academic Palace tasks to earn additional study points.

Besides, the Changning Wang Clan also gives Liu Ruolan a generous subsidy to help her grow as quickly as possible.

The Southern Desert Wang Clan's attitude is very clear, they wish to make a long-term investment in Wang Liyao. Once she grows into the Divine Power Territory in the future, remembering the kindness of today, the Southern Desert Wang Clan will have an additional backer, which will give it a greater sense of confidence for future development.

Seeing Wang Shouzhe silent, Wang Zonghao continues to persuade: "Fourth Uncle Shouzhe may not be clear about the future growth speed of Great Heavenly Proud, let me explain in detail. The vast majority of the Great Heavenly Proud, as long as they grow smoothly, will ascend to the Heavenly Human Realm within sixty years and the Purple Abode Realm within two hundred years."

"But unlike ordinary Sky Pride Purple Abode Seeds, the ultimate goal is not just the Purple Abode Realm. Every Great Heavenly Proud's final goal is to ascend to the Divine Power Territory. Therefore, in the early stage, the faster the cultivation speed the better. Otherwise, any delay or accident in the future could easily affect their Path of Divine Power."

"If resources are plentiful, Liyao might enter the Heavenly Human Realm around the age of forty-five, and impact in the Purple Abode Realm at the age of one hundred and fifty. She will then have a span of five hundred years to advance to the Divine Power Territory, greatly increasing her chances of success."

"If Liyao continually cultivates at its fastest speed before entering the Heavenly Human Realm, averaging a yearly consumption of about one hundred thousand Qian Gold, that would add up to an expenditure of over two million Qian Gold. Fortunately, the Great Heavenly Proud does not need the 'Ascension Pill' to ascend to Heaven, saving a lot of expenses."

"During the Heavenly Human Realm, the average annual expenditure is about three hundred thousand Qian Gold, lasting for one hundred years, that's about thirty million Qian Gold. Together with the Rank Six Spirit Pill, 'Spirit Communication Treasure Pill', used to impact the Purple Abode Realm, as well as auxiliary Dan medicines, which costs another five million Qian Gold.

In total, all expenditure would be around forty million Qian Gold!"

"In just over a hundred years, such vast funds are required. Even with subsidy from the Academic Palace and the family, plus the study points she earned herself from doing tasks in the external battlefield, it's still tight."

Several tens of millions of Qian Gold?

Wang Shouzhe had also estimated the resources required for a Great Heavenly Proud to reach the Purple Abode Realm, and this is much more than he expected.

No wonder, as a Profound Martial cultivator's cultivation base increases, the daily cultivation consumption also increases. In this regard, the experience of the Southern Desert Wang Clan, a Purple Abode prominent family, is certainly more abundant than his, and their estimates would naturally be more accurate.

Fortunately, the Enlightened One Tianhe will certainly subsidize some, and with the support of the Academic Palace and the family, there shouldn't be any problems.

However, what gives Wang Shouzhe a headache is that Wang Liyao is not the only Great Heavenly Proud in the family...

Old Ancestor Longyan currently has a consumption of over a hundred thousand a year. When she reaches the mid to late stage of the Heavenly Human Realm, various expenses will rise with the tide.

Then there's his wife Liu Ruolan, his eldest son Wang Zong'an, and himself, Wang Shouzhe... Future cultivation costs, just thinking about it, is terrifying.

On top of this, the expenses of other clansmen are also high. There are many Sky Pride clansmen in the clan, and if they want to develop well, resources must be provided. Otherwise, even with Sky Pride talent, they'll be wasted in the end.

Seeing Wang Shouzhe frown, Wang Zonghao, thinking he is worried about Liyao's future development, immediately continues to persuade: "Although our Southern Desert Wang Clan is not wealthy, we cannot let our co-clan Great Heavenly Proud be poor? Allowing Liyao to run around and do tasks for the Academic Palace would delay her, right?"

Seeing that what Wang Zonghao said was quite reasonable, Wang Shouzhe, beholding the principle of every Qian Gold saved is one Qian Gold earned, agreed: "In that case, I thank Clan Chief Zong Hao on behalf of Liyao."

"We are all of the same Wang Clan. We should support each other. There's no need for thanks," Wang Zonghao's face brightened up. He then continued, "As for Liyao, after she reaches the Purple Abode Realm, if she wants to impact the Divine Power Territory, the resources consumed will be astronomical."

By then, even if the Southern Desert and Changning clans join forces, I'm afraid we might not be able to afford her. Fourth Uncle Shouzhe, I suggest you go to the National Capital in advance to seek support from the main lineage."

Wang Shouzhe agreed wholeheartedly: "If there's a chance to go to the National Capital, I naturally have to visit the main lineage of the Great Qian Wang Clan."

In fact, many of Wang Zonghao's words were reasonable. Having a Great Heavenly Proud in the family is of course a huge blessing. However, supporting a Great Heavenly Proud to the Divine Power Territory is also not an easy task.

In cases like these, where several co-clan families jointly support a Great Heavenly Proud, although it's not common, it has happened several times in history. After all, each Divine Realm Powerhouse is a pillar of the country and such investment is worthwhile.

In fact, there have even been instances where, after several co-clan families jointly nurture a Divine Realm Powerhouse, they directly merge and become a single family, rising to become Third-Class Aristocratic Families in one fell swoop.

However, Wang Shouzhe firmly believed that by the time the Great Heavenly Proud in the family reached the Purple Abode Realm, and were on their way to the Divine Power Territory, the Changning Wang Clan's annual income would surely far exceed the current few millions.

Seeing that Wang Shouzhe agreed to the proposal, Wang Zonghao and Wang Dingxin's attitude towards him became friendlier.

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No wonder.

Through the tie of Li Yao, both sides have gained a common long-term interest, instead of being merely tied by kinship as before.

As the relationship between the two sides increasingly grew closer, Wang Zonghao said more casually: "Right~ Fourth Uncle Shouzhe, there's something I need to clarify with you."

"Go ahead." Wang Shouzhe nodded at him.

"It's like this." Wang Zonghao asked somewhat seriously, "Fourth Uncle Shouzhe, how is the relationship between the Changning Wang Clan and the Southern Desert Mo family?"

"Oh?" Wang Shouzhe raised an eyebrow, seeming to understand, "You mean to ask whether there is any deep-seated transaction of interests between our two families? Previously, the Mo family seemed to want to incite discord between the Longzuo Qian Family and the Southern Desert Wang family, intending to cause a rift between the two. Is there any disagreement between the Mo family and our Wang family?"

Upon hearing Wang Shouzhe say "our Wang family", Wang Zonghao smiled knowingly, stating frankly: "Just some conflicts of interest. I presume Fourth Uncle also knows that the Southern Desert Mo family is newly rich, originating from mining. They were in such a rush to move the entire clan into the county town, trying to ingratiate themselves with everyone~"

"However, to be honest, mining really does make a lot of money. Therefore, our Wang family and the Huangfu clan mobilized their forces and also discovered some mines in the territory around the Mo family, belonged to smaller clans, and signed contracts with them to cooperate in mining."

"Wherever there is profit, there is dispute. The Mo family insists that the Wang and Huangfu families have jointly suppressed the living space of the Mo family and bullied the new rising prestigious Mo family. Over the years, they have been spreading rumors and causing trouble, also trying to curry favor with the Purple Abode noble families outside their county."

"If Fourth Uncle has a strong relationship with the Mo family, naturally, I will give face to Fourth Uncle." Wang Zonghao spoke honestly, "But if it's just an acquaintance... hehe, nevermind then."

Wang Shouzhe understood.

This was a goodwill gesture from the Southern Desert Wang family, they needed to hear Wang Shouzhe's opinion before dealing with the Mo family, showing their respect for the Changning Wang family.

Wang Zonghao is indeed a trained family head from the direct lineage, his handling of matters is thorough and meticulous, especially when he deliberately wants to get along with you, it really makes one feel appreciated.

However, what relationship could he possibly have with the Mo family, to speak on their behalf?

Wang Shouzhe gave a light laugh, "There is no significant relationship between the Mo family and me, the Changning Wang family. Master Zonghao, you needn't consider my feelings. Go ahead and take action."

"In that case, I understand."

Wang Zonghao's eyes squinted slightly, as if he had made some sort of decision.

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Meanwhile,

In a charming private room of a restaurant in the Southern Desert County Town, two young women sat opposite each other.

On the table between them, there were two jugs of strong liquor, and some meat skewers grilled on smokeless charcoal sprinkled with spices, tempting the appetite.

To the left of the table sat a young woman in fiery red clothes who possessed an heroic style, she was none other than the Sky Pride of Huangfu family's younger generation - Huangfu Fei Fei.

On the right side of the table, sat a woman in an ice blue long dress.

A beautifully crafted spirit level sword was slung across her waist, her long hair reached her waist, she had an outstanding demeanour, yet her delicate face seemed to bear an indelible shadow.

"Wanqiu." Huangfu Fei Fei raised her cup towards her, "you've been gloomy these days, and you won't tell me why. Aren't we friends? I even thought that Wang Shihai had bullied you, so I beat him up."

Turns out, this woman in the ice blue dress was Mo Wanyou.

"Fei Fei, it's due to some personal matters, and has nothing to do with that brat Wang Shihai." Mo Wanqiu shook her head, "You really don't need to worry."

"You're my friend, so your matters are my matters. Who doesn't know that I, Huangfu Fei Fei, emphasize loyalty very much!" Huangfu Fei Fei's eyes shifted suddenly, huffed, "Could it be someone from the Longzuo Academy has been bullying you? No wonder you didn't want me to interfere, you fear I couldn't handle them, right?"

"Heh heh, the last time fighting in the Southern Desert Academy wasn't satisfying enough - and why not? Why not join you for a trip to the Longzuo Academy? And also..."

"Stop!" Mo Wanqiu hurriedly tried to stop her, "Don't do something stupid! You're not her..."

"You mean to say I'm not her opponent?" Huangfu Fei Fei raised an eyebrow, with disbelief, "Is it a man or a woman? How old?"

She was indeed arrogant, but she also knew there were many experts in the academy, and she might not be able to beat some older students.

