

## Talisman 721

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#### Chapter 721: Shocking The Entire City

This Black Quartz Command Token was completely crystalline and cold. It possessed a very reserved luster, and it seemed ancient and simple.

According to Master Yong, this command token was called the Nine-Profundity Token, and one could rely on it to participate in the grand event of the Culinary Dao, the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, that would be held in Taotie City![1]

At that time, all the first rate spirit chefs in the Dark Reverie would participate and put their culinary skill on display to be judged and ranked. Spirit chefs that were capable of being ranked in the top 10 would obtain varying amounts of benefits.

Supposedly, at that time, the Taotie Clan would invite the Saint Artifact of their clan, the Nine Profundity Immortal Wok, to bestow some special gifts to the top three!

It was common knowledge that the Taotie Clan could be said to be the clan that were the most knowledgeable in delicacies within the three dimensions. Not only did they possess formidable strengths, all their disciples were great spirit chefs.

Some extraordinary powers usually showed favor and took care of the disciples of the Taotie Clan because they wanted the disciples of the Taotie Clan to cook various wonderful dishes to improve the benefits enjoyed by their disciples.

Their status was so special that they were even more welcome than some alchemists.

On the other hand, the Nine Profundity Immortal Wok was an extremely miraculous Immortal Artifact, and it was a true Saint Artifact of the Taotie Clan that had been passed down since the primeval times. According to rumor, this treasure had cooked for a god that shook the three dimensions with his might, and it was absolutely a rare and precious treasure!

It was obvious how miraculous the treasure bestowed by such an Immortal Artifact would be.

The only requirement to participate in this grand event was to possess a Nine Profundity Token. This was a form of qualification and acknowledgement of a spirit chef, and it was distributed by the Taotie Clan.

Blaze City was enormous and was filled with spirit chefs, yet only Master Yong had the qualifications to obtain a Nine Profundity Token.

So when they saw him actually intending to give this Nine Profundity Token to Chen Xi now, all the spirit chefs present were shocked and felt slight disbelief.

This wasn't just a compensation for mistakes, this was simply the bestowing of a great fortune!

Instantly, the gazes everyone shot at Chen Xi carried deep envy because they never imagined that Chen Xi would actually obtain such recognition from Master Yong.

Not to mention them, even Chen Xi himself was greatly surprised. After all, Master Yong's attitude towards him wasn't courteous in the slightest, yet now, Master Yong had actually given him such a precious treasure, so how could he not be surprised?

"Master, isn't doing this slightly..." A spirit chef braced himself and spoke in a low voice.

"What? You want to question my decision?" Master Yong replied with a question.

That spirit chef hurriedly shook his head. He was the disciple Master Yong had fostered by himself, so how could he dare go against the decision of his master?

Master Yong looked at Chen Xi while his emaciated face was covered in a solemn and serious expression. "Chen Xi, your natural talent in the Culinary Dao is so high that I've never seen anyone who's your equal in my entire lifetime, and there are few in the entire world that can compare to you."

Master Yong paused for a while before he sighed. "I'm old, and all the disciples I've taken are worthless. My only wish is you're able to obtain a ranking in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, and I only hope that you'll be able to fulfil this wish of mine. I'm eternally in your debt."

All those spirit chefs lowered their heads in shame. If they asked themselves, they indeed felt that they were greatly inferior to Chen Xi in the Culinary Dao. Especially after they witnessed Chen Xi cooking the Rainbow Spindrift, this feeling grew even stronger.

Chen Xi went silent, and as he looked at Master Yong who stood before him, he recalled something Old Man Ma had once instructed him with. If you have the chance, go participate in the spirit chef ranking competition that's held in the Darchu Dynasty once every 10 years. Take it as fulfilling a wish of mine, how about it?

Chen Xi had never realized this wish of Old Man Ma's, and he actually felt extremely guilty in his heart. There were too many reasons for this, and he was unable to resist them.

Now, Master Yong who he'd only met once had put forward a similar requirement, and besides causing Chen Xi to be dazed, he'd already accepted this request in his heart.

Exactly, regardless of if it was for the sake of Old Man Ma's wish or Master Yong's wish, he didn't have any reason to refuse at this moment.

After he saw Chen Xi put away the Nine Profundity Token, even though Chen Xi hadn't said a word nor make any sort of guarantee, Master Yong still started smiling with extreme delight.

Manager Huang had known Master Yong for so many years, yet it was the first time he'd seen Master Yong smiling so happily.

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At the top floor of the Immortal Indulgence Inn, tray after tray of 'Let Ability Shine' were brought up and placed on the tables before the youths from the Ninth Hell tribe.

This was the kind intentions of Master Yong, and he made an exception to cook for Chen Xi and the others.

All of the customers in the hall were extremely shocked when they saw this because they never expected that Chen Xi would actually be able to deal with the extremely stubborn Master Yong just by making a short trip to the kitchen!

Chen Xi couldn't help but smile as he looked at the astounded gazes of all the youths, and he didn't explain but instructed instead. "Eat first, and we'll leave this place after that."

As he spoke, he opened the Dark Reverie Manual and started to carefully study the map between Blaze City and the Nine Radiance Sword Sect.

Blaze City was situated at the south of the Dark Reverie, whereas the Nine Radiance Sword Sect was situated in the north. It was countless of kilometers apart, and it was probably impossible for an ordinary person to even traverse a tenth of the distance.

But Chen Xi didn't care about all this, and he was studying Taotie City instead.

This city was the residence of the Taotie Clan and was called the capital of delicacies, and it was renowned throughout the entire Dark Reverie.

Moreover, this city was situated between the Nine Radiance Sword Sect and Blaze City, and it was a wondrous city that was built amidst a sea of clouds!

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Recently, due to the Heavenly Insight Palace opening its doors to recruit disciples, the entire Blaze City was filled with people. Beauties converged here like the clouds in the sky while the outstanding disciples from all over rushed over out of admiration.

The hottest topic on the streets was women!

Some busy bodies had compiled together a 'Hundred Flower Guide' based on all the beautiful young women that had come to Blaze City from all over, and they were ranked according to their appearance, talent, origins, bearing, and so on and so forth.

Obviously, this was an arduous but fruitless matter. After all, there were countless beautiful young women that were like an expanse of bloomed flowers and each possessed an advantage of her own. So it was utterly impossible to find a consistent standard to differentiate their rankings.

Waves of intense argument frequently resounded out on the streets, and they were divided into different groups as they turned red with anger and almost fought for the sake of the most beautiful goddess in their hearts.

After that, amidst this bustling atmosphere that surrounded the entire city, a shocking piece of news spread throughout the city as if it had grown wings — The peerless genius Chen Xi who'd vanished for numerous months appeared out of thin air and furiously slaughtered Yan Shisan in the Immortal Indulgence Pavilion!

Such explosively news swept out like a tempest, and the bustling atmosphere ceased to exist wherever it passed and was replaced by a strange and perfect silence.

In next to no time, this silence spread throughout the city, and the entirety of Blaze City fell into speechless shock in a short period of time.

Everyone stopped discussing the delicate, beautiful, and cute young women, and it was even to the extent that those young women revealed shocked expression and were similarly shocked speechless.

This piece of news was too shocking. During the recent period of time, the news related to Chen Xi had given rise to a great deal of discussion in the cultivation world, and practically everyone knew that such a peerless genius had come from the Nine Radiance Sword Sect.

Moreover, those shocking incidents that had occurred in the Dark Parasol's Abyss had even caused Chen Xi's name to seem like the sun in the midday sky, and it simply cast a shadow upon the numerous Earthly Immortal Realm experts!

Besides that, the matter of his disappearance in the Dark Parasol's Abyss had become the center of the attention of the entire cultivation world because everyone was curious if such an outstanding and shocking genius was still alive.

Now, a dazzling expert like this had actually made an appearance in Blaze City and killed the renowned madman of the Heavenflow Dao Sect, Yan Shisan, with a single blow. This was simply like a thunderclap that exploded by their ears, and it caused everyone to be deeply shocked.

After a short period of silence, everyone started to be unable to restrain the excitement in their hearts, and they seethed with excitement as they started to madly discuss this explosive piece of news on all the streets.

In an instant, even those young women that were delicate and beautiful like jade weren't paid attention to by anyone, and some had even started charging towards the Immortal Indulgence Inn with the intention of witnessing Chen Xi's elegant demeanor.

Unfortunately, Chen Xi had already left.

In this way, it caused everyone to be even more curious. The entire Immortal Indulgence Inn was completely surrounded by the stream of people to the point even a drop of water couldn't escape, whereas that attendant that had served Chen Xi and the others earlier had become the center of everyone's attention instead.

It was even to the extent some people had offered heavy remuneration of a heaven-rank magic treasure for that attendant to reveal everything that had occurred in the Immortal Indulgence Inn!

That attendant had never imagined that such a scene would occur, and this farce was only calmed when Manager Huang stood out to manage it.

All in all, everyone firmly believed that from today onward, the news of Chen Xi's reappearance in the world would surely spread throughout every corner of the Dark Reverie with an exceedingly swift speed, and it would cause a mighty uproar.

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Chen Xi didn't know that all this had occurred.

At this moment, he'd already left Blaze City with Meng Wei and the others, and they were heading towards Taotie City.

They didn't fly but chose to ride wagons pulled by beasts instead because doing this would allow those youths from the Ninth Hell to gain an even deeper understanding of this world.

As the saying goes, reading a thousand books is inferior to travelling a thousand miles. Instead of him explaining too much, it would be better for the youths to experience it themselves because this was the most efficient method.

Beneath the setting sun, 10 wagons that were pulled by white hooved Deerhorses dashed towards the distance under the blood red sun.

Within the wagon, Chen Xi held a beast skin and was studying the Ninth Hell Dao Origin Scripture that was written in the writing of Fiendgods. This body refinement cultivation technique that was inherited from the primeval Fiendgod Clan was extremely profound and obscure, and its origins were even more ancient than his Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Technique.

After all, body refinement techniques were created by the true Fiendgods, and the Ninth Hell Dao Origin Scripture came from the inheritance of the Fiendgods, so it could be considered to be the most legitimate body refinement cultivation technique.

On the other hand, the Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Technique was deduced by the Owner of the Mansion, Fuxi, according to the profundities of the workings of the heavens, and it could be called one of the greatest body refinement cultivation techniques in the three dimensions.

One of these two body refinement cultivation techniques came from the source, whereas the other was created on the basis of the work of predecessors, so Chen Xi really did obtain great benefits from cross referencing both of them, and it broadened his horizons.

The thing that delighted him the most was that he'd already found a path to allow his body refinement cultivation to advance to the Nether Transformation Realm from this Ninth Hell Dao Origin Scripture!

This path came from the 'Dao Origin' described within this cultivation technique!

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#### **Chapter 722: Drawing The Dao Into His Body**

The wagons rumbled along forward.

Meng Wei and Mo Ya who were body refiners at the Nether Transformation Realm were present within the group, so Chen Xi was at ease, and he had sufficient time to study and comprehend the Ninth Hell Dao Origin Scripture.

This body refinement technique was obscure and profound. Even though it consisted of a mere few hundred ancient Fiendgod characters, yet every single word was a gem that seemed to reveal the profundities of the Grand Dao, and it was like a book from the heavens.

It was even to the extent that even Chen Xi who possessed an extraordinary ability of deduction found it difficult to see through its entire form, and he had no choice but to seek guidance from Meng Wei.

Meng Wei was very candid, and he spoke of everything he knew without reserve. No matter if it was man or woman, old or young, everyone within their Ninth Hell tribe had cultivated this technique for generations, and its profundities were mostly passed down personally by the clansmen of the tribe, so there was rarely anyone that referred to the writings of the Fiendgods on the beast skin to cultivate it.

This caused Meng Wei to sometimes be unable to answer Chen Xi's question, and he could only help explain it to Chen Xi by using the experiences he obtained from his cultivation. Even then, it still allowed Chen Xi to benefit greatly.

Up until later on, Chen Xi had fallen completely into a deep level of meditative comprehension. Sometimes, he would only wake up after five days, and sometimes he wouldn't even open his eyes for ten days or half a month because he'd become completely oblivious to himself.

Meng Wei and Mo Ya didn't disturb Chen Xi and even ordered the youths not to approach the wagon Chen Xi sat on without permission.

On this day, Chen Xi who was silent and didn't move like a clay statue had suddenly raised his head, and as his eyes blinked, numerous mysterious symbols surged within his eyes and formed various profundities.

At the same time, his entire body emitted a jade-like sheen that was dim, cold, and restrained, and it faintly conformed with the heavens and the earth from afar.

At this moment, he fell into a miraculous state of sudden comprehension.

The writing of Fiendgods recorded on the beast skin seemed like numerous symbols that ceaselessly took form, surged, and transformed into the sun, moon, mountains, river, stars, and universe within his heart.

His entire mind and soul were immersed within it as he comprehended it with great concentration and sensed it with his soul. His skin became even more crystalline and actually emitted a pure and flawless fragrance!

Meng Wei who was leading the group in the front frowned abruptly, and he glanced at a wagon at the back with astonishment.

"You've noticed as well?" Mo Ya had suddenly come over silently while an unusual expression suffused her eyes. "That's the aura of a Dao Origin, and in the inheritance of our clan, it's also called the fragrance of the Dao Fruit. It implies that the Dao Origin would be born when a flower has bloomed and bears fruit!"

