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Chapter 91 - 91 Future eyes

Little Black was confused as Shun Long then said

"Take a look at my eyes"

As he finished speaking, Shun Long circulated his qi to flow into his eyes.

His eyes immediately turned golden and Shun Long then mumbled

"Master, what is this?"

Almost at the same time, little Black also said

"Master what is this?"

The black dragon was stunned for a second, until a horrifying thought flashed through his mind and his breathing suddenly became faster.

Shun Long saw that little Black had an idea of what was happening, but he wasn't planning on keeping it a secret from him anyway so he explained in a serious tone

"I can glimpse into the future"

As soon as these words left his mouth, they were akin to an explosion as they reached little Black's ears, making the dragon unable to even speak.

Shun Long who saw little Black's reaction continued

"When my eyes turn golden I can glimpse about 5 seconds ahead into the future. If used properly, this ability can even be stronger than my 'Monarch's Domain'."

Little Black nodded his head at Shun Long's words as he said

"Master, this ability will definitely be much stronger than your 'Monarch's Domain'."

Just thinking about the possible uses of this ability, both Shun Long and little Black were trembling with excitement.

Shun Long then asked little Black with a hint of expectation in his tone

"Little Black what about your breakthrough? Did you succeed?"

The black dragon roared as he spread his wings and revealed his aura that had reached the early rank 4.

Thankfully little Black was still inside the 'Stone of Time' and his aura was contained inside it or else the entire sect would have been alarmed.

Then he said proudly as he looked at Shun Long

"I have already reached the early rank 4 master. If I were to fight that 'silver-winged roc' again, I am more than eighty percent confident that I could beat it."

Shun Long was happy that little Black managed to increase his strength as well, and after sitting down and thinking seriously for a bit he decided

"I can still advance my strength while I let the 'Heaven swallowing vine' recharge the pure qi inside it but, it's better if I get accustomed to my current strength first.

I can take this chance to speed up the maturity of the 'Profound earth fruit', the 'purple fragrant grass' and the other medicinal herbs, and then refine the pill I need."

As Shun Long sorted out his thoughts, he sat cross-legged on his bed and sent his spiritual strength inside the 'Stone of Time', in the place where Little Black stayed, and the 'Heavenly swallowing vine' as well as the rest of his medicinal herbs were stored.

As his consciousness entered inside, Shun Long was stunned.

Somehow, the space inside had grown from 30 square meters, all the way to 300.

Little Black noticed the stunned Shun Long and said

"Right, master, I noticed that the space here grew larger as soon as your cultivation entered the earth grade."

Shun Long was happy that the space inside had actually increased. With little Black practically living inside here, the 'Heavenly swallowing vine' and all the planted medicinal herbs, as well as the dozens of rank 3 beast corpses, there really wasn't any more room left here before. But now, Shun Long could plant as many medicinal herbs he wanted, or store magic beast corpses without worrying about the space inside.

Sitting on his bed, Shun Long used his qi to hasten the growth of the medicinal herbs inside. After 3 hours, his qi had been completely depleted but the effects on the medicinal herbs were simply astonishing.

After advancing to the middle of rank 3 in earth grade, Shun Long's qi be it in quality or quantity was incomparable to before.

Shun Long spent the next 3 days growing the medicinal herbs in the 'Stone of Time', as well as getting accustomed to his increase in strength after his consecutive breakthroughs.

3 days later, he had more than 5 'Profound earth fruits', while his stalks of 'purple fragrant grass' had reached more than 20.

Shun Long took out a few big wooden barrels that he had purchased from the 'Treasure Pavilion' and sat down inside the special alchemy room as he started warming the peak rank 3 bronze grade medicinal cauldron that was placed inside.

Little Black was somewhat puzzled as he asked curiously

"Master, why aren't you using your own cauldron if you want to refine pills?"

Shun Long shook his head as he said

"My cauldron is too small to refine what I want this time."

Little Black curiously watched Shun Long who had just started his preparations.

As Shun Long sat down in front of the medicinal cauldron, more than a dozen rank 2 medicinal herbs, as well as almost all his stalks of 'purple fragrant grass' were all neatly arranged in front of him in precisely 20 different sets.

After the cauldron was warm enough, Shun Long started throwing in the rank 2 medicinal herbs, adding the 'purple fragrant grass' last.

After advancing to the middle rank 3 in earth grade, Shun Long could easily refine rank 3 medicinal herbs like the 'purple fragrant grass'. He assumed that even the 'Profound earth fruit' wouldn't pose much of a problem either with his current spiritual strength that had advanced by leaps and bounds along with his cultivation.

Half an hour later, Shun Long opened the cauldron and a red colored fluid could be seen inside instead of a pill.

Little Black who saw this liquid immediately said

"Master don't worry, everyone fails in alchemy sometimes. There are no alchemists that can always succeed every single time."