"It's... it's a woman, only twenty years old..." Mo Wanqiu answered helplessly.

"A twenty-year-old woman?" Huangfu Fei Fei contemptuously laughed, "Isn't she even younger than me? Wanqiu, you really look down on me... you think I couldn't beat someone younger than me?"

"It's not that... You've misunderstood. It's not Li Yao's fault, but because of my dull and unintelligent talent, I'm not even qualified to be considered one of her followers." Mo Wanqiu's face lowered, eyes dim and gloomy, "Fei Fei, really, I'm not looking down on you. Li Yao is a Great Heavenly

Proud. I've seen her confront an Elder who is midway in the Heavenly Human Realm with my own eyes.

Although she ended up losing, she managed to wound the Elder. It was her majesty's amazing talent that day that made me want to be one of her followers, but unfortunately..."

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A Great Heavenly Proud? Fighting against someone at the mid-stage of the Heavenly Human Realm?

Huangfu Feifei's expression froze, seemingly surprised, but after a few moments, her eyes lit up: "So it's a Great Heavenly Proud, no wonder he's so boastful. I'm in my twenties and I've never seen a Great Heavenly Proud... This time, I'll accompany you to Longzuo Academy, and take the opportunity to witness the strength of a Great Heavenly Proud. Wanqiu, when are you going back to Longzuo Academy?"

"Ah, I'm returning to the academy after the auction. If you want to accompany me, go ahead, but don't cause any trouble." Mo Wanqiu sighed.

She knew Huangfu Feifei wasn't someone who would settle for tranquility, that's why she had been reluctant to tell her the truth. She was very aware that although Feifei was powerful, there was still a significant gap between her and Miss Li Yao.

"After the auction? Wanqiu, did you set your eyes on some treasure?" Huangfu Feifei asked curiously.

Mo Wanqiu hesitated slightly, then said seriously: "My father has already convinced the Elder Council, who decided to use the clan's saved funds to bid on the Spirit Communication Treasure Pill for me, to help me enhance my Heavenly Arrogance Bloodline."

"In theory, our clan's development is far from reaching the stage of cultivating a Purple Abode Realm, and having a Heavenly Proud is also a waste. But my father believes that if I can become a Heavenly Proud, I can possibly become a follower of Miss Li Yao.

Having a Great Heavenly Proud as the lord, our Southern Desert Mo family can indeed find some support, making some ambitious parties a little more cautious. Furthermore, being a disciple of the academy, with the treatment of a Heavenly Proud and the support of the clan's resources, I can pave the way for the clan to reach the Purple Abode level earlier.

After considering these factors, the clan feels it's worth the gamble."

"The Spirit Communication Treasure Pill, that's an invaluable item." Huangfu Feifei's eyes sparkled, "It's a pity, though, that it's too expensive, and its effect on my bloodline is limited. Wanqiu, I didn't expect your Mo family to have accumulated such a huge amount of funds while swiftly developing..."

The larger the scale of the clan, the larger the income each year, but also the larger the expenses. Under huge expenditures, the amount of funds clans could save each year was not a lot, and furthermore, these funds could not be easily used. They often had to be preserved for major events like transitions of Heavenly Humans or the Purple Abode period.

"Spirit Communication Treasure Pill." In Mo Wanqiu's eyes, a hint of excitement and fascination emerged, a slight blush appeared on her cheeks, and she muttered under her breath, "Miss Li Yao, I must, I must not let you down again."

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Time flew.

Another few days passed in a flash.

During these days, it is noticeable that the county town of the Southern Desert County became increasingly bustling. Many representatives from surrounding counties, like Wang Shouzhe, began to arrive one after another.

These prominent family representatives, the least prominent among them, were from Rank Six Prominent Families, and moreover, they were not the weak types that only had three Heavenly Humans.

From such standards, the grade of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion auction could be seen.

The Changning Wang Clan is probably the only 7th-rank Aristocratic Family this time.

Soon, the day of the auction at the Hundred Treasures Pavilion arrived.

On this day.

The sky was bright and clear, cloudless.

The Southern Desert region was high in altitude and dry in climate, rarely gathering water vapor in the sky. Hence, it was rare to see clouds. On clear days, the sky was thoroughly blue, like a gemstone, possessing a breathtakingly beautiful aesthetic.

The Hundred Treasures Pavilion was located under this patch of sky, occupying a large area in the northern part of the town on its own.

Different from the commonly seen low buildings in the Southern Desert region, the height of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion was significantly higher than the surrounding buildings, and it was even more magnificent, standing out like a crane among the flock of chickens.

Today was the day of the auction, and the interior and exterior of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion were newly decorated, looking even more grand than usual, fully exhibiting the special status of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion.

On this day, Wang Shouzhe and others arrived at the auction venue early.

In such a high-level auction, of course, each prominent family was assigned a private box.

The Changning Wang Clan and the Southern Desert Wang Clan, one a 7th-rank Aristocratic Family and the other a 5th-rank Aristocratic Family, did not come from the same region, so naturally they were separated into different boxes.

As an "accompanying servant", Wang Shihai shared a box with Wang Shouzhe, Elder Longyan, and the Heavenly Human Realm puppet Wang Shuzhu.

The reputation of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion was grand, and this auction sought to display its depth and power. Besides the "Limitless Treasure Pill," the items they auctioned this time also included the "Spirit Communication Treasure Pill," which was essential for attaining the Purple Abode Realm. Its value was even higher than the Limitless Treasure Pill.

In any case, the items brought out by Hundred Treasures Pavilion for this auction were quite attractive. Each Prominent Family had something they desired. Although the Limitless Treasure Pill was precious and magical, it was not something each Prominent Family wanted.

As Wang Shouzhe and others settled down, the other families also arrived one by one.

The families qualified to participate in this auction were nearly all Overlord-level families ruling over certain areas.

If it were not for Wang Shouzhe's strong ability to make money and even stronger ability to spend it, the Changning Wang Clan might not have been qualified to participate in the auction.

"Fourth Grandpa, that comes from the Wang Clan of Lingbei, a Rank Six Prominent Family." Wang Shihai, who started on a high platform and had quite extraordinary insight, introduced to Wang Shouzhe, "Although we both have the surname Wang, the Wang Clan of Lingbei has no relation to our Great Qian Wang Clan."

Wang Shouzhe nodded secretly; he had also heard about the Wang Clan of Lingbei. Once, he had made up a name called "Wang Teng" on the spot, pretending to be a member of the Lingbei Wang Clan at an auction.

"That's the Cao Family from Liaoyuan, the Fifth Grade Purple Abode Family of Liaoyuan County. This family's foundation is profound and not to be underestimated. They have the potential to attack the Rank Four Prominent Family." Wang Shihai introduced another group of people.

Upon hearing this, Wang Shouzhe took a few more glances at the box on the side.

The Sky Pride Cao Youqing, who had a grudge with the Wang Clan previously, belonged to the Liaoyuan Cao Family.

As for Cao Youqing, he never gave up tracking and investigating him as he instinctively judged that Cao Youqing should be a proud person, and would most likely not let it go after suffering a great loss in the Wang Clan.

"Eh? The Gongye Clan from Tiance also came?" Wang Shihai raised his eyebrows in surprise, and then introduced, "The Gongye Clan excels in Artifact Refining. The famous 'Tiangong Workshop' is the property of the Third-class Da Qian Gongye Clan. However, the Gongye Clan of Tiance is only of Fifth Grade and therefore a branch of the Da Qian Gongye Clan."

The Gongye Clan?

Wang Shouzhe squinted his eyes. That was a family with a lot of money.

Recalling the past, he had spent eight hundred thousand just to repair a Celestial being's Puppet in the "Tiangong Workshop".

"That's the Zuoqiu Clan from Qing'an!"

Suddenly, Wang Shihai widened his eyes, his voice filled with surprise.

"The Zuoqiu Clan is a Rank Four Prominent Family. In Qingan Prefecture it almost monopolizes power. Could it be that their target is also the 'Spirit Communication Treasure Pill'?"

This time, the Southern Desert Wang Clan's goal was to bid for the "Spirit Communication Treasure Pill," a resource prepared for the Purple Abode Seed, Wang Dingxin, decades in advance for his ascension.

After all, ascension to the Purple Abode Realm is a big deal. Gather resources decades in advance is the norm.

Hearing this, Wang Shouzhe frowned slightly. He had also heard of the famous Zuoqiu Clan from Qing'an Prefecture. Qing'an Prefecture was a vital artery of Da Qian, opened up early and with a long history, it was truly not to be underestimated.

He focused his attention on a few members of the Zuoqiu Clan.

The leader was a young gentleman who looked very young. He was dressed in luxury, wearing a Jade Crown, sword footwear, with a sword hanging around his waist, and his handsome face exuded nobility.

However, his glances seemed somewhat arrogant, and when scanning the whole scene, there was a slight trace of disdain.

Clearly, this young man's status in the Zuoqiu Clan was probably not low.

Behind him, two elderly men dressed in magnificent clothes guarded both sides. They were tall and imposing, with an extraordinary demeanor, their cultivation of Mysterious energy was as unfathomable as a thousand-year cold pool.

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Compared to people from the typical Purple Abode Families, the members of the Zuo Qiu family were distinctly more at ease and confident.

This was the kind of demeanor cultivated from being at a superior position for a long time, proud and carefree. The saying "long-standing position cultivates grace" speaks exactly to this.

"Shihai, would the Rank Four Prominent Family also be interested in the 'Spirit Communication Treasure Pill' or the 'Boundless Treasure Pill'?" Wang Shouzhe's expression was slightly solemn.

"Fourth Grandpa, Spirit Communication Treasure Pill and Boundless Treasure Pill are both Rank Six Spirit Pills. These pills require not only elusive ingredients but also rigorous alchemy methods. It is said that only an Alchemist who has reached the Divine Power Territory could refine them," replied Wang Shihai.

"Rank Four Prominent Families, like us, belong to the Purple Abode Families and still have an interest in Rank Six Spirit Pills. However, since the Rank Four Prominent Families are so powerful and often the Overlords of a region, they have more resources, connections, and heritage than us, and obtaining Rank Six Treasure Pills for them is comparatively easier."