Meng Wei's expression carried a trace of emotion and recollection as well. "Since our clan was abandoned by the Heaven Dao and trapped within the Ninth Hell, such a phenomenon has never been produced by anyone, yet I never imagined that it would appear on Brother Chen Xi."

The Dao Origin was like the infant state of the Grand Dao. It was self-evidently a miraculous state that could only be attained from tempering the body to a certain extent and merging with the Grand Dao.

When one cultivated to this state, one's body would seem as if it was condensed from the Grand Dao, and every single move one made would contain a profound aura, causing the might of one's body to naturally be extraordinary.

Mo Ya nodded, and then she shook her head. "No, even if it was within our Ninth Hell tribe, only those with extraordinary natural talent were capable of achieving such a phenomenon, and it was extremely rare."

When she spoke up to here, a wisp of astonishment couldn't help but arise in her heart as she felt Chen Xi's natural endowment was really too extraordinary, and such a genius figure cultivated both in qi refinement and body refinement. I really wonder how he does it...

Meanwhile, the nearby youths noticed the unusualness in their group, and they smelled the strand of unique aura of the Dao Origin in the air. Even though it was light, it still caused their souls to feel oppressed and reverent, and it felt as if they were facing the Grand Dao of the heavens and wished for nothing more than to prostrate themselves in worship.

Chen Xi was completely unaware of all this, and he was immersed in a deep state of comprehension.

This wasn't an increase in cultivation, but a type of creation and improvement of the body. On the other hand, the so-called 'Dao Origin' was to draw the 'Dao' into the body and clean the vital blood, purify the tendons, and temper the Shaman Energy.

This sort of 'Dao' came from one's grasp of the various Grand Daos, but most importantly, it was to interact with the Grand Dao. When the body underwent a transformation under the tempering of this type of Grand Dao, it would become the so-called 'Dao Origin.'

Chen Xi sat cross-legged, and in his hazy state, a strand of white qi coiled around his body while effusing a refreshing fragrance, and it cleared the impurities on his body. It caused his bearing to become even more translucent and ethereal as if he was a divine being that wasn't tainted with the aura of the mortal world, pure and flawless.

He obtained extremely great benefits during this process of comprehension. It was as if his body was immersed in a warm spring as the Grand Dao fused into his body, and it cleared him of impurities, causing him to undergo a change akin to rebirth and obtain a type of indescribable comprehension.

What's the Heaven Dao?

At this moment, Chen Xi had the feeling of being immersed within the Heaven Dao. It was like he was drifting about in a vast ocean, whereas he was a little boat that was rocking up and down as it flowed along with the waves, and it sought to traverse to the other side and seek the Dao.

During this process of traversing to the other side, it was a process of tempering the body and constructing the boat, and it had to receive that tempering and baptism of the boundless ocean that was occasionally calm and occasionally like a tempestuous storm.

This was a type of exploration towards the essence of life and was progress. It relied on the might of the Grand Dao to perfect one's body and construct an eternal Dao Origin that stimulated one's potential, so one would surely soar into the sky with success upon achieving the Dao!

Time slowly passed by, and another month passed.

The entire body of Chen Xi who sat within the wagon trembled before he opened his eyes, and he felt the obvious changes in his body. His body was clear, flawless, and coiled with a profound refreshing fragrance. Every single inch of his skin seemed to be flowing with strands of the aura of the Dao.

Under normal circumstances, even an Earthly Immortal Realm expert in body refinement would find it exceedingly difficult to temper the body to such an extent. Of course, there were also some special exceptions.

At this moment, Chen Xi's body was slightly similar to the 'Flawless Glass Goldbody' of the ancient Buddhist Sect, because both of them had fused with the Dao and didn't have the slightest aura of the mortal world.

The most obvious benefit was his body refinement cultivation obtained an extremely great increase. His body was like the origin of the Dao, and it emanated the aura of the Dao, causing his entire body, spirit, energy, and essence to possess an impregnable layer of defense.

Moreover, at this moment, Chen Xi vaguely had the feeling that his body refinement cultivation was showing faint signs of breaking through!

My body refinement cultivation will surely be able to advance to the Nether Transformation Realm in less than a month. Chen Xi had an indifferent and tranquil expression, and he clearly sensed the trace of imperceptible opportunity to advance.

He didn't stay within the wagon any longer, and he stretched himself before walking off the wagon and looking towards the distance.

"Stardrop Mountain Range?" Chen Xi couldn't help but be surprised when he saw a boundlessly vast mountain range that appeared within his field of vision because this place was 500,000 km away from Blaze City.

"Exactly, it's Stardrop Mountain Range, and we'll be able to arrive at Taotie City after we pass through this mountain range." The nearby Mo Ya said with a smile, "I never expected that your comprehension would actually continue for as long as two months. It's truly shocking."

Two months, huh? Chen Xi withdrew his gaze and couldn't help but sigh with emotion because he felt that a long time had passed in the blink of an eye.

Bang!

Right at this moment, a beam of light that shot into the sky suddenly charged out from the distant Stardrop Mountain Range. At the same time, a wave of intense sounds of battle sounded out along with this, and it instantly caused their entire group to stop.

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#### **Chapter 723: A Young Woman Fell From The Sky**

According to legend, an enormous star had fallen here during the primeval times, and it formed this lofty mountain range called the Stardrop Mountain Range.



This mountain range continued on and spanned across the land for a few hundreds of thousands of kilometers. It stretched across numerous large and small kingdoms, and it contained countless spirit veins within it. Moreover, a myriad of rivers started from this mountain range and there were even innumerable spirit medicines, spirit materials, and rare ores within this mountain range.

There were even rumors that it was even easier to comprehend the Star Dao Insight and communicate with the energy of the stars in the sky when cultivating within this mountain range, causing it to be extremely profound.

However, at this moment, a violent battle had erupted in the depths of Stardrop Mountain Range, and it was like a battle between the gods that shook the heavens and the earth and erupted with boundless radiance.

Chen Xi instantly ordered the group to stop and be on guard when he saw this terrifying scene, whereas he'd swiftly soared into the sky while a vertical eye split open between his brows and looked towards the distance.

Instantly, everything within an area of 5,000km including every blade of grass, tree, or even large demon beasts like tigers, leopards, wolves, snakes, eagles, and panthers appeared clearly within his eyes.

This was the profound ability of the Eye of Divine Truth. Its sensory ability was even more terrifying than Divine Sense, and it was capable of seeing through reality and what was real and fake. When he looked over, even ants that were 5,000km away could be seen clearly, and it was even to the extent he could distinguish the striations on every single leaf.

In next to no time, the battle within Stardrop Mountain Range had entered into Chen Xi's eyes, and it was a battle between a peerless flying beast and a young woman.

A Golden Roc!? Chen Xi discerned with a single glance that the peerless flying beast was surprisingly a Golden Roc that possessed monstrous might. Its wings seemed as if they were constructed from gold and emitted an oceanic golden glow as they covered the heavens and blotted out the sky. Moreover, a light swing of its claws crushed numerous enormous mountains, causing rocks to scatter all over.

This was absolutely a pure blooded Golden Roc, and it executed various Innate Divine Abilities as its wings flapped while its claws that were sharp like sword tore the sky apart!

On the other hand, the young woman wore simple clothes and was completely enveloped in a starry glow. Her figure was graceful and ethereal like an immortal, and even the Eye of Divine Truth was actually incapable of prying on her appearance!

This was the first time since Chen Xi utilized the Eye of Divine Truth that he'd encountered such a situation, and he couldn't help but be shocked and have a deeper feeling that the young woman was extraordinary.

This young woman looked to be weak and gentle, yet every single move she made was accompanied by a myriad of Dao Arts, and she was unrestrained and at ease as she fought the Golden Roc. Not only did she not fall into a disadvantageous position, she even faintly suppressed her opponent!

"Old Fellow, what's wrong with being my mount? You'll be able to pluck the moon out of the skies, conquer the seas, and enjoy a life of leisure. Don't blame me for killing you if you continue to be

obstinate.” The young woman smiled lightly while speaking with a voice that sounded like the sound of nature. Her beautiful hair was like a waterfall, her clothes fluttered with the wind, and her entire body was bathed in the radiance of stars, causing her to seem like an agile streak of starlight that fluttered about. Every single move she made carried an indescribably wonderful aura.

Moreover, based on what she’d said, she actually wanted to capture this Golden Roc as her mount!

If news of this were to spread, it would absolutely astound everyone that heard it. After all, the Golden Roc Clan was absolutely a top existence in the clans from the Primordial Era, and their inheritance was so ancient it could be traced back to the time when the world was just split open, causing them to be even more ancient than humans.

In the Dark Reverie as of now, the status of the Golden Roc Clan was even more respected than humans, so which cultivator would dare to arouse the intention of encroaching on such an existence?

Yet now, that young woman had spoke in this way, and had even acted. Her expression and tone was carefree, causing it to seem as if she wasn’t capturing a peerless flying beast but subduing a small little pet instead...

“Struggling is futile anyway. Who asked you to arouse malicious intentions and intend to take possession of my treasure? As punishment, not killing you is already sufficiently benevolent, so don’t blame me for killing you if you still remain so obstinate.” The young woman grinned. As she walked, it seemed as if she was walking between reality and the void. No matter how terrifying the attacks of the Golden Roc were, they weren’t capable of injuring even a hair on her body.

The Golden Roc roared with fury as it unfolded its golden wings that were like scissors that could tear the sky apart. With a single flap of its wings, mountains were destroyed, rivers broke apart, the sky was split into two, and even the landscape in the surrounding 5,000km was crushed, yet it just happened to be unable to do anything to that young woman.

As the battle went on, it suddenly closed its wings and tore through space like a 3km long golden arrow, and it actually wanted to teleport away and flee.

“Oh! Looks like I can only eliminate you!” The young woman grunted coldly in an unhurried manner before gesturing with her delicate hand. Her slender and white fingers opened up like a blooming lotus, causing an expanse of five colored divine light to swish out, and it instantly shattered space while a shrill cry sounded out from the space 3km away and resounded out in the heavens and the earth!

Swish!

Golden blood was like a torrential rain that sprayed down from the sky while the corpse of the Golden Roc crashed to the ground without moving again. It had actually been killed so easily by her!

Chen Xi’s pupils constricted in the distance, and he couldn’t help but be shocked in his heart. If he wasn’t wrong, then the strength of that Golden Roc was probably at the Earthly Immortal Realm and coupled with it being a species from the primeval times, its strength far surpassed human cultivators at the same realm. But now, it was easily killed by that young woman as if it couldn’t withstand a single blow!

Exactly what sort of terrifying cultivation would be needed to achieve this? Chen Xi gasped and had a stronger feeling of how terrifying that young woman was. If he didn't see it with his own two eyes, it would be absolutely impossible for him to believe that such a young woman would actually be able to slaughter a Golden Roc at the Earthly Immortal Realm so easily!

Right at this moment, Chen Xi seemed to have sensed something and raised his eyes to look over. He saw that young woman had suddenly turned her head to look over towards him, and his heart couldn't help but tremble when their gazes met.

What sort of eyes were they?

Deep like an abyss and pitch black like a gem. They seemed to be calm, yet at the instant he met her gaze, it caused his soul to feel an indescribable feeling of horror and icy coldness.

"There really always is someone stronger." Chen Xi hurriedly turned his head away and took a deep breath to restrain the fluctuation in his head before lightly sighing with emotion.

"Are you talking about me?" Suddenly, a clear and pleasant voice that seemed like the sound of nature resounded out by his ear.

Chen Xi's entire body went stiff as every single inch of his skin tightened instantaneously before he swiftly turned around, and he saw that the young woman had actually suddenly appeared right beside him!

"You..." After recovering from his shock, Chen Xi swiftly recovered his calm, and only now did he notice that the starry glow around this young woman had vanished to reveal a beautiful and oval shaped face.

"You? Call me A'xiu." The young woman grinned. She had delicate and moist lips, snow white teeth, beautiful brows that seemed like distant mountains, and exquisite features, and the corners of her mouth were curled up slightly to reveal a playful and lively feeling.

This was indeed an extremely beautiful young woman who wore a green dress and possessed a graceful figure, and jade white and supple skin that was tender and smooth. She couldn't be said to be breathtaking, yet gave others the feeling as if they wouldn't get tired from looking at her and would feel she was more beautiful the more they looked at her, causing her to have a unique charm.

As soon as she finished speaking, she looked below and muttered excitedly with a clear voice. "Hey, are all those your subordinates? There're so many people. Nice, now I won't be lonely if there're so many people, and I can make more friends to play together with."

As she spoke, she'd descended to the ground, and she waves her crystalline and tender little fists. "Hey! Hey! Hello everyone! I'm A'xiu, and we're friends from now on..."

Meng Wei and the others were astounded and slightly stunned because a lively and beautiful young woman had suddenly appeared and candidly wanted to be friends with them...

This sort of feeling was so sudden and strange, yet it just so happened that the young woman called A'xiu did it so naturally, and she wasn't embarrassed in the slightest. All of this almost caused everyone to not dare believe their eyes.

Chen Xi was similarly astounded, and he had a strange and absurd feeling as he looked at that young woman who acted as if she was familiar with everyone. Is this still that terrifying young woman that slaughtered an Earthly Immortal Realm Golden Roc?

How come she's like this!?

"Hey! Hey! What sort of expression is that? Can we still play happily together?" A'xiu placed her hands on her waist while her pitch black eyes swept past everyone, and she puckered her lips while crying out angrily.