Shun Long however, didn't seem disheartened at all. Instead he lifted the alchemy cauldron that was more than twice the size of his own, as he poured the red colored liquid in the wooden barrels.

Chapter 92 - 92 Arena challenge

After emptying the red liquid from the medicinal cauldron, Shun Long started refining again.

Half an hour later little Black was stunned as he saw the same result inside the cauldron for the second time. Following the same movements as before, Shun Long poured the red colored liquid inside the wooden barrel.

He continued this process 18 more times until 3 wooden barrels were completely filled.

Shun Long's entire room was now permeated by an intoxicating fragrant smell, that even wafted outside his room.

After sealing up the barrel tops, little Black was surprised to see Shun Long placing the barrels inside the 'Stone of Time' as he buried them in the field along with his medicinal ingredients.

A fragrant smell assaulted little Black who was now looking expectantly at the 3 barrels.

Shun Long smiled as he saw the eager black dragon and said

"Although we will have to wait for a few days, I'm sure that the wait will be worth it."

Little Black nodded his head as he heard this, and he took a deep breath inhaling the lingering smell in the air. Now that the barrels were sealed, the intoxicating aroma had topped diffusing in the air.

Unknown to Shun Long, a commotion had already started in the upper 4th and 5th levels of the 'Mystifying fragrance pavilion' as people were now trying to locate the origin of this aroma.

Just as Shun Long stood up from his bed, his sect jade started shining as 2 words appeared on it
'Arena Challenge 689'

Shun Long's eyes shone as he understood what this meant.

It was said that those ranked in the top 1000 in the arena, could directly ask for this kind of challenge once per week.

The challenged would then be notified by a message in their 'sect identifying jade', stating the arena rank of the challenger.

As Shun Long opened the door of his room then, he saw a young man in yellow robes sitting on the ground, waiting outside.

The young man's eyes shone as he saw Shun Long and he quickly sat up as he bowed and said

"Senior brother, my name is Jie Chu. Young master Fu has sent me here to deliver a message to senior brother."

Shun Long guessed that the message would probably be about Liu Mei and Meng Shengyi as he then nodded his head and asked

"What did the message say?"

Jie Chu looked around to see if there was anyone spying on them before he lowered his voice as he said

"The Meng family will ask for her hand in marriage after the secret realm closes."

As Jie Chu finished speaking, he bowed again and without another word he quickly left the 'Mystifying Fragrance pavilion'.

Shun Long watched the disappearing Jie Chu and thought seriously for a while before he also left the 'Mystifying Fragrance pavilion' as he headed towards the arena.

"Master, it looks like the Meng family must have come to some sort of agreement with Liu Changpun if they are going to make their move after the secret realm closes."

Shun Long agreed with little Black's words and nodded his head while he kept walking towards the arena as he thought

"There is definitely more to this situation than what meets the eye."

The arena was just a 10-minute walk from the 'Mystifying Fragrance pavilion' and soon, Shun Long had arrived in front of that huge building. Since there didn't seem to be any important matches today, there wasn't any huge crowd queuing up to enter inside either.

After entering the building, Shun Long first walked towards a counter with the words 'Registration' above it.

A red-haired man was waiting there, and as soon as he saw Shun Long, his eyes lit up as he said

"Surprised to see me?"

Shun Long shook his head as he had already thought earlier of who his challenger would be. There were very few people that would specifically challenge him in the arena as he didn't even have a rank here yet, and one of them was precisely Guan Hong.

Guan Hong looked at Shun Long who didn't seem to show any shock and raised his voice as he said

"Don't tell me you are going to chicken out now that you know who the person that challenged you is?! Aren't you the strongest who won first place in the 'outer sect exam' 2 months ago?"

As Guan Hong had raised his voice intentionally, the disciples around them all turned their attention towards him and Shun Long.

"So this is the person who took first place in our sect in this 'outer sect examination'?"

"I heard that he is nothing much. This batch of new disciples is really weak."

"I agree! I heard that even the person who got first place from our 'floating cloud sect', only managed to get the 4th place in the overall rankings of this year's joint sect exam."

Guan Hong's expression turned somewhat ugly while Shun Long looked at him and nodded his head as he said

"Don't worry, I accept."

Then he turned his head to look at the female outer disciple who was in charge of the registration as he asked

"Can you tell me the rules of the arena here?"

The female disciple looked at Shun Long in a weird manner. Was this handsome young man going to fight in the arena for the first time? But the person who challenged him is at the top 700!

She smiled at Shun Long as she said

"Firstly, you need to be registered in the arena if you want to participate in a fight. Please give me your 'sect identifying jade'."

As Shun Long handed his sect jade to that woman, he saw her pulling out a black jade from the bottom of the counter as she placed it above Shun Long's sect jade for a few breaths of time.

A light then came out from the black jade as it entered Shun Long's red jade. The woman then placed the black jade at the bottom of the counter and as she returned Shun Long's jade back she said

"You are now officially registered in the arena.