"I see; they are more interested in cost-effectiveness." Wang Shouzhe nodded, feeling slightly relieved.

Just like how the "Heavenly Spirit Pill" is to the Rank Nine Aristocratic Families, because of limited access and scarcity, if an opportunity arises to acquire them, they tend to be willing to pay a premium price.

But given the status of the Wang Family today, there are many channels available to obtain Grade Four Heavenly Spirit Pill. If the price is not right, they can choose not to buy it and simply purchase more when a suitable price comes along.

"Mostly this is true, as Fourth Grandpa has said," replied Wang Shihai, with a slight frown. "But precisely because Rank Four Prominent Families are stronger and richer, if they really need a certain treasure, their ability to pay a premium price can be quite terrifying."

"If so, let's just wait and see."

Wang Shouzhe was calm. Even though he had a strong need for the Boundless Treasure Pill, if it came to the point of being unaffordable, he would feel no regret in giving up.

After all, he could slowly search for it in the future.

Half an hour passed.

All the attendees in the private rooms slowly assembled, and the auction officially began.

Compared to the auction Wang Shouzhe previously attended in the Eastern Sea, this auction was of a much higher standard. Not only were the attendees mostly from Rank Six and Rank Five Families, but even the auctioneer was an elderly man in the Heavenly Human Realm.

This was to prevent the auctioneer from being too weak and not being able to control the situation.

After some opening remarks and warming up the crowd, very soon, the first item was brought up.

It was a jade box with thirty identical Spirit Pills, beaming with spiritual energy, exuding a pleasant medicinal fragrance, and faintly emanating a blue light.

"The first item for auction, thirty pills of the Rank Four Spirit Pill 'Soul Nurturing Pill'," the auctioneer introduced. "This pill can nourish the spirit and enhance your vitality. It is suitable for Purple Abode Realm cultivators to take during cultivation, or as a supplementary pill for Tianjiao cultivators when breaking through to the Purple Abode.

The starting price is 300,000, with each bid increment no less than 10,000."

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A change passed over Wang Shouzhe's face.

The first item to be auctioned in this high-ranking auction was the Rank Four Spirit Pill, Soul Nurturing Pill.

In terms of unit price, although this Spirit Pill was considerably cheaper compared to the same Rank Four Heavenly Spirit Pill, the Heavenly Spirit Pill was used for advancing to the Spirit Platform Realm and generally, one would be enough. The Soul Nurturing Pill, on the other hand, was a daily cultivation necessity...

Wang Shouzhe was slightly tempted to bid for the Old Ancestor Longyan.

"Don't be impulsive, Shouzhe." Old Ancestor Longyan, seemingly noticing Wang Shouzhe's intentions, spoke casually, "I'm still early in the Heavenly Human Realm; the 'Big Gathering Spirit Pill' is enough for now. It's not late to switch to this pill when I reach the advanced stage. Today, you must firstly secure the Boundless Treasure Pill at all costs. Everything else can be postponed."

"Yes, Old Ancestor," Wang Shouzhe nodded in agreement.

While the Soul Nurturing Pill was precious, it was much more commonly available than the Boundless Treasure Pill. Given the current resources of the Wang Family, they could always obtain a considerable amount as long as they made an effort. There is no need to insist on purchasing it here.

However, just because Wang Shouzhe didn't want this Spirit Pill, it didn't mean that other families would relinquish it too.

There was quite some room for price increase starting at 300,000 for thirty pills. Soon, the auction price was pushed up to 380,000 and was eventually won by someone at the price of 410,000 Qian Gold.

During this time, the Wang Family of Southern Desert also tried to bid, but they gave up at 370,000. Undoubtedly, they also wanted to conserve their funds for something they were more interested in.

With the Soul Nurturing Pill being auctioned off, the next item was brought up.

The auctioneer methodically began introducing: "Medium Grade Magical Weapon 'Chasing Moon Spear' is now up for auction, starting at 500,000 Qian Gold."

In the auction held in Guard City, a Medium Grade Magical Weapon was considered a major object to be sold, but here, it was just considered an ordinary lot.

For the Purple Abode families, they would usually have at least a dozen or as many as several dozen cultivators in the Heavenly Human Realm. The power of a Medium Grade Magical Weapon far exceeded that of a Lower Grade Magical Weapon, offering considerable benefits in fights against equals.

Usually, Tianjiao cultivators from the Purple Abode families would be equipped with Medium Grade Magical Weapons for protection, and even some of the more powerful elders could have a Medium Grade Magical Weapon to increase their combat power.

This was indeed a great object, Wang Shouzhe would have bid for it to increase the family's resources if circumstances allowed. Regrettably, today he was bound to miss out on the Chasing Moon Spear.

After a round of bidding, the "Chasing Moon Spear" was sold at the price of 770,000.

In comparison to the price Wang Shouzhe initially paid for a Medium Grade Magical Weapon "Purple Thunder Sword" at 590,000, the price was considerably higher. This demonstrated the vast difference in resources between the Purple Abode families and the 7th-rank Aristocratic Families.

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Of course, this is largely linked to when he first bid for the Purple Thunder Sword, and other prominent families gave him face and withdrew from the competition.

In the blink of an eye, the "Chasing Moon Spear" had been taken down, and the next auction item was brought up.

It was a smoke-green longbow, its entire body engraved with profound inscriptions, faintly flickering with flowing light. Beside the longbow, there was also a quiver with slender arrows inside.

"The top-grade spiritual artifact, the 'Fixed Strings' bow, comes with eighteen matched arrows and the starting bid price is three hundred thousand Qian Gold." The Heavenly Human Realm auctioneer was clearly familiar with the specifications of all auction items, and began introducing them immediately, "As we all know, top-grade spiritual artifacts are scarce and even more so for bows..."

"This..."

Wang Shouzhe's eyes moved, and he was instantly intrigued.

He was very skilled and fond of archery. However, after advancing to the Spiritual Platform Realm, ordinary bows and arrows became less significant.

Therefore, while he was practicing archery intensively, he was also looking for spiritual artifacts related to bows and arrows. After all, he was a Profound Martial cultivator with plant control. Compared to close combat, he would have more advantages fighting at a distance using bows and arrows.

But the problem was that he looked down on the ordinary low-grade spirit bows, and did not want to compromise. However, top-grade bows are very rare...

Elder Longyan, who knew Wang Shouzhe well, realized his thoughts as soon as she saw his expression.

Her flirtatious eyebrows outside the veil raised slightly: "If the price is right, Shouzhe should strive to get it. This spiritual artifact can be very useful for our Wang family's development. If the funds are insufficient at that time, we can pawn some other treasures first."

Wang Shouzhe considered a bit, then nodded.

There are not many spiritual artifacts suitable for his use. If the auction price doesn't exceed six hundred thousand, he would take it. Moreover, a top-grade spiritual artifact will never go out of date. Even if this spirit bow was phased out by him in the future, it could be inherited and used by the younger generation of the family.

This is the difference between a family and an Independent Cultivator. Every item purchased will not be wasted, as there are too many members in the family waiting to be fed.

"Three hundred thousand Qian Gold." As soon as Wang Shouzhe made a decision, he quickly bid.

The price rose slightly afterwards, and in the end, Wang Shouzhe unexpectedly secured the top-grade Spiritual Artifact "Fixed Strings" smoothly at a price of four hundred thousand Qian Gold.

This result made him a bit startled.

But after a little thought, he understood. Firstly, most of the attendees at the scene came from fifth or sixth-rank aristocratic families, whose main fighting power mainly lies with the Heavenly Human Realm Elders.

Even if this top-grade spiritual artifact is excellent, its power is at best similar to a lower-grade magical treasure. At the same price, they would definitely prefer to buy a magical treasure.

After all, not every family is like the Changning Wang Clan, with a large number of "Little Sky Prides", each of whom is qualified to use top-grade spiritual artifacts.

Secondly, everyone has come here with a purpose this time, so they save as much funds as they can.

The result this way, Wang Shouzhe benefitted even more by acquiring his desired treasure at a lower price.

Next, one after another, high-quality treasures or Dan medicines appeared. Among them were five Marrow Cleansing Pills, which appeared in the form of a bottle of five.

Even Wang Shouzhe was left gasping for breath, wanting to snatch every item.

This is just how auctions targeting high-end customers go.

Each auction item is a high-end item that even Purple Abode prominent families need. From the perspective of a 7th-rank family like the Wang family, they are naturally all excellent items.

However, no matter how good the items are, one must exercise restraint and wait until the Infinite Treasure Pill is in hand.

Fortunately, in this auction, the Infinite Treasure Pill is not the finale or climax.

By the later stage of the auction, it was the turn for the "Infinite Treasure Pill".

As the auctioneer announced: "A piece of sixth-grade Spirit Pill - the Infinite Treasure Pill. This pill has the effect of enhancing bloodline talent. It can directly upgrade a single bloodline to a double bloodline, and it also has a not-so-weak effect on double bloodlines and above."

"Master~" a voice came from a booth, "If a 'Spiritual Platform Realm' Little Sky Pride with a middle sub-grade talent had the 'Infinite Treasure Pill', could they be promoted to top-grade talent?"

A middle sub-grade talent refers to those who have a high-segment single bloodline at birth, and by the Spiritual Platform Realm, the extent of bloodline awakening can reach a high-segment double bloodline, considered to have very good talent even among the Little Sky Prides.

"Huh?" Wang Shihai asked in surprise, "Does the Mo family-at merely grade six-even want to buy the Infinite Treasure Pill? With their family's foundation, I'm afraid they can't afford to train a Sky Pride, right?"

The elderly auctioneer, an extremely experienced person, immediately answered in a loud voice: "You can first take a Blood Refining Pill and a Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill to enhance the bloodline, then take the Infinite Treasure Pill, there is a high probability of being upgraded to top-grade talent. If you have already taken the Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill, the chance will be very slim.

Everyone knows that any Dan medicine that can improve bloodline talent has a strong resistance to drugs. The first dose works best, the second dose only retains 20% of the effect, and the third dose has a very weak effect."

