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Chapter 291 - 291 Liu Mei's request

Looking at the people around him Xue Qiu slowly stood up from his chair as he said in a solemn tone

"All of you know what the pavilion master has said. We will either find a way to probe the person inside that shop without getting directly involved, or we will risk our lives in the process."

Zhou Ning nodded his head, and after sweeping at everyone with his brown eyes, he looked at Xue Qiu as he said

"Going by ourselves is simply too risky.

Since we don't know the strength of the person inside the shop, it would be foolish to charge in blindly. If the person inside is just a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator, then we won't have any problem, but if it's a Nascent Soul stage expert, whoever takes the lead will probably die...

Thus, I suggest sending Liu Shuren and Xiao Shu to take the risk this time."

The plump middle-aged woman instantly stood up when she heard this, and slamming her fat hand on the table she said in an angry tone

"Zhou Ning! You really want to sacrifice 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators? How many late-stage Spirit realm experts does our pavilion have? Can we really afford to send them to that shop, like sheep waiting to be slaughtered?"

The old man's Xue Qiu's eyes narrowed when he heard the woman's words, and with a serious look in his eyes he spoke in an austere tone

"Xiao Guiying keep quiet! Unless you want to personally lead a team and head over to that shop by yourself, shut up! Zhou Ning's suggestion is the best option we have!

Sacrificing a few rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators is better than having someone among us take the risk."

After being berated by Xue Qiu, the plump woman Xiao Guiying lowered her head without daring to retort against him.

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At the same time that this conversation was taking place in the 'Blood Pill pavilion', Shun Long opened his eyes, as he appeared on top of the bed inside his room.

Surprisingly, Liu Mei wasn't in the room however.

Shun Long knew that there were still a couple more hours until it was time to open the shop, and after sitting up from the bed, he descended the stairs and arrived back on the first floor.

With a smile on her face, Liu Mei was petting the black panther who was still joyously eating the stalks of 'Dragonblood grass' in front of it.

Both Liu Mei and the black panther, turned their heads to look at Shun Long who had a smile on his face as he walked towards them.

After sensing the aura coming from Liu Mei's body, although Shun Long had expected this, he was still surprised in the end.

"Middle rank 4 in the Spirit realm"

Of course, after absorbing part of the aura from a peak rank 6 Spirit realm cultivator, Liu Mei had not only managed to step into the middle of rank 4 in the Spirit realm, but she was now just a step away from reaching the peak of rank 4.

Liu Mei had an enchanting smile on her face as she then called out

"Long-ge!"

Walking up to Liu Mei, Shun Long nodded his head, and after placing his arms around Liu Mei's waist he said with a smile on his face

"Mei'er, you are now even more powerful than your father."

Liu Mei froze for a moment, before her eyes started to turn red. Emotions welled up inside her the moment that she remembered her cruel father in the 'Floating cloud sect', and her mother whom she had yet to go and take away.

Turning her head around, Liu Mei had a pleading look in her eyes as she looked at Shun Long and said

"Long-ge... I... I know that Long-ge wants to stay in this city and cultivate.

Is it okay if I take Little Silver and return back to the Desolate east for a few days?"

Not wanting for Shun Long to misunderstand, Liu Mei then added in

"I will only take a few days at most!"

Shun Long had a surprised expression on his face when he heard the name 'Little Silver', before his eyes involuntarily fell on the 'Silver-winged panther king's' bright silver wings.

His lips twitched for a moment after hearing Liu Mei's amazing naming sense, before his eyes fell on her beautiful black eyes.

This was the first 'selfish' request that Liu Mei had asked of him.

Of course, Shun Long already knew the reason why Liu Mei wanted to return back to the Desolate East.

She had already told Shun Long long ago, that her mother was still in the 'Floating cloud sect' all by herself.

Of course, even if Liu Mei hadn't left the 'Floating cloud sect' to go to the 'Night star continent', she would still be married off to someone under her brother's, Liu Changpun's pressure and wouldn't be able to change her mother's life anyway.

Nodding his head, Shun Long looked at the kingdom-toppling young woman in front of him, before he smiled and said

"Let's return together then. You can also meet my mother and father once we return back to the Desolate East.?"

In a few days from now, no matter whether the 'Blood Pill pavilion' or the 'Violent guardian gang' chooses to attack us or not, we can take a short trip back to the Desolate East for a few days, before we return back to deal with them.

Nodding her head, Liu Mei's eyes turned even redder than before, while glistening teardrops started to involuntarily flow from her eyes.

Shun Long wrapped his arms around her without saying a word, allowing Liu Mei to place her head on his chest.

3 hours soon passed, and it was now time for Shun Long to open the shop.

The 4 jade-white skeletons were still behind the glass cases, but their cultivation had risen to the early rank 4 of the Spirit realm, while the 2 undead knights at the shop's entrance were at the middle of rank 4.

At the same time that Shun Long opened the wooden door of the shop and let the crowd that had already formed a huge line outside to enter inside, a squad of 4 late-stage Spirit realm cultivators dressed in black robes had already surrounded Shun Long's shop.

Chapter 292 - 292 Using the 'Soul poisoning hell grass' poison

The 4 black-robed Spirit realm cultivators circled around the shop once, before they gathered half a mile away from it, opposite from the shop's entrance.

Looking at the waves of people who were entering the shop, while even more people were waiting for their turn to enter, one of the black-robed people whose cultivation seemed to be at the early rank 8 of the Spirit realm, turned his eyes at the 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators in front of him before he spoke in a hoarse voice

"Xiao Shu, Liu Shuren, as soon as you enter inside try to kill the early rank 1 Spirit realm brat and make as much damage as possible in the shop! Then, without staying for another moment, make sure to flee back to the pavilion!"

The 2 black-robed people both nodded their heads, and after changing their black-robes into inconspicuous white-colored ones that no longer had the emblem of the 'Blood Pill pavilion' on them, they both queued up in line as they waited to enter Shun Long's shop.

They knew that if there was a peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert inside the shop, they would be detected before they could enter inside, and at least one of them would surely die in the process.

At the same time, inside the shop, a cold look flashed through Shun Long's eyes when he heard Little Black's voice inside his mind, informing him that there were 4 late-stage Spirit realm cultivators who were looking around the shop.

Little Black had already noticed that 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators had already queued up to enter the shop after changing their robes, while a peak rank 7 Spirit realm and an early rank 8 were watching from the distance.

A cold smile appeared on Shun Long's face as he stood up, and after thinking seriously for a while, he looked at Liu Mei with a smile on his face before he then whispered in her ear

"Mei'er, there are 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators that have hidden themselves in the crowd and are waiting to enter the shop.