"Big Sister, I'm Xiao Yan." Xiao Yan suddenly moved forward and spoke obediently.

"Xiao Yan? What a nice name!" A'xiu suddenly beamed while her watery eyes transformed into two arcs from her smile, and then she walked forward to put her hand intimately around Xiao Yan's little shoulder before she said with a grin, "From today onward, you're my little sister, and Big Sister will really dote upon you."

Her hand stretched out to make a grabbing gesture in midair as she spoke, causing a string of spirit fruits to appear in her hand, and it seemed as if they'd just been gathered from the branches of a tree. They had verdant leaves, snow white and crystalline fruits, and emitted waves of refreshing fragrance that was chilly like mist.

"Oh, this is for you. It's sweet, juicy, and very taste. Quickly try it." A'xiu pulled off a spirit fruit and pushed it into Xiao Yan's mouth before looking at her with anticipation.

Meng Wei frowned and was about to stop this when Chen Xi shook his head to indicate that Meng Wei shouldn't make any rash movements. As far as he was concerned, if this young woman wanted to cause harm to them, then she would utterly have no need to play tricks.

Most importantly, he'd discerned with a single glance that the string of snow white spirit fruits A'xiu had taken out were surprisingly extremely rare and precious spirit fruits — Frost Ginseng Ice Fruit!

This spirit fruit was extremely rare and invaluable, and it was even rather precious in extraordinary sects. It contained the aura of the Grand Dao of water, and it carried great benefits to cultivators that had grasped the Grand Dao of Water!

Merely this scene caused Chen Xi to feel that the origins of this young woman called A'xiu was absolutely extraordinary. Perhaps she was the daughter or disciple of a great figure that shook the heavens and the earth.

"Oh, it really is tasty. Big Sister didn't trick me." Xiao Yan bit the Frost Ginseng Ice Fruit lightly. Its texture was silky smooth, its juices refreshing and sweet, and it caused all the pores in her body to seem as if they'd opened up. It was extremely tasty.

A'xiu beamed to the point her eyes turned into arcs, and she rubbed Xiao Yan's head. "I don't trick people. I still have a variety of tasty things, and so long as you like them, I'll let you eat all of them in the future."

Xiao Yan nodded with force. "Big Sister is really good."

A'xiu passed the string of spirit fruits in her hand to Xiao Yan and said, "Oh, for the sake of allowing everyone to play together more happily in the future, distribute this to those other little fellows to taste."

"Oh." Xiao Yan nodded and received the spirit fruits before distributing them.

"You... Why are you acting in this way?" Chen Xi couldn't restrain himself any longer and asked.

"Good things should be shared with everyone so that everyone is happy, right?" A'xiu blinked her eyes and spoke with a grin.

"Then when do you intend to leave?" Chen Xi continued.

"Leave? When did I say I would leave?" A'xiu crinkled her small nose and said while shaking her head, "You should leave such a profound question to yourself to figure out. Perhaps I'll leave myself when I'm unhappy..."

Chen Xi was completely speechless from encountering such a candid young woman.

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#### **Chapter 724: Seagods Heart**

The group moved forward along the Stardrop Mountain Range.

Their speed wasn't swift, and they walked for half a day before resting for the other half. They didn't seem like they were rushing on a journey, but seemed as if they were on a tour instead.

Chen Xi sat cross-legged within the wagon while thinking about some things that weighed down on his mind. Bai Gunan had bid farewell to him when he left Blaze City, and at the moment before they parted ways, this renowned profligate disciple withdrew his usually arrogant, overbearing, and unrestrained appearance and revealed a serious and even slightly worried expression that departed far away from his normal behavior.

He told Chen Xi that Bai Wanqing's situation in the Bai Clan couldn't be considered to be good, and she was even shunned away by many seniors of the clan, so he hoped that Chen Xi could make a trip to the Bai Clan when Chen Xi was free.

As for the reason, Bai Gunan only said two words — Zuoqiu!

Chen Xi practically instantly understood a great deal of things. He recalled his mother, Zuoqiu Xue and the Zuoqiu Clan, and he could even be sure that there were clansmen of the Zuoqiu Clan coming and going in the Violet Thistle Mountain's Bai Clan right now...

This was bad news!

Bai Wanqing and his mother Zuoqiu Xue had a good relationship yet had been implicated now because of the Zuoqiu Clan and suffered the shunning of her own clansmen. He could imagine how terrifying the forces of the Zuoqiu Clan was to actually make all the seniors of the Bai Clan listen obediently to their orders.

At the moment he found out about this news, Chen Xi even wished for nothing more than to immediately make a trip to the Bai Clan and see how exactly those clansmen of the Zuoqiu Clan looked like.

But he restrained himself in the end because Bai Gunan told him that Bai Wanqing was still at the frontline of the battlefield with Xeno-race, and the earliest she would return was three years from now.

In other words, he still had to wait for three years before he would have the chance to meet Bai Wanqing.

Zuoqiu... Zuoqiu... Why have I never heard any rumors about this clan in the Dark Reverie? Chen Xi couldn't help but sigh and was slightly restless, causing him to pull open the window screen and look outside.

At this moment, the group had stopped within a gorge that was covered in a carpet of verdant grass. There were flowing springs, waterfalls, and verdant pine trees within the gorge, causing it to seem like an otherworldly paradise.

A'xiu wore a green dress and had her hands behind her back, and her beautiful oval face carried a smile while she distributed spirit fruits. "Oh, these are Flamespike Jadeseed Fruits, and they can be consumed after being skinned. Remember to swallow the entire fruit within your mouth before slowly biting its flesh because the nectar within will explode out. It will rise within your body and emit a dense and mellow fragrance. Moreover, it burns like strong wine, causing it to have a very wonderful taste."

It wasn't just Xiao Yan who was at the side, and even Blackie, Scarface, Baldy, Rock, and the other youths were circled in layers around A'xiu while their gazes had fallen onto on a spirit fruit in A'xiu's hand as they gulped in secret.

This spirit fruit was fist sized and bright red, its surface was translucent, smooth, and covered in strands of golden striations. It glowed like a gem and effused a tempting sweet fragrance.

This was the Flamespike Jadeseed Fruit, and just like the Frost Ginseng Ice Fruit, it was an extremely precious spirit fruit that contained the aura of the Grand Dao of Fire, causing it to possess shocking value.

Since they met A'xiu for the first time on that day, this beautiful and candid young woman that was always smiling had become a lively and gorgeous piece of scenery in the group.

Her light and ringing laughter that was like the sound of nature was everywhere, and her lively and graceful figure could be seen everywhere. Moreover, she would produce various rare spirit fruits every single day as if she was performing magic and distributed it to the youths to taste.

Just like this, she'd become thoroughly familiar with everyone within the group in practically less than three days, and she'd become the young big sister that all the youths were most happy to get close to.

Even Meng Wei and Mo Ya's attitude towards A'xiu had become much friendlier.

All in all, this young woman, A'xiu, seemed to possess an indescribable charm that seemed as if she was capable of getting along well with everyone so long as she was willing.

Moreover, her arrival had indeed caused the entire group to be filled with more cheer and laughter. Besides that, the cultivation of the youths wasn't delayed by this, and they'd even obtained an obvious improvement instead.

The reason was very simple. All the spirit fruits that came from her were exceedingly precious and plentiful in medicinal strength, so even if it was given to a pig, that pig would be able to transform into a pig demon...

In next to no time, every single youth had a bright red Flamespike Jadeseed Fruit in their hands, and every single one of them was jubilant and thanked A'xiu repeatedly.

A'xiu grinned as she enjoyed all this praise, and she was extremely happy at the same time.

However, Chen Xi who was within the wagon was unable to arouse the slightest feeling of happiness when he saw this, and his brows knit together even more tightly. The scenes of A'xiu easily slaughtering the Earthly Immortal Realm Golden Roc was still vivid before his eyes.

This caused him to have no choice but to be vigilant and take precautions. After all, A'xiu's appearance was too sudden, and she'd joined them for no reason or rhyme. Moreover, he had no knowledge of her identity or origins, so Chen Xi had no choice but to be vigilant against a person like this.

Of course, it would be even better if A'xiu's was really so innocent by nature because if she had any other intentions, then it would absolutely be an unpredictable calamity to them.

During these past few days, Chen Xi had always been imperceptibly observing A'xiu. Merely based on her outward appearance, no one could discern how terrifying this young woman's strength was, and besides this, he didn't find anything off about her, causing Chen Xi to feel even more worried.

"Hey, this is for you." Meanwhile, A'xiu ran over excitedly, and she passed over a Flamespike Jadeseed Fruit through the window.

"How many times have I told you? I'm not called 'hey'." Chen Xi frowned and refused her good intentions.

A'xiu wasn't bothered in the slightest, and her eyes that were like black gems spun as she said with a smile, "Alright, it's fine if I call you Chen Xi, right? You're really a strange fellow. Could it be that you don't like having snacks? It's really tasty? Why don't you have a taste?"

As she spoke, she passed the bright red spirit fruit over once again.

Chen Xi put his hand to his forehead and had a powerless expression. He was completely defeated by the young woman and couldn't help but ask. "Are you sure you want to come with us?"

A'xiu nodded as her moist red lips parted, and then she bit the spirit fruit in her hand before patting her cheeks and mumbling. "When have I deceived you?"

Her voice hadn't finished resounding out in the sky when a fist sized spirit fruit was already completely consumed by her small mouth. Obviously, she did indeed take these spirit fruits as snacks just as she'd said.

How much money has she eaten with that bite... An absurd thought couldn't help but flash past Chen Xi's mind for no reason or rhyme, and then he hurriedly shook his head and eliminated all his distracting thoughts before he asked. "A few days ago, why did you kill that..."

Before he could finish speaking, A'xiu came to a sudden understanding. "Are you talking about that old bird? It coveted my treasure and intended to harm me, so I naturally had to kill it. Otherwise, wouldn't I be letting it off too easily?"

Old bird... The corners of Chen Xi's mouth couldn't help but twitch fiercely. Only this young woman before my eyes would dare describe a Golden Roc at the Earthly Immortal Realm as an old bird, right?

"Your treasure... How did that old...bird know about it?" Chen Xi took a deep breath and continued.

"Oh, I guess he saw it." As A'xiu spoke, she removed a dark blue colored gem from her snow white neck. "Oh, it's this. This is a treasure I've been carrying on me since I was young, and I'll never be able to find my way back home if I lose it."

Swish!

This dark blue gem was strung by a red string. It was only the size of a marble and revealed a flawless shape of a heart, and it seemed as if it was formed naturally. At the instant it appeared, it actually aroused a strange fluctuation that seemed like an ocean roiling, and it emitted the sound of waves.

At the same time, an extremely cool airflow effused out. Instantly, Chen Xi felt the spirit, energy, and essence within his entire body become lively and circulate automatically, causing him to have the feeling of resonating with the entire heavens and the earth!

This is only just a strand of its aura, and if it was utilized to cultivate, wouldn't my speed of cultivation multiply?

Instantly, Chen Xi couldn't help but be moved. This is absolutely a precious treasure of the heavens and the earth. Moreover, it's absolutely not so simple and ought to possess other profound effects!

No wonder that Golden Roc would make a move, because even I can't help but be moved when facing such a treasure!

"This is the Seagod's Heart. Unfortunately, there's only one so I can't give it to you." A'xiu grinned as she hung the dark blue gem on her neck once more.

The Seagod's Heart... Instantaneously, Chen Xi recalled a record in the Dark Reverie Manual. According to legend, in the Unknown Lands of the Dark Reverie was a boundlessly vast ocean called 'Great Life.'

This ocean reached the skies and the depths of the world. It had experienced the passage of countless years and due to karmic coincidence, it actually stole a trace of the secrets of the heavens, allowing it to form a strand of soul that cultivated the Dao for innumerable years and experienced the lightning tribulations to transform into a god of the seas.

Unfortunately, because it had stolen the secrets of the heavens, its existence wasn't tolerated by the Heaven Dao, causing it to be annihilated in the end. But its heart was preserved perfectly, and it was the heart of an expert, an unyielding heart, and it was a precious treasure that cultivators dreamt of. It possessed numerous inconceivable profundities, and its value wasn't inferior to a true Immortal Artifact.



Originally, Chen Xi thought it was a legend. But now, after he witnessed the gem in A'xiu's possession, he was already 80 or 90% sure that this object was surely that 'heart' left behind by the Seagod!

When he thought up to here, Chen Xi felt that this young woman's origins were even more mysterious because even the treasure she carried with her had such great origins. So, what about her? Exactly what sort of shocking origins would she possess?

He stared fixedly at A'xiu for a very long time, and then took a deep breath and decided in the end. "You can come along with us. But you have to promise me a single thing, you'll listen to my instructions when doing anything!"

"Alright!" A'xiu agreed very readily and without the slightest hesitation nor trouble. But she turned around and left right after she agreed, and she whistled a lively song while looking for those youths to play with...

This caused the corners of Chen Xi's mouth to twitch fiercely. Did she actually remember what I said!?

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Three days later, when Chen Xi and the others crossed Stardrop Mountain Range, a lofty city that floated within the sea of clouds suddenly appeared within their field of vision, and it aroused an intense visual impact for them.

In merely an instant, the entire group was stunned.

A city was floating beneath the sky. It was boundlessly vast, magnificent, and lofty, and it radiated brilliant and vast golden light while bathing under the sunlight!

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#### **Chapter 725: Looking Down On Others**

Everyone recovered from their shock after a long time, and all of them clicked their tongues in admiration towards the city in the sky.