"Thank you, Master, for your advice." The speaker of the Mo family in the booth seemed somewhat delighted, "Our family member has not yet taken the Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill. With this, there is a chance of advancing to become a Sky Pride."

However, as soon as his words fell, a cold snort came from another booth.

"A mere sixth-rank family, dares to contend for the 'Infinite Treasure Pill'? This young master is curious to see just how much Qian Gold your insignificant Mo family has prepared to compete with us?"

Zuo Qiu family?

The Zuo Qiu family was a fourth-rank aristocratic family, and naturally, their booth was arranged in the most prestigious central position.

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Upon hearing the Zuoqiu family's opening remark, whispers filled the private boxes below.

Although the Limitless Treasure Pill is precious, it might not be urgently needed by the Rank Four Prominent Families. After all, to be a Rank Four family means that they can at least ensure a stable replacement of three individuals in the Purple Abode Realm.

In order to guarantee the alternation of the three Purple Abode realm powerhouses, the number of Sky Prides cultivated within the clan often does not fall below five. Even if there is a shortage of Sky Prides at one time, only a few decades need pass, and with the birth of the next generation or the one following that, the number would naturally replenish itself.

As such, the reliance on the Limitless Treasure Pill decreases.

"Silence."

Seeing the venue filled with chattering, the elderly auction master's expression hardened, and he bellowed loudly.

In an instant, an invisible force spread into the private boxes.

The venue fell dead quiet.

Though the auction elder was not a Mastery-level figure in the Purple Abode Realm, he represented the Hundred Treasures Pavilion. Most prominent families held a certain degree of awe and fear towards the Pavilion.

"Humph! Zuoqiu's child, the rules of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion are clear - no one is allowed to threaten or rob others of their auction items during or before and after the auction, or else they will be considered an enemy of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion." The elder stated authoritatively, "Considering your young age and that this is your first offense, I will not blame you.

But if you dare to do it again, you will be immediately expelled from the Hundred Treasures Pavilion. Somebody will also hold your Zuoqiu family accountable later on."

His words carried a great weight, bringing the entire auction venue to a sudden silence, even the Zuoqiu family's private box quieted down.

Indeed, without rules, there would be chaos. The business of the Hundred Treasures Pavilion was a multithousand-year-long enterprise, so naturally they would uphold the highest standards of order.

If people could easily threaten others or rob auction items during or after an auction, then rumors would spread, damaging the Pavilion's reputation. Over time, who would dare to participate in the Pavilion's auctions?

Seeing everyone become obedient, the elder finally relaxed his expression and continued leading the Auction, "Does anyone else have a question? If not, let's proceed with the auction ..."

"Master~" Wang Shouzhe suddenly spoke up, "'Spirit Platform Realm' Sky Prides consuming Limitless Treasure Pills, what are the effects?"

The auction elder shot Wang Shouzhe a cursory glance: "It is not recommended for those who have undergone three-fold bloodline awakening as the effects are minimal."

"May I ask the Master, how low is it?" Wang Shouzhe asked again.

"The effectiveness might only be about 20% to 30%, going from the early section to the middle segment of the threefold bloodline awakening, hence, the cost-effectiveness is extremely poor." The auction elder answered impatiently but promptly, pausing for a moment before asking, "Are there any other questions?"

"Thank you, Master, for satisfying my curiosity," Wang Shouzhe gratefully murmured, internally lamenting, this stuff really isn't up to the standard of the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu King.

Back then, the Bridal Clothes Blood Gu King enhanced his bloodline from the early section of the threefold to the middle in one go.

But that was enough.

After all, he, Wang Shouzhe, was now at the peak of the threefold bloodline awakening, just a step away from transcending.

The auction elder then stated: "Continuing with the auction for the 'Limitless Treasure Pill', the starting bid is two million Qian Gold, each increment of bid must not be less than a hundred thousand Qian Gold."

"Two million five hundred thousand," the Mo family from the Southern Desert spoke first, raising the stake by five hundred thousand, leaving no room for anyone to bid low.

"Humph, two million six hundred thousand," a voice came from Zuoqiu family's side.

"Two million seven hundred thousand," Wang Shouzhe joined the bidding.

"Two million eight hundred thousand."

"Three million!" Zuoqiu's icy voice declared.

Such a steep price caused several families, who had prepared to pile up their bids, to give up their bidding intentions. A Limitless Treasure Pill usually reaches a price of three million, which is considered an urgent price, and is of poor value for money.

In the Mo family's private box in the Southern Desert, Mo's family head spoke to Mo Wanqiu, "Wanqiu, the ceiling approved by the Elders Council is three million three hundred thousand, I can personally subsidize two hundred thousand. Beyond this price ..."

Mo Wanqiu nodded understandingly, "Father, rest assured. If it comes to that, it just means that I'm not fated to have it."

"Good." Mo family's head continued to bid, "Three million three hundred thousand."

"You ..."

In the Zuoqiu family's private box, the young master couldn't believe that a mere Rank Six family dare to overbid by so much?

His face turned extremely unpleasant, but he clenched his teeth and called out, "Three million four hundred thousand."

"Three million five hundred thousand," the Mo family raised the bid again.

When Zuoqiu wanted to raise the price again, the Heavenly Human realm elder beside him reminded him, "Young Master 79, this is an excessive price. Better to give up now, and think of some other way. Although the Limitless Treasure Pill is precious and rare, there are ways to get it."

Indeed, a Rank Four family is affluent, but their wealth didn't come from the wind. Moreover, every Rank Four family has a huge population and countless branches and descendants. They have many rules and regulations, and they cannot act recklessly.

"Call once more, I'll supplement it with my personal funds." Zuoqiu's young master's face was somewhat furious, "If I don't get it this time, then it's over."

"Three million six hundred thousand!" Zuoqiu's young master shouted out the price loudly. If the damned Mo family still wanted it, they'd have to bid three million seven hundred thousand, an extravagant extra two hundred thousand that was questionable whether they could afford it.

The head of the Mo family sighed, "Young Master Zuoqiu, you've won."

After saying this, he glanced apologetically at Mo Wanqiu. He had done his best, but ultimately he couldn't compete with the children of a Rank Four family.

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Mo Wanqiu's face fell, she couldn't hide her disappointment. This auction failure was quite a blow to her. She had never anticipated that the bid could go this high.

"Heh heh~ Overestimating oneself." Prince Zuo Qiu laughed coldly, a smirk spreading across his face.

Although the excessive bid was almost more than he could bear, he eventually got the Precious Pill of Limitlessness. As long as he could get the pill, it would all be worth it.

However, just when he thought the Precious Pill of Limitlessness was in his possession, Wang Shouzhe suddenly issued a bid in a calm and casual manner: "3.7 million."

"What?" Prince Zuo Qiu's face darkened instantly, he shouted furiously, "You... you... you... which root..."

"A word of caution to Prince Zuo Qiu, mind your words," Wang Shouzhe chuckled lightly, "This is a normal bidding process, don't create a disturbance."

Prince Zuo Qiu abruptly remembered the reminder given by the elderly auctioneer earlier and was forced to swallow his anger.

However, the earlier bid had already reached his limit, and an additional 200,000 above the limit...

He clenched his teeth and chose to remain silent.

Seeing this, the elderly auctioneer knew exactly what was going on, and calmly started the countdown: "3.7 million for the first, 3.7 million for the second, 3.7 million for the third time, sold! Congratulations to this gentleman on acquiring the 'Precious Pill of Limitlessness'."

Even with Wang Shouzhe's composure, he felt a rush of joy and relief in this moment.

Finally, he had bought the Precious Pill of Limitlessness~

All the hard work put into earning money for his family and enhancing their outputs had finally yielded results.

Although there were a few unexpected twists, in the end, his wealth triumphed, and the overall expenditure had not yet reached his limit.

Wang Shihai, who was standing by his side, was dumbfounded.

This Fourth Uncle was so rich~~~~3.7 million! That was 3.7 million Qian Gold... Ah, no, he also spent 400,000 earlier on a top-grade Spiritual Artifact.

Is this still a 7th Rank Family?

Wang Shihai's eyes were filled with confusion, feeling as though his worldview and common sense had been shattered.

Fortunately, Wang Shouzhe didn't bid again in the subsequent auctions.

Despite his interest in the final "Spirit Communication Treasure Pill" and the main item "Phoenix Wood", he decided against bidding for the sake of his family's future development.

The competition for the Spirit Communication Treasure Pill was fierce, with various bids made by the Wang family of the Southern Desert, but in the end, the pill was taken by the extravagant Qian Family of Longzuo for a premium bid of 4 million Qian Gold.

The Southern Desert Wang family's plan to hoard the Spirit Communication Treasure Pill was naturally thwarted.

It wasn't that they couldn't afford the 4 million, rather, the premium was too steep and the pill was not a worthwhile purchase. Instead of biting the bullet and buying it now, they might as well wait until the next auction or try their luck in the National Capital.

After all, they still had several decades before Wang Dingxin advanced to the Purple Abode Realm~ there was no need to rush.

As for the Phoenix Wood, it was a high-grade timber. The piece being auctioned was only about one or two cubic meters and had various mysterious uses. However, the final price was raised to a staggering 6.3 million Qian Gold. The Gongye Family of Tianfu won the bid and took the wood, presumably to make some kind of treasure.

With the auction of the Phoenix Wood, the auction came to an end.

As Wang Shouzhe and the others left their private box, Qian Xuehan of the Qian family and Wang Zonghao of the Wang family came forward, their faces full of smiles, and saluted: "Congratulations, Master Shouzhe/Fourth Uncle, on acquiring the item you desired."

"Congratulations to Master Xuehan as well." Wang Shouzhe smiled and returned the salute.

Although he did not show it on his face, he had some doubts in his heart. According to the information he had, it would be another seventy to eighty years before the Qian family's Purple Abode Seed would need the Spirit Communication Treasure Pill. Why did Qian Xuehan insist on obtaining the pill, even if it meant paying such a high premium?

However, these were not questions that Wang Shouzhe would ask directly.

"Congratulations, Master Xuehan." Wang Zonghao also congratulated him gracefully, "The Qian family of Longzuo truly lives up to their reputation as a wealthy house of renown, we, the Wang family of the Southern desert, admit to our loss wholeheartedly."

