

Slaughter 71

Chapter 71 - Take Advantage of Their Weakness!!

“Shi Jian! You old man!”

Mo Tuo’s eyes were filled with endless hatred. With a raging roar he suddenly stormed towards the arena, and thundered, “You killed my Zhan and destroyed my family’s future hope. I WILL bury you by his side!”

Mo Zhan’s death truly provoked him. Mo Tuo didn’t even care about the rest of the Martial Competition. He straightaway rushed towards the Shi family

As Mo Tuo made his move, all the distraught members of the Mo family also stood up. They all rushed into the arena and sprinted towards the Shi family.

“Mo Tuo! My two grandsons are still lying on the ground!” Shi Jian was in violent rage as he also rushed forward. Staring coldly at the approaching Mo Tuo, he sneered, “You were totally calm when you were winning, but lost your temper as soon as you were defeated? Hmph! If you can’t afford to lose, then don’t participate in the Martial Competition at all!”

“Calm down all of you!”

Beiming Shang’s expression was stern as he stood up. Suddenly the temperature around the arena dropped by considerable degree as frigid air started emitting from his body.

Even though the sun was at its height, all the warriors around the arena felt chilly.

“Stand down!” Mo Tuo suddenly turned back his head and shouted to the grieved members of the Mo family.

To this the dedicated warriors and masters of the Mo family were unwilling, but under Mo Tuo’s cold gaze, everybody retreated back to their places.

“Shi Jian, would you dare to fight solo with me!” When the people of the Mo family backed away, Mo Tuo suddenly roared from the middle of the arena.

“Woah! No way?”

“Now this is gonna be quite a show! A battle between two family heads!”

“I didn’t come thousands of miles in vain, this time the arena is truly splendid!”

The crowd was totally excited as they looked at Shi Jian in expectation.

“Why not?” Shi Jian sneered, and also stepped into the center of the arena. He greeted Beiming Shang and said, “Beiming Family Head, Mo Tuo and I will have a fair fight, I’m sure this is not against the rules?”

Frigid air was seeping from Beiming Shang’s body. He groaned and furrowed his brow for a moment, and then slowly sat down, shaking his head, he sighed, “Why bother you two? But if you really wish to fight, I wouldn’t stop you. I only hope that you restrain yourselves and don’t hurt others.”

Shi Yan was totally unfazed by the recent developments and was sitting nonchalantly at the Shi family's side. Seeing that Shi Jian had also stepped into the arena, his eyes furrowed deeply, knowing that this time it wouldn't end easily.

However, just when the two were about to fight to the death, the entire Tianyun City seemed to shake for a second. In the far distance, the tall stone tower of the Misty Pavilion, which was dozens of meters high, instantly toppled down.

Even from thousands of meters away, one could see the silhouette of a female above the tower, wearing a black crape and a bamboo hat.

This was clearly a very stunning woman.

She was just like a goddess, with her hands above her head, as if holding something.

That piece of the sky looked like it was time-warped, with masses of strange air flooded the clouds.

From the clouds, some mysterious power in the river of time turned into pillars of light, and all of a sudden stormed down from the heavens, shooting directly into the woman's upheld hands.

An earth-shakingly strong force suddenly spread out from the woman's body.

Thousands of meters away, the warriors in the arena could all feel the terrifying force coming from her.

Streaks of exotic beams abruptly shot out from her body. Due to the great density of the beam, it was as if multiple rainbows were wrapping around her.

"Sky Realm master!"

"Who is this woman? So powerful!"

"What is happening? Why is there another Sky Realm master in the city?"

All the people in the arena were totally focused in her direction, completely forgetting Mo Tuo and Shi Jian's fight.

In the blazing hot sunlight, the woman with the perfect body raised her hands in mid-air.

Suddenly an enormous radiant hand emerged from the sky, and violently smashed down like a mountain.

Under that gigantic hand, a black dot was forming, which was slowly increasing in size...

Gradually, that black dot formed into the silhouette of a person.

The god-like giant hand, spreading over hundreds of meters, smashed down on the ground with immense force. The silhouette of the person formed from that black dot, suddenly warped and disappeared into streams of dark light.

"Boom!"

The enormous hand completely destroyed the three, twenty-meter high Misty Pavilion towers. The rigid Green Iron towers became metal scraps, flying everywhere.

The woman in the black crape and bamboo hat stood in the air above the ruin of the Misty Pavilion for a moment, and then flew towards the arena.

In merely a few seconds, she arrived above the arena, condescendingly looking at the crowd below. With her angel-like voice, she said, "Half of the map is on my hands. Mo Family Head, if you really want it, just come and take in upfront; no need to play tricks in the dark."

"Our Mo family didn't do it!" Mo Tuo looked up at her and roared, but there was a flash of surprise in his eyes.

Mo Tuo was only at the Third Sky of the Nirvana Realm, but this woman could walk in mid-air, which was a trait of Sky Realm warriors!"

How could Mo Tuo not be afraid?

"Miss!"

Two giant men pushed their way among the crowd, and immediately appeared outside the arena.

In mid-air, the floating goddess-like woman pointed at Mo Tuo and commanded, "Teach him a little lesson."

"Yes, Miss!"

The two giant men roared as their muscles suddenly bulged. They were already two meters tall, but instantly grew by some centimeters while exerting power, with dark thick hair suddenly growing on their bodies.

In a flash, the two men turned into what looked like rabid beasts, their eyes filled with a bloodthirsty and murderous look.

The two giant men suddenly dashed out, the strong Green Iron rubble exploding into pieces everywhere they went!

"Who are you? This is the Merchant Union's arena; we will not allow you to cause trouble here!" Beiming Shang suddenly roared into the heavens, frigid air seeping from him.

Howling, Beiming Shang also flew into the air.

Balls of strange blue flames flew from his body. Those flames shortly condensed into blue fire clouds. These icy clouds, along with the power to freeze the heaven and earth, shot towards the woman.

"Beiming Shang, is it?" The woman's voice was still sweet as she said indifferently, "The Misty Pavilion's business has nothing to do with you! Your Beiming family can act like an overlord in the Merchant Union, but in the Endless Sea, you would not even be a third-rate family! You better know your place!"

"Arrogant!" Beiming Shang raised himself into mid-air and stood across from the woman, his face as cold as glacier. He sneered, "I would like to see exactly how capable you are, since you dare to bluster with your wild arrogance!"

The cloud-like [Polar Ice Flames] surged towards the woman like tides.

The woman snorted as she suddenly rose up, and disappeared into the mass of clouds. After a long moment her voice rang out, "Come and fight up here, don't harm the innocent."

"Alright!" Beiming Shang shouted, his body also shooting high above the sky, and disappeared in the clouds.

Thundering roars came from the heavens, as if it was the end of the world.

Everyone in the arena knew that Beiming Shang had started fighting with the mysterious woman, but sadly, no one could see this fight.

"Boom boom boom!"

The two towering men had, by then, surrounded Mo Tuo, and ruthlessly started beating him.

These two big men were like iron giants, their bodies extremely sturdy. They weren't afraid of the arms thick strands of lightning, and kept bombarding Mo Tuo in the midst of the lightning strikes.

Strikes of lightning flew in the sky like an electrical dragon. The lightning came from Mo Tuo, fifteen strands in total, and they formed a closely-knit electrical web, charging at the towering giant men.

"Mo Tuo! Give up the treasure map, or else don't blame me for attacking the Mo family members!"

Mu Xun's voice came from a corner of the arena. He had brought a group of masters from the Medicine Valley, and walked towards Mo Tuo step by step, his expression grim.

"Mu Xun! The treasure map isn't with the Mo family! Release Chaoge now, or else you're not going to walk out of Tianyun City alive!" Mo Tuo was furious, even under the joined forces of the two giant men, he could still give out threats.

"Alright then! You forced me to do this!" Mu Xun's voice was cold, and he said to the Medicine Valley masters beside him, "Kill everyone in the Mo family!"

Then Mu Xun also sprinted out, his body like a beam of light, he joined the forces of the two giant men and bombarded Mo Tuo.

"Pop pop pop! Boom boom boom!"

The electrical dragon moved around in the sky. The two towering giant men were like monstrous beasts. One of them grabbed two millstone sized Green Iron pieces, and whenever he got near Mo Tuo he would throw the thousand-jin piece of Green Iron at Mo Tuo.

TL Note: A Jin 斤 is a little more than a pound.

In a short moment, the whole arena was filled with lightning and flying stones. Fire spread everywhere and silver lights scurried around.

In the crowd, those that were struck by the electric dragon turned into a crisp, while those that were struck by the stones turned into a pulp.

The fight among these masters had turned everything into chaos!

Many of the warriors cursed, shrieked and roared as they all tried to get out of the way.

Those with low capability simply escaped the God Stone Square in a panic, afraid to stay and watch the show.

The masters from Medicine Valley took advantage of the situation and stormed towards the Mo family, attacking its descendents and warriors.

However, the Mo family's descendents and warriors were undaunted. They weren't afraid of the Medicine Valley's attacks, and firmly suppressed those that came at them.

Now Shi Jian actually seemed like an outsider.

In the arena he watched the Mo family suffer in surprise, but inside, he was as delighted as ever.

"Grandpa, do it now!" Shi Jian stepped forward, and said firmly.

"Do it now?" Shi Jian froze, then furrowed his brows: "You mean?"

"Mo Zhan is dead. Mo Tuo will surely seek vengeance! Rather than letting the Mo family recover and strike us, why not take advantage of their weakness! You can cooperate with Mu Xun and those two to kill Mo Tuo while we will hunt down the second and third generations of the Mo family. It's best if we completely cripple the entire Mo family today, so they would never have a chance of revenge." Shi Yan said cruelly.

"Big brother! Shi Yan is right! Mo Zhan is already dead and Mo Chao is probably not going to live either! At this point, we should just screw it all and do it! Screw the Martial Competition, take out the Mo family first!" Shi Tie came up and growled.

Shi Tian Luo and Shi Tian Yun were both heavily injured, still laying on the ground. He had already suppressed his anger, but now that the perfect chance was here, Shi Tie couldn't hold himself back anymore.

Han Feng was also here, and he nodded at Shi Jian.

"Beiming Shang is kept busy right now, so the Beiming family has no one in charge. Without his permission, no one in the Beiming family would help the Mo family. This is a golden opportunity! If we miss this chance we'll never get it again!" Shi Yan gave in another word of encouragement and said, "Grandpa, you guys kill Mo Tuo, and I will take care of Mo Qi and Mo Yanyu, who severely wounded brother Tian Luo and brother Tian Yun. We can entirely destroy the Mo family bloodline!"

"Kid, you sure are ruthless enough!" Shi Tie smacked Shi Yan, and before Shi Jian agreed he rushed out and shouted, "Mo Tuo, you old dog, today you will die for sure!"

Once Shi Tie exited, Shi Jian stopped hesitating and said to Han Feng, "Idiot, protect Shi Yan!" Then he also stormed out and roared, "Mo Tuo! It's time to settle it between us!"

Chapter 72 - Each With Their Own Schemes

The whole arena was in a mess!

Mo Tuo was besieged by many masters. Those that Mu Xun brought from Medicine Valley also hounded people from the Mo family.

In the Shi family's area, once Shi Jian and Shi Yan took action, the masters of the Shi family also sprinted up and attacked the Mo family members.

In a short moment, the arena broke out into a war.

None of the warriors who came to watch the Martial Competition expected the event to go down this way.

When the big fight erupted, many furious powers vented out their enmity and ruthlessly attacked their enemies, embroiling many innocents. Because of this, in just few minutes, a number of warriors were sent to their death.

The bystanders could no longer sit still.

Seeing the two families slaughtering each other, very few people decided to stay and continue watching. They all hurriedly retreated from the God Stone Square, afraid that they might become a target in the slaughterhouse.

The retreat of the bystanders was very swift. Now the only people present in the God Stone Square were those from the five big families.

The Beijing family was merely the observers. In the absence of Beiming Shang, the Beiming family decided to only be a spectator, not aiding either of the families.