If you want to participate in a fight, you are free to challenge anyone that is not at the top 100 rankings. A person can only refuse a challenge if he has already fought for that day.

Otherwise, refusing a challenge will count as a loss and the challenger can then take the ranking of the challenged.

Now please take a look behind you."

As she finished speaking the woman pointed at a big wall behind Shun Long that was filled with various names and numbers.

As Shun Long turned to look at this wall the woman explained

"This is the top 100 arena rankings. Only the top 100 strongest outer disciples can be ranked here."

At the top of the rankings there were 3 names shining with a golden color that were different from the rest.

As Shun Long's eyes glanced over them, the person sitting at the top of the list shocked him.

'Rank 1

Name: Wen Zihao

Wins: 147 Losses: 2'

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Both Guan Hong and Shun Long were now looking at the name at the top of the list in the arena rankings. When the woman saw them she started explaining

"That person is the strongest out of all the outer disciples, senior brother Wen Zihao. It is said that senior brother Wen is not only extremely talented, but he is also said to possess some kind of special physique that is unbeatable within the same level of cultivation."

Guan Hong nodded his head and it seemed that he already knew about this person.

Shun Long's gaze moved downwards as he observed the other names as well. The person ranked second was named Kang Sun and although his wins and losses weren't as exaggerated as Wen Zihao's, he still had 110 wins and just 33 losses.

Shun Long kept observing the names in the rankings until he caught sight of a familiar name near the bottom of the list

'Rank 93

Name: Xiao Juyan

Wins: 36 Losses: 20'

The woman was also staring at the rankings as she said

"Belonging to the top 100 is a form of honor for every outer sect disciple, and only the people ranked 101-200 are allowed to challenge them.

Putting the top 100 aside, even entering the top 1000 is exceedingly difficult.

The sect has millions of outer sect disciples but only about 200.000 of them have reached the earth grade and participate in the arena rankings.

To be in the top 1000 among 200.000 disciples, I'm sure you can guess how difficult that is."

As the woman finished speaking, Guan Hong looked at Shun Long provocatively as he puffed out his chest, before the woman continued explaining

"After entering the top 1000, one can issue an official challenge to another person directly through the sect identifying jades, even if the other person isn't registered in the arena yet, just like senior brother Guan Hong did today. Cultivators at the top 1000 ranks and above, will also receive spirit stones from the sect every month depending on their rank.

I don't know why senior brother Guan challenged you but I suggest that you forfeit the match. Anyway, in your case, since senior brother Guan is higher ranked than you, even after forfeiting you won't drop in rank. Although you can't cripple or kill others in the arena, accidents have happened in the past as well."

Shun Long shook his head after hearing the woman's words, and having understood the rules he turned to look at Guan Hong before saying

"Let's go then"

Guan Hong was excited seeing that Shun Long didn't choose to forfeit from the challenge and he followed him inside the arena.

Guan Hong and Shun Long both had to wait as there was already a battle going on inside.

10 minutes later, as soon as the previous battle finished Guan Hong jumped at the center of the stage.

Some of the disciples in the audience immediately recognized him as they said

"It's senior brother Guan Hong."

"Senior brother Guan? Who is that?"

"It's senior brother Guan who got the second place in the 'outer sect examination'. 6 days ago, he even beat senior brother Yu He and entered the top 1000 in the arena rankings."

"The top 1000? Then, is his opponent today also in the top 1000?"

"I don't know, I haven't seen this person before."

After seeing Shun Long, none of the disciples in the crowd recognized him as they watched him enter the arena.

Shun Long who had just advanced to the middle rank 3 in earth grade was also excited to test out his new strength.

Guan Hong then, took out a saber from his spatial ring, and as he held it in front of his chest he said in a voice that oozed confidence

"I had already warned you that the day would come when I would challenge you in the arena, since you stole my first place in the 'outer sect exam'. I'm sure that you accepted today's challenge thinking that you have a chance against me, but... it's time to show you the difference between us."

As Guan Hong finished speaking he completely unleashed his aura, and he surprisingly had already advanced to the early rank 4 of the earth grade in these 2 months that he had returned to the sect.

Shun Long wasn't surprised at all by this and after looking at Guan Hong in the eyes as he finally spoke

"You have been boasting since the first moment I saw you. You even challenged me in an arena fight after breaking through to rank 4 in earth grade because you felt that I stole your spotlight in the 'outer sect exam' and you are certain that this is your chance to take it back right?"

After taking a breath Shun Long continued

"But what you don't seem to understand is that from the start I didn't even care about you. I have to admit that if this was 2 months ago, then you would definitely be a troublesome foe to deal with but now?"

As Shun Long finished speaking, he unleashed his aura of a middle rank 3 earth grade cultivator that made Guan Hong suddenly laugh

"Just a middle rank 3 earth grade disciple and you dare to stand in front of me? Brat, I don't know what trick you used to get first place in the sect exam but you have no chance against me."