Qian Xuehan quickly returned the salute, responding with a few modest pleasantries.

Meanwhile.

The members of the Mo family from the Southern Desert also emerged from their box.

Mo Wanqiu followed behind the family head of the Mo family, her spirit seemed lost, and her mood was down.

Huangfu Feifei, who had also come out to gain some experience, approached her: "Wanqiu, it doesn't matter if you couldn't get it this time. I'll keep an ear out for you, and see where else we might get the Precious Pill of Limitlessness."

"Mmm, thanks..."

Mo Wanqiu looked up and suddenly saw Wang Shouzhe. Her body jolted, and she stood frozen in place.

"Huh, isn't that Master Shouzhe? He was the one who got the Precious Pill of Limitlessness... No wonder, the voice sounded somewhat familiar." Huangfu Feifei's eyes lit up, and she immediately prepared to go over to greet him.

However.

Just as she lifted her foot, Mo Wanqiu took off running past her and arrived in front of Wang Shouzhe then respectfully bowed.

"Wanqiu pays her respects to Master Shouzhe."

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Wang Shouzhe wore a slightly stunned look on his face.

Though he prided himself on his good memory, he had no recollection of this young beautiful woman who had suddenly approached him to say hello.

Qian Xuehan and Wang Zonghao were also taken aback, immediately casting Wang Shouzhe ambiguous glances that only men could understand.

Tsk tsk tsk... who would have thought that Master Shouzhe would turn out to be such an experienced playboy? It had been less than a month since he arrived in the Southern Desert, yet he had already attracted a number of beauties.

Rumor has it that the celestial being of the Tian Yan Painting Boat, after meeting Master Shouzhe once, closed her doors to all visitors, leaving everyone to wonder what had happened. Additionally, heavenly prodigy Huangfu Feifei of the Huangfu Clan also seems to have developed some affection for Master Shouzhe.

Seeing all eyes on him, Wang Shouzhe quickly recovered and politely returned the greeting: "May I know who you are, Miss...?"

Mo Wanqiu was quick to respond with another salute, "Master Shouzhe, you flatter me. I'm Wanqiu, a core disciple under Master Xuanyao from the Purple Abode Academic Palace in Longzuo, and also a junior to Sister Luo Qiu. When Miss Li Yao was accepted as a disciple by Enlightened One Tianhe, I had the honor of seeing Master Shouzhe from afar, which is why I've come to pay my respects."

From the Xuanyao Lineage?

Wang Shouzhe suddenly understood and said, "So you're Luo Qiu's younger disciple. In that case, don't be so formal, just call me 'Senior Brother'."

Technically speaking, Wang Shouzhe was also a named direct disciple of the Changchun Valley Academic Palace at the Purple Abode.

"I dare not," Mo Wanqiu shook her head hurriedly, "As a follower of Miss Li Yao, I would never be disrespectful to the Family Head."

"Li Yao's follower?" Wang Shouzhe asked, slightly puzzled, "When did that happen?"

Normally, taking a follower is a significant event. In some senses, Li Yao's follower is half a member of the Wang family. Therefore, Li Yao should have informed him through a letter.

Before Li Yao accepted Lu Xianghui as her follower, she had indeed written to him, which led him to investigate Lu Xianghui's background, tracing his ancestry back eighteen generations. After confirming the Lu Family was intertwined but honorable, he gave her the go-ahead.

Mo Wanqiu looked slightly embarrassed, her cheeks flushed as she explained, "Miss Li Yao hasn't agreed to this yet. However, I believe that sincerity can move mountains... in my heart, she is already my master."

"Uh..."

Wang Shouzhe rolled his eyes inwardly, surprised to find this young girl was so passionate.

However, he thought it best to leave matters among the younger generation to sort themselves out.

At present, there wasn't much he could say and offhandedly encouraged, "You should work hard then, try to earn Li Yao's recognition."

"Thank you, Master Shouzhe." Mo Wanqiu's spirit soared with excitement, her cheeks flushed as she nodded vigorously, "I will certainly work hard."

"Wanqiu, you also recognize Master Shouzhe?" Huangfu Feifei followed them, her eyes sweeping over both of them before landing on her close friend, a suspicious look in her eyes.

"Fei Fei," Mo Wanqiu responded, a bit embarrassed, as she tugged at Fei Fei's sleeve to whisper, "This Master Shouzhe here is the 'lady's' father that I mentioned to you."

"What?"

Huangfu Feifei was somewhat surprised, and couldn't help but give Wang Shouzhe a few glances, inwardly amazed.

Who would have thought that not only was Master Shouzhe a family man with sons and daughters, but his daughter turned out to be a Great Heavenly Proud!

Alas.... a Great Heavenly Proud daughter, she must have a proud and haughty personality, right? It would surely not be easy to get along well in future endeavors... Ah, that's a headache~

"It seems Fei Fei and Wanqiu know each other... This meeting is surely fate, I should invite you to a meal to celebrate. However, I'm rather occupied today, so I hope we can do this another time," Wang Shouzhe explained, politely bowing to everyone, "I must take my leave, excuse me."

After bidding goodbye to everyone, Wang Shouzhe left Hundred Treasures Pavilion with Old Ancestor Longyan, Wang Shihai, and Wang Shuzhu.

Watching them leave, Qian Xuehan maintained a calm facade, but inside he felt a mix of emotions.

The Heavenly Proud is worthy of being called a Heavenly Proud!

Although he had known from the start about Wang Liyao becoming a disciple of Enlightened One Tianhe, he still envied the attitudes others had towards the Heavenly Proud.

If he had such an exceptional aptitude back then, he wouldn't have needed to lower himself, to forever consent to the dumb woman Cao Li Na, wringing his hands for so many years.

Meanwhile...

At the entrance of the Zuoqiu family's private room, Zuo Qiu scowled while glaring at Wang Shouzhe.

It was that man who had snatched his treasure pill. Not only that, but the rascal was even more handsome than him. This was unbearable!

However, the veiled, icy woman behind him had an extraordinary body, aloof temperament, and exceptional demeanor, truly a rare find.

As Zuo Qiu thought of this, he couldn't help but sneak a few more looks at Old Ancestor Longyan.

All of a sudden...

Old Ancestor Longyan turned her head slightly, her icy, deep eyes gaze briefly touching upon Zuo Qiu.

An invisible, yet palpable killing intent enveloped him, as if he had been targeted.

"Huh?"

Zuo Qiu instantly felt as if he'd been thrown into an ice-cold cellar. His body broke out in cold sweat, his hair stood on end.

This feeling was like being fixated on by a ferocious beast. Any tiny abnormal movement would lead to instant death.

The two mid-stage Heavenly Human Realm elders standing beside him noticed the change in the atmosphere, and also instantly felt the dangerous aura.

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Both of them hurriedly stepped in front of Master Zuo Qiu, staring at Old Ancestor Longyan as if facing a formidable enemy.

Through Qi observation techniques, they could roughly judge that the cold woman's cultivation base was only in the early stages of the Heavenly Human Realm.

However, even such a cultivator in the early stages of the Heavenly Human Realm gave them a hint of uneasiness.

This cold woman was possibly not simple.

"Nothing more than that."

Seeing this, Old Ancestor Longyan hummed lightly, then indifferently withdrew her gaze and turned to follow Wang Shouzhe away.

After she disappeared, Master Zuo Qiu finally came back to his senses, extremely angry: "Arrogant, too arrogant. She dares to look down on us like this..."

"Master Seventy-Nine, please be cautious in what you say." The elder in the Heavenly Human Realm hurriedly advised, "When you are abroad, do not act arrogantly, emboldened by your family's status, behaving without restraint. This woman is only at the early stage of the Heavenly Human Realm, but she gives people a sense of danger."

This either means she herself has a high-ranking bloodline or she possesses unusual techniques, so we should not underestimate her. I advise you not to stir up trouble arbitrarily to avoid unnecessary problems; otherwise, it won't be easy to fool around with the clan rules."

The longer the history of a prominent family, the stricter the upbringing of their descendents, which naturally results in a complete education system and behavior guidelines for the younger generation.

After all, not every expert shows off their strength. The younger generation, with their lack of experience and discernment, may fail to recognize a true expert even when they encounter one.

If the younger generation of the clan, leveraging their background, behaves arrogantly, causing troubles and bullying others, it can easily provoke those they should not provoke, and bring disaster to the family.

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Let's not discuss the subsequent events at the auction.

Wang Shouzhe immediately rushed back to the Wang family's guest residence in the Southern Desert.

It was a very elegant courtyard, with the three ancient seal characters "Immortal Guest Residence" inscribed on it.

While Wang Shouzhe was staying there, even the people from the Wang family of the Southern Desert could not enter at will and had to report before they came to visit.

Under the protection of Old Ancestor Longyan and the puppet Wang Shuzhu in the Heavenly Human Realm, Wang Shouzhe took the "Wuji Treasure Pill" as soon as he returned and then began his meditation.

The Treasure Pill melted in his mouth, like sweet nectar flowing along his meridians, spreading throughout his body.

With each passing moment.

There were earth-shattering changes happening inside Wang Shouzhe's body, and the ancient bloodline factors hidden deep within his bloodline seemed to be gradually unearthed.

Just as every surname in China can be traced back to some important figure in ancient times, the lineage of the human beings in the Great Qian Land could be traced back endlessly. Perhaps, after enough tracing, one could trace their lineage back to some ancient Great Emperor.

However, it was that very endless propagation that has made everyone's bloodlines increasingly dilute and mixed. These ancient bloodlines lie dormant in the body in a very diluted form, and may not wake up in a lifetime.

The Wuji Treasure Pill is a powerful and miraculous dan medicine. It can stimulate the body's functions to a great extent, inducing the awakening and strengthening of ancient bloodlines.

If one only wants to awaken a single level of bloodline, the effectiveness of the Wuji Treasure Pill would be extremely strong, and there would be a very high probability of directly promoting a single level bloodline.

Unfortunately.

Wang Shouzhe is now at the peak of a threefold bloodline, and the stimulative inducement of the Wuji Treasure Pill has become somewhat weak. However, even if it is weak, it can still have some effect.