Beiming Ce stood in silence in the Beiming family's tower. He was closely watching the besieged Mo Tuo, and occasionally gazed at the Mo family members who were attacked by the Shi family.

"Young master, what should we do? Keep watching?"

Beiming Ce's eyes flashed coldly as he spoke, "Mmmhmm, we don't need to entangle ourselves in this dog fight. Let them chase among themselves; whatever the outcome, it wouldn't affect us in the least. We will directly curb the one who loses in the end and take away their inheritance. With our influence in the Merchant Union, we will be the prime benefactors."

"You are wise, Young Master. But, should we stay?"

"There's no need." Beiming Ce suddenly smiled, "Let's go back, staying and doing nothing wouldn't be that great after all. We're not joining the fight anyway, so let's go back and arrange things a little. Let's go."

Upon hearing that, all the masters from the Beiming family nodded in unison. Led by Beiming Ce, they all retreated from the God Stone Square.

Now, in the arena, only four families remained: Zuo, Ling, Mo and Shi. The Shi and Mo families were fighting, while the Zuo and Ling families were merely the spectators.

Unknowingly, Shi Yang arrived at where the Zuo family was. He bowed to Zuo Xu and said, "Uncle Zuo, I hope you could please keep an eye on the Ling family during this fight."

Zuo Xu casually replied while sipping his tea, "Don't worry, the Zuo and Ling families always had feud between us. If the Ling family dares to make a move, we won't be sit still either. Rest assured and do whatever your Shi family wants. The Ling family won't be problem for you."

"Thank you, Uncle Zuo."

"It's nothing, whether it be business or personal affairs, the Zuo family and the Shi family have always been allies; of course we would take some pressure for you." Zuo Xu nonchalantly said. He gazed at where the Shi family was assembled, and asked in confusion, "Where's Shi Yan, that little brat? Why haven't I seen him?"

Shi Yang was surprised and also looked around, realizing that there truly was no sign of Shi Yan. He shook his head and gave a wry smile, "That kid was just there, now who knows where he's gone."

"Watch that kid! The brat is very good, he's gonna be the future hope of your Shi family, you can't afford to lose him." Zuo Xu said.

"Haha, Uncle Han Feng is keeping an eye on him, no need to worry, Uncle Zuo."

"Hmm, alright then." Zuo Xu smiled, and while glancing at Zuo Shi next to him, his smile looked a little strange, "Xiao Shi is also quite fond of your Shi Yan."

Shi Yang's expression bloomed, and he nodded: "I'll be going then, Uncle Zuo."

When Shi Yang was gone, Zuo Shi's face flashed in confusion, and she said, "Grandpa, when was I fond of that guy? What are you bullshitting about? Sending that Dragon Turtle Armor was your idea too, it wasn't just me who wanted to help him, sheesh."

"Haha, whatever, same thing." Zuo Xu seemed like he was in a good mood, and he told the Zuo family members, "We will stay here for now and watch the Ling family for the Shi's. If the Ling family dares to get involved, we don't need to act kindly to them either. Hehe, after today, the situation in the Merchant Union is really going to turn upside down. We can't let the Ling family take any benefits."

At the Ling family's side, the head of the family, Ling Jue, frowned silently.

The masters of the Ling family were all standing behind Ling Jue. Seeing that he hadn't spoken yet, these people were all on guard, as if silently waiting for his decision.

At the Mo family's place, all their members were surrounded by the people from Medicine Valley and the Shi family. Their situation was turning from bad to worse.

Suddenly, Mo Chao Tian broke through and quickly rushed to Ling Jue's side; kneeling down on one knee he spoke in panic, "Uncle Ling, please let the Ling family step in! My father is besieged by many masters, he might not last long. We are also being chased by people from Medicine Valley and the Shi family, it's getting harder and harder to hold up. Uncle Ling, for old time's sake, please help our family, the entire Mo family will always remember your favor."

Ling Jue furrowed his brows and lightly sighed. He said in frustration, "Chao Tian, it's not that I don't want to help, but the Zuo family hasn't made a move yet. Once our family gives aid, the Zuo family will immediately spring up. The reason why I haven't done anything yet is because I'm watching the Zuo family for you guys."

“But if this continues, the Mo family might not be able to withstand it any longer!” Mo Chao Tian said in fear.

“If the Ling family cuts in now, it would force the Zuo family to get involved too; it would be useless.” Ling Jue shook his head. He hesitated for a moment and then shouted: “Shao Feng! Bring some people and bring Yanyu back here. Yanyu is your future wife, she can’t die!”

“Yes!” Ling Shao Feng called out and fiercely sprinted out, accompanied by some of the warriors from the Ling family.

“Chao Tian, Yanyu is your daughter, and the daughter-in-law of the Ling family. I will protect her for you. As for the rest, sigh, I really can’t help. I can only promise you that I will make sure the Zuo family won’t step in to go against the Mo family, this is all I can do.” Ling Jue said in frustration.

Mo Chao Tian was in a daze. He deeply gazed at Ling Jue, and after quite a while finally turned away in grief, silently returning to the Mo family’s battle.

“Big brother...” Ling Jie Qing whispered hesitantly. He said, “If we don’t help, the Mo family will definitely lose heavily this time. Mo Tuo might develop a hatred for us.”

Ling Jue’s expression was calm as he sat there and lightly took a sip of tea. He lowered his head and said, “Younger brother, at this time, we cannot be reckless. Zuo Xu won’t easily let us join the fight. Besides, the Misty Pavilion has a Sky Realm master. She is going against the Mo family, if our family steps in, we won’t get anything good out of this. Also, this is an opportunity, Mo Zhan is dead, and Mo Qi is in danger. Yanyu will be the hope of the third generation of the Mo family. If Yanyu becomes our family’s daughter-in-law, our Ling family can openly take the Mo family’s properties when they get in a dangerous situation. And if one day Yanyu becomes the head of the Mo family, with her status as the daughter in law of the Ling family, hehe...”

“Good scheming, big brother.” Ling Jie was stunned for a while, then he finally nodded, “I was thoughtless, big brother. You are one that strongly considers the future.”

“Yes, we only need to protect Yanyu, the rest we don’t need to care about.” Ling Jue raised his head, and squinted towards the fight in mid air, saying, “When Yanyu gets here, we can go back. This time the odds are against Mo Tuo.” He sighed, “Who would’ve known that the Misty Pavilion hid a Sky Realm master, Brother Mo, it’s not that I don’t care about our friendship, just that you’re truly in back luck.”

“Grandpa Ling! I beg you to save my grandpa!” Mo Yanyu was brought back. Once she arrived at the Ling family’s side, she immediately knelt down, tears marks streaked down the sides of her cheeks, “If you don’t help now, my grandpa might not be able to last long! Grandpa Ling, please! As long as you give in your aid, I will marry Shao Feng right now!”

“Yanyu, it’s not that I don’t want to help, I just really can’t.” Ling Jue shook his head. He stood up and said, “In the future you will understand the painstaking decisions I am making now. Everything I am doing is for you and Shao Feng! Brother, take away Yanyu, we are going home.”

“Yes.” Ling Jie suddenly appeared behind Mo Yanyu. He hit her once, and the breathlessly crying Mo Yanyu suddenly went limp and fainted.

“Head of the Zuo family, I think that this Martial Competition can go on no more. Hmm, we are going back in advance, how about the Zuo family?” Ling Jue looked at the far away Zuo Xu and shouted loudly.

Zuo Xu was surprised, then secretly cursed out at the old fox. He also smilingly stood up and said: “We were also going to go, why, should we go together?”

“Sure thing, I was just going to chat a little bit with master Zuo, then we shall go together?” Ling Jue nodded and replied with a smile.

In the arena, the Ling and Zuo families had been sitting still as mountains. However, at this crucial moment, as if they did not see the chaos inside the arena, the two heads of the families walked side by side, and with their subordinates behind them, headed straight out of the God Stone Square.

Those remaining in the God Stone Square were only the onlookers who thought that they were strong enough to bear the aftershocks of the battle, the Mo family, the Shi family and the people from the Medicine Valley.

Chapter 73 - The Change in the Fallen God Stone

Shi Yan was roaming the God Stone Square leisurely.

Wherever there was a body, he would appear. His presence would cause the body to completely dry up and become devoid of any Profound Qi in mere seconds.

Because of the devastating battle, many nearby warriors felt the brunt of it.

Those warriors of Elementary and Nascent realms were the most affected, for they couldn't block the aftershocks from the battle between the Nirvana Realm warriors. Once they became entangled in their battle, there was no hope for them.

In just a few minutes, Shi Yan roamed around the God Stone Square and harvested all the Profound Qi from seven Elementary Realm and four Nascent Realm warriors.

Only Human Realm warriors were somewhat lucky to escape, as they could withstand the aftershocks generated from the battle, not receiving any life threatening wounds.

Therefore, there wasn't any corpses of a Human Realm warrior, which was very disappointing to Shi Yan.

Due to the mysterious power that could absorb the Profound Qi from the corpses into his meridians, Shi Yan hoped for more chaos. He was continually encouraging Shi Jain to fight against the Mo family in person so to increase the casualties, enabling him to enter the Human Realm faster.

Han Feng was lingering ten meters away from him like a ghost.

Wherever he went, Han Feng would follow him like a shadow, least he created some trouble.

Ten meters away, Han Feng was staring at Shi Yan with eyes filled with confusion.

During the nasty battle, Shi Yan was acting weirdly. Han Feng couldn't figure out what Shi Yan was pondering; he didn't ask as he was just there to protect his young master in case of an accident.

Shuttling through the God Stone Square, Shi Yan would always stand beside the corpses for a while.

Although he saw the corpses undergoing some strange changes, Han Feng didn't care about it as he thought those dead warriors must have been poisoned and it was just taking effect now.

He never could have thought that such strange changes were actually caused by Shi Yan.

"Ahhh!"

Not far from Shi Yan, the God Stone suddenly collapsed and a painful cry was heard.

Hearing the cry, Shi Yan became ecstatic and he rushed over.

Under that collapsed God Stone, a Nascent Realm warrior was taking his last breaths.

The warrior was unfortunately hit by one of Mo Tuo's lightning bolts, however he seemed to possess some sort of defensive Martial Skill which had sustained him till now.

Shi Yan looked indifferent when standing beside the collapsed structure. Even from ten meters away, Shi Yan could feel the highly dense Nascent Realm Profound Qi coming from the injured warrior.

In just a few minutes, the warrior was sucked dry and Shi Yan harvested another batch of Profound Qi.

Han Feng was secretly watching Shi Yan in confusion from another corner of that collapsed stone.

It's so weird. Has anyone been using poison? Why did they all die in such a strange way?" Shi Yan shook his head and looked up at Han Feng, "Uncle Han, there must be someone here in the arena with his own purpose."

Han Feng nodded with approval, but was still perplexed.

"Paa!"

Lightning, as thick as an arm, flew over like a dragon and hit the structure heavily.

"Chee chee chee!"

As the lightning flashed on the collapsed structure, a layer of dim moonlight suddenly came out of that mountain-like stone.

That dim moonlight had created a strange but cool atmosphere, but the moonlight quickly disappeared and everything returned to normal.

Shi Yan and Han Feng, who were standing near that structure, had watched the whole process.

"Mmm!"

Shi Yan let out a soft sound and walked towards that collapsed structure frowning. He stretched out a hand and pressed on this mysterious stone.

Under the blazing sun, the stone was cool to the touch. It was as if the stone had been accumulating moonlight over thousand years and was carrying the coolness of the night.

And it was as heavy as an average metal.

Sensing it for a while, Shi Yan couldn't find anything out of the ordinary about the stone. He released his hand and asked Han Feng, frowning, "Uncle Han, did you see the stone shining for a few seconds just moments ago?"

"Yes." Han Feng nodded softly and walked up as well. He touched the legendary stone himself and remarked, "No change, maybe it's because Mo Tuo's lightning struck it just now."