Holding his saber with his right hand, Guan Hong rushed towards Shun Long as he sent slash after slash at him.

Shun Long's eyes turned golden as he dodged left and right, avoiding Guan Hong's slashes by a hair's breadth. Shun Long didn't even activate his 'Monarch's Domain' as he tested his golden eyes. Seeing in the future and knowing every single attack that your opponent would do was a massive advantage.

2 minutes later the crowd had started booing as they said

"Why are you only dodging? Are you even a man?"

"Fight! Fight senior brother Guan fairly!"

However, there were others within the crowd that argued with these people as they said

"Fairly? Is dodging not a part of fighting?"

"That's right idiot. Senior sister Tong is also an expert at dodging! Are you implying that senior sister isn't fighting fairly in the arena?"

As the arguments were getting more heated in the arena, Guan Hong had started to lose his patience when he sent a wide slash towards Shun Long's face.

Shun Long's golden eyes shone brightly with a faint of blue light inside them as he then tightly clenched his right fist and took a step back.

It was simply one step and yet Guan Hong's slash completely missed its target.

Shun Long gathered his physical strength in his right fist, as he then sent a full-powered punch at Guan Hong's ribs, that were completely undefended when he had lost his balance after his wide saber slash.

Crack

A cracking sound was heard from Guan Hong's ribs as he was sent flying for a dozen meters into the air, before he fell on the ground sideways, his right hand still clutching his saber.

Shun Long looked at him with apathetic eyes, not feeling even the slightest sense of pity for his plight as he asked

"Give up yet?"

Shun Long's golden eyes shone as he saw Guan Hong's left hand grabbing a concealed dagger from his robes and throwing it right at his face.

Without giving him a chance, Shun Long sent a kick at Guan Hong's body who was then sent flying once more as it crashed in the arena walls.

Guan Hong spat out blood from the impact as his eyes bulged out before he lost consciousness.

As soon as Guan Hong's body fell to the ground, Shun Long felt that his sect jade was warming up as 3 numbers appeared on it

'689'

The crowd was completely shocked as everyone had now fallen silent.

An expert at the top 1000 ranks in the arena had been beaten senseless and toyed around as if he was a kid before falling unconscious.

Amidst this silence, the voice of a woman in the audience was particularly ear-piercing as she said "Brother! He is the one!"

Chapter 94 - 94 Lei Pong

"Brother, he is the one!"

Everyone in the audience turned to look at the source of this voice, only to see a pretty young woman with blonde hair, with a young man who was standing next to her.

The man had blonde hair and was carrying a large spear, over 2m(6.6ft) long on his back.

Exclamations sounded from the crowd as people immediately recognized this blonde-haired man "It's Lei Pong!"

"Senior brother Lei! Also, who is that beautiful woman beside him? Is it his girlfriend?"

A disciple slapped this person in the head as he said

"Idiot shut your mouth! That is senior brother Lei's sister. I think her name is Lei Xiang."

"Ah! Then why are they here? Does senior brother Lei have a fight today? Don't tell me that they came for Guan Hong."

"How should I know idiot?"

As the disciples in the crowd were discussing among themselves guessing the reason that Lei Pong had come in the arena today, Lei Xiang's eyes were staring hatefully at Shun Long at the center of the stage.

Lei Pong looked at Shun Long who was also staring at him and his sister nonchalantly.

Lei Pong then jumped all the way from the audience seats, landing straight at the center of the arena, his eyes glued at Shun Long in front of him as he asked curiously

"You are the person who dared to rob my sister during the sect exam? Kid, do you know who I am? If you beg my sister for forgiveness perhaps you will still be able to walk by yourself out then."

Shun Long looked at Lei Pong who was caressing his spear in his hands, before he nodded his head seriously and said

"You are the person who lost to Xiao Juyan 2 months ago right? What was your name? Lei Bong?"

The crowd was silenced after hearing Shun Long's 'serious words', while Lei Pong himself looked at him with narrowed eyes

"Brat, you only have one chance. Kneel and apologize right now, and then crawl in front of my sister as you ask for forgiveness. Otherwise..."

Shun Long's eyes narrowed as he asked Lei Pong

"Otherwise what? You will kill me? You will cripple me? Even if the sect rules permitted it, do you even think that you have that ability?"

The crowd exploded in discussions as they heard the exchange of words between Shun Long and Lei Pong

"This guy dares to taunt senior Lei even though he knows that he is the strongest person outside the top 100? Is he tired of living?"

"I bet that this kid doesn't know that senior Lei Pong can find other ways to make his life hard inside the sect, that's why he is acting arrogant now."

"He is dead meat for sure! Senior brother Lei will definitely beat him badly!"

"Brother, you have to take revenge for me!" Even Lei Xiang started shouting from the audience seats after hearing Shun Long's words.