The faintly enhanced power, like a gentle push on a row of dominoes, initiated a series of chain reactions that brought about tremendous changes in Wang Shouzhe.

His body, like a burning fire, turned red, as strands of white mist rose.

At the side, Old Ancestor Longyan, who was serving as a protector, had a trace of anticipation and tension in her originally cold and clear eyes. In her lifetime, she had seen countless people of all kinds, but only Shouzhe was the most miraculous one she had ever seen.

In just over twenty years, he has changed too many things. There is no one in the Wang family more important than him.

Time continued to pass.

A day and night passed.

When Wang Shouzhe opened his eyes again, he found the world to be incredibly clear. The lush surroundings, the fragrance and moist scent of plants with each breath, made him feel as if he were in the depths of an ancient forest.

This?

Wang Shouzhe was stunned. He seemed to be in the guest room of the Immortal Guest Residence, working on evolving his bloodlines. How did he end up...

No, this is wrong.

This is the guest room in the Immortal Guest Residence!

Wang Shouzhe vaguely recognises this as the room he has been staying in for a month.

But everything has changed. The grass on the ground has grown from the cracks in the floor to over a person's height. The bed, table, chairs, windows, and the pillars and beams in the room, like ancient trees in spring, had all rejuvenated.

They had grown thick branches, laden with leaves.

Even inside the room, many flowers had bloomed or withered, emitting a captivating fragrance. Most astonishing was a bucket-thick pillar branch that had several fat fruits hanging on it, causing the branch to bend under their weight.

Wang Shouzhe's mouth twitched, wondering how these fruits were fertilised.

"Shouzhe, looking at you like this, it seems you have elevated your bloodline to the Spiritual Body," Elder Longyan said excitedly. This was incredibly good news. Shouzhe becoming a Great Heavenly Proud signified that there was a good chance of him rising to the Divine Power Territory.

Having been at the helm of the Wang family for two thousand years, it was impossible to estimate the future development of the Wang family under him.

"Elder?" Wang Shouzhe turned to look and couldn't immediately find her. Upon closer inspection, he realised she was surrounded by a cluster of beautiful flowers.

She was originally guarding at the window, but the wood used for the window was from a certain type of flowering tree. Hence, the entire window had become an ocean of green leaves and flowers.

Unfortunately, she did not dare to disturb Shouzhe's bloodline elevation and could only stand still, ending up being encompassed by a sea of flowers.

Elder Longyan moved the flowers aside and emerged gracefully, her eyes full of joy and gratification. Such a phenomenon would probably be impossible for an ordinary Yimu Spiritual Body. However, she was still slightly worried, "Shouzhe, this phenomena should not be seen by the Southern Desert Wang family."

Although the Southern Desert Wang family were of the same lineage, they were not of the same clan.

It would be better to keep the secret of Wang Shouzhe's elevation to the Great Heavenly Proud. After all, their family had Li Yao, a Great Heavenly Proud, to maintain their facade. If there were one or two more, others might not only feel envy.

"The Elder makes a good point." With a thought, Wang Shouzhe beckoned, and his increasingly powerful God Sense enveloped the room. The plants turned into specks of green light and converged into him, merging into his body.

In a flash.

All the branches, flowers, and leaves in the room withered away, turning into lifeless branches and leaves. Only the plump fruits were casually picked up by Wang Shouzhe. He took a bite; it was juicy and refreshingly sweet. It had the sweet and fresh fragrance of an apple and the tender juiciness of a peach. Although not a Spirit Fruit, it was still a rare delicacy.

"Elder, try this. This unknown fruit is not bad," Wang Shouzhe respectfully offered a few.

Elder Longyan did not eat immediately. Instead, she waved her sleeve, and a surge of frosty air swept across, gathering all the withered branches and leaves into a ball, crunching and compressing it into a fist-sized "wood" bead.

"Boom!" The wood bead was shattered by the frosty force and turned into powder.

The room was much cleaner instantly.

"Wang Shuzhu, come in." Elder Longyan ordered.

The puppet Wang Shuzhu immediately rushed in from the front door and listened to the order.

"Clean this room and try to restore it as much as possible," Elder Longyan said.

"Yes, Elder Longyan." Wang Shuzhu obediently began to work.

He had all the Wang family members' information stored in his memory, and would protect them from danger. However, there was a hierarchy of prioritization among them.

The first priority, of course, was Wang Shouzhe, followed by Liu Ruolan and Elder Longyan...

Seeing Elder Longyan handle the situation so carefully, Wang Shouzhe secretly nodded. He was pleased that the Elder had learned from his teachings and knew how to hide her talents. This was much better than her youthful days when she would resolve problems with violence at the slightest disagreement.

He was truly relieved.

"Shouzhe, do you remember that kid?" Elder Longyan said coldly, "The one from the Zuo Qiu family who dared to leer at me. Previously, I didn't pay any attention to him as there were more important matters at hand. But now... I plan to make him pay."

"..." Wang Shouzhe's face twitched, and he took back his previous thought.

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Ultimately, Ancestor Longyan was still the Wang Longyan from the past - that proud and somewhat domineering girl. As she grew older, and the responsibilities on her shoulders became heavier, she had to constantly subdue her original temperament.

However, no matter what, Ancestor Longyan was the one he respected most. She had sacrificed so much for the family in this lifetime. Even if she acted willfully occasionally, Wang Shouzhe would fully support her.

Wang Shouzhe pondered for a moment and then said, "Does the ancestor mean that she is preparing to eliminate the guy from Zuoqiu?"

"Eliminate?" Ancestor Longyan hesitated slightly, "Although the kid is wretched, his wrongdoing is not severe enough to warrant death. It is enough to teach him a lesson. Moreover, he is from a prominent family of Grade Four, it is not advisable to create an irreconcilable hostility."

"I understand." Wang Shouzhe nodded, "In that case, the matter is simple. That guy's age is not far from mine. In the capacity of a peer, I can directly provoke him for a public match. In this way, regardless of the outcome, we will not escalate the conflict. It can also help to vent the anger of the Ancestor."

Originally, with Wang Shouzhe's temperament, he would not create such a meaningless conflict. If there were any conflicts, he would resolve them if possible. If talks fail and it would be a life or death situation, he would either not make a move or once he does, it would be to solve the "problem".

"Good." Ancestor Longyan wanted to take matters into her own hands, but because of her seniority, it would seem as if she was bullying the youngster if she made a direct move against the Zuoqiu guy.

A moment later.

Wang Shouzhe called Wang Shihai and gave him a brief instruction.

Wang Shihai was somewhat surprised: "Uncle Wang wants to find out about Zuoqiu Qingyun's whereabouts and also beat him up?"

"Zuoqiu Qingyun? That is a nice name..... because of this, there is another reason to beat him." Wang Shouzhe chuckled and nodded, "Shihai, are you scared of the trouble?"

"What kind of trouble?" Wang Shihai immediately puffed out his chest and said proudly, "Although the Zuoqiu family of Qing'an is powerful, its influence only extends to Qing'an prefecture. On the other hand, we, the Wang family from Southern Desert, are one of the three prominent families of the Purple Abode Realm in the Southern Desert."

"Regardless of your high rank, Uncle Wang, you are still a youth under sixty years old. It is normal for young people to bicker amongst themselves. Whether they get beaten or beat someone else, it is all normal. As long as it does not result in disability or death, no elder from a prominent family would easily intervene."

Then, Wang Shihai went on to investigate Zuoqiu Qingyun's whereabouts.

With his numerous friends, he quickly found out about Zuoqiu Qingyun's exact location. It turned out that Zuoqiu Qingyun had been going to pay his respects to the Immortal Tian Yan every evening after hearing of her reputation. He was repeatedly rejected three times.

"Uncle Wang." Wang Shihai looked at Wang Shouzhe with admiration, "It appears that Immortal Tian Yan truly has deep feelings for you. She must be doing all this to make you understand."

Nearly as quickly as he finished talking.

Ancestor Longyan, who was meditating with her eyes closed beside him, slowly opened her bright eyes. She stared at Wang Shouzhe and said quietly, "Shouzhe, have you been to the brothel?"

"That was... just out of curiosity. I went to take a look. I have nothing to do with Tian Yan." Wang Shouzhe remained calm, he had nothing to fear as he was innocent.

Hardly had he finished speaking when.

From outside the Immortal Guest Residence, came the voice of a Wang family soldier reporting, "Master Shouzhe, there is a woman named Immortal Tian Yan here, who has come to the Wang family's place and is requesting to see you. Would you like to meet her?"

With a hint of doubt in her eyes, Ancestor Longyan swept her gaze over Wang Shouzhe, her pretty eyebrows furrowed, "You must not hide anything from me. If there is any problem, let's solve it early. If you want to take a concubine, it's not impossible, but we should plan it well... otherwise if any fights occur later on, I will turn a deaf ear."

"Ancestor, there really is nothing." Said Wang Shouzhe, somewhat exasperated, "Tian Yan is mysterious and there is an uncanny aura about her. She is a woman with an unclear origin and unclear motives. How could I mess around with her? Even if I wanted to accept concubines, I wouldn't fancy her~"

"That's true. With a gem like Ruolan, ordinary women cannot catch your attention. Ancestor Longyan was relieved and nodded, "If you do fancy someone in the future, tell me. As your ancestor, I still have the right to decide for you. Now that I think about it, you only have two sons and two daughters now.

You should have more children~ Even if they are illegitimate children, they are the children of the family head. They won't have a low position in the clan and they can serve as a direct line of continuity to our bloodline in future~"

As if she had hit upon a certain realization, Ancestor Longyan said, "Of course, it would be best to marry a noble lady. In that way, she can be made a concubine and her children would be considered part of the direct bloodline..." As an ancestor, of course, she wanted Shouzhe to have as many descendants as possible.

Wiping a cold sweat off his forehead, Wang Shouzhe quickly interrupted and said, "Ancestor, let's not talk about that. I deeply love Ruolan and she is enough for me. Besides, it is very difficult for the sons of prominent families to marry concubines. There is no point to it."

It is easy in this world to accept concubines, but it is difficult to marry concubines. This privilege is reserved for the royal family. In other words, only those kings who have been conferred titles have the qualification to marry multiple queens. Of course, not everyone has the qualification to be a queen.