Once they enter, don't give them a chance to escape."

As soon as Shun Long finished his words, a shocked expression had appeared on Liu Mei's face who barely managed to restrain herself from looking around the crowd in an attempt to find the rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators.

Staring at him with her bright black eyes, Liu Mei nodded her head without another word.

If Shun Long wanted to attack these people, then there was surely a reason for it.

Although Shun Long didn't know whether these 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators belonged to the 'Violent guardian gang' or the 'Blood Pill pavilion', he guessed that it was more likely for them to belong to the latter instead.

As for them being normal cultivators in the 'City of Sin'? That thought didn't even flash through his mind.

He was certain that if word of his shop had already spread, to the point where late-stage Spirit realm cultivators had to disguise themselves to come and purchase his pills, then Nascent Soul stage experts would definitely be the first ones to come.

Although there was a chance for these people to be normal Spirit realm cultivators who had nothing to do with the 'Violent guardian gang' or the 'Blood Pill pavilion', they would have definitely not changed their robes in that case, and neither would they have 2 more late-stage Spirit realm cultivators keeping watch from the distance.

Sitting back on his chair, Shun Long 'nonchalantly' watched the crowd entering and leaving the shop.

Due to how small the interior of the shop was, there could only be up to 30 people inside at the same time before it started to get too crowded.

Less than half an hour later, the next 2 people that walked inside the shop, were a thin but extremely tall middle-aged man, along with an old man with a broad forehead and a small sword attached on his waist.

Although the 2 men tried to act extremely naturally, Shun Long's eyes instantly narrowed when he saw them walking inside the shop.

At the same time, the 2 men's eyes were also focused on Shun Long as soon as they entered inside, before they quickly turned their attention to the glass cases that stored the pills.

The moment that the 2 men passed through the shop's entrance however, for the first time in the last 9 days, Liu Mei's 2 undead knights that were standing guard next to the door finally moved, and waving their 2m(6.6ft) long pitch-black greatswords, they slashed them towards the 2 white-robed men without any hesitation.

It wasn't just the 2 men who were shocked, but everyone in the crowd was taken aback by this sudden change!

"What's going on?"

A young man in the crowd outside of the shop hurriedly shouted, as he looked at the scene in front of him before he stepped back.

Before the crowd had the chance to realize what had happened, a cold look flashed past the 2 men's eyes, before one of them unsheathed the sword on his waist while the other one instantly took out a large saber from his spatial ring and countered the 2 undead knights.

The aura of 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators exploded from the 2 men's bodies, immediately repelling the 2 undead knights that had sneak attacked them, before they slashed at them with their weapons, slashing the 2 black-armored knights in half.

Without wasting a moment, the 2 white-robed men knew that they had been exposed and without even trading a glance with each other, they instantly flew towards Shun Long who had now stood up from his chair, as they brandished their weapons, ready to kill him in a single strike.

And yet, what shocked the 2 late-stage Spirit realm experts, was that there wasn't the slightest trace of fear on Shun Long's face.

Instead, a pair of pill bottles filled with a dark purple liquid had already flown out of his hand and arrived in front of the 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm experts faces.

Not knowing what was inside the pill bottle, the 2 experts from the 'Blood Pill pavilion' instinctively wanted to dodge, but Shun Long had already thrown the pill bottles when their attention was focused on Liu Mei's undead knights, giving them no room to escape.

Gritting their teeth, Liu Shuren and Xiao Shu both tried to sweep the pill bottles to the side, but the moment that Liu Shuren's hand and Xiao Shu's saber came in contact with the pill bottles, the bottles exploded as the terrifying poison from the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' splashed on the 2 middle-stage Spirit realm experts bodies!

Chapter 293 - 293 The poison's potency

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH"

The moment that the purple-colored poison touched the 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm experts' bodies, cries filled with pain, fear and terror resounded throughout the entire pill shop.

The 2 late-stage Spirit realm experts from the 'Blood Pill pavilion' instantly fell on the ground, clutching their heads as their cries turned even louder.

The rest of the customers couldn't help taking a few steps back in horror, all of them moving away from the 2 experts who were now wreathing in pain.

After all, even those people inside the shop who had no knowledge about alchemy, could see, that what Shun Long had thrown earlier was 2 pill bottles filled with some kind of extremely powerful poison.

Of course, Shun Long had already expected the scene in front of him to unfold like this, since he knew, that the poison from the 'Soul poisoning hell grass' wasn't a slow-acting poison, but one that would directly corrode a person's soul as soon as it came in contact with them.

Everyone, including Shun Long and Liu Mei, kept their distance from the 2 white-robed cultivators who seemed to be in immense pain.

It took less than 10 breaths of time however, for the middle rank 7 Spirit realm experts' screams to die down and their bodies that were convulsing to finally stop moving.

Dead.

Two late-stage Spirit realm experts had died in just 10 breaths of time!

The crowd was terrified before people started to slowly move away from Shun Long.

They didn't know why the boss of the pill shop had suddenly gone mad, but they didn't want to be the next people who would die like that.

Shun Long however didn't seem to mind these reactions, and completely ignoring the crowd around him, he waved his hand and collected the spatial rings from the 2 rank 7 Spirit realm experts bodies before he sent them flying outside the shop.

Thump!

The 2 bodies landed outside the shop, raising a cloud of dust in the process.

However, once the crowd outside the shop saw the 2 bodies, a young man couldn't help exclaiming

"Th-This... Isn't this Liu Shuren from the 'Blood Pill pavilion'?"

"The old man next to him is Xiao Shu! He is surely Xiao Shu!"

"Eh? Who is Liu Shuren and Xiao Shu?"

Although most people in the crowd didn't recognize the 2 late-stage Spirit realm experts, those that did immediately spread the word, identifying that these 2 really belonged to the 'Blood Pill pavilion'.

"Then... did they come to find trouble? Could it be that the owner already knew about this?"

"This... maybe they didn't come to find trouble! Maybe the owner is just crazy!"

Shun Long's eyes also lit up when he heard that Liu Shuren and Xiao Shu had come from the 'Blood Pill pavilion'.

As hushed discussions were taking place both inside and outside the shop, in the distance just a few hundred meters away, the 2 men in black robes from the 'Blood Pill pavilion' who had led Liu Shuren and Xiao Shu here were now shivering when they saw the 2 bodies that were lying outside the shop.

It was unknown whether they were shivering from anger, or from fear for the terrifying poison that had killed the 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm experts in just a few breaths of time.