Lei Pong looked at Shun Long placidly but he still couldn't hide the anger in his voice as he said

"Don't tell me that you are all talk and you don't dare to fight kid."

Shun Long looked at him mockingly as he asked

"So I, a middle stage rank 3 earth grade cultivator have to fight a peak rank 5 earth grade like yourself just because you say so? Are you an idiot?"

Just as Shun Long saw that Lei Pong was finally angry, he smiled as he said

"Actually, it's not like we can't fight at all. You just have to be willing to put a wager for our match, what do you think?"

As Shun Long finished speaking, he removed 100 spirit stones from his spatial ring as he showed them to Lei Pong and said

"How about it?"

Lei Pong's eyes shone brightly as he said

"100 Spirit stones? Hahaha! Brat, since you have brought gifts I will gladly accept!"

The crowd was once more astonished as they heard that these white stones that Shun Long was holding were spirit stones.

"What? These are 100 spirit stones? AHH this kid is definitely the idiot here!"

"Damn, senior brother Lei is so lucky! I wish I could get paid to beat people I don't like as well."

"Even if you could get paid, you first have to be strong enough to do it! Didn't you see that kid beating Guan Hong senseless earlier? Can you beat a rank 4 earth grade expert yourself?"

"So what idiot? Don't compare Guan Hong to senior brother Lei."

Shun Long and Lei Pong didn't pay any attention to the crowd, as they both called for a representative of the arena who handled official bets during fights, before they handed 100 spirit stones each. The winner of the fight would take all 200 of them.

Little Black had already told Shun Long that he will need spirit stones if he wants to swiftly advance to the Heaven grade.

Although cultivators at the peak of the earth grade could also advance to the Heaven grade by slowly absorbing the earth qi, even with the 'Heaven swallowing vine', if Shun Long didn't have any spirit stones it would him take at least a few years to advance.

That's how Shun Long came up with the thought of scamming some spirit stones from Lei Pong. Although Lei Pong was strong, as long as he hadn't reached the peak of rank 6 in earth grade Shun Long was confident that he could at least fight him evenly.

Lei Hong's mood had obviously improved after thinking of the 100 spirit stones that would soon fall in his hands and looking at Shun Long he said

"You must be really dumb if you think that you can defeat me, just because you managed to beat that garbage Guan Hong."

As Lei Pong finished speaking, he held his spear with both hands as he started infusing his qi inside it, making his spear buzz as it started to tremble.

Lei Pong seemed to have already reached the early stage of rank 6 in earth grade, instead of the peak of rank 5 that he was when he had fought Xiao Juyan.

Shun Long's eyes instantly turned golden and with a serious look on his eyes he said

"Come!"

Chapter 95 - 95 Fighting Lei Pong

Lei Pong's feet kicked the ground as he quickly arrived in front of Shun Long before thrusting his spear forward.

The tip of his spear was shining brightly with thunder sparks forming on top of it, as it was heading straight towards Shun Long's chest.

Shun Long tried to dodge to the side, but the spear tip instantly changed its course as it chased after him.

As Lei Pong's spear was relentlessly chasing after him, Shun Long seemed to have entered a passive position as the fight went on.

Lei Pong's explosive attacks weren't that hard to avoid thanks to his golden eyes, but the fact that these attacks never let up, had left Shun Long without any windows to counter-attack.

Lei Xiang who watched this scene smirked as she cheered for her elder brother.

Lei Pong had trained his spear arts for many years, even before he had entered the sect. Although Shun Long had also received some basic training in weapons from his father, he couldn't compare to Lei Pong in this regard. Even Lei Pong's cultivation technique was a perfect fit for him using a spear, and finally, Shun Long had understood his weakness.

He didn't have enough fighting experience yet.

Although he had trained with the guards on the 'Shun estate' in the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', these people couldn't even be compared with Lei Pong.

In his fight with Guan Hong, Shun Long could easily exploit the openings that Guan Hong showed after each failed attack as well. However, Lei Pong continued his attacks one after the other, as if they were all part of a set.

"It looks like this kid doesn't have a chance after all."

"Of course, who do you think senior brother Lei is?"

"After all the boasting, it looks like this kid is only bark and no bite."

Hearing the comments from the crowd, little Black was actually feeling indignation for Shun Long as he asked

"Master, why don't you use your 'Monarch's Domain'? Although there is a big difference in cultivation, it should still be able to slow him down and give you enough room to attack."

Shun Long who seemed to be stuck in a passive position, where all he did was dodge Lei Pong's attacks, replied to little Black contentedly

"This guy is so fast and his attacks are like a chain. My biggest flaw right now is my lack of combat experience. Although this is exhausting, this person is also the best sparring partner I could ask for."

Little Black's eyes shone as he stopped speaking, allowing Shun Long to completely focus on the fight.

As long as his concentration was focused on Lei Pong, with his eyes' ability to see in the future, he could still avoid his attacks.