For the ordinary descendants of the royal family, they can only have one wife. The others can only serve as concubines. Unless a royal son has obtained the emperor's consent, and personally issues an edict, then he can marry two concubines.

The sons of prominent families are the same. If you want to marry multiple wives, you either have to be conferred as a king with a different surname, so you can "unlimitedly" marry queens within the rules. Or you can apply for an edict from the emperor...

As of now, Wang Shouzhe did not even have the qualifications to write a memorial to the emperor.

Unless he is willing to reveal that he is a genius of the Heavenly Human Realm, and then uses his connections to request an audience with the emperor. If the emperor is in a good mood and is interested, he might, for the sake of the potential of the Heavenly Human Realm genius, spare some time to meet you, give some rewards, encourage you a few words...

However, that's as far as his benefits go.....

Unless Wang Shouzhe, the Great Heavenly Proud, reaches the Purple Abode Realm, the Great Emperor would only take pectily. Only when he truly breaks through to the Divine Power Territory, he'll have the qualifications to see the saint at any time.

The Emperor will take your words and attitude into consideration.

Old Ancestor Longyan frowned slightly at his words, "Indeed it's difficult, but not impossible."

She thought in her heart, once she reached the Purple Abode Realm, she, a Heavenly Proud of Purple Abode Realm, could already be considered to have a bit status. In addition to Wang family upcoming exploits of wilderness colonization, and the large amount of taxes record, a decree for Shouzhe could be applied for.

"Let's not discuss this now." Wang Shouzhe said, "I don't want to get involved with the origin of Tian Yan, it's better to drive her away."

"Let's meet anyway, she might have something important to say?" Old Ancestor Longyan responded, looking thoughtful, "I have heard of that 'Tian Yan Fairy'. She is rumored to be a genius of the Heavenly Human Realm, equivalent to a direct disciple of the Academic Palace. Let's hear what she has to say."

Wang Shouzhe wanted to say something else when...

Wang Shihai excitedly asked, "Let the guard outside the gate invite Fairy Tian Yan in."

Wang Shouzhe couldn't help but glare at him, "What does this have to do with you?"

"You're wrong about that, Great Grandfather." Wang Shihai said seriously, "Just because you don't appreciate Fairy Tian Yan doesn't mean I don't. If you really don't want her, you can play matchmaker for me. After all, I'm not a direct son either, I don't have any engagement at the moment. I don't mind the fact she's older and has higher cultivation..."

"..." Wang Shouzhe was quite speechless, this little demon's skin was getting thicker and thicker. It would be a wonder if that Tian Yan really had an eye for you...

Just a moment later...

A Spirit Platform Realm doorman led Fairy Tian Yan into the Immortal Guest Residence.

Wang Shouzhe welcomed her in the pergola of the courtyard of the Immortal Guest Residence, which was a matter of courtesy. On the other hand, Wang Shihai was hopping around enthusiastically, asking the maids to prepare good tea and fruits, as well as various delicious snacks.

At this point, Fairy Tian Yan seemed a lot slimmer than she had a month ago, and there was a hint of melancholy in her eyes as she looked at Wang Shouzhe.

However, she focused mainly on the Old Ancestor Longyan with surprise in her eyes. She immediately bowed and greeted, "I presume the exceptional lady here must be Old Ancestor Longyan of the Wang family? I, Tian Yan, have heard of Old Ancestor Longyan."

As for Wang Shihai, she naturally disregarded him entirely.

"Tian Yan, your understanding of my Wang family is quite detailed." Old Ancestor Longyan examined her with her eyes.

"To be frank, after Long Wuji suffered a loss at the hands of the Wang family last time, I, Tian Yan, took a detailed look at the Wang family." Fairy Tian Yan looked sorrowfully at Wang Shouzhe and said, "The demeanor of Master Shouzhe is truly captivating."

Wang Shouzhe, while sipping his tea, lightly remarked, "Shihai mentioned that he would like to marry you as his wife, do you..."

Before he could finish...

Wang Shihai was grabbed by Tian Yan by the front of his shirt, and with a perfect arc trajectory, was thrown out of the Immortal Guest Residence. At the same time, her cold voice exploded, "You little brat who hasn't even weaned off your milk teeth, dare to take advantage of me."

"Bang!"

The sound of a heavy object falling came from outside the Immortal Guest Residence.

"Ouch, Fairy..." Wang Shihai groaned miserably outside the courtyard.

"Shut up, if you dare to insult me again, little lady will cut you and feed you to the dogs." Fairy Tian Yan scolded coldly, "Don't come in again, I have important matters to discuss with Young Master Shouzhe."

After scolding Wang Shihai, Fairy Tian Yan's eyes changed and she looked at Wang Shouzhe melancholically, "Young Master Shouzhe is truly heartless, it's been a month, and yet you didn't think to visit me again. Unfortunately, I rushed here to see you as soon as I learned some news that was disadvantageous to you, and you're looking at me with such a cold attitude."

"Disadvantageous news?"

Wang Shouzhe frowned slightly.

"Indeed young master is unfeeling, only focusing on this point..." Fairy Tian Yan lamented even more deeply in her eyes, "Well, I'll cut to the chase. Did you offend that little guy Zuoqiu Qingyun? That kid's been doing dirt behind your back, preparing to make you suffer."

Wang Shouzhe couldn't help but twitch the corner of his mouth, It seems... everyone had the same idea.

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"How did Elder Tian Yan find out about all this?" Wang Shouzhe calmly asked while sipping his tea.

Again, referring to her as Elder?

The look in Fairy Tian Yan's eyes became even more resentful.

This fairy disregarded her own dignity and rushed here with some valuable information to curry favor with you. Yet, you keep addressing her as Elder...

"Although Zuoqiu Qingyun is not of the direct line of the Zuoqiu family, he is still among the leading members of its branch lines. The reason for this is not merely because he has a Purple Abode Master among his direct ancestors, but also due to some other deeper reasons," Fairy Tian Yan drew a deep breath and explained earnestly, "Rank Four Prominent Families are different from ordinary families.

Their greatest strength lies in the fact that after generations of bloodline optimization, the bloodline talent of their descendants is generally very high."

"Besides, considering their large population, each generation of youngsters have no shortage of those with mid-rank bloodline. Among them, some are outstanding, with bloodline rank innate mid-sub-grade or even the rare mid-rank 'A' level, what we often call 'Little Sky Pride'."

"Those of the rank, if they can use one or two Bone Marrow Cleansing Pills to raise their bloodline while in the Vital Energy Refining Realm, and then take a single Treasure Pill, they have a good

chance to transform their bloodline to Top Grade Class C. Such individuals are also quite powerful among the Sky Prides."

"Zuoqiu Qingyun's innate bloodline is only at mid-rank Class C. Despite the blessings received from his ancestors and having taken a Bone Marrow Cleansing Pill, he barely made it to the level of Little Sky Pride, and was therefore excluded from the family's Sky Pride cultivation sequence.

Even in Qing'an College, he's an average core disciple," Tian Yan Fairy stated with familiarity, "Unexpectedly, a few years ago, Zuoqiu Qingyun had a burst of good luck. He reportedly obtained some legacy from an antique, and his bloodline unexpectedly advanced to Top Grade Class C, almost reaching Grade B."

"This is why Zuoqiu Qingyun wants to purchase a Treasure Pill. He wants to attempt a breakthrough to the top-grade Class B bloodline. In this way, his rankings among the ranks of Sky Pride will drastically improve, resulting in a promising future."

Wang Shouzhe frowned slightly, "Listening to Elder Tian Yan, does this mean that the Sky Prides of the Purple Abode families are not innate Sky Prides? They all rely on improving their bloodline afterwards?"

"Innate Sky Pride? That would be a top-grade bloodline at birth, and naturally awaken a double bloodline..." Fairy Tian Yan's expression became extremely serious, "Such bloodline talents usually only occur in Third Grade families or above. These families will design a series of training plans for the innate Sky Prides.

The first goal is to spare no effort to cultivate them to the threefold bloodline level in the Qi Refining Realm, so that they can reach top-quality aptitude. Such individuals, once upgraded to the Spirit Platform Realm, would be viewed as Great Heavenly Prides with a fourth tier spiritual body."

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Wang Shouzhe was quite speechless.

He didn't expect innate top-grade bloodlines to be so rare.

Then, his wife Liu Ruolan is truly an anomaly among anomalies. Not yet born, by virtue of an Innate Tao Fetus Spirit Seed, she directly became a top-grade Class A bloodline.

And their daughter, Wang Liyao, was also born with a top-grade Class B bloodline.

According to Tian Yan's statement, Ruolan and Liyao's bloodlines, even if placed in the Third or Second Class Aristocratic Families, would be highly valued. Because with such a bloodline, as long as the family is willing to invest resources, it is almost certain to reach the level of a Great Heavenly Pride.

However, it is true. Both Liu Ruolan and Wang Liyao became Great Heavenly Prides without much effort. Especially Ruolan, whose progress has even confused Wang Shouzhe. After absorbing some energy from the Elemental Water Spiritual Pearl, she inexplicably became a Great Heavenly Pride.

Moreover, she has always been very lazy on the path of cultivation. Most of her energy is spent on their children. Even though her cultivation attitude has been less than enthusiastic, her cultivation base has always been a step ahead of his....

This made Wang Shouzhe seriously question whether this so-called "Great Heavenly Pride" or "top-quality aptitude" was really her limit?

"Master Tian Yan seems to have a vast knowledge." Wang Shouzhe was somewhat more cordial towards her as he cupped his hands and respectfully asked, "What is the aptitude called that is above top quality?"

"?" Fairy Tian Yan's eyes blinked, and she gave him a white-eyed glance, "Master Shouzhe, you dare to seek the forbidden. But fine, I'll tell you the truth. Above the top-quality aptitude is the 'Innate Spiritual Body' aptitude, it refers to the frightening aptitude of being able to reach the Fourth Level Spiritual Body even in the Vital Energy Refining Realm.