"Yeah, it must have something to do with Mo Tuo's Lightning Martial Spirit." Shi Yan agreed as he couldn't figure out anything special. There was still a bit of suspicion left in his mind, however since he couldn't come up with anything now, he didn't give it a further thought.

"Mo Family members! Disperse and go home!" Suddenly, from the battle arena, came Mo Tuo's angry order.

Shi Yan looked in the direction from where the sound came.

Under the relentless attacks, Mo Tuo looked to be in a difficult situation; his back was severely bleeding and he seemed to be heavily wounded.

He didn't continue to fight after Shi Tie's severe strike and dashed towards the far away commercial street in a hurry.

Mu Xun, Shi Tie and Shi Jian immediately gave a chase without saying a word.

Those two tower-like men hesitated for a second, but ultimately stood in the center of the arena, not intending to kill anymore.

Those Mo family members also didn't dare stay in the arena after Mo Tuo's command, running away in all directions separately.

Shi Yan was calmly standing behind the God Stone and watching the surroundings. He saw the old man with unkempt hair from Poisonous Dragon Valley jealously protecting Mo Qi with Li Han, running towards a block of houses to the south of the God Stone Square.

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"We can't let Mo Qi live." Shi Yan took a deep breath and said to Han Feng, "If the grass' root isn't pulled out, it will grow when spring comes. We have to take out Mo Qi."

If the grass' root isn't pulled out, it will grow when spring comes.

Han Feng frowned and repeated that sentence twice, and finally understood. His eyes sparkled as he softly said, "Young Master Yan is indeed capable of great things"

Without saying anything, Shi Yan walked away from the fallen God Stone and gave chase after Mo Qi.

Shi Yan soon exited the God Stone Square. Just as he was about to enter the narrow streets between the houses, he found Shi Yang and some Shi family members chase from behind too.

"Big Uncle, I will take care of Mo Qi, you go after the others." Shi Yan yelled from afar.

Shi Yang was stunned as he saw it was Shi Yan who was giving chase. He reprimanded, "Where have you been till now? Don't you know it's chaos in the arena? Your grandpa will peel my skin if you have an accident!"

"It's fine." Han Feng appeared from behind Shi Yan and responded softly.

Seeing Han Feng behind Shi Yan, Shi Yang relaxed and smiled, "Well, you go after Mo Qi and I will go after Mo Chao Tian."

Then he nodded at Han Feng, ran up to another road, and dashed away.

A quarter of an hour later.

On a small street in the south region, Mo Qi was in a murderous mood as he focused on running.

Suddenly a shadow appeared in front of him.

At the corner of the street ahead, Shi Yan leaned against the tone wall with a sneering smile on his face, and said casually, "Mo Qi, are you tired? Yeah, you can have a rest now."

Mo Qi suddenly stopped with a ferocious face, "Shi Yan! You killed my brother, you must pay for it!"

"Pay for it?" Shi Yan's mouth widened and shook his head, "Mo Zhan is not too far away, you may catch up to him if you are fast enough. I came to see you away."

"Young Master Qi!" Li Han showed up from behind Mo Qi, and beside Li Han stood the Bloody Hand, from Poisonous Dragon Valley of the God-blessed Empire.

"Kill him!" Mo Qi pointed at Shi Yan and said angrily, "He has to die!"

"Let the younger generation solve their own problem. You'd better not get involved." Han Feng suddenly popped up his head from a house, looking at Bloody Hand and Li Han coldly.

"Bloody Hand from Poisonous Dragon Valley?" Shi Yan gazed at that old man and suddenly remarked, "You refined that Blood Qi Pill? Well, Poisonous Dragon Valley is literally the cradle of degenerate alchemists who only know how to make degenerate pills."

"Kid, you are seeking death!" Bloody Hand frowned as his face turned rigid suddenly. He grunted, "I had no qualms about getting involved in your Shi family and Mo family matter. But now that you are so arrogant, how about tasting my Poisonous Dragon Valley skill?"

"Young Master Yan, you take care of Mo Qi, Bloody Hand and Li Han are mine." Han Feng announced softly and flew down from the roof as light as a feather and stood between Bloody Hand and Li Han.

"Hehe, you think we, Poisonous Dragon Valley, are that lame?" Bloody Hand smiled cunningly and immediately swallowed a strange pill, which was as big as a longan, and as crimson as blood.

After having that pill, Bloody Hand's eyes suddenly turned red and his jumbled hair stood at its ends, while dense smell of blood came from his body.

Han Feng's face changed suddenly, "Young master Yan, go home right now!"

“Li Han, Mo Qi, kill that arrogant kid. I will take care of the old man.” Bloody Hand broadened his mouth in a smile, and licked his lips with a horrifying expression.

“Uncle Han, be careful.” Shi Yan was on alert as he realized something strange from Bloody Hand’s change. He took a glance at Han Feng and Mo Qi, and ran towards the Green Moon Lake as fast as possible.

Before Han Feng could take off, Bloody Hand dashed forward and an intense bloody air suddenly enveloped him and prevented him from leaving.

Li Han and Mo Qi looked at each other and chased in Shi Yan’s direction without a word.

Five minutes later.

On another street, Li Han and Mo Qi paused suddenly. Mo Qi said with a ferocious face, “Kid you are not running away? Are you tired of living?”

“I had said I will stop your Mo family from having descendents! I can’t break my promise.” Shi Yan stood at the entrance of the street, looking grim.

Wisps of white smoke were suddenly emitted from his body. The negative energy gushing from him gave off a murderous impression, like he was a bloody God of Slaughter from the Shura Blood Sea.

Since Han Feng was not with him, he could finally use his real ability now.

Chapter 74 - Taken Care Of!

Standing at the end of the alley, Shi Yan’s body was emitting an extremely malignant pressure; but his heart however, was pure and his eyes serene.

Three millstone sized [Gravitational Fields] appeared behind him and by his sides. They were invisible and traceless as no one else except for him could detect them.

Negative energy poured out from his meridians and filled his whole body. Shi Yan’s once sturdy body clearly became a lot thinner.

This was the first time that Shi Yan completely displayed [Rampage].

The biggest change he felt was that his spiritual sense could now perceive the slightest details and his mind was absolute calm.

Li Han slightly furrowed his brows. Looking at Shi Yan in front of him he always felt a little recognition, but when he thought deeply, he couldn’t remember where he recognised him from.

On Mo Qi’s two arms, strands of lightning as thick as fingers were formed, and his facial expressions became more and more ferocious.

“Uncle Li!” Mo Qi roared.

Li Han’s expression froze, his body suddenly popped loudly. The sounds of his joints were like waves hitting upon the shore, gushing with momentum.

“Whoosh whoosh whoosh!”

A swirl of wave-like white lights swiftly flowed out from Li Han’s body.

Li Han’s hands constantly pulled at the void space, and those white lights were like actual tides, stirring waves in thin air, and it abruptly rolled towards Shi Yan.

“[Sea Cloud Roll]!”

Li Han stood firmly and yelled with a serious face.

In front of him, the waves folded in layers. Between him and Shi Yan there was suddenly a choppy river flow, the crushing waters in the river was controlled by his will, as if he wanted to drown Shi Yan right in front of him.

“Roar!”

Mo Qi growled and the strands of lightning wrapped around his arms became tongue-flicking snakes. They slithered above the waves and charged towards Shi Yan while releasing electric flashes.

Shi Yan’s heart was still as clear as a mirror. He remained unmoved from the oncoming attacks.

Just when the waves formed from Profound Qi were five meters away from him, Shi Yan suddenly took three steps back, his body submerged into the previously formed [Gravitational Fields].

Controlled by his will, the two [Gravitational Fields] on his left and right suddenly drifted a few meters forward and suddenly merged together!

“Thump thump! Bzz bzz bzz!”

The [Sea Cloud Rolls] released by Li Han and the electric snakes from Mo Qi directly clashed into the middle of the big [Gravitational Field] that was formed by the two smaller ones. Weird sounds came from inside that [Gravitational Field].

Those [Sea Cloud Rolls], formed by Profound Qi under a special martial skill, all of a sudden strangely turned into thin mists. It was as if the Profound Qi was dissolved in the [Gravitational Field] and became natural energies, dissipating into the earth.

The electrical snakes shot into the [Gravitational Field], as if influenced by the strange whirlpool. These snakes actually became intertwined and continuously whirled in that area. They just weren’t able to escape the restraints of the [Gravitational Field].

In Li Han and Mo Qi’s eyes, it looked as if their attacks were stopped in mid-air. With their attacks unable to move forward, this appeared very strange to them.

The two froze. Confused by the sudden development, they were both caught off guard.

Shi Yan’s murderous attempts were always clear. When noticing that the [Gravitational Field] was enough to stop the attacks of the two opponents, his mind was struck with an amazing idea.

He moved the [Gravitational Field] that stopped the attacks and slowly pushed it forward!

Now the swirling electric snakes were quickly charging towards Li Han and Mo Qi.

Li Han's expression changed, he finally realized it was Shi Yan who was secretly manipulating their attacks. He quickly stopped his Martial Skill and pulled out a sharp silver-white sword from his waist.

Once the sharp sword was in his hands, it looked as if it was tinted with a layer of color. The sword suddenly turned a strange light purple color, with purple marks appearing on the blade.

Li Han flicked his wrist and all of a sudden, the sword shone with a bright purple light. A three meter long fierce purple aura suddenly shot from the tip of the sword.

With a straight face, Li Han shouted, and raised his sword to strike down.

"Bzz bzz!"

The sword aura and the blade directly slashed onto the [Gravitational Field].

But the [Gravitational Field] remained unaffected. The lightning that came from Mo Qi was still suspended from above, and all at once, dropped onto Li Han.

Li Han shouted in pain, and hurriedly tried to retreat.

Shi Yan suddenly moved!

Like a thrusting spear, Shi Yan's body stabbed straight towards Mo Qi.

Mo Qi's expression changed, and he hurriedly backed away in fear.

"Mo Qi!" Shi Yan roared while coming towards Mo Qi.

Mo Qi instinctively looked towards Shi Yan.

Endless bloodlust was shown inside Shi Yan's eyes; it looked as if countless evil spirits were about to fly out of his pupils. Those evil spirits were drenched in blood; you could even clearly see their fragmented hearts in the chests as they rushed to pounce at Mo Qi.

Mo Qi was suddenly stunned, he blanked out in this crucial moment, right where he stood.

"Puchi!"

The five fingers on Shi Yan's left hand were like a sharp blade, stabbing right into Mo Qi's chest, and pierced his heart in one strike. Shi Yan's five fingers came straight out of Mo Qi's back.

Mo Qi shook under the piercing pain, his eyes instantly turned back and his consciousness returned.

"Mo Zhan is still waiting on the death road for you, take care." Shi Yan looked at him emotionlessly, and abruptly drew out the hand from his chest.

"Whoosh!"

Blood gushed out from Mo Qi's chest like a river bursting at its banks. Shi Yan quickly dodged the blood flow.

"Thump!"

Mo Qi's life force was extinguished, and he fell on his back with blood still endlessly rushing out his chest.

"Young Master Qi!"

Li Han, who was numbed by the lightning, screamed out loud, his face full of terror. It was as if he couldn't believe how Shi Yan got rid of Mo Qi so fast.

"Don't yell, he'll be waiting ahead for you too." Shi Yan turned around, he suddenly raised that blood-covered left hand, and waved it at Li Han. "This is the blood from Mo Qi's heart, do you want to know how it tastes like?"

Li Han's face suddenly changed, and he shouted, "Shi Yan, you're seeking your own demise! You're only at the Nascent Realm, you have no chance against me!"

"Are you trying to add courage to yourself, with your capability that's higher than my Nascent Realm? It's no use, today I will use you to break into the threshold of the Human Realm!"

Using his mind, Shi Yan's silently shifted the [Gravitational Field] to beside Li Han and suddenly enveloped him within it.

In mere seconds, Li Han felt like he was in the deepest whirlpools in the ocean, his body uncontrollably swaying along with the whirlpool.