Chen Xi said with a smile, "According to legend, this city has been standing here since the primeval times, and it's completely constructed from a material called Levitational Rocks. It's impregnable like a fortress and has experienced the ceaseless renovation of the Taotie Clan's experts to form its current scale."

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Xi led the group towards the distance.

If one wanted to ascend this city, then one had to go through a special pathway — Cloud Stairs!

This sort of cloud stairs formed from pieces that were like numerous white clouds, and they moved up layer by layer until Taotie City in the sky.

It was utterly impossible to approach Taotie City if one flew in the sky, and the reason was extremely simple, the guards in the surroundings of the city would take anyone that flew to be an enemy and annihilate the person with all their might!

In next to no time, Chen Xi and the others arrived at the location of the Cloud Stairs.

At this moment, there were many cultivators lined up before the Cloud Stairs. There were men and women of all ages, and they were over 100 in number, whereas at the entrance of the Cloud Stairs was two experts of the Taotie Clan holding down the fort.

Chen Xi led the youths along to line up at the back of the line, as for those wagons, he'd stored them all in the Buddha's Pagoda a long time ago.

Right at this moment, a wave of argument arose abruptly at the front of the line.

"On what basis are we not allowed to enter?" A young man spoke furiously, and beside him was over 10 people that similarly revealed expressions of fury.

"Hmph! A single Nine-Profundity Token only allows entrance for seven people including the bearer. Could it be that you don't know of this rule?" The person that spoke was a gray clothed old man, and he was an expert of the Taotie Clan.

"Then what about them? Why were they able to take in 40 or 50 people by relying on a single Nine-Profundity Token?" The young man's face was covered in fury as he raised his hand to point up the stairs, and there were 40 or 50 people ascending the stairs there.

"They're the disciples of Celestial Mountain Dao Estate. Young man, what about you?" The gray clothed old man spoke unhurriedly with an indifferent expression, and his words were filled with disdain that wasn't concealed in the slightest.

"You..." The young man bristled with anger, and he was angered to the point of being unable to speak.

"What? You want to cause trouble in the territory of my Taotie Clan?" The gray clothed old man raised his head while a bright light flashed within his eyes, and it was like a sharp sword that pierced the young man's face to the point it burned with pain.

"Hmph!" The young man revealed a dejected expression in the end, and the rage that covered his face transformed into a disgruntled expression. He shook his head and didn't enter Taotie City but left furiously with his companions.

"You're young and impetuous, yet don't know what's good for you. You have no status, no position, yet you want to enjoy the same treatment as others? Truly childish and laughable!" The gray clothed old man sneered without end.

Everyone in the line was silent. Even though they rather pitied that young man, they didn't have any intention to stand up for him. It couldn't be helped, even though that gray clothed old man's words were slightly unpleasant, he spoke the truth that was realistic and cruel.

In next to no time, it was the turn of Chen Xi and the others.

The gray clothed old man raised his eyes and couldn't help but be stunned when his gaze swept past Chen Xi and the youths behind him. "You want to bring almost 100 people into the city?"

Chen Xi nodded and took out the Nine-Profundity Token Master Yong gave him.

The gray clothed old man didn't even spare it a look before sneering. "Today is sure a strange day. Why are there so many fellows that have an exaggerated opinion of their abilities and want to defy the rules?"

Chen Xi frowned and slowly put the Nine-Profundity Token away.

"Didn't you see what happened to that young man from before?" The gray clothed old man's eyes narrowed as they swept towards Chen Xi. Due to Chen Xi's vital energy having attained a flawless state since a long time ago, unless one's cultivation was greater than his, otherwise, it was absolutely impossible to see through his cultivation.

Coupled with Chen Xi's unfamiliar face, it caused the gray clothed old man to unconsciously underestimate Chen Xi, and his attitude instantly became cold and bad.

"I did." Chen Xi nodded and felt slight detest towards the gray clothed old man's attitude because it was too snobbish.

But he also knew that such a thing existed everywhere in this cultivation world where a strict hierarchy existed, and it couldn't be changed with his will alone, so he restrained his anger.

"You saw yet you still persist?" The gray clothed old man frowned.

"Why speak so much nonsense with a junior? There are still people lined up behind, so if he doesn't enter the city then throw him out! Just kill him if he dares to adhere to his foolish ways!" A middle aged man spoke with displeasure from the side.

He was the companion of the gray clothed old man, and the both of them were holding down the fort here.

"Did you hear that? Are you entering or not? Fuck off if you aren't!" The gray clothed old man was instantly enraged from being reprimanded by his companion, and he vented his rage on Chen Xi.

"Meng Wei, Mo Ya, bash these two bastards for me!" Chen Xi turned around abruptly and instructed indifferently because he noticed that it wasn't good to keep a low profile sometimes, just like this moment.

Meng Wei and Mo Ya were impatiently waiting for this moment since a long time ago, and they charged over explosively while Chen Xi's voice was still reverberating in the air!

Rumble!

Both of them were like two Fiendgods. At the instant they made a move, they revealed the terrifying strength of Nether Transformation Realm experts in body refinement, and they crushed the gray clothed old man and middle aged man in a short moment. The gray clothed old man and middle aged man were beaten by them to the point blood sprayed from their noses and mouths while they emitted endless shrill howls before laying on the ground like dead dogs, and they didn't have the slightest arrogant aura from before.

The people lined up at the back of the line were stunned. How audacious of this group of people, they actually dared to bash the clansmen of the Taotie Clan right before their door!

Arrogant!

These fellows are truly arrogant!

Everyone was exceedingly astounded in their hearts. But when they saw those two Taotie Clan experts wailing on the ground, they felt slightly delighted in their hearts because these two fellows that looked down upon others really needed a beating!

“All of you are courting death! You actually dare to cause trouble at my Taotie Clan. All of you can dream of leaving today!” The gray clothed old man and middle aged man’s features were warped as they howled loudly.

Bang!

Chen Xi raised his hand and threw a command token on the gray clothed old man’s face before he said unhurriedly, “If you want to call for assistance then hurry up, I’ll wait for you.”

“Hmph! Do you think I don’t dare...” The gray clothed old man picked up the command token and was about to throw it away when he inadvertently saw the golden words ‘Nine Radiance Sword Sect’ was shockingly inscribed on the command token, and it was written with forceful and vigorous strokes that emitted an oppressive and fierce aura.

His voice stopped abruptly as his face turned slightly pale. The Nine Radiance Sword Sect? This young man is actually an outstanding disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect?!

He couldn’t help but turn over the command token with his trembling hand and look at its back. He instantly seemed as if he was struck by lightning when he saw the row of words behind the token clearly, and he was completely dazed.

“Sixth Brother, what’s wrong!? Quickly go call for reinforcements!” The middle aged man at the side roared while holding his swollen face.

“You... You... Take a look...” The gray clothed old man seemed scared out of his wits as he stiffly passed the command token over to the middle aged man.

The middle aged man grabbed the command token over fiercely, and he was slightly displeased. Isn’t it just a lousy command token? What is there... Hmm? In the next moment, when his gaze noticed the words on the command token, his pupils constricted abruptly as he gasped repeatedly, and he almost suffocated himself to death.

He’d absolutely not seen wrongly, and this command token was real!

In other words, this young man before me is... The middle aged man felt his head drone while he saw stars, and his entire face was ashen to the limit.

Everyone lined up in the back was extremely curious when they saw this strange scene, and they swept their gazes towards the command token in unison with the intention of finding out what exactly it was.

Unfortunately, Chen Xi had already put away the command token at this moment, causing them to be helpless. But, they were even more curious in their hearts. Who exactly is this young man? Even the experts of the Taotie Clan had such a dejected expression upon seeing this command token?

It was even to the extent they didn't have any intention to call for reinforcements!

"Can I bring them into the city with me?" asked Chen Xi.

The gray clothed old man and middle aged man seemed as if they'd awakened from a dream, and they nodded repeatedly with fear and awe, and a wisp of dense reverence couldn't help but appear in their eyes.

"Why even act in that way?" Chen Xi sighed, yet his gaze didn't contain the slightest pity but only deep detest because he hated people that looked down on others and relied on the power behind them to bully others.

"We won't dare do it again." Both of them trembled like pitiable little worms.

Chen Xi couldn't help but shake his head when he saw this, causing him to lose all interest. He didn't delay any longer and led Meng Wei and the others up the Cloud Stairs towards Taotie City that was in the sky.

Swish!

Right after all of them left, the numerous people that were lined up behind had surged over and asked at the same time. "Fellow Daoists, who's that young man?"

The gray clothed old man and middle aged man looked at each other, and both of their expressions were complicated to the extreme. There was no arrogance from before but only a deep feeling of bitterness and powerlessness, and there was even a wisp of heartfelt shock.

The cultivators that were lined up felt even more curious when they saw this scene, and they asked once more.

The gray clothed old man didn't continue hiding the truth when he saw this, otherwise it would really be embarrassing if he didn't dare speak of the person's name after being bashed.

The old man took a deep breath and sighed with a complicated expression. "Who else could it be? It was naturally Chen Xi."

"Chen Xi?" Everyone was stunned and were slightly unable to react to that name. But, in next to no time, they recalled the name that gave rise to much discussion lately in the cultivation world, and their expressions turned to shock as they exclaimed endlessly with surprise.

"He's the Nine Radiance Sword Sect's Chen Xi!?"

"My god! He really is alive. In other words, the news that came from Blaze City is true?"

"After vanishing for a few months, he slaughtered the Heavenflow Dao Sect's Yan Shisan as soon as he reappeared in the world. How many people in the cultivation world have such boldness?"

Everyone exclaimed successively with admiration, and they felt pity towards the encounter of the gray clothed old man and middle aged man because out of everyone present, they just had to offend this ferocious figure, so they truly deserved their fate!

The old man and middle aged man laughed bitterly with dejection, and they didn't speak another word.

Someone suddenly cried out with surprise. "Right, why has Chen Xi come to Taotie City? Could it be that he wants to participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings as well?"

The others were stunned and slightly didn't dare believe that a peerless genius like Chen Xi would participate in a grand event between spirit chefs.

"He's surely participating in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings. I clearly saw that he possessed a Nine-Profundity Token earlier. That command token is something only first-rate spirit chefs can possess!" Someone seemed to have recalled something and spoke with excitement. "This won't do. I can't wait to enter the city now. If Chen Xi is really participating, then it would surely be an explosive piece of news!"

The others were slightly impatient to enter the city as well when they heard this, and they charged up the Cloud Stairs successively and dashed towards Taotie City.

On the other hand, at this moment, Chen Xi's group had already entered Taotie City, and they were exclaiming with admiration at this 'Capital of Delicacies' that was built in the sky.

It couldn't be helped, there were truly too many delicacies here!

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#### **Chapter 726: Whitejade Dracophant**

Taotie City lived up to its name of being a city in the sky. The straight and broad streets in the city were constructed from Levitational Rocks that were smooth like mirrors, and they were covered in a layer of clouds, causing it to feel dreamlike as one walked on its streets.

At the same time, Taotie City was the 'Capital of Delicacies' that was renowned in the world, and it gathered all the delicacies in the world. There were various ingredients from all over being transported into the city at practically every single moment, and after being cooked by the spirit chefs within the city, they became the numerous delicacies with special flavors on the dining tables.

Presently, along with the approach of the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, this capital of delicacies had become even more bustling and streaming with people, and the streets were almost filled with people. Some were cultivators from all over that had come to witness the grand event out of admiration, and some were first-rate spirit chefs that had come from far and wide.

When Chen Xi and the others stepped foot into the city, it seemed as if they'd entered another world, and clamorous waves of noise assaulted their faces.

Strands of a variety of tempting fragrances suffused the air like an expanse of fermented clouds and mist, causing one's spirits to be refreshed and appetite to be aroused upon smelling it.

The streets in the city were extremely broad and filled with stalls on both sides. Behind the stalls were numerous spirit chefs that were cooking delicacies with skilled movements, whereas the people on the streets were mostly converged before every single stall and were tasting the delicacies while singing waves of praise.

"Finecloud Stall's Flaming Skewers are really superb! The texture of the meat is charred on the outside and tender on the inside, and it's oily yet not greasy. The rarest part of it all was that it carried the pungent taste of Jade Turnip Spice. Oh, its taste is too good!" "This Fragrant Turmeric Stall's Nine

Treasure Spirit Cake is even better. It's sweet, sticky, crispy, and smooth. It carries both the freshness of Azure Duckweed and the rich taste of Silver Poria. Even my tongue melts along with it once it's in my mouth."

"Come, come, come! Come taste this Clear Maroon Fruit Wine. It was personally brewed by Master Mei after gathering over a thousand spirit fruits and sealed within an icy pit for a hundred years, and it has only been unsealed today. It has a mellow and rich taste, and it's said that even an immortal would be intoxicated by three cups of it. It's a precious and superb wine that's hard to come by."

Clamorous noise filled the streets while cultivators formed groups of two or three as they enjoyed the delicacies and savored the superb wine before the numerous stalls with relaxed and carefree bearings.

The luxurious scene that was covered with delicacies caused even Chen Xi to feel it was too much for his eyes to take in, and he was greatly interested. Most importantly, the delicacies before those stalls were actually provided for free tastings!

What extravagance!

Chen Xi praised in his heart. After all, those delicacies weren't ordinary dishes, and every single one of them were comparable to spirit medicines and possessed miraculous effects, causing them to be expensive.