20 minutes soon passed and Lei Pong's attacks had started to slow down. Both he and Shun Long were drenched in sweat but the fight didn't stop.

The crowd had also noticed this anomaly.

Since Shun Long couldn't fight back and Lei Pong's cultivation was so much higher than his, then shouldn't he have already lost by now?

"Senior brother Lei's movements seem to have somewhat slowed down."

"Stop spouting rubbish! They haven't slowed down, it's obvious that senior brother is conserving his strength. He just wants to tire this kid out before beating him."

"But senior brother Lei and that kid both look tired."

Lei Pong had really started to get frustrated now. It was one thing to not be able to beat Xiao Juyan due to his abnormal defense, but now, fighting against this kid who constantly dodged his attacks was even more frustrating.

"This kid's ability to dodge my attacks is even scarier than senior sister Tong's."

Although he was tired, Lei Pong didn't stop. He was certain that since he was the one with the higher cultivation in this battle, Shun Long would be the one to succ.u.mb to the exhaustion first.

As he thrust his spear at Shun Long's left leg, Lei Pong seemed to have changed its direction at the last moment, sweeping it upwards towards Shun Long's abdomen... and yet Shun Long still managed to avoid the attack, as if he somehow knew where Lei Pong was aiming from the start.

The fight continued as the 20 minutes soon turned into an hour.

No matter whether it was straight attacks of pure speed, feints, or attacks from a tricky angle, Shun Long managed to avoid every single one of them.

Even the people in the crowd didn't believe that Lei Pong was toying with Shun Long anymore. as they now understood that this was a real fight.

Lei Pong had already expended more than 70 percent of his qi, and his body was also exhausted as he was drenched in sweat from head to toe.

Although Shun Long's robes were also drenched with his sweat, since he was also a body refining cultivator, he could actually fight for even longer than this.

Finally, frustration kicked in and Lei Pong stopped chasing Shun Long as he mumbled

"You asked for it brat!"

Shun Long's golden eyes shone as he quickly understood what Lei Pong was trying to do and finally, he activated his 'Monarch's Domain'.

Inside the domain Lei Pong's speed had unknowingly dropped by more than half as Shun Long rushed straight at him.

The crowd saw Shun Long heading towards Lei Pong who didn't seem to have realized this yet as he was still infusing his qi in his spear.

"Brother watch out!"

As Lei Xiang's voice was heard, Shun Long's full-powered punch hit Lei Pong straight on the chest.

Before he could even process what had happened, Lei Pong's body was flying in the air.

He crashed on the ground with a bang and after vomiting a mouthful of blood he had finally lost consciousness.

The entire arena had fallen dead silent as everyone's eyes were now on Shun Long who had just won against the strongest expert below the top 100 in the arena rankings.

Chapter 96 - 96 You don't want to touch her

"NO"

Lei Xiang screamed as she watched her brother's body crashing on the ground before he lost consciousness.

She frantically run in the arena to support Lei Pong before turning her head to give a venomous look to Shun Long as she said

"I will kill you! How dare you hurt my brother? I swear that I will definitely kill you!"

Her scream seemed to have waken up the entire arena, as everyone turned their heads to look at Lei Xiang who was now madly screaming at Shun Long.

Shun Long's eyes finally chilled as he then walked up to her.

Lei Xiang seemed to have finally felt fear as she stumbled backwards, seeing Shun Long coming closer and closer to her.

As Shun Long stood in front of her looking at her with his cold eyes that didn't conceal his anger, an apathetic voice sounded from the crowd as it said

"You probably don't want to touch her."

Shun Long turned his eyes to see a handsome young man in blue hair and yellow robes, around 20 years old staring at him.

The man seemed to be examining Shun Long before he revealed a smile and said

"Threatening her is fine but... if you touch her you will probably have more on your plate than what you can handle."

The blue-haired young man seemed to be warning Shun Long out of good intentions, but the tone in his voice was definite, saying that if Shun Long touched Lei Xiang he wouldn't be able to handle the aftermath of it.

Shun Long looked at this man as he asked placidly

"Are you saying that I should let her go because someone is backing her?"

The man smiled as he nodded his head.

Lei Xiang seemed to have just gained some newfound courage as she looked at Shun Long and said in a commanding tone

"Kneel down now and wait for my brother to come back to his senses. If my mood improves by then I can actually consider letting you go. Or else, when brother Ren hears about today, you won't have a place to hide anywhere in the outer city!"

The blue-haired young man looked at Lei Xiang with an interested gaze, before his eyes noticed Shun Long's left arm slowly rising in the air.

The young man's eyes bulged as he understood what was going to happen, but without any time to intervene all he could do was just watch

Slap

A crisp sound was heard throughout the arena as Shun Long's hand connected with Lei Xiang's face as she collapsed on the ground.

A bright red palm print was on Lei Xiang's right cheek as her eyes seemed completely unfocused.