Even his Profound Qi was no longer in his control.

"Back when we were in the Stone Woods, I already wanted to kill you, but you released the blue smoke bomb before I could." Shi Yan walked towards him step by step, his body wrapped in white, fabric-like mist. He took a quick step and flew out into the [Gravitational Field].

Once he entered the whirlpool, the white mist that was present in the whirlpool quickly entered Li Han's body under the rapid rotations.

"You! Ding Yan! You are Ding Yan!!" Li Han's expression changed, he suddenly screamed.

"It was the Mo family that took action first, you can't blame me for being harsh." Shi Yan hopped into the center of the whirlpool, standing closely in front of Li Han, his blade-like fingers grabbing Li Han's throat.

"Crack!"

The crisp sound of bones breaking came from Li Han's neck, as he died unwillingly.

The [Gravitational Field] quickly disappeared!

The negative energy filled with the fear, desperation, and loathing from Li Han and Mo Qi all flowed into the meridians in Shi Yan's body.

In a minute, both Li Han and Mo Qi became two dry corpses, their Profound Qi gone without a trace.

Shi Yan took a deep breath. He let his mind calm down, and closed his eyes to listen to his surroundings, there was not a single sound.

One hand carrying Li Han and another with Mo Qi, Shi Yan ran swiftly along the alley. He sprinted through the alley like a ghost.

Ten minutes later.

Shi Yan arrived at the Moon Lake, in an area where no one went to. He threw the corpses of Li Han and Mo Qi into the lake, watching the two corpses sinking to the bottom.

The look on Li Han and Mo Qi's dead bodies was too obvious. To prevent anyone from noticing his secret, he had to properly take care of their corpses.

At this sensitive time, he couldn't reveal his identity.

The Beiming family was still trying to find him.

To look out for the Beiming family, he had to continue hiding his true identity. He could only take care of business more conveniently while in the dark.

"Splash!"

As Shi Yan was standing there in a daze, a breathtakingly gorgeous face suddenly appeared in the middle of the Moon Lake.

This was a startling beauty, her temperament was elegant, noble, and extraordinary, like a goddess of the Moon Lake that came down from the heavens.

This woman was wearing a black crape, the crape now clung tightly to her perfect figure, revealing her most tempting curves. Now that stunning body rose slowly to the surface of the lake, like a beautiful bright moon.

Her body surfaced from Moon Lake. Once that figure completely rose from the waters, she stepped on the lake water, her beautiful brows slightly furrowed, she walked towards the shore with elegant grace.

Shi Yan stared with wide eyes, this was the first time he was truly intoxicated by a woman's beauty.

This woman, whether it be her body, temperament, or beauty, was completely on another level compared to Mu Yu Die.

"The mysterious woman!"

Just when the woman was about to walk up onto the shore, Shi Yan's heart shook, and he suddenly realized who this woman was.

The unknown Sky Realm master who appeared above the arena.

Shi Yan's bright eyes were focused on the mysterious and graceful woman, who was walking on the lake towards the bank, step by step.

Suddenly she coughed out blood and her body shivered, as a trace of hopelessness passed through her eyes.

As Shi Yan watched, the woman's face grew pale and her eyes dimmed. Just as she was about to reach the bank, that mysterious woman suddenly trembled and fainted.

Shi Yan quickly realized that she must have been severely injured by Beiming Shang.

After realizing this, Shi Yan immediately rushed towards the lake and caught the mysterious woman before she could drown.

The touch of that exquisite body intoxicated Shi Yan so much so that he was barely able to bring the woman up onto the bank.

Shi Yan felt for breath under her nose and found her to be breathing steadily; there was a strange energy growing in her and nourishing her body bit by bit.

As the bloodthirsty desire welled up in his mind, Shi Yan's quickly realized he was in a precarious situation as the negative energy was on the verge of exploding.

He had absorbed too much negative energy and as it was at the crucial period of purification, his meridians were emitting greater amounts of negative energy.

Holding this mysterious woman in his arms, Shi Yan's expression shifted continuously.

After a long while, Shi Yan finally came up with an idea.

He tore a piece of cloth from his coat and covered the woman's gorgeous face, then directly ran to a brothel with the woman in his arms.

The mysterious woman was a Sky Realm warrior and she had been injured by Beiming Shang. Therefore, she would be considered to be an enemy of Beiming Family!

In the Merchant Union, the Beiming Family was still the most influential power, as no other family could compete with them for now.

This woman was so mysterious and her cultivation realm was high; Beiming Shang would be very unsettled as long as this woman was alive.

Shi Yan was determined to let her live on!

Tonight, Tianyun City would not be tranquil. Beiming Shang would certainly send out his experts to search for this woman, and Shi Yan would have to protect her until she woke up.

As the negative energy in him grew stronger and stronger, and as he had such a beautiful woman in his arms, he was barely able to control his desires.

However, he knew that he couldn't do anything to the woman, or the Shi family would be annihilated after she woke up!

A quarter of an hour later.

Carrying that mysterious woman with her face covered, Shi Yan directly walked into the Misty Rain House, in the south of the Tianyun City, and yelled, "Madam, get me two pretty girls! Quickly!"

"Hua! Hua! Hua!"

Shining purple crystal coins rolled out of Shi Yan's pocket onto the counter of the first floor of the Misty Rain House.

"Coming!"

A 30 some years old sexy woman with heavy makeup and a professional smile on her face popped her head out from upstairs.

After a quick glimpse at the purple crystal coins, she burst into loud laughter, and replied happily, "Master, please come up the third floor, I will arrange the girls for you right away!"

"Good."

Shi Yan nodded and followed the woman up to the third floor with the unknown woman in his arms.

"Yan Yun, Rou, hurry up! Come to Room No.3 and give this master your best!" The brothel Madam laughed seductively and showed Shi Yan into a room, as she shouted to the girls.

"Madam, we will be there right away!"

From the room at the upstairs corner came a sweet response.

Before long, two pretty teenage girls with seductive eyes entered Shi Yan's room.

"Master, you brought another girl with you? Huh? You think the girls in my Misty Rain House can't satisfy you?" The Madam stood in the room and examined the mysterious woman with her sophisticated eyes and couldn't help but giggle, "You are very interesting! I've never seen anyone bring a girl by himself."

"Hmm, I'm rather powerful at 'that' and have special tastes. It would be more fun to have one that I brought!" Shi Yan glanced at the Madam and said indifferently.

The Madam kept smiling and looked at the mysterious woman again, smiling knowingly to herself.

Naturally, she guessed that the woman must have been grabbed by Shi Yan and he was going to take her virginity in the Misty Rain House. In case that woman couldn't endure it the first time, he got two girls to satisfy him.

The Madam had seen such occasions many times, so she could handle it easily. She nodded and said, "Yan Yun, Rou, take care of this master. And try your best to satisfy him!"

"Don't worry Madam. We've been in this industry for so long, we know how to make our clients happy." That girl called Yan Yun looked at Shi Yan with a big smile and softly licked her lips, "Master, I will make you comfortable."

“You disappear!” Shi Yan couldn’t suppress his desires anymore. After a deep breath, he yelled to the Madam.

“Great! Master, enjoy yourself! Call me whenever you need more girls.” The Madam seductively turned around and walked back to the door with a face full of smiles, and considerately closed the door.

Shi Yan then put the woman onto the soft carpet.

Putting one of his hands on the woman’s back, Shi Yan found that the strange power in her had already flowed over her whole body, speeding up the circulation of her Profound Qi.

Furrowing his brows, Shi Yan quickly figured out that this woman must have taken some rare pills, which were taking effect even while she was unconscious. The pills were recovering her injuries quickly and making her Profound Qi operate automatically, in order to wake her up as soon as possible.

“You two, come with me.”

So many streams of negative energy were gushing out from his meridians and he couldn’t stand it anymore. Quickly, he wrapped the two girls in his arms and pushed them onto the bed, which was covered with a red quilt.

After an unknowingly long time.

Slowly, Shi Yan woke up to find his eyes extremely clear, as he could now precisely feel the wisps of mysterious energy coming out from his meridians.

Part of the mysterious energy had seeped in his blood, flesh, bones and veins, and the remainder had congregated in his dantain.

This mysterious energy had made his Profound Qi become extremely dense and fresh.

Under the control of his will, his Profound Qi was boiling in his body like a spring tide.

Holding his breath, Shi Yan went into meditation, clearing his mind of any thoughts and letting his Profound Qi flow freely in his body.

After a long time, Shi Yan’s body shook, and he immediately woke up.

His senses were different all of a sudden.

Closing his eyes, Shi Yan could clearly sense the essence of the air between heaven and earth. The essence was everywhere in the air, though he couldn’t sense it before.

But at this moment, he could clearly perceive its invisible movements!

His Profound Qi had become extremely accurate as well, as it would fly out swiftly from the middle finger of his left hand at his will.

With a thought, his Profound Qi skipped continuously. It came to life and turned into a blade of grass, a magic snake, and then a flying worm.

Feeling the essence in the air, and refining everything in the world.

This was Human Realm!

Shi Yan's mouth formed a joyful smile. In delight, he slowly stepped off the bed.

He took a look back at the bed and realized it had become a mess. Two naked, white bodies were spread upon it, with a satisfied smile on their faces. They were deep asleep.

These two women were not warriors and seemed to be unable to bear his mysterious energy. As he ejaculated, that mysterious energy didn't come out, for it had already been absorbed by Shi Yan.

With a little surprise, Shi Yan turned his head back and without hesitation walked over to the mysterious woman slowly.

Bright moonlight was coming through the window. It was late at night.

Shi Yan stretched out his hand and examined the woman's back, only to find that she was recovering at an unbelievable speed!

At this speed, she would wake up at dawn.

Tonight Beiming Shang must be searching for her everywhere, however he would have never believed that she would be in a brothel.

After tonight, this unknown woman could recover up to 80 percent, and then she could go to anywhere in Tianyun City.

How is Han Feng?

Shi Yan suddenly remembered Han Feng. If he escaped from Bloody Hand, he would be looking for Shi Yan everywhere. Once he couldn't find Shi Yan, he would assume that he was killed by Li Han and Mo Qi.

After all, Han Feng didn't know Shi Yan's real ability, while Li Han was a Human Realm warrior!

Shi Jian regarded Shi Yan as the treasure of the Shi family, therefore, once he knew that Shi Yan was dead, he would do everything he could to get revenge.

After a thought, Shi Yan decided to leave quickly and return home.

As his hand stroked the woman's back, it finally came to the cloth that covered her pretty face.

Lifting a corner of the cloth, Shi Yan revealed her cherry-like lips. He smiled unexpectedly, went up, and pressed his lips on hers.

An intoxicating fragrance was coming out from that woman's mouth...

In just a short moment of inhaling it, Shi Yan felt rather refreshed and found a comfort he had never experienced before. He couldn't suppress his desire again.

Moving his mouth away unwillingly, Shi Yan raised his head and gazed at her with emotional eyes, and mumbled, "Well, I saved your life, this kiss is my reward."

After that, Shi Yan opened the half-closed window and swiftly jumped out.

His figure moved in the dark night for a moment, faded into the dim moonlight, and finally disappeared.

Chapter 76 - Exquisite Figure

The sky was dimly lit.

In the main room of the third floor in Misty Rain House, Xia Xin Yan slowly woke up.

A pair of eyes as clear as water were filled with confusion. She looked around the room and finally saw the bed draped in red duvet covers.

Xia Xin Yan's heart shook. She abruptly sat up on the carpet, and looked at the bed in panic.

On the bed, the two girls from the Misty Rain House, Yan Yun and Rou, were completely naked. The whole room was filled with a strange scent.

Numerous thoughts flashed through Xia Xin Yan's mind. She hurriedly checked her own body, and realizing she was still untainted, she finally sighed in relief.

Her fight with Beiming Shang had injured her quite seriously. When falling into the Moon Lake, she only had the time to take a Nutrition Pill.