Presently, they were actually given for free to the passing people in Taotie Street to taste, and ordinary powers were utterly unable to endure such an expense.

"Oh, there's so much good food!" The nearby A'xiu's eyes lit up while she stared fixedly at a golden yellow skewer of roast meat, and a trace of crystalline saliva overflowed from the red and moist corners of her mouth.

She wore a green dress, possessed a graceful figure, and had a gorgeous and exquisite appearance. At this moment, her appearance of a little glutton didn't arouse dislike in others but revealed a tender and cute feeling instead.

She shook Chen Xi's sleeve. "Let's start eating as well. I want to eat for three days and three nights!"

As soon as these words were spoken, the people she passed by nearby were instantly astounded, and they looked at A'xiu with strange expressions. It was truly difficult for them to imagine that such a lofty proclamation was spoken by a beautiful and cute young woman.

A'xiu didn't care instead, and she ran over happily to a stall and snapped her finger before she said in a clear voice, "Shopkeeper, give me 10 meat skewers! Right, you didn't hear me wrongly. It isn't one but 10!"

"Heh, Young Miss, you really have a good appetite." The shopkeeper couldn't help but grin from amusement but still passed over a bunch of skewers.

"Of course, how would I be able to eat for three days and three nights if my appetite isn't good?" The corners of A'xiu's mouth curled up, and she revealed an aura of arrogance as if she could devour all of it in a moment.

The shopkeeper was astounded and looked at Chen Xi as if he was saying. Young Master, this female companion of yours is too abnormal, right?

Chen Xi held his forehead in speechlessness, and he had a gloomy feeling. He walked forward and took hold of A'xiu's hand before walking forward.

"Hey! Hey! What are you pulling me along for?"

"I'll repeat it one more time, I'm not called 'hey'!"

"Oh, Chen Xi."

"Young Miss, can you be a little normal?"

"Normal? Aren't I very normal?"

"You..."

"Aren't I?"

"..."

In the end, Chen Xi exerted a great deal of effort and finally brought A'xiu along to leave this luxurious street that was filled with tempting delicacies, and he moved into a courtyard with Meng Wei and the others.

"Rest for a while. No one is allowed to leave without my permission!" Chen Xi glared at A'xiu, and he warned fiercely before turning around and returning to his room.

This courtyard was extremely large. There were artificial mountains and rivers, pavilions, and everything one could ask for. It was a courtyard specially prepared by Taotie City for the spirit chefs that were participating in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, so only those that possessed a Nine-Profundity Token could reside within it.

Chen Xi started to carefully read the jade slip in his hand upon returning to his room.

This was given to him by a servant of the Taotie Clan upon moving in to this courtyard, and it recorded the procedures and rules related to the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings.

According to the jade slip, the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings this time would have 3,000 spirit chefs from all over the Dark Reverie competing in it, and every single spirit chef was around the level of seven leaves.

The rules of the competition were extremely simple as well. It was divided into three rounds. Spirit chefs only had to cook a dish and pass it to the corresponding servant for the first round, and the servant would send it to Taotie Palace. At that time, the great spirit chefs of the Taotie Clan would taste these dishes one by one and select 100 spirit chefs to advance to the next round.

In the second round, those 100 spirit chefs that had been selected would be invited to Taotie Palace, and they would cook different dishes according to the various topics given to them. The 10 most outstanding people would remain while the remaining people would be eliminated.



The third round was the final round. At that time, that Taotie Clan's divine artifact — The Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok would make an appearance in Taotie Palace as well, and it would judge the top three spirit chefs along with three other seniors from the Taotie Clan.

The rewards for the Spirit Chef Gold Ranking this time was extremely generous as well. For example, not only would the first three obtain a strand of Goldblaze Flame, they would even be able to obtain a gift from the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok.

Goldblaze Flame was a type of divine flame of the heavens and the earth, and it was extremely rare. Only the Taotie Clan possessed a strand of the source of such flames, and it was practically impossible to find anywhere.

Not only could this divine flame be utilized to refine pills and equipment, it possessed an extremely miraculous effect towards the cooking of food by spirit chefs. It could be said that this divine flame was absolutely a precious treasure that every single spirit chef dreamt of.

On the other hand, the gift from the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok was even more extraordinary. After all, it was an Immortal Artifact that had existed since the primeval times until this day, and its Artifact Spirit had lived for countless years. It possessed a respected status and identity to the point that even Heavenly Immortals probably had to be courteous when meeting it!

This was the gift of an ancient figure, so how could it be ordinary?

Of course, besides the spirit chefs that were ranked in the top three, the other spirit chefs ranked in the top 10 and top 100 would similarly obtain rewards. But the value of these rewards was far inferior to the rewards obtained by those in the top three.

Goldblaze Flame, isn't that one of the divine flames required to refine the Flame God Fan? Chen Xi was surprised as he never expected that the reward of the Taotie Clan would actually contain such a treasure, and he couldn't help but feel slight anticipation.

The Spirit Chef Gold Rankings is starting in three days. Oh, it seems like I ought to make proper preparations as well. Chen Xi pondered for a moment as the content of An Ultimate, Illustrated Guide to Food Ingredients appeared clearly within his mind.

This was the first book related to spirit chefs that Old Man Ma had given to him while he was at Pine Mist City, and it recorded a few tens of thousands of spirit herbs, fruits, vegetables, grains, demon beasts, wild beasts, and so on and so forth that could be used as ingredients, and it could be said to contain everything in the world.

It was precisely by relying on the foundation formed from this book that Chen Xi's grasp of the Culinary Dao had unknowingly risen along with his cultivation to attain a height that caused Master Yong to praise him endlessly.

In next to no time, Chen Xi had a plan in his heart, and he got up and left his room with the intention of buying some ingredients on the streets.

But he intentionally went to take a look at A'xiu before leaving, and he saw this young woman that didn't act according to convention was playing with Xiao Yan and the others, causing him to instantly feel much more relaxed. So he notified Meng Wei before turning around and leaving.

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As the publicly acknowledged capital of delicacies, Taotie City naturally had no lack of various ingredients. Conversely, the ingredients and goods here were so plentiful and complete that it could be said to be matchless.

But Chen Xi had just arrived here after all, and he was extremely unfamiliar with Taotie City, so he hired a local to be his guide as soon as he left.

The guide was a middle aged man with a gentle appearance, and he was a brilliant conversationalist. His name was Tao Ge.

Along with the curtains to the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings being about to be drawn, cultivators from all over the world had come over out of admiration. For the sake of the convenience of these guests that had just arrived and for the sake of earning some treasures, numerous local residents had taken up the role of guides, and Tao Ge was one of them.

“Young Master, look over there. That’s the Spirit Flame Pool that’s under construction. Once it’s completed, the over 1,000 types of spirit flames gathered by my Taotie Clan from all over the world will be placed there for the sake of being utilized for cooking.” Tao Ge was an extremely enthusiastic guide, and coupled with the high compensation Chen Xi provided, it made him work even harder. So, he spoke with fervor and assurance all along the way while citing many books as if he was speaking on a subject he was greatly familiar with.

At this moment, he was pointing towards the distance with a prideful expression. At that place was an enormous pool that occupied an extremely vast area, and it was completely constructed from first-class Blacksoul Jade, causing it to seem dignified, restrained, magnificent, and grand.

Some equipment refiners and Talisman Formation Masters were bustling about around the Spirit Flame Pool, and they were making the best use of every second to construct it, causing it to seem like an extremely bustling scene.

“After this Spirit Flame Pool is Myriad Transformations Market, that’s the largest place of convergence for ingredients in my Taotie City. Those that fly in the sky, crawl on the ground, swim in the water... There’s every type of ingredient, and it’s rather renowned in the cultivation world.” Tao Ge pointed towards the distance and was just intending to lead Chen Xi over when an expanse of clamorous noise just happened to resound out from the streets at this moment.

An enormous group was walking through the center of the streets with their heads held high, and all of them rode Whitejade Dracophants that were 9m in height. They were like numerous little hills that were covered in an armor of scales that were thick like shields.

Their footsteps were extremely heavy, and every single step caused the ground to tremble, and their impetus was extremely shocking when the entire group rumbled and moved through the streets.

On the Whitejade Dracophant at the front of the group was a robust young man that sat upright, and he possessed an extremely strong physique. His appearance was craggy, his eyes cold like lightning, and his entire body emitted an oppressive aura.

“Eh! It’s actually Young Master Tao Kun!” Tao Ge was stunned as a wisp of fervent respect surged out into his eyes. “Young Master, that’s the genius expert of our Taotie Clan — Tao Kun. He’d joined one of the 10 great immortal sects, the Heavenflow Dao Sect, at a young age, and he received deep and high regards from the numerous seniors in the clan!”

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#### **Chapter 727: Killing On The Streets**

Chen Xi’s eyes narrowed slightly as Tao Kun’s aura was very familiar to him. Moreover, Tao Kun didn’t conceal his aura and spread out his formidable and cruel aura as if there was no one present around him.

Merely this aura allowed Chen Xi to determine that Tao Kun was an expert at the Nether Transformation Realm that possessed five times combat strength!

Of course, he didn’t care about this little bit of cultivation, and what he paid attention to was this person’s identity. Tao Kun was actually a disciple of the Heavenflow Dao Sect like Yan Shisan!

When one loved someone, these feelings could extend on account of that person, and hatred was exactly the same.

Even though Chen Xi couldn’t be said to have any detest towards this young man called Tao Kun, he absolutely didn’t have a good impression either. In next to no time, his gaze swept past Tao Kun and looked behind Tao Kun, and then his pupils suddenly constricted while his body froze.

“Tao Kun is an extraordinary genius of my Taotie Clan, and he’d the eldest son of Second Elder Tao Xiao. He hasn’t returned to the clan since joining the Heavenflow Dao Sect over 10 years ago.” Tao Ge spoke with great familiarity. He was a local resident that had been born and bred here, so he was extremely familiar with this Young Master Tao Kun that was eminent since a young age.

“But I heard that in the near future, the Patriarch will select the most outstanding disciple from the young disciples in the clan to be fostered as the inheritor of the clan. Perhaps Tao Kun has returned this time for this matter...” Tao Ge’s voice stopped abruptly as he stared his wide open and revealed an expression of terror.

Under his terrified gaze, Chen Xi leaped up lightly to firmly descend at the center of the street, and Chen Xi just happened to obstruct the front of the group on Whitejade Dracophants.

The entire group stopped as well, and Tao Kun who sat on the back of a Whitejade Dracophant stared at Chen Xi who stood before the group with a ferocious gaze.

At this instant, the entire clamorous street swiftly quieted down as everyone looked at Chen Xi with astonishment, and they were unable to figure out why he dared to stop Tao Kun’s group.

After all, Tao Kun was renowned throughout Taotie City. Not only did he possess a noble birth, he possessed extraordinary natural talent. He was a pure blooded Taotie that was extremely rare in the Taotie Clan. Even though he’d joined the Heavenflow Dao Sect to cultivate during these past few years and had never returned, no one had forgotten this extremely valiant and formidable young man.

Now, when they saw someone actually dared to block Tao Kun’s group, how could they not be shocked?

Tao Ge even gaped while his face was covered in astonishment, and Chen Xi sudden actions caused his mind to go blank. He was a local resident after all, and if he were to be implicated by this matter, then the consequences would be horrifying even if he escaped death!

“Hmph! I’ve only not returned home for over 10 years, yet it looks like everyone seems to have forgotten me, Tao Kun?” Tao Kun grunted coldly as he looked down at Chen Xi with a ferocious and oppressive aura.

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone went silent like cicada’s in winter.

“Kid, tell me why you blocked my path? I’ll step over your corpse and move forward to make an example today if you can’t give me an explanation!” Tao Kun spoke with an icy cold voice, and he didn’t conceal his killing intent in the slightest.

As a descendant of the Taotie Clan, besides the pursuit of delicacies, his blood carried an innate ferocious and wild arrogance.

After all, the Taotie was a peerless ferocious beast during the primeval times. A single roar from it shook the heavens and was capable of shattering the stars, moon, and sun. It was ruthless and bloodthirsty, and it was on par with ferocious beasts like the Yazi and Kui Ox.

Chen Xi turned a deaf ear to his words and stared fixedly at a cage at the back of this group, and within the cage was a robust man that was covered in injuries and had a frustrated gaze.

This robust man had hair that was crimson red like fire, and he was both frustrated and surprised when he noticed Chen Xi’s gaze, and then his figure trembled as a wisp of disbelief surged out from his eyes in the end.

A heartfelt smile appeared on the corners of Chen Xi’s mouth when he saw this. Exactly, that was his Eldest Senior Brother, Huo Molei!

But right after that, the smile on the corners of his mouth vanished, and he revealed an icy cold and indifferent expression while his fists were silently clenched tightly and emitted a string of cracking sounds.

His life in the Nine Radiance Sword Sect’s West Radiance Peak flashed before his eyes. Even though he’d only left for less than a year, his feelings for the West Radiance Peak were extremely deep, and it was usually deeply buried at the bottom of his heart. At this moment, when he saw his Eldest Senior Brother, Huo Molei, within the cage, he felt his mind was on the verge of exploding.

Could it be that something has happened to the Nine Radiance Sword Sect!?

Or perhaps, Senior Brother Huo Molei and the others suffered from some sort of trap when I was not around?

The blood in Chen Xi’s entire body seemed to have lit up in flames as intense killing intent flowed through his body like lava, causing him to be unable to restrain every single inch of skin on his body from trembling!