A few moments later, the man whose cultivation was at the early rank 8 of the Spirit realm was the first to recompose himself. Turning his head to look at the black-robed person next to him, he said in a hoarse voice that was reeking with killing intent

"Let's go! We need to immediately report back to the pavilion."

The peak rank 7 Spirit realm expert also nodded his head, before both of them disappeared on the spot.

At the same time, Shun Long had a nonchalant look on his face as he watched the people outside the shop who were unsure whether they should enter inside or not.

After asking Liu Mei to take care of the shop and seeing her nod her head, Shun Long returned back to the room on second floor of the shop, before he closed his eyes and entered the foggy space inside the 'Stone of Time'.

After all, he knew that there was no chance for the 'Blood Pill pavilion' to attack again in such a short amount of time, and even the 'Violent guardian gang's' members should now be apprehensive after seeing the deaths of the 2 late-stage Spirit realm experts from the 'Blood Pill pavilion'.

Shun Long also knew, that he already had the means to protect himself against even Nascent Soul stage experts if he relied on his poison, but if he wanted to contend against them head-on, then he had to become even stronger.

Looking at the 'Heaven swallowing vine' in front of him, Shun Long fed it with middle-grade spirit stones, while the air around him and Little Black once again started to get filled with pure qi.

Without any hesitation, Shun Long then closed his eyes, as he absorbed the dense qi around him, while he tried to condense the 31st ball of qi in his right hand.

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Barely a few minutes had passed ever since the incident on Shun Long's pill shop was finished, when the 2 men in dark robes had arrived back on the fourth floor of the 'Blood Pill pavilion'.

Standing outside the door where the peak rank 9 Spirit realm experts were gathered, the 2 black-robed men traded glances and hesitated for a moment.

They knew that things had gone completely different to Xue Qiu's plan, and they couldn't guess the peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert's reaction.

Finally, gritting his teeth, the early rank 8 Spirit realm cultivator pushed open the door as the 2 of them entered inside.

However, the moment that they entered inside, the 2 black-robed men's feet had started to tremble.

At the head of the table wasn't Xue Qiu who was usually sitting there, but a 1.7m(5.6ft) tall middle-aged man with short black hair and brown eyes.

The 2 black-robed men immediately fell to their knees, as they greeted out in fear

"P-Pavilion master!"

Chapter 294 - 294 Chao Xieren's order

Looking at the 2 black-robed men who had just entered the room, the 'Blood Pill pavilion's' pavilion master, Chao Xieren nodded his head, before he asked in a serious voice

"Did you discover the person behind that shop?"

There was an unmistakable excitement behind Chao Xieren's question as he looked at the 2 black-robed men in front of him.

Seeing Chao Xieren's brown eyes that were gleaming with a sharp light, the 2 men immediately lowered their heads in fear, before the old man with the hoarse voice who was at the early rank 8 of the Spirit realm spoke nervously

"Reporting to the pavilion master, we... didn't."

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"Eh?"

Surprised exclamations sounded from Xue Qiu, Zhou Ning and the other peak rank 9 Spirit realm experts who were seated on the table, as they all turned their heads to look at the old man who just spoke.

Feeling the gazes of all the rank 3 silver grade alchemists from the pavilion on his body, the old man suddenly tensed up, when Chao Xieren's voice once again sounded in the old man's ears

"Immediately explain what happened!"

The pavilion master's authoritative voice immediately silenced the entire room.

Everyone in the room knew, that the pavilion master didn't care about Liu Shuren and Xiao Shu who had probably been sacrificed, but he was waiting for the results of this probing attempt with great interest.

After taking a deep breath, the old man narrated what had just taken place a few minutes ago.

From the moment that the 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm experts had entered the pill shop, to the undead knights sudden attack, and finally, to Shun Long throwing the 2 pill bottles filled with the dark purple liquid and Liu Shuren's and Xiao Shu's deaths.

As soon as the old man finished his words, a chill suddenly ran through his body as his eyes met with Chao Xieren's frosty gaze.

It wasn't just the old man, but even the peak rank 7 Spirit realm cultivator who was kneeling next to him, as well as the peak rank 9 Spirit realm experts, everyone immediately felt the temperature inside the room lowering, as a frosty wave of killing intent that was emitted from the pavilion master's body suddenly filled the room.

"HAHAHAHA!"

Chao Xieren started laughing abruptly, while the killing intent coming from his body was becoming even more intense!

Turning his gaze towards the peak rank 9 Spirit realm experts around him, he finally slammed his hand on the gigantic table in front of him, breaking it in half as he said in a furious voice

"Not only did you lose 2 middle rank 7 Spirit realm cultivators this time, but you also failed to find out anything about the person behind that shop!"

Seeing everyone around him lower their heads in shame, Chao Xieren's gaze was focused on the bald old man, Xue Qiu, before he spoke in a voice so cold, that it almost chilled the peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert's soul

"Xue Qiu, you will personally lead a team this time and attack that shop. If you succeed, I will certainly reward you handsomely."

Although Chao Xieren's tried to make his words sound like an invitation, in reality, it was actually an order that gave Xue Qiu no room for refusal.

The old man trembled as soon as he heard Chao Xieren's words, and with a pleading look in his eyes, he fell on his knees as he said in a voice that was almost begging

"Pavilion master, please reconsider. If it's a poison that could kill a middle stage rank 7 Spirit realm cultivator like Liu Shuren in just a few breaths of time, then how long will I be able to last?"

Even as a peak rank 3 silver grade alchemist, I have no confidence in creating an antidote that could stop a poison of that level!

Additionally, based on this poison alone, the person behind that shop is also an experienced poison master aside from being an alchemist, and he is certainly to be at least at the gold grade. Wouldn't I instantly die as soon as I expose him then?"

Chao Xieren's eyes turned even colder as he looked at Xue Qiu.

Of course, if Xue Qiu had thought of these points, then how was it possible for him to not have thought of them as well?

This was already the worst-case scenario that he had thought of.

The person behind the shop was a gold grade alchemist, making him at the same level as Chao Xieren himself... a middle-stage Nascent Soul stage expert.

Under normal circumstances, Chao Xieren wouldn't have tried to provoke such a person who was certainly as strong as he himself, especially one who was just staying hidden and only had a small shop in the Silver cross street.

However, he knew, that it was only a matter of time before that shop grew and attracted even more attention, taking away even more of his customers.

In addition, the spirit stones that this shop was making in a month, had already exceeded the spirit stones that his treasury had amassed for thousands of years!

At the same time, since he was going to have the assistance of the 2 bosses of the 'Violent guardian gang', Shi Ru and Shi Hui, Chao Xieren felt confident in taking down, even a gold grade poison master.