It was due to the improper distribution of the medicinal powers of the Nutrition Pill that she had suddenly fainted and fell unconscious while walking up onto the bank.

Her memories just before she fainted slowly became clear, and she remembered seeing Shi Yan standing at the bank of the lake...

That was the last thing she could remember before she fainted.

Xia Xin Yan felt something on her face. She reached out to grab it and found the piece of cloth that Shi Yan used to cover her gorgeous face.

Looking at the sweaty and stinky rag, Xia Xin Yan furrowed her brows, and she became even more confused.

What happened?

Xia Xin Yan stood up, gazing at the two sleeping girls on the bed, and groaned. She then pulled out a white handkerchief from her sleeve to cover her face again. Finally, she walked to the door and pushing it open, shouting, "Is there anyone here?"

"Coming right up!" The voice of the Madam rang out.

In a short moment, the Madam, who had previously led Shi Yan into this room, came up smiling.

Once she arrived into the room, the Madam nervously peeked at the bed, and suddenly shouted in surprise, "Hey, where's that young master?"

"Young master?" Xia Xin Yan furrowed her brows, and a strange light flashed across her eyes. "Where is this place? Who brought me here?"

"Miss, you don't remember anything?"

The Madam was dazed, her makeup-caked face was filled with a strange expression. She scanned Xia Xin Yan from head to toe, then suddenly laughed, "Miss, that young master couldn't have possibly just wiped his ass and left after violating you? Ha, I have no idea who that young master was, you better not give me shit for this."

Xia Xin Yan's expression froze, her slim hand smacked the table in the room.

"Boom!"

That solid wooden table was instantly crushed, wooden chips and sawdust spreading everywhere on the floor.

The Madam's face immediately changed, and she almost cried on the spot. With a terrified voice she yelled, "It's not my fault! I didn't do anything! Miss, please let me go!"

"I asked you; what is this place? And who brought me here?" Xia Xin Yan's eyes were filled with impatience.

"So what happened was..."

The Madam sobbed, and fearfully described the whole process in which the things happened. She kept shaking her head in denial, "Miss, I really had nothing to do with it! Please forgive me!"

She had only thought that Xia Xin Yan was violated by Shi Yan, and worried that under the mask of rage on Xia Xin Yan's face, something bad would be done to her. So the Madam kept crying and begging.

After hearing the Madam, Xia Xin Yan was shocked and her expression was very strange.

Who was that person?

He took me to the brothel, but totally ignored me and audaciously sought pleasure. He really is the most perverted bastard in the world!

Xia Xin Yan had hundred percent faith in her beauty!

Growing up, she had seen too many different men who coveted her beauty. She knew exactly how fatally alluring she was to men.

That was the reason why she always concealed her face, to prevent unnecessary complications.

That person was obviously a very perverted guy, she could see it from the fact that he brought her to a brothel. But this extremely perverted guy only had sex with the two tacky makeup-caked prostitutes and didn't make a single move on herself?

Why?

While feeling very confused, Xia Xin Yan also felt a slight bit of rage.

I'm not as good as these two prostitutes? Is he fucking blind?

"It's not my fault! It's really not my fault!" The Madam continued to beg, she kept yelling, but secretly kept observing Xia Xin Yan's attitude at the same time. Then she hesitatingly asked, "Miss, what did that kid do to you?"

Xia Xin Yan's eyes turned cold as she glared at the Madam.

The Madam felt a chill run down her body. She started shivering and didn't dare to ask anything more.

Xia Xin Yan thought for a while, and finding the sky slowly turning bright, jumped off the same window from which Shi Yan had earlier exited.

On the street, her figure flashed for a few seconds, then disappeared without a trace.

The Madam blankly stared at her disappearing silhouette, and secretly sighed in relief. After quite a while she murmured to herself, "I've been the Madam here for this many years, but I've never seen a woman with such a beautiful figure. That young master sure had a lot of luck, being able to seek pleasure on such a high-class woman."

The Shi family, in the Stone Room.

Shi Jian was furious as he roared in rage, "Find him! You all have to put in all your strength into finding him! Everyone put the Mo family to the side, you have to find Shi Yan first! Don't come back if you can't find Shi Yan!"

The Shi family masters, Shi Tie, Shi Dang, and Han Feng all lowered their heads, their expressions dejected.

"Master, it's all my fault, I couldn't protect Young Master Yan." Han Feng lowered his head, but his eyes looked sinister, "Xie Shou's medicine could only last for two hours, now that it should have worn off, I will bring you Xie Shou's head."

"Xie Shou cannot walk out of Tianyun City alive!"

Shi Jian's eyes were blood red, with a murderous look he said, "But right now we don't have time to take care of Xie Shou, Shi Yan is the most important issue! Everyone go to that place, and even if you have to dig up the whole Tianyun City, you have find Shi Yan! He has another Martial Spirit so he won't die that easily. You all have to search for him with all your efforts!"

"Another Martial Spirit?"

The faces of Shi Tie and Shi Dang were full of surprise. At this moment, they finally realized why Shi Jian was so furious.

Warriors with twin Martial Spirits were one in ten thousand. Each one of such warriors would all eventually become outstanding figures!

This was why Beiming Shang arranged Yin Kui and Jiu Shan to protect Beiming Ce.

A family descendant with twin Martial Spirits, if under normal circumstances, would definitely become the future leader of the family. They can bring a family to new heights.

If such a figure suddenly died, it would become a painful strike to a family!

“Big brother, I will go find him myself!” Shi Tie also realized the seriousness of the situation, his face darkened, and was about to immediately leave the Stone Room.

“Master, Young Master Yan is back.”

Right at this moment, Han Zhong appeared out of nowhere and said excitedly, “Young Master Yan is fine, he’s going to arrive at the Stone Room soon.”

“Hahaha!”

Shi Jian laughed into the sky, his expression turned from a thunderstorm to a sunny sky, “I knew that kid would be okay! Look, didn’t he come back in one piece?”

Shi Tie and the rest were all making weird faces, thinking, Who was it that was drowned in anxiousness, and looking so panicked as if his parents had died or something?

“You killed those two?” Shi Tie was shocked. He looked at Shi Yan with disbelief, and said in surprise, “Li Han was a Human Realm warrior! You were able to kill him?”

“I suddenly broke through into the Human Realm during the fight, then everything became easy.” Shi Yan smiled nonchalantly.

After hearing that, many Shi family warriors in the room were all stunned, their jaws dropped, and stared at Shi Yan with strange expressions.

Shi Jian dazed for a second, then he rushed towards Shi Yan and grabbed his arm. After detecting for a while, he suddenly laughed, “The Gods have not wronged the Shi family! I knew you little brat was some good stuff! Good good! Seventeen years old and in the Human Realm! The nurturing we gave to you did not go in vain! You will definitely become an outstanding figure of this generation!”

“What happened to Mo Tuo?” Shi Jian furrowed his brows and asked.

“Heavily injured! He went back to the Mo family with his [Blood Escape] skill, but he won’t be able to recover for three years! Now he’s probably hiding in his shell in the Mo family, he wouldn’t dare to leave the Mo family for a while.” Shi Tie sneered, and spoke indignantly, “If it weren’t for those two guys from the Misty Pavilion stopping their chase, Mo Tuo wouldn’t have been able to escape. Too bad we couldn’t kill Mo Tuo.”

“It’s good enough. This time Mo Tuo is heavily injured, Mo Zhan and Mo Qi are dead, and many warriors from the Mo family were also killed. From now on, the Mo family will never have what it takes to compete with our family again! Hmph, now is the time for us to take as much spoils from the battle as possible! Father, should we go all out?” Shi Dang said.

“Pass my command, the masters from all the other surrounding cities, from now on they must immediately attack the strongholds of the Mo family! The ones from Tianyun City should also take action now. Other than the headquarters of the Mo family, you can mercilessly attack all the rest of the places!” Shi Jian roared.

The Zuo family.

In the secret room, Chi Xiao’s expression was a bit embarrassed, but his face showed a wry smile.

Zuo Xu was sipping his tea, and he was also frustrated. He sighed and said, “Whatever, who could’ve known that girl was a Sky Realm warrior. Now we have to use other methods.”

“That girl’s actual combat ability should be around Disaster Realm, Third Sky. But her Martial Spirit is very strange, it’s like she could borrow power from her past life, and temporarily step into the Sky Realm. It’s very frightening! This Martial Spirit has never appeared before; it looks like the Endless Sea is truly an extraordinary place.”

Chi Xiao frowned, and sighed in frustration, “That girl could instantly raise her power to the Sky Realm, probably no one in Tianyun City could easily take that fragment of the map from her. Although I’m not scared of her, I don’t want our fight to be mutually destructive either. If that were the case, my identity would be revealed, and that old fox Beiming Shang would definitely notice something.”

“Hopefully the Misty Pavilion doesn’t know that we did this. Or else the situation could get really sticky.” Zuo Xu sighed.

“What’s going on with the Shi family’s side?” Chi Xiao moaned, and then suddenly asked.

“I will communicate with Shi Jian about this. Then, after the situation becomes less tense, I will send someone to the Misty Pavilion, and hopefully we’d be able to cooperate. Sigh, that girl could instantly jump to the Sky Realm, so I guess this is all we could do.”

“Hmm, it’s the only way. I hope that girl won’t hold a grudge against me. Sigh, I really feel a little guilty fighting a little girl.”

Chapter 77 - Pounding Energy

As the sun rose, Xia Xin Yan returned to the Misty Pavilion.

The two towering giant men were already waiting in the Misty Pavilion. Seeing that she had returned, they immediately rushed up, asking urgently: “Mistress, are you hurt?”

Shaking her head, Xia Xin Yan answered, “I’m fine, the Yang family’s Nutrition Pill is truly a unique elixir of the Endless Sea, I am alright now.”

The Misty Pavilion covered a large area, and there was around a dozen different towers. Although a few had collapsed this time, it still didn’t affect the normal operations of the Misty Pavilion.

Entering into the highest Treasure Tower, Xia Xin Yan went to level nine attic.

Kro bent down, and spoke while gritting his teeth, "How dare that Beiming Shang hurt you! Mistress, what do you want to do with the Beiming family next?"

"We don't have to take care of the Beiming family right now."

Xia Xin Yan looked indifferent, "I came here this time for the treasure map to the Gate of Heaven, the Beiming family isn't my main motive. Beiming Shang is in the Sky Realm, and I am only in the Disaster Realm. Even if I use my Reincarnation Martial Spirit, I can barely put up a fight against him. After this, if Beiming Shang is sensible enough, he won't mess with the Misty Pavilion. If not, then once the Shura King Xiao Han Yi gets here, I will make Beiming Shang pay for what he's done!"

"Mistress, the Sky Realm warrior that came this time, should... shouldn't he be from the Mo family. If the Mo family had a Sky Realm master, they wouldn't have been bullied by the Shi family." Kro hesitated, and said weakly.

"I know it's not someone from the Mo family." Unexpectedly, Xia Xin Yan actually nodded, and agreed to Kro's judgement.

"Then Mistress, why would you attack the Mo family?" Kro asked, his face was full of confusion.

"If I didn't attack the Mo family, how would we be able to cooperate with the people that actually have the treasure map?" Xia Xin Yan lightly chuckled, "We had to have a scapegoat, otherwise, if the Misty Pavilion kept silent after such a big event, won't the others think that the Misty Pavilion is easy to bully?"

"So Mistress, you wanted to distract people's attention?" Kro's eyes brightened, and he immediately knew her true motive.

"Yes, just let everyone keep their eyes on the Mo family, then we can easily work with the other side to secretly explore the Gate of Heaven. When Tianyun City becomes chaotic, we can get things done faster." Xia Xin Yan nodded, and said indifferently, "That Sky Realm master that came had a strange Martial Spirit that could form mysterious mists. Although he didn't really use his Martial Spirit, I was able to glimpse its traits. Do you know any Sky Realm masters with a Martial Spirit like that?"

"Chi Xiao!"