Why has this happened...

Why has this happened!?

Chen Xi was on the verge of being unable to control his killing intent.

“What? You know that prisoner?” Tao Kun swept the cage behind him with his gaze, and his eyes couldn’t help but narrow slightly as a wisp of a strange expression flashed within them. “Oh, that’s a slave I brought back to construct the Spirit Flame Pool, I advise you...” His voice stopped abruptly.

Because Tao Kun saw Chen Xi suddenly raise his head, and his eyes were already scarlet red like blood and emanated a ghastly and horrifying killing intent that caused him to feel a chill run down his spine.

“Hand him over to me.” Chen Xi’s voice was low as he spoke word by word. People who were familiar with him would be able to notice that he was forcefully suppressing intense killing intent within that low voice, and he was already on the verge of erupting.

For no reason or rhyme, the atmosphere in the streets became oppressive and heavy, and it was like a tightly drawn bowstring that was filled with coldness and killing intent, causing others to be on the verge of suffocation.

“Are you giving me an order?” Tao Kun took a deep breath as his gaze suddenly became extremely ferocious and killing intent effused out from his entire body before sweeping out towards the surroundings, causing even the air to become icy cold to the limit.

Everyone felt terrified and retreated in unison. Tao Kun’s almost material killing intent was like a tempestuous storm that swept out wave after wave, and if they were to be affected by it, the consequences would absolutely be terrible.

Tao Ge’s face was ashen while his entire body trembled because he was tiny like an ant before such violent killing intent, and he felt extremely regretful in his heart. He regretted assuming the role of guide for that young man...

Instantly, the deathly silent street was completely empty, and there was only an enormous group and a lone figure in confrontation.

“You ought to know who the person in the cage is. If you don’t want to bring a calamity of annihilation to your Taotie Clan, then I advise you to hand him over to me!” Chen Xi took a deep breath as he forcefully restrained the surging killing intent in his chest, and he stared at Tao Kun while speaking with a low and icy cold voice that seemed as if it swept out from an icy pit.

Bang!

The surrounding crowd was in an uproar. This fellow actually spoke such words in the Taotie Clan’s territory? He’s simply audacious and doesn’t know what’s good for him!

Tao Kun’s face turned serious instead, and his gaze flickered without end. Chen Xi’s words had hit directly at his weak spot. Even if that person had been reduced into a slave within a cage, once that person’s identity was exposed, it would still cause a mighty uproar.

He’d even received repeated instructions when bringing this person back with him that he should kill this person than allow this person’s identity to be exposed.

Now, someone had actually seen through this person's identity with a single glance. So besides causing Tao Kun to be shocked, he couldn't help but arouse exceedingly dense killing intent. This young man before me can't be allowed to live!

But for some unknown reason, he felt a trace of uneasiness that couldn't be eliminated within his heart when facing this young man, and he smelt a slightly unusual aura of danger.

Tao Kun's expression was gloomy, and then he suddenly gritted his teeth and sneered. "You want to get him from me? Alright, you can, so long as you're able to defeat me!"

As he spoke, the killing intent emanated from his body surged abruptly once again, causing the space around him to drone and tremble. This was the territory of his Taotie Clan, so no matter how formidable this young man was, what sort of waves could the young man cause?

He'd already made up his mind that he would annihilate the young man here and put an end to all future troubles!

"I've already given you the chance..." An icy cold and murderous voice swiftly drifted through the sky, and in the next moment, Chen Xi raised his leg and strode a step forward.

Bang!

It was like a Fiendgod striking a drum as it fiercely drummed onto the hearts of everyone, shaking them to the point their vital blood roiled, and their vital energy faintly showed traces of falling into chaos.

At the same time, a peerless killing intent transformed into surging pitch black talisman markings that were freezing cold as they rumbled and swept out. Everywhere they passed, those Whitejade Dracophants were minced into pieces, causing blood and flesh to spray out into the surroundings while the cultivators that rode upon them were caught off guard and almost fell to the ground.

With merely a single step, blood flowed into rivers!

"You're courting death!" Tao Kun was furious as he descended from above. His arms shook and transformed into a Yin and Yang disk that was black and white, and it spun madly as it crushed down at Chen Xi.

Chen Xi raised his head, his blood colored eyes erupted with beams of lightning that interwove into a blazing radiance of talisman markings, and they transformed into two talisman marking swords that seemed like two rays of light that penetrated the sun as they shattered the Yin and Yang disk.

"Hmm?" Tao Kun's expression went grim, and then he withdrew a golden halberd, causing him to seem like a god of war that stood proudly in the heavens and the earth. The halberd slashed down through the sky and tear space apart!

"Kneel!" Chen Xi's voice was like spring thunder. He hadn't moved yet numerous golden lotuses made of talisman markings surged out into the space before him like flowers raining from the sky as they smashed down at Tao Kun.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Rumbling echoed out as the halberd in Tao Kun's hand shattered inch by inch and transformed into a golden rain of light that rained down to the ground, whereas he himself seemed as if he'd suffered the pressure of an enormous mountain, causing him to stagger before falling from midair.

The golden lotus flowers formed from talisman markings seemed as if they were thousands of kilograms in weight, and Tao Kun had just intended to struggle when he was pressed down by a lotus to the point of kneeling on the ground while countless bones broke within his body.

Pu!

Tao Kun's countenance was ghastly pale as a mouthful of blood suddenly sprayed out from his mouth, and he knelt before Chen Xi in an embarrassing posture. This caused his eyes to almost split apart while his face was livid, and he was on the verge of going mad.

The entire battle had only been carried out for the time of a few breaths. From the beginning until the end, Chen Xi had only taken a step forward, raised his eyes, and said a single word, yet he'd made the genius of the Taotie Clan, Tao Kun who possessed five times combat strength to be directly suppressed to the point of kneeling on the ground!

Exactly how terrifying is his cultivation? It's practically like the legendary state of executing techniques with mere words!

The bodies of everyone on the streets stiffened. They stood dumbstruck on the spot with expressions of disbelief, and they felt an unprecedentedly intense shock that came from inside out.

"Father! Father! Save me!" On the ground, Tao Kun's entire body was bathed in blood as he roared furiously with a voice that sounded out into the nine heavens and spread out extremely far away.

Chen Xi paid no attention to this, and he took a stride forward to arrive before the cage before raising his hand to slowly crush the restrictions that covered the entire cage into powder...

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#### **Chapter 728: Axius Rage**

After the cage was destroyed, Chen Xi stretched out his hand to rescue Huo Molei from within before lightly placing Huo Molei on his back.

Huo Molei was covered in injuries and had obviously suffered an extremely great injury. His cultivation had even been sealed, causing him to simply be weaker than an ordinary person while in this state.

"Little... Little Junior Brother." Huo Molei spoke weakly with a dry and hoarse voice. He felt both pleasantly surprised and disbelief when he saw Chen Xi earlier, and up until this moment, he finally dared believe that everything was real, causing warm tears to flow down from his eyes.

It was truly difficult to imagine what sort of torment had a cheerful man like this suffered to become so excited and sorrowful.

Chen Xi felt a lump in his throat and said, "Eldest Senior Brother, rest at ease. I'll take revenge for you!" As he finished speaking, his voice seemed as if it was squeezed out from the cracks between his teeth, and it was icy cold and murderous to the limit.

When this voice entered into Huo Molei's ears, it was so calm and gentle, and it caused him to instantly become relaxed and actually unknowingly fall into deep sleep.

Chen Xi carried his Eldest Senior Brother on his back while moving step by step towards Tao Kun with an indifferent expression. He was like an unsheathed sharp sword, and the killing intent emanated from him would rise explosively with every stride he took. Up until the end, his entire surroundings surged with expanses of pitch black talisman markings that caused him to seem like a god of devils that had walked out from the darkness.

Tao Kun was still howling while kneeling on the ground and unable to struggle free. His expression was warped and livid because kneeling on the street in public caused him to feel unprecedented humiliation, causing him to be on the verge of madness.

Who was he?

The genius of the Taotie Clan, the eldest son of the Second Elder Tao Mo, and a Core Disciple of the Heavenflow Dao Sect!

Now, he'd actually been suppressed to the point of kneeling on the ground. When had he ever experienced such humiliation?

"You clearly knew his identity yet still dared to confine and torment him. This crime deserves death!" A flat and indifferent voice sounded out by his ears, causing Tao Kun who was overwhelmed with rage to tremble, and he seemed as if he'd been splashed with a pail of cold water, causing his entire body to shiver.

"You...actually want to kill me within the territory of my clan?" Tao Kun revealed a terrified expression that was filled with disbelief.

"What do you think?" Chen Xi replied with an icy cold tone, and then he raised his hand seeming to intent to annihilate Tao Kun.

However, right at this moment, an explosive shout that was filled with dignity sounded out abruptly from the distant sky. "Stay your hand!" The voice was like a thunderclap that resounded out in the surroundings and shook the eardrums of all to the point of droning and aching.

Swoosh!

This voice had just resounded out when a tall figure tore through space, and then pushed away Chen Xi's descending palm with a flick of his sleeve, easily assisting Tao Kun in dealing with this lethal strike.

Chen Xi's eyes focused as he took a few steps back before standing still and looking over, and he saw a tall and dignified middle aged man stood before Tao Kun. The middle aged man wore a fiery red robe, had a firm appearance, and his eyes were deep like an ocean and rather awe-inspiring.

"Patriarch!" Tao Kun almost cried from his overjoyed feelings of escaping death, and he cried out repeatedly. "Patriarch, quickly, quickly kill this fellow. He actually dared to kill in the territory of our Taotie Clan! He's simply mad and lawless!"



Chen Xi's eyes narrowed. Only now did he know that the dignified middle aged man was the Patriarch of the Taotie Clan, Tao Zhentian, an Earthly Immortal Realm expert that had overcome the seventh level of the heavenly tribulations!

At this moment, another 10 plus figures arrived here. Every single one of them were seniors of the Taotie Clan with formidable auras, and their bodies were coiled with Immortal Energy. Merely the monstrous imposing auras on their bodies caused the hearts of others to palpitate without end.

But he'd never really intended to kill Tao Kun since the beginning. After all, this was Taotie City, the territory of the Taotie Clan, and he wanted to participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings to fulfil the wishes of Old Man Ma and Master Yong. So no matter how furious he was, he had no choice but to forcefully restrain his rage.

Moreover, he felt that it was utterly impossible for someone like Tao Kun do dare make a move against his Eldest Senior Brother, and this fellow was an accomplice at most.

The reason was very simple. No matter how inferior Huo Molei's cultivation was, he was a disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect in the end, so no matter how bold Tao Kun was, he had to consider the consequences of offending the Nine Radiance Sword Sect!

"Kun'er! How did this happen to you? Who did this to you!?" A middle aged man with a gloomy expression noticed Tao Kun's miserable appearance and couldn't help but be filled with rage as he shouted loudly.

He was Tao Kun's father, Tao Luxiao, and he was the second elder of the Taotie Clan, causing him to possess monstrous authority. As he spoke, he swept his ghastly, icy cold, and murderous gaze at Chen Xi.

"Father, you've come as well." Tao Kun's face was covered in shame, and then it turned savage as he pointed at Chen Xi. "Father, kill him. You must not allow him to escape today, otherwise, there'll be a great calamity!"

Meanwhile, there was no need for Tao Kun to point out as Tao Zhentian and the others had already shot their gazes at Chen Xi. All their gazes were filled with rage because a young man actually dared to be so presumptuous in Taotie City, and merely this was sufficient reason for them to annihilate him!

Chen Xi's expression remained unchanged as he looked indifferently at the Earthly Immortal Realm experts with monstrous imposing auras before him. He didn't feel the slightest nervousness or fear. Conversely, his gaze was icy cold and calm. "Everyone, aren't all of you going to ask what sort of monstrous deed this scum of your clan has committed?"

Tao Zhentian and the other Earthly Immortal Realm experts frowned as they sensed a trace of unusualness in this matter because the young man before them was too composed as if he had something to rely on.

Tao Kun's expression went grim, and he shouted explosively and urgently. "Father, quickly, he can't be aloud to continue speaking. I'll explain everything to you and the elders after he's killed!"

"Oh? You intend to kill me to keep me silent?" Chen Xi sneered, yet an unexpected event occurred before he could say anything.

Bang!

Tao Luxiao had actually made a move directly and utterly didn't give him the chance to speak. Tao Luxiao's figure flashed as his fingers tore through space like sharp claws and fiercely grabbed down at Chen Xi's forehead.

This attack was too sudden, and it was simply swift like a bolt of lightning and completely revealed the strength of an Earthly Immortal Realm cultivator. If Chen Xi were to be grabbed by it, then he would die for sure!

Even though Chen Xi was prepared since the beginning, his heart still went cold when facing this strike, and his hairs stood on end. His True Essence rumbled as he didn't hesitate in the slightest and intended to execute the Wings of Disruption to avoid it.

However, right at this moment, a wisp of dazzling starlight seemed as if it had appeared out of thin air and swiftly lay across the area before Chen Xi, and it waved with brilliant waves of light, causing it to seem like an extremely beautiful silver colored ripple.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Tao Luxiao's grab was extremely terrifying and capable of overturning an ocean or crushing both Yin and Yang. But, when this strike hit the starlight, it only caused a string of blazing sparks yet was unable to shake it in the slightest!