After all, Shi Hui by himself was rumored to be strong enough to take care of almost any middle-stage Nascent Soul stage expert in the 'City of Sin' by himself!

Of course, even despite all of this knowledge and power, Chao Xieren still wasn't confident enough to attack Shun Long's shop just yet, and decided to make a last reconnaissance attempt by sending a peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert like Xue Qiu.

In case that the expert inside that shop was really a late-stage Nascent Soul expert, then Chao Xieren would definitely abandon any notion of attacking again, even with the help of Shi Ru and Shi Hui.

However, if it was just a middle-stage Nascent Soul expert, he was willing to risk his life, even against a gold grade poison master.

After all, for pills that could possibly make over 60 million spirit stones, even the eyes of Dao Kings would turn red with greed, let alone a Nascent Soul stage expert like himself!

Shaking his head, Chao Xieren looked at the rest of the people around him and said

"If Xue Qiu needs help, you will all follow his orders this time!"

The rest of the peak rank 9 Spirit realm experts around Xue Qiu trembled when they heard this, before they turned their gazes towards the pavilion master at the head of the now-destroyed table, in a desperate attempt to make him change his mind.

Standing up from his seat however, Chao Xieren's cold eyes didn't even glance at the peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivators around him, and without another word he waved his sleeve, as his body then turned into a wisp of red flames that disappeared from the room.

At the same time, inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', Shun Long was completely oblivious to the happenings at the 'Blood Pill pavilion', as the outline of an illusionary 31st ball of qi was slowly being formed in his right hand.

Chapter 295 - 295 Sudden changes and a familiar scene

Shun Long absorbed the pure qi around him, while the newly created qi ball in his hand was becoming more and more corporeal.

Time continued to pass like this, and soon, a week had gone by until Shun Long opened his eyes.

Raising his head, Shun Long saw the 31 balls of qi that were floating above his head, inside the 'Monarch's Hourglass', indicating that he had now reached the middle rank 4 of the Spirit realm.

Shun Long didn't continue to cultivate, and instead, he once again closed his eyes before he started to infuse his qi inside the storage space in the 'Stone of Time' where the herb garden was located, hastening the growth of his medicinal herbs.

2 more days passed until Shun Long finally stopped, while the single stalk of rank 5 'Soul poisoning hell grass' inside the herb garden had now turned into 3.

Little Black who was still eating the stalks of neverending 'Dragonblood grass' in front of him, watched Shun Long who was holding a stalk of a 'Soul poisoning hell grass' with confusion in his bright azure eyes.

Shun Long however seemed to not have noticed Little Black's gaze, as he activated the 'Monarch's Domain'.

As the invisible figure of an hourglass expanded from his body, time around Shun Long was forced to freeze, as Shun Long who was holding the stalk of 'Soul poisoning hell grass' instantly tore it in half!

The white liquid inside it however didn't start to flow immediately, as it was completely suppressed inside the 'Monarch's Domain'.

Taking out 2 empty pill bottles, Shun Long then stopped the 'Monarch's Domain', as he allowed the white-colored liquid to fall on the pill bottles, filling them up, before Shun Long sealed them tightly.

With a smile on his face, he turned his eyes to look at Little Black who was cheerfully munching his food before he said

"Little Black, once we return to the Desolate East, you will not have to stay in here all the time."

Shaking his head, the black dragon looked at Shun Long as he said

"Master, dragons can sleep for hundreds, and even thousands of years. Staying in this place for a few years wouldn't even qualify as a nap. Besides, this way, I can spend even more time with master when you are cultivating."

Shun Long smiled lightly, and after patting Little Black's head, he closed his eyes as he once again appeared inside the room on the second floor of the shop.

Almost 9 days had passed while Shun Long was cultivating inside the 'Stone of Time', but less than a day had gone by in the outside world, and it was almost time for Liu Mei to open the shop.

Despite being a necromancer, Liu Mei was still training her sword skills using the 'Four-seasons azure sword'.

At the same time that she put away her sword and was about to go down to the first floor, her eyes lit up, as she saw Shun Long suddenly appearing on the meditative cushion next to her.

Seeing the beautiful young woman next to him Shun Long smiled lightly, but just as he was about to speak, an extremely painful sensation suddenly filled his mind, as his hands suddenly clutched his head and screamed in pain.

This wasn't the first time that Shun Long felt pain in his soul, but this time, the sensation was extremely intense.

It was much stronger than the attack that he and Liu Mei had suffered from the rank 5 'Soulsinger bird' inside the 'Dreamland Forest'. This pain was only second to the soul expansion that he had suffered from the golden book, the first time that he had absorbed all the knowledge inside it.

Liu Mei was stunned from this sudden change, while her black eyes looked at Shun Long with worry inside them, before she hurriedly took out a 'Sun-healing pill' and tried to feed it to Shun Long to alleviate the sudden pain that he felt.

Inside Shun Long's spiritual space, the 'Stone of Time' had started to rotate all of a sudden without any prior warnings, as it emitted a mesmerizing, blinding blue light, that could capture the soul of any living being that looked at it.

At the same time, Little Black's blue eyes narrowed, and without any hesitation, he shot out from the 'Stone of Time', as he appeared inside the room.

The room felt cramped with the 10m(33ft) long black dragon inside it, but Little Black didn't seem to care, as he coiled his gigantic body around Shun Long, only allowing Liu Mei's hands to pass through the opening of his wings and touch Shun Long's face.

Shun Long tried to speak, but the pain in his soul was extremely intense.

As the 'Stone of Time' continued to rotate, an otherworldly blue-colored light was emitted from Shun Long's body, and under Little Black's and Liu Mei's stunned eyes, Shun Long suddenly disappeared from the room.

Shun Long's vision immediately blurred, while the familiar feeling of spatial teleportation had completely covered his body.

This feeling lasted for more than a few minutes, before Shun Long's vision once again returned to normal.

And yet, the pain in his mind was becoming even more intense while the 'Stone of Time' started to rotate even faster.

However, the moment that he saw the scene in front of him, despite the endless amounts of pain that he was feeling, Shun Long also felt a jolt in his heart.

In front of him was a majestic red palace thousands of meters tall, while sculptures of countless different creatures decorated its surroundings.

Seeing the thousands of meters tall dragons, phoenixes, tigers, vermilion birds, kilins... along with giants who were holding clubs, as well as the Nine-tailed foxes, and even the small goblins, the elves and the dwarfs, Shun Long immediately understood where he was.

This was the same red palace that he had arrived to, back when he had first broken through to the Heaven grade.