Kro didn't hesitate for a moment, and he immediately answered, "Chi Xiao is the Sky Realm master of the Cloud Mountain, and he's close with the Zuo family. Could it have possibly been the Zuo family that got involved this time? Impossible! Unless that half of the fragment map is actually in the Zuo family's hands?"

"It has to be." Xia Xin Yan groaned, then she suddenly said, "There's no time to wait, I will make a visit to the Zuo family myself, so that we can get this done as soon as possible, in case any mishaps occur."

"Mistress, should I go?"

"No it's alright, that Chi Xiao knows he can't take me, the Zuo family won't cause me any trouble."

Xia Xin Yan only stayed for a quarter of an hour. Once she was clear on who was the intruder, she immediately took off alone.

The Zuo family.

Zuo Xu and Chi Xiao were still discussing in the secret room.

“Knock knock!”

There was suddenly a light knocking sound that came from the walls of the secret room.

Zuo Xu froze, he leaned into one of the bamboo tubes on the wall and asked, “What is it?”

“There’s a woman with a bamboo hat that came from the Misty Pavilion, she says she wants to see the head of the family.”

“It’s that girl!” Chi Xiao exclaimed.

Zuo Xu’s expression shifted. He slowly paced in the secret room, and after a long while, he finally said with a frown, “Could it be that the Misty Pavilion already knows it was us? That can’t be right. If they really knew it was us, why would they attack the Mo family? How strange.”

“You should go out and meet her, I’ll stay here.” Chi Xiao hesitated, then said, “Let’s see what she wants.”

“Alright.”

In the guest room of the Zuo family, Zuo Xu sat there calmly. He looked at Xia Xin Yan, who was wearing a bamboo hat, and smiled, “How may I address you, Miss?”

“Xia Xin Yan.”

“Well Miss Xia, may I ask for what reason did you come to our family? I don’t think the Zuo family has had any affairs with the Misty Pavilion lately?”

“Where’s Chi Xiao?” Xia Xin Yan shook her head, and casually said.

Zuo Xu’s expression slightly changed, but he quickly returned to calmness. He asked in confusion, “Miss Xia, for what reason did you ask? Chi Xiao has always been cultivating in the Cloud Mountain, do you know him?”

“Of course. We fought just yesterday, he left quite a deep impression.” Xia Xin Yan sat there naturally, and slowly sipped on her tea.

Zuo Xu’s expression kept changing, his smile a little forced, “Miss Xia, could you have been mistaken? The person that attacked the Misty Pavilion yesterday, wasn’t he from the Mo family?”

“Master Zuo, I didn’t come here today to settle the accounts with you.” Xia Xin Yan’s eyes were a little impatient, “On the contrary, I came to sincerely ask you to cooperate.”

Then, Xia Xin Yan pulled out other half of the dark yellow treasure map, and directly placed it on the table between her and Zuo Xu. She spoke lightly, "Half of the treasure map is right here. Head of the Zuo family, if you're straightforward enough, then let's just cut to the chase. We can immediately combine the two pieces of the map and once we know where the Gate of Heaven is at, we can start moving immediately. Master Zuo, don't waste everyone's time! Right now, everyone has their eyes on the Mo family. We can take the opportunity to explore the Gate of Heaven. How's that, Master Zuo?"

Xia Xin Yan was a little aggressive, she didn't give a damn about the head of the family, Zuo Xu. Her motives were clear; she came for the other half of the treasure map!

Zuo Xu was a little unsure as to what Xia Xin Yan's motives were. He didn't know if she really wanted to cooperate, or if she was just trying to feel them out using her words, so that she could take steps to go against the Zuo family.

But since Xia Xin Yan had the capability of a Sky Realm warrior, Zuo Xu couldn't casually speak out. His mind flashed, racing in thought.

"Master Zuo, I don't like to linger on things, and I also don't like putting in personal affairs when dealing with business. Chi Xiao was sensible enough, he knew when to retreat after realizing that I was in the Sky Realm. None of us got hurt, so there's no grudges in this. I came only for the treasure map! I have no intention to cause trouble! Is that clear?"

Xia Xin Yan's pretty brows furrowed, she stared at Zuo Xu coldly, and became more and more impatient.

Zuo Xu's expression continuously changed as he thought for a long moment. He faintly had the idea that Xia Xin Yan didn't come to interrogate them. Groaning, he gritted his teeth and said, "The other half of the map is not in my hands."

"Then whose hands is it in?" Xia Xin Yan's eyes brightened.

"It's on Shi Jian."

"Then I have nothing to discuss with you, I will go find Shi Jian." Xia Xin Yan took the half piece of the map from the table. She stood up and said, "Master Zuo, sorry to bother you, I will be leaving now."

"I will go with you!"

Zuo Xu immediately stood up, thinking, "Such a materialistic girl. Changing your attitude right after hearing I don't have the map. You sure are the owner of the Misty Pavilion, a typical city merchant!"

"Does it still have anything to do with you?" Xia Xin Yan was surprised.

Zuo Xu's expression was starting to darken, he snorted, then said, "Shi Jian and I are in this together! Our family has a part in exploring the Gate of Heaven too. Don't you think it still has something to do with me?"

"Oh, then we can go together." Xia Xin Yan said casually.

"Wait up, let me call someone else along." Zuo Xu forced a smile at Zuo Shi, and said awkwardly, "Chi Xiao's going too, uh, you said you didn't mind, right?"

“No, I don’t mind. With Chi Xiao coming along, it will be safer.”

The Shi family, on the third level of Shi Yan’s personal stone tower.

Shi Yan sat on the floor with crossed legs. His expression was serious, he held in his breath and concentrated, he was able to clearly feel the natural energies scattered in the air.

Calming his mind, Shi Yan shut his eyes tightly and started circulating the Profound Qi in his body.

After seven continuous cycles of circulation, the expression on his face suddenly froze!

In his body, rich concentrated Profound Qi flowed down his left arm like a river rushing towards its banks.

Like wild horses on the loose, the Profound Qi fiercely surged into his left arm. His left arm shook lightly, and traces of sweat dripped down his face.

“Roar!”

Shi Yan suddenly shouted out. The masses of Profound Qi fiercely rushed into his left arm, and crazily gushed straight all the way to his ring finger.

“Bzz bzz bzz!”

The Profound Qi became like a sword aura, suddenly shooting out from his ring finger!

The fierce Profound Qi blazed with a bright white light, and repeatedly slammed into the barrier in the Blood Vein Ring.

Shi Yan’s expression was ferocious, his face was glowing in a strange red light, his mind intensely focused!

“Pu!”

A crisp sound suddenly came from the Blood Vein Ring.

All of a sudden the Blood Vein Ring shone with a bright red light. The strange radiance was like a blazing sun, illuminating the entire third floor of the stone tower.

A strange pulse spread out everywhere from the center of the stone tower.

Chapter 78 - Inheritance of the War Devil

Shi Yan suddenly entered a strange space.

Endless gray clouds were floating in the dimly lit sky like an empty ocean, vast and boundless.

It was a strange space, immeasurably vast.

In this space, a hideous looking giant was standing with his feet standing on the ground and his head reaching the sky. He was thousands of miles tall and seemed to have been standing there for thousands of billions of years.

An ancient aura suddenly exploded out from this extremely huge giant!

Immediately, countless bright flames exploded from the meridians all over his body!

His meridians were like numerous stars in the sky that moved in their own orbits. Every single meridian possessed the power to ruin the world, and every meridian was a small world itself, from which came the cries of all sorts of creatures.

In that boundless space, there were piles and piles of bones and the ground had turned crimson due to all the blood.

Some piles of bones were as high as a mountain; no one knew where they came from.

Looking at the piles of bones, many of them were of some-odd-looking creatures. Some looked to be having three heads and six arms, some looked like a divine dragon, some had three sockets for eyes, some looked like marine animals, and so forth...

They were all prostrated on the ground, as if bowing towards that giant, worshipping it as if it was the sole true God!

All of a sudden, a peculiar light flashed across the hideous ancient god's pupils.

His right pupil was shining brightly as the sun, as if bringing every creature light and life, giving this world hope.

On the contrary, his left pupil was as dark as a black hole, containing endless darkness which symbolized negative actions like maiming, killing, death, insanity and hatred.

From his left pupil, one could see the darkest side of humanity.

One eye looked alive while the other looked deadly. Standing between the sky and the earth, that ancient god seemed to be waiting for something.

All of a sudden, that pair of eyes noticed Shi Yan.

A mysterious power immediately reached Shi Yan's mind and connected the two of them together.

In that strange space, came the abrupt and terrifying howls of the ancient god.

Numerous odd light symbols flew out from his eyes, and invaded into Shi Yan's spiritual body, making every one of his meridians shine as bright as a star.

Severe pain exploded in each of his meridians, and as Shi Yan's head received a splitting pain, he suddenly woke up.

He was still on the third floor of the stone house, the Blood Vein Ring was on the ring finger of his left hand, and the odd red light was slowly becoming dimmer. He sat there with a numb head.

If someone came at that time, he would find that deep in his pupils, there were odd light spots which looked like small symbols dancing.

Xia Xin Yan, Chi Xiao and Zuo Xu were walking together in the backyard of the Shi family.

The three were astonished at the same time, as they looked at the stone building five hundred meters away with a shocked expression on their faces.

“There is some peculiar energy is rippling over there, which seems very old and coming from the times of great antiquity.” Xia Xin Yan said softly and her eyes behind her veil were full of surprise, “This ancient energy, should... should not exist here right now.”

Chi Xiao also looked weird as he stared at that stone building with extreme focus, “I don’t know why, but I feel that my Martial Spirit was slightly triggered by that energy. Weird, it’s really weird! What kind of energy is able to resonate with Martial Spirits?”

Xia Xin Yan shook her head, thought for a while and asked, “Zuo Family Head, Shi Jian lives in that stone building, right? Well, it seems I have underestimated him. He is unbelievable...”

“No, absolutely no!” Zuo Xu couldn’t help but shake his head, and said in a weird tone, “That stone building is now used by Shi Jian’s grandson, Shi Yan. He likes studying ancient relics. He is a... rather extraordinary kid.”

“Shi Yan...” Xia Xin Yan repeated that name in her mind secretly with some astonishment crossing her eyes, and she nodded, “Let’s visit the family head.”

“Okay.”

Inside the secret room, Shi Jian and Shi Tie, who were busy discussing how to deal with the Mo family, noticed the strange energy fluctuations.

Shi Jian’s face changed slightly, as he shouted in astonishment, “That strange energy came from Shi Yan’s building!”

The stir from Shi Yan’s stone building was sensed by all the warriors who were at high realms.

After a terrifying cry, Shi Jian pushed open the stone door of the secret room and rushed out.

Shi Tie chased behind him in a hurry.

They exited the secret room and dashed directly towards Shi Yan’s stone building.

However, before they got to Shi Yan’s stone building, they saw Zuo Xu, Chi Xiao and Xia Xin Yan.

Shi Jian was a little astonished as his expression was rather unusual. He paused for a bit and asked from afar, “Brother Zuo, why so early?”

He recognized Xia Xin Yan at once and was a little nervous. Like Zuo Xu, he had a guilty conscience, guessing Xia Xin Yan came to make a punitive expedition against him.

“Brother, let’s find a quiet place and have a talk.”

Zuo Xu smiled bitterly, and pointed at Xia Xin Yan to introduce, “This is the hidden master of the Misty Pavilion, Miss Xia Xin Yan. She has something important to discuss with you.”

Shi Jian was a little surprised. After a short hesitation, he gave up the idea of visiting Shi Yan in his stone house and nodded, “Follow me.”

Before long, Shi Jian and Shi Tie showed the three guests to the Rock Room.

Having seated himself in the Rock Room, Zuo Xu coughed, and spilled Xia Xin Yan’s intention.

“Cooperation?”

Shi Jian got relieved. After a short thought, he nodded with a smile, “That is most welcome. The position of the Gate of Heaven would only be shown by a complete map, and we, the Shi family, never intended to take everything. Miss Xia, you are so generous! A great woman!”