Chen Xi heaved a sigh of relief when he saw this, and for the very first time, he felt gratitude towards this candid young woman.

On the other hand, the expressions of Tao Zhentian and the other Earthly Immortal Realm experts went grim because the appearance of that dazzling starlight was too sudden, and with their cultivations, they'd actually not noticed it!

Especially, Tao Luxiao, his heart constricted. After all, he'd exerted all his strength in that strike from before with the intention of annihilating Chen Xi with a single strike, and even another Earthly Immortal Realm expert would suffer a certain amount of injury.

Yet now, this strike had actually been obstructed by a wisp of starlight that appeared out of thin air. So exactly how formidable was the strength of the person that did this?

"Which Fellow Daoist has arrived at my..." Tao Luxiao swept the surroundings with his gaze as he spoke loudly. However, he stopped abruptly while speaking halfway.

Because the wisp of dazzling starlight suddenly shook before transforming into silver threads that covered the sky like a mysterious and ethereal rain of silver threads that penetrated through space, and it appeared above his head in the next moment before enveloping down towards him!

"Hmph! Since you're unwilling to show yourself, then I'll force you out!" Tao Luxiao grunted coldly as he withdrew a crimson gourd, and then a resplendent strand of flames sprayed out from the mouth of the gourd and charged into the sky. It incinerated even space as it passed, and it was extremely shocking.

This was a Quasi Immortal Artifact called Sunfire Gourd, and it was formed within Sunfire Divine Flames. It was refined by Tao Luxiao for over a thousand years, causing its might to be even slightly more formidable than a Quasi Immortal Artifact.

Especially the Sunfire Divine Flames, they were overbearing to the extreme and sufficient to incinerate the skies and everything in the world!

This was Tao Luxiao's favorite magic treasure. However, the following scene caused his face to go pale, and he was almost shocked to the point his soul left his body.

Not only was his Sunfire Gourd unable to break open the fine starlight that was like a descending cloud of rain, its connection with him was severed instead before being blasted flying.

Pu!

The loss of the treasure he'd nurtured for over a thousand years affected Tao Luxiao, causing a mouthful of blood to suddenly spray out of his mouth.

But he couldn't care about all this, and his figure flashed with the intention of grabbing his Sunfire Gourd back. This was his most precious treasure, and once it fell into the hands of another, it would absolutely be an unbearable loss to him.

Swoosh!

A wisp of starlight effused out before a graceful figure appeared, and then her white hand stretched out and grabbed the Sunfire Gourd. She wore a green dress, had skin that was white like snow, and jet black hair that was like a waterfall. She was A'xiu.

"Give it back to me!" Tao Luxiao roared furiously because his heart was on the verge of bleeding from his treasure falling into the hands of another, and he completely lost his reason to rage and charged right at A'xiu.

A'xiu's jet black hair fluttered, she was like a flowing light that wandered between reality and the void as she stretched out her white and slender palm before her fingers were lightly pressed together, and she formed a strange seal with her hand before slapping down at Tao Luxiao.

There were no blazing lights not imposing aura that shook the heavens and the earth. It was a very simple slap that didn't contain the slightest worldly aura, yet it slapped Tao Luxiao flying like a kite that had its string cut, and he was blasted flying.

Bang!

Tao Luxiao fell to the ground with a large cavity smashed down into his chest, and his countenance was ghastly pale while he coughed up blood without end. He'd suffered a heavy injury.

This scene occurred too quickly and caused everyone present to be unable to react to it before Tao Luxiao was blasted flying and fell to the ground while heavily injured!

Everyone was shocked.

Even the Patriarch of the Taotie Clan, Tao Zhentian and the other Earthly Immortal Realm experts had shocked expressions, and their gazes were exceedingly heavy as they looked at A'xiu.

Chen Xi was very calm instead because he'd witnessed the scene of A'xiu slaughtering an Earthly Immortal Realm Golden Roc, so he wasn't surprised by A'xiu's ability to injure Tao Luxiao with a single strike.

Swoosh!

A'xiu didn't hold back in the slightest. Her graceful figure flashed before continuing to charge towards the heavily Tao Luxiao with the intention of annihilating him.

"Young Miss! Aren't you looking down on my Taotie Clan by making such a move without saying a single word!" Tao Zhentian shouted explosively while his dignified face was covered in a murderous expression.

The nearby Earthly Immortal Realm experts of the Taotie Clans had murderous looks in their eyes and hostile expressions. This young woman is too arrogant. She does as she wishes and actually seems to utterly not take any of us seriously!

As he spoke, all of them had stood before Tao Luxiao and blocked her path.

A'xiu raised her head, and her gorgeous and beaming face was covered in rage at this moment, causing her to seem like a little beast that had been infuriated as she said coldly, "Did he give Chen Xi the chance to speak when he made a move earlier? I'll kill anyone that obstructs me today!"

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#### **Chapter 729: Making Concessions**

A'xiu's green dress fluttered with the wind while her jet black hair waved behind her. Even though she was all alone, she seemed like she was strolling idly in a courtyard when facing all the Earthly Immortal Realm experts before her, and she possessed a composed and carefree bearing.

His voice was chilly, light, and like the sound of nature. But, the meaning within her words caused Tao Zhentian and the others to be shocked and frown without end.

She'll kill whoever that obstructs her?

What high-sounding sentiments!

Does she take everyone from out Taotie Clan to be decorations?

At this moment, Tao Zhentian and all the Earthly Immortal Realm experts had aroused killing intent in their hearts, and their monstrous auras transformed into an extremely terrifying and shocking pressure that spread towards the surroundings.

There was already no one on the entire streets because when facing the rage of Earthly Immortal Realm experts, if one's strength was insufficient, then standing at the side to watch the battle was absolutely no different than courting death.

A'xiu wasn't afraid in the slightest when facing this scene. Her white face was composed and indifferent as if she'd never known the word 'fear' in her entire life.

"A'xiu, stand down." Right amidst this moment where a fight could break out at any moment, Chen Xi spoke abruptly and walked forward.

"Hey, I'm helping you take revenge!" A'xiu turned around. When facing Chen Xi, the calmness on her beautiful face had vanished completely and transformed into a pouting expression that caused the eyelids of Tao Zhentian and the others to twitch.

Chen Xi pulled A'xiu behind him and looked straight at Tao Zhentian. "Everyone..."

Before Chen Xi could speak, Tao Kun cried out with a sharp voice. "Patriarch, don't allow him to speak, otherwise, there'll be a great calamity that'll befall our clan!"

Slap!

A'xiu swung her hand, causing a wisp of starlight to flow out and blasted away this fellow that kept interrupting others, causing him to convulse on the ground as if he had epilepsy.

Tao Zhentian frowned when he saw this, and then he forcefully endured his killing intent and asked. "Go ahead and speak frankly!"

He'd lived for countless years and had an extremely discerning gaze, so he'd faintly discerned that Tao Kun's reaction was too strange, as if Tao Kun was concealing a shocking secret.

It was precisely because he'd realized this that he'd forcefully restrained the killing intent in his heart and didn't make a move, and he gave Chen Xi a little bit of time to see how Chen Xi would explain this.

The expression of the second elder, Tao Luxiao, turned grim when he saw the reaction of the Patriarch, and he said anxiously, "Patriarch, Kun'er will absolutely not deceive us. Killing these two people first before listening to Kun'er's explanation of everything is the true important matter at hand!"

Tao Zhentian shook his head, and his expression was dignified as he swung his hand and said, "Second Elder, calm down. Since my Taotie Clan was capable of continuing to exist until now, how could it be afraid of some great calamity? Let's first hear what this young man has to say!"

At this moment, he fully revealed the dignity of a Patriarch. His actions and words carried an indisputable force that seemed like a king giving out decrees.

Tao Luxiao's expression remained indeterminate, yet he went silent with dejection in the end.

Chen Xi noticed all of this, yet his expression remained unchanged, and only at this moment did he withdraw a command token and toss it over through the air.

Tao Zhentian stretched out his hand to grab it before sweeping it with his gaze, and then his eyes squinted instantaneously. His dignified face couldn't help but reveal a wisp of surprise and bewilderment, and then he couldn't help but raise his eyes to size Chen Xi up from top to bottom as if he'd just known Chen Xi.

The more he looked, the more shocked he was, and his expression slowly became serious because he faintly felt that it was probably his clansmen that had caused trouble this time...

The other Earthly Immortal Realm experts acutely noticed the changes in the Patriarch's expression, and they couldn't help but size up the command token. When they saw the content of the command token clearly, their hearts twitched fiercely as well, and their gazes carried a wisp of astonishment when they looked at Chen Xi again because they seemed to be unable to believe their eyes.

Instantly, the atmosphere suddenly became tricky. The killing intent in the air receded like the tide, and it became oppressive and heavy yet lacking a murderous aura.

Tao Zhentian was silent for a long time before he returned the command token and concentrated his gaze upon Chen Xi as he said in a low voice. "Sure enough, you deserve to be the most outstanding disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and your bravery and wisdom far exceeds others. But could it be that you think we wouldn't dare punish you if you caused trouble so fearlessly in our Taotie City?"

A wisp of coldness suffused the corners of Chen Xi's mouth, and his voice was low and calm. "If it's in terms of fearlessness, then Tao Kun is much greater than me. May I ask if seniors know who's the person on my back?"

Tao Zhentian and the others frowned when they heard this. They'd noticed that person on Chen Xi's back since a long time ago, but they didn't care at all. At this moment, when Chen Xi reminded them, they instantly noticed something unusual about it.

Before they could speak, Chen Xi continued. "He's my Eldest Senior Brother, the Eldest Disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect's West Radiance Peak. But now, he was confined into a cage by Tao Kun, suffered a heavy injury, and reduced to a slave!"

As he finished speaking, his voice couldn't help but surge with a wisp of hatred and killing intent. In the end, he took a deep breath and swept the Earthly Immortal Realm experts present with his gaze and said calmly, "May I ask seniors if you would be able to maintain your calm when facing such a thing?"

The hearts of Tao Zhentian and the others shook, and they felt their scalps go slightly numb!

A disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, Chen Xi's Eldest Senior Brother, was actually captured by Tao Kun and taken to be a slave!?

At this instant, they finally understood why Chen Xi would be so furious, and they finally understood why Tao Kun so urgently wanted Chen Xi to be killed. Because if news of this matter were to be spread, it would probably instantly arouse the fury of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and that fury wasn't something their Taotie Clan could endure.

The reason was extremely simple. No matter how the Nine Radiance Sword Sect had declined, it was still one of the 10 great immortal sects, an enormous figure that contained shocking resources and reserves, and it was absolutely not something their Taotie Clan could compare to.

Tao Luxiao's face was ashen, and he revealed a dejected and despondent expression. He similarly had never imagined that his own son would actually cause such a calamity and even dare to capture a disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect as his slave. Because wasn't this an action that courted death!?

He was both furious and worried, and he wished for nothing more than to slap to death this son of his that had given him an enormous 'pleasant surprise' as soon as they met after they hadn't seen each other for over 10 years.

The atmosphere became even heavier.

Tao Zhentian and the other Earthly Immortal Realm experts had lived for countless years, and they'd seen all sorts of violent storms, so they quickly recovered their calm. Their gazes flickered as they communicated via voice transmission.

"Patriarch, I think we should kill these two people to put an end to all future troubles. Dead people can't leak any news." An elder spoke ruthlessly.

"That won't do. Not to mention that young woman's strength is unfathomable, even if Chen Xi is killed in secret, it's impossible to guarantee no one noticed it. After all, there are too many people in Taotie City now, and there might be some experts concealed within the city." Another elder shook his head.

"Alas, Kun'er has really caused a monstrous calamity. Presently, Chen Xi is already renowned throughout the world. Because of his disappearance, the Nine Radiance Sword Sect almost went to war with the Heavenflow Dao Sect, yet Kun'er captured his Eldest Senior Brother as a slave. This is truly...too presumptuous!"

"I think it might not be Kun'er's intentions. No matter how bold Kun'er is, he would absolutely not risk doing such a thing. I think Kun'er received the instructions of the Heavenflow Dao Sect, and only acted like this because of that. After all, it's common knowledge that the relations between the Nine Radiance Sword Sect and Heavenflow Dao Sect is like fire and water now, so the Heavenflow Dao Sect is surely related to why Kun'er did this."

"Kill! We must kill these two people. Otherwise, once news of this is revealed, the Heavenflow Dao Sect would naturally be unafraid of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, but my Taotie Clan would probably become a scapegoat, and those consequences isn't something any of us can endure."

All these Earthly Immortal Realm experts communicated in an instant, and it was all over in a few breaths of time. But even then, it still allowed Chen Xi to faintly sense a faint feeling that something was off.

Right at this moment, A'xiu spoke abruptly. "Chen Xi, they're discussing how to kill us and seal off the news to keep this matter quiet."

Chen Xi's eyes narrowed as he thought in his heart. It really is as I thought. Looks like I've underestimated the boldness of these Earthly Immortal Realm experts as cornered beasts will resort to desperate actions, let alone these scheming and calculating Earthly Immortal Realm experts that kill resolutely?

A'xiu didn't speak via voice transmission, so her clear and pleasant voice had similarly entered the ears of Tao Zhentian and the others, causing all of them to be stunned and filled with astonishment. Never had they imagined that they would actually still be heard by the young woman while speaking via voice transmission!

This caused their expressions to go grim while some Earthly Immortal Realm experts didn't conceal their dense killing intent in the slightest. Obviously, since they'd been exposed, they intended to shed all pretenses and make a move.