Chapter 296 - 296 Soul search

Shun Long could feel the 'Stone of Time' inside his spiritual space that had started to buzz incessantly, when suddenly, 2 middle-aged men in silver armor and long swords in their hands appeared a few hundred meters in the distance in front of him.

As the 2 men carefully approached Shun Long, one of them shouted, in a voice so powerful that seemed as if it was about to rupture Shun Long's eardrums

"WHO DARES TO TRESPASS HERE?"

The silver-armored man's voice seemed like it was an attack directly aimed towards Shun Long's soul, and no matter how much Shun Long tried to stay awake, he could feel his mind buzzing while his eyelids gradually dropped.

Alongside the ever-rising pressure coming from the 'Stone of Time' inside his spiritual space that hadn't stopped rotating, the man's shout was the last thing that Shun Long heard before he finally passed out.

"Eh?"

The 2 silver-robed men approached Shun Long carefully, but they didn't dare to get too close to him.

Instead, they turned their eyes towards the majestic red palace behind them, where more than 100 silver armored guards like them were standing guard.

At the same time, at the depths of this majestic palace, was a long-white-haired old man dressed in golden robes, with 2 middle-aged men standing behind him, as well as an extremely handsome young man and a gorgeous young woman who were staring at the old man respectfully.

The old man's eyes however, were focused on the gigantic purple-colored sphere in front of him.

No matter what the old man tried to, he was unable to enter inside the sphere in front of him.

Whether he tried to attack it, or just infuse his qi inside the sphere, it was useless.

The only thing that the old man's qi managed to do, was to get a reaction from the purple sphere in front of him, as a purple-colored pillar of light had pierced through the palace's dome as it shot to the sky!

Suddenly, a surprised expression appeared on the old man's face, who quickly turned his head around, and looked almost as if he could see through the red palace's walls as his gaze was focused towards the red palace's entrance.

The 2 middle-aged men behind him also had the same reaction, as they turned to look at each other in shock.

"Someone has arrived here?"

The young man and the young woman behind the middle-aged man were shocked when they heard this, before everyone turned their gazes towards the old man who still had his hand on top of the purple sphere.

The old man seemed as if he had fallen into deep thought for a while, but after a few moments of deliberation, he looked at one of the 2 middle-aged men and said in a serious voice

"I shouldn't move from here yet, otherwise all of my efforts so far will be meaningless!

Zhong Qiu, go and search the soul of this person and see what you find. Once you are done, you know what to do!"

The middle-aged man, Zhong Qiu nodded his head with a serious look in his eyes.

He clearly understood the meaning behind those words.

It didn't matter how someone had managed to arrive at this place, any outsiders who infiltrated the 5th palace had to die!

Curious, the handsome young man and the stunning young woman behind the 2 middle-aged men, also wanted to go and have a look at this person, but they didn't dare to raise such a request in front of the golden-robed old man.

Although Zhong Qiu was a middle-aged man with plain facial features, the aura that was coming from his body could at least be described as terrifying.

After bowing towards the golden-robed old man, his body disappeared on the spot.

A few moments later, he arrived in front of the 2 silver-armored guards who were standing in front of Shun Long, before his eyes fell on the handsome, blue-robed young man on the ground.

The 2 silver-armored guards instantly fell on their knees as soon as they saw the person who had arrived, before they greeted out in a voice filled with respect and reverence

"Greetings Elder Zhong!"

Zhong Qiu ignored the 2 guards greetings while his eyes were still examining the young man on the ground.

His clothes were obviously of inferior quality, while the spatial ring on his right hand couldn't even be considered trash.

Even the spatial rings that beggars on the streets had were of higher quality than this man.

And yet, this person had somehow appeared here.

Turning his eyes to look at the 2 guards who were still kneeling in front of him, Zhong Qiu had a cold look in his eyes as he asked in a serious voice

"How did this person arrive here?"

The 2 guards shook their heads in fear before one of them answered respectfully

"Responding to Elder Zhong, we don't know! We were just standing guard when this person suddenly appeared within our soul sense."

Zhong Qiu had a thoughtful expression on his face, before he dismissed the 2 guards.

In the end, he was going to find out everything after soul-searching Shun Long, so even if the guards didn't notice something, it didn't matter.

After closing his eyes, a terrifying aura erupted from Zhong Qiu's body, one that had the 2 silver-armored guards in front of him shiver in terror.

If Shun Long was awake at this moment, he would have realized that this aura far exceeded anyone that he had met so far.

Even the peak rank 9 Dao King from the 'Alchemists' Guild' of the Heaven's Dome city, Zhao Lan, and even Duan Zhu, the powerful hall master of the 'Demon Emperor palace' who had covered the entire Heaven's Dome city with his aura, couldn't even be described in the same breath with the middle-aged man who was staring at him right now.

Raising his right hand, a suction force had appeared from Zhong Qiu's hand as it sucked in Shun Long's body, before a bright white light appeared in Zhong Qiu's eyes, as he was ready to search inside Shun Long's soul.

Chapter 297 - 297 Imprisoned

A special type of energy that was similar to soul sense exploded from Zhong Qiu's eyes, as it entered inside Shun Long's body.

The moment that white light tried to approach Shun Long's spiritual space, the 'Stone of Time' emitted a bright blue light in response, that went after Zhong Qiu's 'soul sense' like an angry magic beast whose den was under attack.

Zhong Qiu hadn't even managed to enter inside Shun Long's spiritual space when a sudden sense of lethal danger filled his heart.

As an extremely high-level expert, the thing that he trusted the most was his own instincts!

Without any hesitation, he hurriedly retracted his 'soul sense' back to his own body.

However, he was still half a step too late, as the bright blue light managed to touch a small part of his 'soul sense', before he had enough time to retract it in his body.

Under the 2 silver-armored guards' horrified eyes, Zhong Qiu clutched his chest and fell on his knees, before he spat out a mouthful of blood.

The guards had never seen Zhong Qiu getting injured before, but this time he got hurt when he tried to soul search an unconscious person?

Was this even possible?

Of course, the 2 of them only raised their heads for a moment before they hurriedly lowered them back on the ground.

Zhong Qiu however didn't even pay attention to the 2 guards, as he looked at his own blood on the ground with eyes filled with disbelief.

"How is this possible?"

The silver-robed middle-aged man muttered under his breath, while his gaze darted from his blood that had stained the ground to the unconscious Shun Long.

He instinctively wanted to try and soul search the young man in front of him one more time, but the injury he had received wasn't a light one.

Although it wasn't lethal, Zhong Qiu knew that his soul was currently injured.

Additionally, not only had he failed to invade the young man's spiritual space, but he had also felt a sense of lethal danger in the process, and in the end, his soul had also been wounded by a terrifying power in the process.