Xin Yan was straightforward as she took out the half map out and spread it on the stone ground, then said softly, “Shi Family Head, take out your half.”

Shi Jian looked to Zuo Xu. After Zuo Xu nodded, he took out the other half of the map and put it on the ground to match the first half.

A bunch of yellow lights suddenly blazed at the joining of the two halves.

That yellow light seemed to have some stickiness, as it connected the two halves into a perfectly complete map.

The bright yellow light glowed from the complete treasure map.

On that yellow map, lines were twisting and changing like living earthworms, the pattern on it shifting completely.

It slowly became clear. Soon, there formed a vivid image of a valley.

Strange Yin Qi covered that valley, out of which, there were numerous green swamps, even the bubbles in them could be seen clearly.

Shi Jian, Shi Tie, Zuo Xu and Chi Xiao were all taken by surprise.

Only Xia Xin Yan looked calm, as she said naturally, “Friends, I’m not familiar with this area. Although the map is clear, I don’t know which place is which. Do you have any idea?”

“The Dead Swamp! Yin Valley!”

Chi Xiao’s expression changed quickly. After a long while, he announced firmly, “That’s it! It is absolutely Yin Valley, which is the most mysterious part of the Dead Swamp, where the Yin Qi is most dense and many Yin treasures are produced.”

“Good, if you are sure about it.” Xia Xin Yan nodded, “If it’s certain, we can begin to prepare to travel to Yin Valley. It should not be delayed. I will arrange it back in the Misty Pavilion and set off soon.”

“Isn’t the Yin Valley home to Nine-headed Sky Snake?” Zuo Xu took a deep breath and asked Chi Xiao beside him.

Shi Jian’s expression changed.

Chi Xiao nodded slowly, “Yes. The Nine-headed Sky Snake lives in the Yin Valley. It seems that this journey won’t go peacefully.”

“Nine-headed Sky Snake?” Xia Xin Yan was quite calm, “By the sounds of it, is it a high realm demon beast?”

“A Level 7 demon beast!” Chi Xiao said.

Xia Xin Yan furrowed her brows and nodded, “Well it might be tough. But anyway, a Level 7 demon beast equals a Sky Realm warrior. We can beat it together.”

“The Nine-headed Sky Snake is a Level 7 demon beast. But it is the most powerful one among all Level 7 demon beasts. It has nine heads which can all think separately, and it is very aggressive. I’d rather fight with three normal Level 7 demon beasts than him. Hmm, I will go back to the Cloudy Mountain first and get some weapons in case something unusual happens.” Chi Xiao sighed.

“Keep the treasure map with you. Let’s meet at the entrance of the Dead Swamp in a month.”

Xia Xin Yan was quite decisive as she stood up and said calmly, “I hope you will be on time. I don’t have so much time to waste.” Then, Xia Xin Yan walked out with light steps.

Brother, what to do now?” Zuo Xu smiled bitterly, “Tianyun City is now in total chaos, plus the Shi and Mo families are going through a crucial phase. Will you still take some time to handle this?”

“Hardly.”

Shi Jian shook his head and thought for a while, “Since Chi Xiao is going there, my presence is not that important, I will send some other guy. Mmm, Shi Yan likes goofing around, would you like him to go with you?”

Shi Jian stared at Chi Xiao.

Chi Xiao nodded softly.

“I can’t leave Tianyun City right now, or Beiming Shang would suspect me. I will send Shi Yan with you and two other warriors. We have to keep it a secret. Don’t let too many people get involved.”

Zuo Xu deliberated for a while and agreed with Shi Jian.

“Shi Family Head, I need to go back to Cloudy Mountain first. I will get to the Dead Swamp in a month’s time. Your people don’t need to go with me for now. Let them go with Shi Yan to the Dead Swamp. I can go there faster alone.” Chi Xiao said.

“Ok, I will send Han Feng to follow that bastard Shi Yan and Zuo Shi when they leave Tianyun City secretly. One month, hmm, that would be fine.” Shi Jian nodded and handed that treasure map to Chi Xiao and said earnestly, “Chi Xiao, please do me a favor to take care of Shi Yan. I want him to be safe.”

“No worries.” Chi Xiao didn’t refuse, and put that treasure map away naturally.

On the third floor of that stone building.

The Blood Vein Ring on his ring finger had returned to normal, but Shi Yan was still sitting in a trance; a sudden glimmer flashed through his eyes.

A long time later, Shi Yan gradually came back to himself and his eyes sparkled. He lowered his head and mumbled, “Inheritance of the War Devil: [Seal of Life and Death]! The Martial Skill that operates my mysterious Martial Spirit! Too magical!”

Chapter 79 - The Seal of Life and Death

In the stone tower.

Shi Yan’s expression was full of surprise. His mind clicked, and he continued to violently pour all of his Profound Qi into the Blood Vein Ring. However, a short time later he encountered a new barrier in the Ring.

He was out of sorts for a second, and finally came to the conclusion that the Blood Vein Ring was definitely a strange treasure. Inside were layers and layers of barriers, and behind every single barrier was new things to be found.

The first time he pounded at the Blood Vein Ring, he obtained the cultivation method for [Rampage]. This time, he got the [Seal of Life and Death]. The Blood Vein Ring was like a patient mentor, who will set a barrier at every special stage, and you could only peek into its secrets if you can break that barrier.

The complex ancient [Seal of Life and Death] was clearly imprinted deep in his mind. Just like the skill [Rampage], once he focused on the [Seal of Life and Death], the mnemonics would appear in his mind.

Shi Yan couldn’t immediately and completely understand the mnemonics of the [Seal of Life and Death]. But just from a glance, he could understand that the [Seal of Life and Death] was an extraordinary Martial Skill that could utilize his mysterious Martial Spirit!

Using the circulation method of the [Seal of Life and Death], he was able to stir the negative energy in all of his meridians. Those negative energies would flow towards his left arm in a special pattern, forming a [Death Seal] with extremely negative characteristics.

The [Seal of Life and Death] also had secret methods to stir the Profound Qi in the whole body, making it flow into the right arm, and form another extraordinary thing called the [Life Seal].

The left hand is the [Death Seal] and the right hand is the [Life Seal]. When using this skill in battle, the two seals can be merged into one, forming the true [Seal of Life and Death].

The power of the [Seal of Life and Death] depended on the density of the negative energies in the body and the amount of Profound Qi. Its strongest power would be released when forming a total of forty-nine seals.

Seven seals would be marked as the first sky. As the realm and martial skill of a warrior progressed, the number of seals forming would increase when using [Seal of Life and Death].

Every time one broke through to another sky, the number and size of the seals formed would multiply.

According to the mnemonics of the [Seal of Life and Death], once you reaching the seventh sky, forty-nine seals would instantly form and release an earth-crushing power.

And if these forty-nine seals were fused together, it would emit an invincible strength, easily able to crush the highest mountains!

However, the mnemonics on the [Seal of Life and Death] were quite hard to understand, and would take a while to completely digest.

Before he could completely figure out the deep meanings of the ancient texts, Shi Yan didn't dare to rashly cultivate the [Seal of Life and Death].

He knew from learning [Rampage] that any secret Martial Skills coming from the Blood Vein Ring weren't to be underestimated.

After thinking for a while, Shi Yan decided to spend his time trying to understand the mnemonics about the Seal.

Shi Yan slowly stood up. He furrowed his brows and moved to the window, gazing across at the Shi family's artificial lake.

A beautiful figure suddenly appeared into his view.

A strange light flashed in Shi Yan's eyes. There was a surprise on his face, and he murmured quietly, "Why has she come to the Shi family?"

Far away by the lake, Xia Xin Yan was wearing a veil on her face, looking every bit the peerless beauty. She was being led by Han Feng to the back door of the secret room of the Shi family.

Shi Yan had a strong impression of Xia Xin Yan, the mysterious woman. Just by gazing from far away, he immediately recognized her, and secretly he was surprised.

Lead by Han Feng, Xia Xin Yan quickly went into the garden behind the lake, and disappeared into the secret room.

Soon, Chi Xiao and Zuo Xu also quietly followed, and disappeared through the same door into the Shi family's secret room.

After a while, Shi Jian finally walked out of the Stone Room. His eyes swept to the Shi Yan's stone tower, and immediately started walking towards it.

Shi Yan's mind flicked. He silently closed the windows, and quietly sat down on the third floor of the stone tower, as if he had been deeply immersed in cultivating.

“Kid, what was that just a moment ago?” Shi Jian quickly appeared on the third floor of Shi Yan’s tower. As soon as he came in, he immediately glared at Shi Yan and asked.

“What was what?” Shi Jian opened his eyes, looking confused.

“Half an hour ago, there was a strange fluctuation coming from this place. Did you make that happen? You little brat better explain to me.”

“I don’t know, I was just quietly cultivating. You know, I just reached the Human Realm, and I’m still trying to get familiar with the circulation pattern of the natural energies. Maybe I just accidentally tuned into the natural patterns, and caused a resonance of the natural energies.” Shi Yan smiled, full of bullshit.

Shi Jian furrowed his brows, stared at Shi Yan for a second, then finally sneered, “You little brat, hiding a bunch of secrets huh, hmph. I couldn’t care less! Just don’t act too recklessly and screw yourself over.”

As the head of the family, Shi Jian could immediately see he wasn’t speaking the truth. But Shi Jian didn’t want to intervene on everything. Seeing that Shi Yan was fine, Shi Jian just allowed him to keep bullshitting.

After pondering for a second, Shi Jian told him about the issue that Xia Xin Yan, Zuo Xu, and Chi Xiao came to talk about. Then he finally said, “This time, I am going to let you, Han Feng, and Ku Long go together. We are only investigating the location of the Gate of Heaven this time, to get to understand the situation. You only need to follow along and get some experience. Remember, don’t act rashly! If anything happens just let Chi Xiao and that Xia girl handle it. These two both have the Sky Realm combat abilities, even if they can’t take on the Nine-headed Sky Snake, they could at least keep you guys safe.”

Shi Yan was surprised. He didn’t expect Xia Xin Yan to be so generous. Not only did she not blame Chi Xiao for the sneak attack, she also stepped on the Mo family in order to divert everyone’s attention. In the end, she forgave what had happened and took the initiative to lend her hand.

This woman was something!

Shi Yan’s eyes glimmered, secretly surprised. He frowned, thought for a moment, and said, “Don’t worry, I also care about my life a lot, I don’t want to lose it. My role is just to fill up a spot in the exploration of Gate of Heaven, I won’t put my life on the line for this.”

Okay, prepare yourself. Tonight at midnight, you, Han Feng, and Ku Long will secretly set off, and meet up with Zuo Shi at the north entrance of Tianyun City. Remember, you have to be careful! The Gate of Heaven is important, but you are more important to the Shi family, you have to come back safely!”

“Understood.”

The Beiming family.

Beiming Shang sat at the seventh level of the Ice Pavilion, his body overflowing with freezing energy, there was even a layer of frost covering his body. Just looking at him, Beiming Shang looked like an ice sculpture, appearing very strange.

Beiming Ce, Yin Kui, and Jiu Shan were standing aside, their expressions serious.

Other than them, there was also Beiming Ce's father, Beiming Qie.

Beiming Qie was at Earth Realm, Third Sky. He always took care of affairs outside of Tianyun City, but after hearing about the chaos happening in Tianyun City, he rushed here from Beiluo City overnight.

After Beiming Shang fought with Xia Xin Yan, he immediately entered the Ice Pavilion, and hadn't come out since.

The masters in the Beiming family were worried about Beiming Shang. They strictly guarded the Ice Pavilion, and had been on the look-out from day to night, afraid that mishaps might happen in this crucial moment.

After a very long time, the frost on Beiming Shang's body gradually seeped into his body.

"Father!"

"Grandpa!"

Beiming Qie and Beiming Ce both called out.

Beiming Shang slowly opened his eyes, and breathed out a cloud of white frost. He said, "That girl's Martial Spirit is strange, she could actually use her power from her last life and instantly step into the Sky Realm. The Endless Sea is truly a holy place for thousands of warriors. And only from that place could such a frightening Martial Spirit exist."