The arena was so silent that even a pin drop could be heard, everyone's eyes staring at Shun Long who stood in front of Lei Xiang and said

"Did you think that I wouldn't hit you just because you are a woman?"

As Lei Xiang raised her head, she saw Shun Long staring straight into her eyes, his eyes having a chilling look on them that seemed to have sent shivers all over her body as he continued

"There will be no mercy if you dare to threaten my life again.

Know your place!"

As Shun Long finished speaking, he took the 200 spirit stones from the arena representative before he turned around to leave, leaving behind him a dumbfounded crowd.

The blue-haired young man watched Shun Long as he walked away and shook his head before he too left the arena as he mumbled with a sly smile on his face

"It looks like Ren Gui and Fu Peizhi will both be really mad when they hear about this."

As Shun Long walked back towards the 'Mystifying Fragrance pavilion', Little Black was laughing feeling completely refreshed after having seen Shun Long slap Lei Xiang in the face

"Master, that was a great slap. Truly a great slap hahaha. Did that girl really expect you to get scared and kneel in front of her?"

Shun Long shook his head and smiled after hearing the jubilant black dragon laughing and 10 minutes later he had already returned back to the pavilion.

After entering his room, Shun Long immediately sat down on his bed, as sent his spiritual strength inside the 'Stone of Time' 'feeding' 10 spirit stones to the 'Heaven swallowing vine'.

The vine seemed to instantly get invigorated as it absorbed the energy from the spirit stones, immediately producing qi, that seemed to be even purer than last time.

Shun Long was disappointed to see that although the quality of the qi that the vine emitted had increased and the qi was now purer, the quantity was really small.

"I wonder how much my cultivation will advance after feeding all the spirit stones to the 'Heaven swallowing vine'?"

Shun Long then 'fed' 90 more spirit stones to the vine before he started absorbing the refined pure qi that it produced.

As Shun Long was cultivating using the 'Heaven swallowing vine', the entire outer sect was learning of what had transpired today in the arena.

A person named Shun Long, who was rumored to have taken first place in the sect during the outer sect examination had first defeated Guan Hong who had recently advanced into the top 700 of the arena rankings, before he proceeded to defeat Lei Pong right after. Of course, the details of him slapping Lei Xiang were also not omitted.

Xiao Juyan and Xiao Shitou were chatting inside the 'Treasure Pavilion' when they learned of these news.

Xiao Juyan was shocked to hear that a newbie had beaten Lei Pong and looked at his brother questioningly as he asked

"Wasn't Lin Wu's previous fiance also named Shun Long, entering the sect with you half a year ago?"

Xiao Shitou however simply shook his head as he said

"Although that's true brother, the Shun Long who entered the sect with me half a year ago was just a rank 6 qi condensation disciple. Do you believe that the same person can breakthrough to the middle or late stages of the earth grade in just half a year?"

Xiao Juyan shook his head as he laughed at his own idea before saying

"Your words make sense little brother. It's your elder brother who was foolish. Among millions of outer disciples, it's not that abnormal for 2 people to share the same name."

As Xiao Shitou and Xiao Juyan were laughing over this matter, in a private mansion near the entrance to the 'inner city', inside the main hall, a young man was filled with killing intent as he looked at the person in front of him and asked furiously

"What did you just say??"

Chapter 97 - 97 Refining the 'Profound earth fruit'

"What did you just say? Someone dared to slap Xiang'er? Explain everything!"

This young man looked to be a bit more than 20 years old, with long black hair and a burly build. In front of him was an outer disciple that was on his knees, describing what he saw inside the arena earlier.

"Senior brother Ren, this is what happened..."

As the outer disciple finished speaking, he suddenly felt as if a hammer had hit his stomach before he was sent flying all the way from the main hall, to the gates of the mansion.

"Se-senior brother Ren?"

"Shut your mouth! How dare you still call me senior brother? My woman was slapped in front of you and you didn't do anything? You still have the face to call me senior brother? SCRAM!"

The outer disciple felt aggrieved at this behavior as he was only a small disciple at the middle of rank 1 earth grade... he couldn't possibly fight with Shun Long over Lei Xiang's face-slap. Swallowing down this injustice, he quickly left the mansion without another word.

After all, he couldn't just express his anger at Ren Gui, who was ranked 7th in the arena rankings.

Ren Gui was looking towards the direction of the arena as he narrowed his eyes

"To think that there are people who dare touch my woman without giving me any face, Shun Long huh?... You must definitely be tired of your good life in the 'floating cloud sect'."

Fu Peizhi's reaction was similar to Ren Gui's when he received the news of Shun Long's fight with Lei Pong, as he too vowed to make this Shun Long's life miserable when he would meet him. Not even for a moment did Fu Peizhi think, that the person who defeated Lei Pong was the same person that he had met in the arena with Fu Li and Lu Wen back then.