If he hadn't retracted his 'soul sense' in time, Zhong Qiu didn't know what extents his injuries would have reached.

A trace of confusion as well as fear flashed through his eyes as he stared at Shun Long.

Raising his hand instinctively, Zhong Qiu wanted to end Shun Long's life in a single punch, but he suddenly remembered that he had yet to find out how he had arrived here.

The silver-armored guards in front of him had no idea about what had happened either.

After a moment of serious thinking, the silver-robed Zhong Qiu grabbed Shun Long's body, and in front of the 2 kneeling guards, he disappeared in a flash.

A few minutes later, Zhong Qiu had reappeared at the depths of the majestic red palace, where the pillar of light was coming from.

The golden-robed old man's half-closed slightly widened as he looked at Zhong Qiu who had just arrived, and with a voice that barely concealed his astonishment, the old man then asked

"Your soul is injured?"

Nodding his head, Zhong Qiu answered respectfully

"Replying to Grand Elder, it's nothing serious. As long as I consume a 'Golden Soul healing pellet', I should be able to heal in less than a year.

The surprising thing was... that I got injured during the soul search!

No... I hadn't even started the soul search before a scary power exploded from that person's spiritual sea!

I'm afraid that if I hadn't retreated in time, I would have really suffered."

As soon as the golden-robed old man heard this, his eyes turned extremely profound, while a bright light flashed inside them.

As for the other middle-aged man, the handsome young man and the young woman behind him, they were all shocked speechless.

"Who could hurt 'Elder Zhong' while they were still unconscious?"

Everyone turned their attention to the golden-robed old man, who still had his hands on the purple sphere of light in front of him.

From the emotionless look in his deep black eyes, they couldn't even guess anything about his thoughts.

Looking at Zhong Qiu, the old man then asked in a curious tone

"What did you do with this person?"

Cupping his hands, Zhong Qiu had a serious look in his eyes as he answered respectfully

"I personally placed him in the 7th layer of the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison'."

Nodding his head, the old man's eyes once again turned at the purple sphere in front of him, before he said in an emotionless expression

"Good! Just leave him there for the time being then."

Zhong Qiu bowed at the old man in front of him without saying another word.

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It was unknown how much time had passed, until Shun Long finally opened his eyes.

Raising his head, Shun Long found himself inside a dark, unfamiliar place. In the sky, there were no stars, no sun and no moon, and yet, a light still allowed Shun Long to see his surroundings.

He was inside a small cell, while his body was bound by some sort of black chains that were hanging from the wall behind him.

Countless lifelike runes were engraved on the chains, while some sort of unfamiliar power seemed to be lying inside them.

Shun Long also noticed other cells aside from his own, but they were all separated by some kind of invisible formations, making him unable to see the inside of the cells.

After taking a look at his surroundings, Shun Long frowned, before he tried to remember what had just happened to him.

"Right. It was the 'Stone of Time' that had started to rotate, before I arrived again in front of the red palace. Then someone seemed to have attacked my soul, and combined with the pain from the 'Stone of Time', I finally passed out."

As soon as he remembered what had happened to him, another question appeared in Shun Long's mind

"Then, where am I now?"

Looking at the black chains that had bound his arms and legs, Shun Long frowned.

He could feel a special type of energy coming from them, that was restricting even his 'Monarch's Eternal body'.

Even after pulling these chains with his full strength, it was useless. The chains wouldn't even budge.

"Hehehe!"

Suddenly, an old and ear-grating voice sounded in Shun Long's ears, as an old man seemed to have spoken from the cell right opposite to Shun Long's

"Brat, there is no point in trying to escape! You should just preserve your strength and try to live for a few more years. After all, it is simply impossible to escape from the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison!'"

Chapter 298 - 298 A powerful reaction

Shun Long was stunned for a second, before he turned his eyes to the cell opposite to him, where the figure of an emaciated old man appeared.

The old man's face was blurry due to the formations covering his cell, but Shun Long could still make out the outline of his skinny hands and bony legs, as well as his long hair and beard.

Looking at the old man's figure, Shun Long asked curiously

"Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison?"

Nodding his head, the old man laughed as he then said

"Hehe, exactly kid! Don't tell me that you don't even know where those old men took you to. This is the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison'. There is no chance for you or me to escape from here."

After a moment of silence, the old man continued, while his tone had turned somewhat delighted, with a hint of schadenfreude inside it, almost as if he was laughing at Shun Long's bad luck

"Hehe! With you here kid, I will at least have someone to chat with.

The other old men here in the 7th level are all so stubborn that they barely talk to me anymore."

Shun Long didn't respond to the old man right away, but instead, he tried to sort out what he had just learned.

"So this place is a prison named the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison', and I am inside the 7th level? What does each level correspond to however? Was the silver-armored guard who shouted at me, the one who brought me here? No... who brought me here doesn't matter, what matters the most is their intentions."

At the same time that he finished his conjectures, Shun Long also noticed that the spatial ring in his hand was now missing.

Thankfully, aside from a few 'Sun-healing pills' and a little more than 200.000 low-grade spirit stones, there was nothing else of value inside it.

The most surprising thing however wasn't that his spatial ring that was missing, but that he was unable to sense any qi in the air around him.

"Eh? How can there be no qi?"

After recollecting himself, Shun Long realized, that this was the second time that he had found himself at a place without any qi.

The first time was back when he had arrived at the bottom of the white palace with the golden steps and the 2 angel statues in front of it, while today was the second.

After verifying that he was unable to shake off the chains around him using brute force, Shun Long circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass', before 31 bright balls of qi appeared above his head.

Seeing that the 'Monarch's Hourglass' was circulating normally, he heaved out a sigh of relief, before he thought to himself

'Blink'

However, as soon as the spatial fluctuations from 'blink' appeared around his body, the runes on the black chains that had bound Shun Long lit up with a pitch-black light, before they completely suppressed the spatial fluctuations around him.

This was the first time that Shun Long's blink had actually failed.

And yet, after being stunned for a second, Shun Long wasn't too afraid.

After all, he could still sense the 'Stone of Time' inside his spiritual space that hadn't stopped rotating yet.

This was the second time that the 'Stone of Time' had sent him to this place, so unless something was different this time, Shun Long guessed that it should also send him back to his pill shop soon.

Seeing that his life wasn't in immediate danger just yet, Shun Long thought that the best thing he could do, was to try and find out where exactly this 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' was.

After a moment of serious thinking, he raised his head, and looking at the cell that was opposite to his, he asked in a seemingly curious voice

"Senior, actually I have never heard about this 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' before. Can you tell me more about this place?"