"Father, are you alright?" Beiming Qie asked worriedly.

Shaking his head, Beiming Shang said, "Did you find that girl?"

"She mysteriously disappeared last night. We searched all night, but couldn't find any trace of her."

Beiming Qie was slightly nervous, he hesitated, and then said, "But early this morning, she returned to the Misty Pavilion. Our spies say that she only stayed in the Misty Pavilion for a short moment, then she left alone. We don't know where she went."

"Last night her injuries were worse than mine. We couldn't find her last night, and now we have missed the best chance." Beiming Shang sighed, then said, "She dared to appear this morning, that means her injuries have almost recovered. We don't have a chance to take her anymore. Pass on my orders, don't move on the Misty Pavilion."

"Understood." Beiming Qie nodded, but he also felt a little regretful, "Tianyun City is full of our spies, I wonder where the hell she hid last night. If we could've found her, then we could've killed her."

"We missed our chance so we can't do anything about it, not everything's going to go our way." Beiming Shang got over the matter, he pondered, and then said, "Keep an eye on all four city gates! Release all the Cloud Eagles in the family, if any major figures of the other four families are getting in or out of the city, inform me immediately!"

"Father, you're saying?"

“Ding Yan is definitely dead! Someone must have gotten that half of the fragmented map, or else there’s no reason why someone cannot wait to seize that other half of the fragmented map from the Misty Pavilion.”

Beiming Shang sneered, and said, “The Mo family lost miserably this time. If they had a Sky Realm master to back them up, with Mo Tuo’s temperament, he wouldn’t have just let this slide! We only need to wait two days, if the Mo family doesn’t make any major actions in two days, we can eliminate them from the possibilities.”

“Who could it be?”

“Whichever family couldn’t hold it in anymore, and leaves the city first.”

Beiming Shang scowled, and said, “That girl left the Misty Pavilion early in the morning, she definitely must have figured out something. Maybe the two map pieces have already been put together by now. Keep an eye on the Misty Pavilion too, we can ignore the fight between the Mo and Shi families for now. Spread out all our spies, in three days, if any direct descendants of the three families leave the city, I need to receive the news immediately!”

“Understood!”

Chapter 80 - Shadowing

That night, at the North Gate of Tianyun City.

Shi Yan, Han Feng and Ku Long secretly left the city from the gate.

A four-horses carriage was waiting in the deserted tombs outside the North Gate. An old man was standing beside the carriage and staring at the starry sky in a daze.

Whisperings could be heard from the carriage.

The carriage was surrounded by many high and low tombs, and the green wildfire beside them was giving out a very gloomy atmosphere in the dark night.

“It’s the Zuo Family’s.” Ku Long got to one unmarked burial-mounds and remarked after taking a glimpse from afar.

Shi Yan nodded and said indifferently, “It seems we are late anyway.”

The old man overheard their talk, and as he withdrew his eyes and looked in their direction, he raised the whip in his hand.

Receiving his signal, the three including Shi Yan walked over.

“Miss, people from the Shi family have arrived.” The old man reported to that carriage at a cautious low voice.

“About time they got here.” Zuo Shi’s voice came from the carriage.

An elegant and graceful woman came out of the carriage quietly, glanced at Shi Yan, and said to Zuo Shi with a big smile, "That kid is here."

"Aunt Lian!" Zuo Shi cried with a sweet girlish and angry voice, "I told you, there is nothing between us! Please stop teasing me!"

"Hehe, okay, okay." That woman giggled, and waved at Shi Yan standing beside the carriage. As Shi Yan came near, she said, "Young Master Yan, you three didn't take a carriage?"

"It will be arranged for us when we get to the Xuelai City in the North." Shi Yan looked indifferent. He took a glimpse at the woman and complimented her secretly, then walked to the carriage at a leisurely pace and put a huge package into it, "Xiao Shi, this is your Dragon Turtle Armor. My grandpa asked me to return it to you."

"Okay." Zuo Shi replied and whispered, "You ungrateful guy! You wasted our good will!"

Shi Yan withdrew his smile, "You had told me that whoever uses the Dragon Turtle Armor is a turtle. I don't want to be a turtle."

"Haha!"

Sitting in the carriage, Zuo Shi couldn't help but giggle, "You guys have really good memory huh? I had said that to infuriate my grandpa so that you could take the Armor. You helped me unlock the shell and get me the treasure, of course you deserve the Dragon Turtle Armor."

"The Martial Spirit of Shi family is more than enough for defending. I don't need that Armor." Shi Yan shook his head.

"Miss, shall we go now?" The warrior from the Zuo Family got on the carriage, waved his whip and asked softly.

"Yes, let's go."

"Wait. Please let me introduce first. This is Chu Ping, First Sky of the Nirvana Realm. I'm Wu Yunlian." That graceful woman elegantly smiled and said to Han Feng, "I know Brother Han, and this is?" She looked to Ku Long.

"Ku Long, First Sky of the Nirvana Realm." Ku Long introduced himself in a friendly manner as he scratched his head, "I have been staying out of the town and just came back for the Martial Competition. Ha, we haven't have a chance to meet."

"So you are Brother Ku Long!" Wu Yunlian beamed and nodded, "It's an honor for me to work with Brother Han and Brother Ku Long! Hope we can get to know each other well!"

"You are too modest." Han Feng and Ku Long said together.

This woman looked dignified, and was at the First Sky of the Nirvana Realm. She was a warrior from the Cloud Mountain.

Since she was once helped by Chi Xiao, she attached herself to the Zuo family at Chi Xiao's introduction, and was rather cared for by Zuo Xu and became an intimate friend to Zuo Shi.

Han Feng and Ku Long knew she was someone of status, so they were both polite to her.

“Then let’s start our journey.” Shi Yan looked up at the sky but suddenly furrowed his brows as he pointed at a dark spot in the sky, “Mmm, what’s that?”

Chu Ping, Han Feng, Ku Long and Wu Yunlian raised their heads together.

“A Cloud Eagle!”

Han Feng’s expression changed as he yelled, “It’s the Beiming Family’s! A Cloud Eagle has perfect eyesight and can see people on the ground clearly!”

“The Beiming Family is tailing us?” Ku Long was a bit confused, “They knew we were getting out of the town?”

“I’m not sure.” Chu Ping was a little surprised as well. He gazed at the departing eagle and said, “Maybe it’s on the way back the Beiming family from somewhere else, and happened to be here. It may not be trailing us specially.”

“We have to be cautious anyway.” Wu Yunlian sighed softly, “We need to be quick. Even if the Beiming Family is shadowing us, they can’t find us easily if we are cautious enough.”

“Okay.”

Later that night, in the Ice Room of the Beiming family.

“Father, news came that people from the Shi and Zuo families secretly left from the North Gate. The Shi family have sent Han Feng, Ku Long and Shi Yan, and the Zuo family have sent Chu Ping, Wu Yunlian and one other in a carriage. It must be Miss Zuo Shi.”

Beiming Qi hurried back to the Ice Room, and told the latest news after a bow.

Beiming Ce was in the Ice Room too. He was training with the aid of the freezing air in the Ice Room. Hearing upon the news, he opened his eyes and cried out, “It is the Shi family and the Zuo family!”

Beiming Shang looked gloomy as he sat there still, with cold air diffusing in his eyes.

After a long time, Beiming Shang said, “The other half of the treasure map must be in their hands. It must be Chi Xiao who grabbed the map from the Misty Pavilion. That girl in the Misty Pavilion is too wicked and she used Mo Tuo to distract us. We would have been cheated if we weren’t cautious enough to let the Cloud Eagle shadow them.”

“Father, what should we do now?”

“I will go after them with Ce, to see where they are heading for?”

“Ce is going too?”

“It is not peaceful in the Tianyun City recently. I will take Yin Kui and Jiu Shan with me this time. It’s not safe to leave Ce alone in the town.” Beiming Shang ordered, “You stay at home, and tell people that I’m cultivating in seclusion. Don’t stir any suspicion.”

“Got it.”

“Grandpa, the Zuo and Shi families must have come to a certain agreement with the Misty Pavilion. If Chi Xiao allied with that woman, will you be in danger when in a battle with them?”

Beiming Ce took a breath and said indifferently, “I’ve made some preparations.”

His eyes sparkled.

“The Dark Master from the Dark World sent a message days ago that he wants Mu Yu Die. I haven’t replied yet.” Beiming Shang thought for a while, and looked at Beiming Ce, “He is at the Sky Realm, it would be fine with his help. Chi Xiao and that girl can hardly compete with us. They could only choose to cooperate with us to explore the Gate of Heaven.”

“The Dark Master from the Dark World!”

Beiming Ce was shocked, but also sad. He whispered after a long while, “Grandpa, what on earth do you mean?”

“Mu Yu Die’s Martial Spirit is great, but it’s useless for us. Rather, that Di Yalan may be able to combine with our Ice Martial Spirit.” Staring at him, Beiming Shang shouted, “Merely a woman! You can’t even let it go?”

Beiming Ce frowned and shook his head, “No. It’s just... just too unexpected. I will give up anything for the Beiming Family.”

“Good. You are going to take over the whole family. Don’t be so emotional.” Beiming Shang nodded with satisfaction and comforted, “Don’t worry child. That Dark Master only wants to use that girl to train his Martial Spirit. He won’t care if she is a virgin or not. I will let you two be together for three days before I hand her to the Dark Master.”

“Thank you Grandpa!” Beiming Ce beamed.

“For this time, take Mu Yu Die and Di Yalan with you. Later, I will hand Mu Yu Die over to the Dark Master without letting Di Yalan know.” Beiming Shang said.

“Grandson understands.”

Beiming Ce walked out of the Ice Room. Irrespective of the deep night and he headed for the island in the lake directly.

Mu Yu Die and Di Yalan weren’t asleep, but kept training quietly.

Seeing that Beiming Ce had arrived, the two girls dressed to welcome him.

Beiming Ce beamed, “Get prepared, we need to be out of town before dawn.”

“What’s up?” Mu Yu Die was surprised.

“The map to the Gate of Heaven is now complete. Someone has already set off for the exploration, so we are to follow them secretly.” Beiming Ce said earnestly to Mu Yu Die, “Xiao Die, there are many

treasures in the Gate of Heaven, and my grandpa thinks you and Di Yalan should try your luck. Maybe you will harvest a lot from it. It's a once-in-a-hundred-year chance. Don't miss it!"

Mu Yu Die and Di Yalan's eyes lit up at the same moment.

"Many thanks, Young Master Ce." Mu Yu Die bowed, with dimple smile on her pretty small face, "I won't forget your favor if I harvest something from the Gate of Heaven!"

"What are you talking about?!" Beiming Ce pretended to be angry, "Do we need that?"

"Well, I'm sorry. I will go get prepared." Mu Yu Die said with a big smile.

"Okay. I will wait for you outside. Be quick. Remember, don't expose yourselves. Let's go quietly." Beiming Ce reminded and left the lake with a satisfied smile.

"Xiao Die, it came to me suddenly that..." Di Yalan's face dimmed, "The treasure map is complete, which means Ding Yan was found by them. According to their way of acting, I'm afraid he was already..."

Upon hearing that, Mu Yu Die realized it as well. Her expression changed with sorrow.

However, she was very relieved when she came to the thought that she may get lots of treasure in the Gate of Heaven.

"Don't worry, he will be fine. They only wanted the map, not his life. Sister Lan, we have to grab this opportunity! Maybe we can get a good fortune from it and our revenge!" Mu Yu Die said ambitiously, clenching her fists.

"Sigh, I hope he is fine." Di Yalan sighed with profound resignation.

"Stop thinking about him. We have to have a good plan to take the most advantage from it!" Mu Yu Die was quite excited.

She already pictured the Dark World smashed by her in the near future, as her enemies fallen, covered in blood.

She was rather very satisfied every time she came up with that scene; she was totally intoxicated by hatred.