"Junior, you can't blame us for being ruthless. For the sake of the safety of our clan, we can only sacrifice the two of you." An elder spoke gloomily.

"That might not necessarily be the case." A'xiu grinned and said, "Even though all of you have over 10 old geezers on your side, but even if all of you join forces, you'll be unable to stop me from taking Chen Xi away."

The expressions of those Earthly Immortal Realm experts of the Taotie Clan focused when they heard this, and then an elder sneered. "Shameless boasting! Even a Heavenly Immortal can't escape my Taotie City!"

A'xiu's clear eyes revolved as the corners of her mouth curved up slightly, and then she spoke as if she'd thought of something. "Oh, let me guess. All of you are probably relying on that lousy wok. It's the divine artifact of your clan, right?"

As soon as these words were spoken, it wasn't just those elders but even Tao Zhentian's entire body trembled as they revealed furious expressions. This young woman actually called the Ancestor...a lousy wok!?

Chen Xi was shocked as well because he never imagined that the Immortal Artifact of the Taotie Clan, the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok, would actually be reduced to being so worthless before A'xiu, and even he felt sorry for it when he heard A'xiu.

"What a little girl! You actually dare to humiliate my clan's divine artifact! You're simply tired of living!" An elder shouted explosively and intended to make a move.

"Fourth Elder, wait a moment!" Tao Zhentian suddenly restrained the elder. His expression was heavy while his brows were knit together tightly, and he seemed to have encountered a great problem, causing him to stay silent for a long time while staring fixedly at Chen Xi before he said indifferently, "As far as I'm concerned, there is no need to fight to the death for some things, what do you think?"

Chen Xi seemed to have expected this scene since the beginning, and he replied without the slightest hesitation. "That depends on how Senior acts."

Tao Zhentian's eyes narrowed slightly. "Alright, then let me ask you what I should do to satisfy you?"

Chen Xi replied with a question. "Senior, do you really want to do as I say?"

Tao Zhentian's eyes narrowed down to an even greater extent. "So long as it doesn't go too far, everything can be discussed."

Chen Xi shook his head and said calmly, "Senior, this matter can't be discussed. As far as I'm concerned, a price must be paid for some things to calm the rage of some people. What do you think?"

Tao Zhentian's eyelids twitched as he fell into silence.



## Talisman Emperor

### **Chapter 730: Making No Concessions**

Actually, Chen Xi was relying on the power behind him to exert pressure on the Taotie Clan just like Bai Gunan usually did. But the only difference was Chen Xi wasn't so overbearing and arrogant like Bai Gunan.

His expression was calm and composed, while his voice wasn't loud yet carried a unique force that caused this Earthly Immortal Realm expert that had overcome seven levels of the heavenly tribulation, Tao Zhentian, to have no choice but to confront him carefully.

The conversations between the two concealed behind dense clouds and mist, and an ordinary person would surely be bewildered upon hearing it. Only those elders of the Taotie Clan discerned that the Patriarch intended to make a compromise!

This sort of feeling caused them to feel an indescribable feeling of grievance. It was only a little fellow at the Nether Transformation Realm, and not only had this little fellow caused trouble in their Taotie City, he'd even threatened them now. Could it be that he doesn't know how the word 'death' is written!?

Even though they felt aggrieved, they had no choice but to admit that Chen Xi's existence was a variable that couldn't be judged based on convention. Once he was killed, the entire Nine Radiance Sword Sect would probably go mad.

Coupled with the protection of the unfathomable and mysterious young woman by his side, it caused them to feel even more fearful.

This was 'influence.' Even though Chen Xi was all alone and didn't have a formidable cultivation, his background and latent prestige had already taken form, and he wasn't someone that could just be killed by anyone.

Tao Zhentian went silent for a long time before finally deciding, and he swung his hand and said. "Third Brother, lock Second Elder and Kun'er in prison, and they're not allowed to take a step out while I'm still in power!"

"This..." Third Elder hesitated because he felt such a punishment was too severe.

"Go!" Tao Zhentian spoke with a low voice.

Third Elder didn't dare delay any longer, and he turned around to bring Tao Luxiao and Tao Kun along as he left trippingly.

The other elders looked at each other when they saw this scene, and the grievance in their hearts grew stronger. An Earthly Immortal Realm expert and a young expert of their clan had been punished just because of a young man from outside the clan, and such a price was too heavy!

But the situation was unforgiving, and they could only watch on helplessly.

After he made this decision, Tao Zhentian seemed to have recovered his calm instead, and he raised his eyes to look at Chen Xi before he asked with a deep voice. "Are you satisfied with such punishment?"

Chen Xi nodded. "Senior is wise."

The corners of Tao Zhentian's mouth couldn't help but twitch. Wise? Is he ridiculing me?

Even though he thought like this in his heart, he still heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. It was fine so long as this matter could be settled because he was truly worried that Chen Xi would put forward some sort of requirement that went too far.

However, to Tao Zhentian's astonishment, what he thought came to reality. In the next moment, Chen Xi had already opened his mouth. "But I still have to return to the sect and consult the intentions of the seniors in my sect in order to know if this matter is settled."

"Chen Xi!" Tao Zhentian had completely lost his composure, and his cold gaze was like lightning as he frowned while he said, "Aren't you going too far by acting in this way?"

"Senior, you've misunderstood." Chen Xi replied calmly. "I'll only clarify the course of the matter. If Tao Kun's actions are really not related to the Taotie Clan, then my Nine Radiance Sword Sect will naturally not treat good people unjustly."

"I'm only afraid that you'll exaggerate things and intentionally smear the reputation of my Taotie Clan!" An elder couldn't watch on any longer and spoke with a fierce voice.

"Since I started cultivating until now, I, Chen Xi, have never done anything that went against my heart." Chen Xi spoke indifferently. "Not to mention it's just a mere Tao Kun. No matter how bold he is, he wouldn't dare to harm my Eldest Senior Brother, so what qualifications does such a person have for me to smear his reputation?"

All the Earthly Immortal Realm experts stared their eyes wide open when they heard this, and they were utterly infuriated. Aren't the words of this little fellow too stinging! Tao Kun is an extraordinary genius of our clan, yet how could he be reduced to become so useless when spoken of by this little fellow?

Tao Zhentian took a deep breath and nodded slowly. "Alright, it'll be as you said."

"Thank you, senior, for allowing this." Chen Xi cupped his hands, yet he heaved a long sigh of relief in his heart. He knew extremely clearly that this verbal fight had already attained the most satisfactory outcome, and he would be going too far if he continued pestering them.

He was just about to leave with A'xiu when he heard Tao Zhentian ask abruptly. "May I know why you came to my Taotie City this time?"

Chen Xi stopped. "I've naturally come to participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings."

As soon as these words were spoken, all the elders including Tao Zhentian were exceedingly astounded. This unforgiving bastard that makes no concessions actually wants to participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings?

They were too surprised!

Presently, everyone in the cultivation world knew clearly that Chen Xi was a top expert in the Nether Transformation Realm that possessed shocking combat strength and extraordinary natural talent, and he could already be called a peerless genius.

Who would have imagined that this fellow had actually come to Taotie City for the sake of participating in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings?

Could it be...that this fellow is a spirit chef as well?

Everyone looked at each other and felt that it was extremely absurd.

One of the elders seemed to have realized something and suddenly said with displeasure, "Hmph! Even though my Taotie Clan was really in the wrong in that matter from before, don't hope that we'll let you slip through just because of that!"

"Exactly! The Spirit Chef Gold Rankings is the grand event of my clan, and we'll absolutely not allow anything that breaks the rules from occurring. If there's no fairness, then how will my Taotie Clan maintain its foothold in the Dark Reverie?" The other elders spoke successively.

Once they spoke about the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, the expressions and bearings of everyone including Tao Zhentian had undergone a shocking change, and it became firm, persistent, and didn't tolerate the slightest dispute.

This was the spirit that was branded within the bones of every single clansmen of the Taotie Clan, and it was an innate type of protection towards delicacies and the Culinary Dao!

Chen Xi couldn't help but be surprised, and he suddenly understood that the fervent pursuit of the Culinary Dao by the Taotie Clan was just like how the Yazhi Clan pursued swords. Both of them were similarly firm, persistent, and valued it like their lives.

Perhaps this is the foundation of every ancient clan from the Primordial Era. They had something they pursued, so they were able to persist, and only when they had something to persist on could they achieve success!

Chen Xi smiled when he saw this because he wanted it to be fair and just. Otherwise, the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings would have lost its meaning, and it would be utterly unworthy of him participating in it.

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In Chen Xi's room within the courtyard.

Huo Molei's voice was low and emanated a wisp of deep sorrow and hatred.

"Some time ago, I and Second Junior Brother received the order of the sect to carry out an assignment. Yet never had we imagined that we would be captured as soon as we left the sect. Originally, we thought we'd fallen into the hands of the enemy, yet never had we imagined..." When he spoke up to here, Huo Molei's eyes couldn't help but reveal a wisp of disappointment and hatred. "Never had we imagined that the assailant was actually the East Radiance Peak's Martial Uncle Yue Chi. At that time, both of us were muddled. We thought the sect disliked that we were neglecting our proper duties and wanted to drive us out of the sect..."

Chen Xi puckered his lips while he couldn't help but silently clench his fists tightly. The veins on the back of his hands bulged up while his nails sunk deep into his flesh, yet he was completely unaware because he knew that all of this was surely related to him.

Previously, it was precisely because of him that Junior Brother Qing Yu was captured by the seven dark pheasant demons and almost lost his life, and all of this was done because Yue Chi wanted to deal with him!

"I still clearly remember what happened after that. Martial Uncle Yue Chi brought us to the Heavenflow Dao Sect and sealed our cultivations before Bing Shitian, and he even ordered Du Xuan and Du Guan to cause all sorts of torment to us..." Huo Molei's eyes were empty while his voice seemed as if it was squeezed out from the cracks between his teeth. Even though many days had passed since this incident occurred, his entire body still trembled when he recalled it now, and he felt an unprecedented feeling of humiliation and fury.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

Chen Xi's fists emitted the sound of bones cracking while his handsome face was already icy cold and livid while his eyes burned with two balls of surging flames of hatred.

He humiliated and tormented people from his own sect in front of Bing Shitian?!

Dammit!

He truly deserves death!

Chen Xi almost gnashed his teeth into pieces while his eyes were filled with blood. He'd never imagined that as an elder of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, Yue Chi would actually do such a despicable thing.

"It was from that moment onward that we knew Martial Uncle Yue Chi had colluded with Bing Shitian since a long time ago, and they wanted to use my life and the lives of the other junior brothers to threaten you. But how could we allow him to get what he wanted? So we naturally vowed to die than submit." Huo Molei's voice was very calm yet Chen Xi's heart trembled from hearing it, and he felt both furious and moved. He knew that his Senior Brothers had surely suffered great torment after falling into Bing Shitian's hands, and this caused him to feel extremely uncomfortable and feel as if bricks were stuck within his chest.

After a short moment, he raised his head and asked. "What about the others?"

"They're still alive. But, just like me, they've been reduced to captives and have been ordered to be sent to different places by Bing Shitian. He said he wanted to make all of us be tormented to death." When he spoke up to here, Huo Molei grabbed ahold of Chen Xi while he revealed a sorrowful expression. "Little Junior Brother, you must save them. As the Eldest Senior brother, I'm too useless, and I'm unable to take care of junior brothers and junior sister. I...deserve death!"

Chen Xi's heart ached as he nodded without the slightest hesitation, and he said resolutely, "Don't worry Senior Brother, I'll surely rescue them!"

As soon as he finished speaking, he secretly executed a technique that calmed the mind and soul, causing Huo Molei to fall into the world of dreams.

Huo Molei's injuries were too severe, his meridians had practically been completely severed while his state was extremely terrible. So if it wasn't repaired properly, Huo Molei would perish in a few days.

This caused Chen Xi's expression to be even more livid and even be slightly warped and savage.

Bing Shitian!

It's you again!

Since he started cultivating until now, Chen Xi had never hated a person like this, not even once!

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Late in the night, Chen Xi walked out from his room. His expression had already recovered its calm, but the aura emitted from his entire body was slightly cold and horrifying.

He raised his head and saw a young woman in a green dress swaying about in a swing made from fresh flowers while her eyes that were like black gems were looking towards the sky, and she was counting the stars with a bored and tender appearance.

At this moment, the sky was covered densely with stars while the clear radiance of the moon flowed down in all directions. This city that was built beneath the sky was illuminated by a variety of dazzling lanterns since a long time ago, and there were waves of clamorous noise coming from the distance.

The chilly moonlight poured down onto the young woman, causing her to be bathed in a pure radiance. She was tranquil yet gorgeous like an otherworldly celestial maiden that had fallen trippingly into the mortal world.

"A'xiu," said Chen Xi.

"Huh?" A'xiu turned around. Her clear eyes flowed with rays of light that were filled with an oppressive aura, and she was slightly unable to figure out why Chen Xi would take the initiative to speak with her.

"Come, I'll take you to go eat delicious food." Chen Xi gestured towards her.

A'xiu was stunned before jumping off the swing in a very unladylike manner, and then ran over swiftly to Chen Xi's side before grabbing onto his sleeve. She was like a spoiled little child as she said delightfully, "Wonderful! Wonderful! I want to eat for three days and three nights!"

Chen Xi didn't frown this time but nodded very calmly. "Alright!"