The old man who was still laughing at Shun Long seemed to have suddenly choked on his saliva.

Cough, cough

After coughing for a few moments he looked at the cell opposite to his before he asked angrily

"Brat, which hole did you come out from? How can you not know about the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' when they have already sent you here?"

The old man seemed to have vented for a while, before he then answered in a serious voice

"The 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' is the worst prison that the 10 Immortal Palaces send their convicts to. We are right now in the 7th lev-"

Before the old man could finish his words, Shun Long could feel the 'Stone of Time' inside his spiritual space that had started to buzz. It seemed as if something had suddenly triggered this reaction, as a deep blue light suddenly covered Shun Long's body.

The blue light shot out from Shun Long's body and headed towards the sky, effortlessly passing through the walls of the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' as if they didn't exist in the first place.

In the depths of the majestic red-colored palace, the golden robed old man's eyes had lit up, as he seemed to have finally gotten a reaction from the purple sphere of light in front of him.

The gigantic pillar of light that was coming from the purple sphere had started to shrink, looking like it was returning back inside the purple sphere, when suddenly, a deep blue beam of light shot towards the purple sphere.

The old man snorted when he saw the blue light in the sky that was coming towards his direction, before he sent a powerful palm strike forward.

A gigantic golden palm thousands of meters tall had appeared in the sky, as it headed towards the blue light, causing the entire red palace to tremble in the process.

The 2 middle-aged men, the young man and the beautiful young woman behind the old man, all had ashen expressions on their faces as they felt the power inside the terrifying palm strike that was about to collide with the blue beam of light.

And yet, despite their expectations, the blue light seemed to have completely ignored the giant palm in the sky, as it passed through it and continued to fly towards the red palace.

BOOOOM!

Under the golden-robed old man's stunned eyes, the moment that the blue light touched the purple sphere, the entire red palace started to shake.

The giant purple pillar of light that had already started to shrink, immediately retreated inside the purple sphere as soon as the blue beam of light touched it, before a powerful force erupted from the depths of the purple sphere.

The golden-robed old man, along with the silver-robed Zhong Qiu and the other middle-aged man next to him, as well as the young man and the young woman behind them, were all sent flying outside the palace in an instant by the powerful force from the purple sphere.

Despite the power behind the force that had managed to send him flying, the old man didn't suffer any injuries, as he safely landed at the majestic red palace's entrance.

The look in his deep black eyes however had turned extremely profound, as he now stared at the direction where the blue beam of light had come from... the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison'!

Chapter 299 - 299 A huge hole

Whoosh

The golden-robed old man didn't hesitate for a moment, as he waved his sleeve and his body instantly disappeared, leaving behind the 2 silver-robed middle-aged men, the young man and the beautiful young woman, who were all buried into the ground outside the majestic red palace's entrance.

Although none of them were dead, unlike the old man in golden robes, each of them had suffered various degrees of injuries once they were sent flying outside of the palace.

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Back inside his cell, at the 7th level of the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison', a soul tearing pain had once again filled Shun Long's mind, as the same deep blue light that had shot out from the 'Stone of Time' a moment ago, had now completely covered his body.

As Shun Long felt the familiar feeling of spatial fluctuations around his body, the runes on the black chains that had shackled his hands and feet suddenly lit up, as they looked to suppress the space distortions around him the same way that they had done when Shun Long had tried to use 'Blink' earlier.

At the same time, the golden-robed old man had also appeared on the 7th level of the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison', while the formations around the cells seemed to have temporarily stopped, revealing the prisoners inside the cells.

From the cell opposite to Shun Long, a skinny old man with long white hair and beard was now staring at Shun Long with wide-open eyes filled with shock and excitement.

Now that the formations had already stopped working, despite still being shackled, the old man could clearly sense the spatial fluctuations coming from Shun Long's body.

"Eh?? What is going on?"

It wasn't just the old man opposite to Shun Long, but the other prisoners in the cells around him as well that seemed to have sensed the spatial fluctuations inside his cell.

At the same time, the golden-robed old man from the red palace had instantly arrived outside of Shun Long's cell, as he looked at the young man inside with eyes filled with disbelief.

Seeing that the runes on the black chains were unable to restrict the blue light coming from Shun Long's body, the old man snorted, before a golden palm thousands of meters tall lit up the pitch black sky of the 7th level in the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison'.

"Isn't that the 6th palace's Immortal Buddha palm?"

"It's Jin Zhelan!"

The prisoners in the cells around the old man shouted in fear, once they saw the golden palm that had covered the sky and was now descending towards Shun Long's cell.

The black iron bars around the cell were disintegrated into ash as soon as they came in contact with the giant golden palm, that continued towards Shun Long without stop.

Shun Long could feel as if an entire world was descending upon him from the sky, as the terrifying pressure from the golden palm had completely covered his cell, leaving no room for retreat.

And yet, Shun Long tried to suppress the soul tearing pain that he was feeling from the 'Stone of Time', and used all of his strength to try and open his eyes, only to see that his vision had already started to blur.

The only colors in his vision, was the bright blue light that was coming from the 'Stone of Time' in his spiritual space that had completely covered his body, along with the blinding golden light from the giant golden palm in the sky.

At the same time that the palm descended and was about to touch Shun Long's head, the blue light around him suddenly exploded, before his body disappeared in an instant.

BOOOOOOOM!!

The thousands of meters long golden palm landed on the wall of the cell, where the black chains that were previously shackling Shun Long were coming from, causing the entire 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' to shake!

And yet, under the golden-robed old man's gaze, Shun Long had already disappeared!

Shun Long's forehead was drenched in cold sweat until he felt the pressure from the golden palm abruptly vanishing.

Just a moment ago, he could practically sense the feeling of death approaching him and knew, that if the golden palm had actually managed to touch him, he would have probably died instantly!

Time continued to pass, and a few minutes later, Shun Long felt the spatial fluctuations around him disappearing, while his blurry surroundings started to slowly turn clear.

The 'Stone of Time' that was rotating without stop previously finally fell silent, while the blue light that had completely covered his body started to disappear as well inside his head.

A familiar looking bed, a wooden floor and a couple of meditative cushions appeared in Shun Long's eyes before he lost consciousness.

From the moment that he had arrived to the majestic red palace, to when he was sent inside the cell in the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison', the 'Stone of Time' hadn't stopped rotating inside his head, bringing him unbearable pain to his spiritual space.

Shun Long could feel that the 'Stone of Time' wanted something from the depths of the red palace, but Shun Long had no way to get in there.