However, in reality, the limit for us Da Qian Humans is to have a threefold bloodline at the Vital Energy Refining Realm, and a four-level spiritual body at the Spirit Platform Realm."

"Unless you have extremely special treasures and opportunities, it is impossible to reach the Innate Spirit Body Level." After a slight hesitation, Fairy Tian Yan lowered her voice and said, "In fact, as far as I know, there are currently two types of inheritance in Da Qian that can lead to the attainment of the Innate Spiritual Body; both are exceptionally difficult.

This involves the struggle for the fate of Da Qian and the contest for the inheritance of the Sacred Land. Those who are eligible to participate in the inheritance contest are called 'Quasi Emperor's Son', and the latter is called 'Quasi Sacred Son'!"

"There are three conditions to become a 'Quasi Emperor's Son'. First, the royal bloodline; second, Purple Abode Realm cultivation; third, top grade Class A talent, that is, the best of the best among the Great Heavenly Proud."

"Master Shouzhe, you have already come into contact with Long Wuji, so you should understand that the Emperor's Road is now in sight... The future will undoubtedly witness a turbulent era." A strange light flickered in Fairy Tian Yan's eyes. "The sooner you align yourself..."

"Master, be careful with your words," Wang Shouzhe abruptly interrupted her, his gaze solemn. "My Changning Wang Clan is merely a minor 7th-rank Prominent Family. The House Feud is a major issue, and my Wang Family can't afford to be involved."

Wang Shouzhe finally understood why Fairy Tian Yan had taken an interest in him.

No doubt, Fairy Tian Yan was also allied with a certain "Quasi Emperor's Son", and most likely not on the same side as Long Wuji. This was a consequence of the rapid development of the family and the exceptional performance of the youngsters in the Academic Palace.

In particular, the exposure of Wang Liyao, a Great Heavenly Proud, made the potential of the Changning Wang Clan incalculable. As a result, the Wang family entered the vision of these top forces.

In short, they wanted to win over the Wang Clan and thereby win over Liyao, the Great Heavenly Proud, in order to boost their chances in the future battle for the title of Emperor's Son.

But the struggle for the Emperor's Son involved too many things.

Not to mention a minor 7th-rank Prominent Family like the Wang Clan, even a 5th-rank Prominent Family could shatter into pieces if it were not careful once involved in these vortexes.

Upon seeing Wang Shouzhe's resolute refusal, a hint of disappointment flitted through Fairy Tian Yan's eyes.

Although the Changning Wang Clan is only at the 7th rank, its future is boundless with just Liyao, the Great Heavenly Proud.

Moreover, the Wang Clan itself also has considerable potential, with several Heavenly Prouds suspected to be in the Clan. In terms of value and potential, it is much stronger than most 5th rank Prominent Families.

"Master Shouzhe's caution is admirable," said Fairy Tian Yan seriously through her veil, "But the struggle for the Emperor's Son will inevitably shake the entire nation. Few families of 5th rank and above can avoid being sucked into the vortex. I hope that Master Shouzhe, while observing, will make the decision as soon as possible to avoid becoming cannon fodder in the conflict."

"Thanks for your advice, Fairy." Wang Shouzhe bowed in salute.

He knew very well that for opportunists, the sooner you join, the greater the benefits when victory comes, and the family can rise to greatness with it.

However, the Wang Clan has its own development plans, and it is not wise to get involved in the succession struggle too early.

Even if it is eventually going to be swept into it, it must be after making full preparations, not being passive like now.

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"That being the case, let's not discuss that matter any further. As for Zuoqiu Qingyun, he was somewhat rebellious in his youth and became overbearing after a fortuitous encounter. Plus," Tian Yan spoke with grave eyes, "he has been promoted to a direct disciple within Qing'an College, taught by the powerful Master Yaoguang."

"Born into a Grade Four Prominent Family, he has a Purple Abode Realm ancestor and a Purple Abode Realm Master in the Academy." Wang Shouzhe nodded, "He certainly has the audacity, but It doesn't mean he can do whatever he pleases."

"Indeed, the Academy has its rules, and the prominent families have their own ways of surviving. However, Master Shouzhe, have you heard of an organization called 'Sky Pillar'?" Tian Yan asked in a serious tone.

"Sky Pillar? I've never heard of it. But the name sounds stronger than Jiaolong Gang and others." Wang Shouzhe shook his head but became more vigilant inside.

"It's normal you haven't heard of it. 'Sky Pillar' was established less than a hundred years ago and always operated low-key, but their foundation and strength are extremely powerful," Tian Yan spoke with a reduced voice, "From what I know, people of Sky Pillar contacted Zuoqiu Qingyun secretly, hoping to win him over.

Zuoqiu Qingyun is still hesitant, but this time, he secretly asked Sky Pillar to do something... and I, by coincidence, know about this."

"Interesting." Wang Shouzhe chuckled, "It seems, elder Tian Yan, you have a high position within Sky Pillar."

"Not particularly high. I'm just cleverly maneuvering to serve some inevitable matter." Tian Yan laughed softly, "Zuoqiu Qingyun doesn't know that you, Master Shouzhe, are also our target to win over. This matter, after some careful deliberation by me, Sky Pillar refused Zuoqiu Qingyun's request."

"So, are we in debt to Sky Pillar?" Wang Shouzhe frowned slightly.

"No, you owe me a favor." Tian Yan's eyes sparkled tenderly, her delicate hand extended a piece of paper, "Zuoqiu Qingyun has been pestering me time and again that's too annoying. Consequently, I secretly arranged to invite him to the place... If you are not convenient to act, just say a word, I can act on your behalf."

"I've delivered the message. I'll take my leave now." She bowed to Wang Shouzhe and Old Ancestor Longyan and was ready to leave.

After she had left.

Old Ancestor Longyan spoke gravely, "Shouzhe, could this be a trap?"

Holding the faintly fragrant paper, Wang Shouzhe squinted his eyes, "I wouldn't call it a trap. From what Tian Yan has said along with the overall situation, Sky Pillar blatantly wants to drag us into the fray. If we act against Zuoqiu Qingyun, we'll be making a deal with Tian Yan that could backfire. In essence, we would be drawing together. This is exactly the result Tian Yan hopes for."

"Colluding with that inscrutable woman Tian Yan is bound to end badly." Old Ancestor Longyan frowned, "We should avoid dealing with Zuoqiu Qingyun for now lest we fall into Tian Yan's trap."

"That wouldn't work either. The wind always blows when the tree wants to rest. Since Zuoqiu Qingyun has already developed malicious thoughts, there will be a second time after the first. If Sky Pillar fails, they may find others." Wang Shouzhe's eyes flashed, "There's a saying, one can only be a thief for a thousand days, not guard against one."

"Secondly, now that Tian Yan has decided to betray Zuoqiu Qingyun, she's not likely to stop halfway. Judging by her character so far, she's not the type to leave things undone," Wang Shouzhe continued, "even if we remain inactive tonight, Zuoqiu Qingyun would still meet his doom. Once the truth comes to light, will the Zuoqiu Family believe that we are innocent?"

"We are stuck between a rock and a hard place." the Old Ancestor Long Yan coldly put, "Should we just let Tian Yan hold us hostage? I'd rather act directly and take care of all these evil spirits." A chilling intent to kill disseminated from her body.

"Old Ancestor, don't worry." Wang Shouzhe said calmly, "We can't afford to offend the Sky Pillar right now. However, as long as we haven't chosen our side, Sky Pillar wouldn't want to offend us for nothing."

"From the current situation, two power blocs are emerging from the struggle for the Emperor's son. One includes Long Wuji and even Cao Youqing. And the other is Tian Yan and the members of Sky Pillar. Behind them, the two quasi Emperor's sons must be silently observing from afar."

"Since Sky Pillar made contact with Zuoqiu Qingyun, is it possible that the other group has tried to win over Zuoqiu Qingyun as well?"

"With Zuoqiu Qingyun and Tian Yan in such connivance now, is there a chance that Zuoqiu Qingyun was bought over by Sky Pillar and planned to support the Sky Pillar camp? If I were the competitor, would I think that since I couldn't get him, I would destroy him?"

"You mean..." Old Ancestor Longyan lifted her eyebrows slightly, "You are planning to blame this on the quasi Emperor's son from Long Wuji's side?"

"Sky Pride Cao Youqing has always been hot-tempered and totally loyal, it is only rational for him to eliminate his opponents for his quasi Emperor's son." Wang Shouzhe a glimmer of a smile in his eyes, "Why should that fairy who has been hiding in the dark, fiddling unknown tricks not be held accountable for her actions? It's also a good thing to let her do all the busy work.

In the worst case, we'll just muddy the water."

"And this time Tian Yan, planning to ensnare us with her wiles, she can't just get away with it."

After a moment of consideration, Old Ancestor Longyan said, "Shouzhe, it's a good plan. But I've only battled with Cao Youqing once, I don't think I can mimic her moves very well. Especially her Purple Xiao Sword intent of sky thunder, I can only imitate some of its connotations~ I'm afraid it might not deceive people."

"Old Ancestor, Cao Youqing is Sky Pride, would she dare to reveal her true identity if she kills?" Wang Shouzhe laughed softly, "If I were Cao Youqing, I would certainly try my best to hide my identity and Purple Xiao Sword intent of sky thunder. Only by inadvertently being forced to reveal some traces~ that's the most reasonable outcome.

Old Ancestor, you don't need to exert the whole Purple Xiao Sword intent of sky thunder."

"..." Old Ancestor Longyan was speechless, feeling a bit of sympathy for Cao Youqing in her heart. This poor thing, how did she manage to cross Wang Shouzhe? Think about the fate of Wang family's past enemies... Cao Youqing would definitely regret her actions in the end. And that siren Tian Yan, she will probably not end well either."

In the meantime.

Wang Shihai was finally granted permission to enter, he looked regretful and said, "Fourth Grandfather, why did Fairy Tian Yan leave so soon?"

"Shihai, your timing is perfect." Wang Shouzhe patted his shoulder, "There's an important task that needs the devilish cunning of you and your mischievous friends." Then, he whispered a few words.

"What?"

Wang Shihai was furious, "Zuoqiu Qingyun even threatened to force Fairy Tian Yan into a private meeting?"