Perhaps if there was no one else guarding that place, he could withstand the pain from the unceasing buzzing and enter the palace by himself, but with the powerful silver-armored guards who were standing there, there was no hope for him to enter inside.

Finally, now that the 'Stone of Time' had stopped rotating and had fallen silent, Shun Long lost consciousness as soon as he noticed that he had returned back to his room inside the shop.

At the same time, inside the depths at the first floor of the shop, Little Black and the black panther, Little Silver, both had their eyes lit up as they shot towards the second floor like lightning, with Liu Mei following behind them.

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Shun Long didn't know how much time had passed until he finally opened his eyes, when Little Black's and Liu Mei's worried voices sounded in his mind and ears

"Master!"

"Long-ge!!"

Slowly standing up from the floor, Shun Long looked at Little Black, Liu Mei and Little Silver around him who had worried expressions on their faces, before his gaze fell on the gigantic hole at the wall of the room.

Chapter 300 - 300 Little Black making a move?

It was a gigantic hole filled with burn marks of charred wood around it, while 10 of Liu Mei's jade-white skeletons were standing in line, blocking anyone in the Silver cross street from having a clear look of the interior of the room.

Soon, Shun Long turned his eyes towards Little Black, Liu Mei and Little Silver, before he nodded his head and said in an affirming tone

"Don't worry, I am okay!"

"... aside from being mentally exhausted of course." He silently added in his heart, before his eyes examined the rest of the room. Aside from the large hole on the wall however that Liu Mei's skeletons were now covering, Shun Long didn't find anything else amiss.

Liu Mei and Little Black both heaved out in relief, while the black panther, Little Silver happily nudged its head on Shun Long's arm for a moment.

With a curious look in his eyes, Shun Long looked at Liu Mei before he asked

"Mei'er, how long was I gone for?" His eyes also fell on the large hole on the wall of the room, curious to find out what happened while he was inside the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison'.

Liu Mei lowered her head slightly as she looked at Shun Long and said

"Long-ge, you were gone for almost 2 days. In these 2 days I also didn't open the shop."

"2 days?"

Shun Long was stunned when he heard Liu Mei's reply. He didn't think that he was gone for even half a day, let alone 2 whole days.

Before he could ask any more questions, Little Black's voice then sounded in his mind, as Little Black then asked

"Master, is everything really alright? I can sense that your soul is really exhausted right now."

Nodding his head, Shun Long didn't hide anything neither from Little Black, nor Liu Mei or Little Silver, as he said in a serious voice

"I am indeed tired, but I should recover fully after consuming a few 'Spirit enhancing pills' and get my spirit sense and spiritual strength back to peak condition."

Looking at Little Black, Shun Long then asked curiously

"Little Black, is there a power called the 10 Immortal Palaces?"

Little Black thought seriously for a while, before he eventually shook his head and said

"Master, there is no such force as far as I remember!"

After a brief pause the black dragon then added

"Of course, it's also possible that they are an extremely secluded power who don't show themselves easily, but I have never heard of this name before."

Nodding his head, Shun Long wasn't too surprised by Little Black's answer. He didn't know how this red palace was connected to the 'Stone of Time', but it was certainly something that he had to find out about in the end.

After all, if it wasn't for the silver-armored guards that had decided to imprison him in the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison' instead of killing him, Shun Long didn't know whether the 'Stone of Time' would have saved him, if there was really some kind of lethal danger while he was unconscious.

Additionally, even without fighting the silver-armored guards, and despite being unable to sense their cultivation at the time, Shun Long was certain that he wasn't a match for either one of them at this point.

He also wasn't certain what would happen to him in case the 'Stone of Time' forcefully sent him to that red palace again.

Shun Long knew that no matter what, he had to uncover the secrets behind that red palace, otherwise, if these silver-armored guards are present again the next time that the 'Stone of Time' transfers him to that place, he wasn't certain if he would be lucky enough to once again end up to the so-called 7th level of the 'Eternal Confinement Immortal Prison'.

This was also the first time that Shun Long had a feeling of urgency in his heart to get stronger.

This time, it wasn't for Little Black or to uncover more clues about his past, but to stay alive.

Taking a few moments to reorganize his thoughts and calm down his emotions, Shun Long then looked at Liu Mei as he asked

"Did the 'Blood Pill pavilion' attack the shop during the past 2 days?"

Liu Mei nodded her head with a regretful look on her face, but just as she was about to answer, Little Black spoke first, as his voice once again sounded in Shun Long's mind

"Master is right! Just a few hours after master disappeared, I sensed a group of 3 rank 9 Spirit realms leading more than 10 late-stage Spirit realm cultivators, all of them coming towards the shop.

They were all very cautious, but they were filled with determination and killing intent!

I know that master had your own plans about how to deal with these peoples, but once they entered the shop, there was no way that that little girl could stop them all by herself. At least not until her cultivation reaches at least the rank 9 of the Spirit realm."

Shun Long was dumbfounded when he heard Little Black's words.

He instantly understood that these people must have belonged to the 'Blood Pill pavilion'.

However, although he knew that the 'Blood Pill pavilion' would be anxious after losing all of the spirit stones in their treasury, he also knew that they would be able to operate normally for a while, considering how many pills and medicinal herbs they still had in stock.

In other words, although Shun Long robbing their treasury clean was a large hit to the pavilion, it wasn't to the extent that they would throw caution to the wind and send more than a dozen late-stage Spirit realm experts to blindly attack the shop.

"Was someone pressuring them? This is the only answer that makes sense! Otherwise, considering that they only have 11 peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivators, it wouldn't make sense to send 3 of them at once, when they know that there is a poison that can most likely threaten even Nascent Soul stage experts!"

Seeing that Shun Long was still reorganizing his thoughts, Little Black stayed silent for a moment, letting his master figure out what was going on.

At the same time, Liu Mei seemed to have understood that Little Black was explaining what happened, so she decided to let him explain everything.

Nodding his head, Shun Long looked at Little Black before he asked

"What happened then? Did you wipe them out?"

Little Black nodded in confirmation without any hints of embarrassment, and looking at the hole on the wall of the room he said matter-of-factly

"Master is right! As soon as they approached close to the shop, I spat out a huge ball of black fire that wiped them all in an instant!"

Shun Long couldn't see it earlier, but after standing up and taking a look at the hole on the wall of the room, he noticed that even the ground on the Silver cross street had now turned black.

He could only imagine the commotion that Little Black's fireball had caused this time.

At the same time, looking at Little Black who had certainly attracted a lot of attention after revealing his aura of an early rank 6 magic beast, a single question suddenly appeared in Shun Long's mind

"Didn't the Dao Kings at the center of the 'City of Sin' notice your presence then?"