Meanwhile, the culprit who had stirred the entire 'outer city', was still inside his room cultivating using the 'Heaven swallowing vine'.

One day later, a small popping sound was heard from inside Shun Long's body as his body felt brimming with energy.

"Master, congratulations for advancing to the peak of rank 3 in earth grade already!"

Shun Long who was still sitting on his bed replied

"This is mainly thanks to the qi inside the spirit stones, that became even purer after it was refined by the 'Heaven swallowing vine'. And yet, after just one day of cultivation, I'm left with less than 90 spirit stones already."

Then, Shun Long took a look at the space inside the 'Stone of Time', and as his eyes stared at his 5 'Profound earth fruits' Shun Long pondered over his available options.

"I was originally only planning to use the hearts and beast cores of the rank 2 blood wolves to concoct the 'earth refining pill', but it seems that I have better options in hand.

Although it's somewhat of a waste to use the beast cores of rank 3 magic beasts to create rank 2 pills, the most important thing is to improve my current strength. Even if the 'earth refining pill' can't help me advance my qi cultivation, my strength will still soar after breaking through to the earth grade in body refinement."

Little Black then said in an aggrieved tone

"If only those shameless people from the 'Flying sword sect' and the others didn't cheat during that sect exam, master would have also gotten his hands on the 'Blood Vermilion fruit' as well."

Shun Long nodded his head after hearing little Black's words but he wasn't really too bothered with that. Although it would be nice for him to have the 'Blood Vermilion fruit', at the end of the day he could still do without it.

On the other hand, the 'Heaven swallowing vine' was something that Shun Long wouldn't give up no matter what, since its value couldn't be measured even with a million 'Blood Vermilion fruits'.

After sitting on the floor of his room, Shun Long took out his alchemy cauldron, as well as 4 of the 'Profound earth fruits'.

He also took out the beast core and heart of the middle rank 3 'red-fanged flame bat', together with the cores and hearts of 3 more rank 3 magic beasts.

Shun Long first placed the rank 3 'Profound earth fruit' along with more than 10 rank 2 medicinal herbs inside, refining them until only their medicinal essence was left.

He then rotated the medicinal essence inside the cauldron using his spiritual strength again and again until it had turned into a small liquid ball, before placing the bat's heart inside.

The heart of the middle rank 3 'red-fanged flame bat' was refined almost instantly as it quickly turned into a small puddle of blood.

Black smoke seemed to come out from the bat's heart as Shun Long was forcing out its impurities, keeping only the purest of its blood inside.

Finally, Shun Long's eyes were completely focused as he put inside the bat's magic core.

The magic core contained the entirety of a magic beast's energy inside, which was why it was the most difficult part of the magic beast that an alchemist had to refine.

After placing inside the beast core, Shun Long split his spiritual strength into 2 parts. One of them was controlling the temperature of the cauldron as it was attempting to melt the rank 3 beast core, while the other aimed to protect the ball of medicinal essence inside.

This was a delicate process and even with Shun Long's vast spiritual strength, he found this pill refinement extremely taxing to his mind.

This process continued for 4 more hours, until the beast core had turned completely into liquid, before Shun Long finally merged it with the medicinal essence.

The essence of the beast core as well as the medicinal essence from before had now combined into one big ball of essence inside the cauldron. Shun Long used his spiritual strength to split this ball into 9 smaller little balls, that were slowly refined inside.

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Half an hour later, the lid of the cauldron made a dinging sound indicating that the pill refinement had finally ended.

Chapter 98 - 98 Second stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body'

Opening the lid of the cauldron, Shun Long could see 9 sparkling pills inside.

The pills were all bright red and they emitted a strong scent of blood.

Seeing the pills, Shun Long seemed extremely happy as he collected them in a pill bottle before hearing little Black's surprised voice

"Master! Are these top-grade rank 2 pills?"

Shun Long nodded his head as he held one of the pills and explained

"Originally the 'earth refining pills' should have just reached the high-grade. But because they were refined flawlessly this time, and thanks to the 'Profound earth fruit's' high quality, as well as the rank 3 beast core of the 'red-fanged flame bat', it's normal to refine top-grade rank 2 pills."

Although Shun Long had put it like that, in reality, there was no bronze grade 3 alchemist that could refine a top-grade rank 2 pill anywhere in the 'floating cloud sect'. Even a rank 1 silver grade alchemist wouldn't necessarily be able to produce a top-grade rank 2 pill, let alone 9.

After all, it was thanks to Shun Long's massive spiritual strength that had allowed him to refine rank 3 ingredients like the 'Profound earth fruit' and the rank 3 bat's beast core, which normally only silver grade alchemists or above were able to use.

After collecting the pills, Shun Long closed his eyes as he rested to recover his spent spiritual strength.

It was only 6 hours later that he opened his eyes again after his spiritual strength had completely recovered, before he started another pill concoction.

Soon, 2 days had passed and Shun Long had refined 36 glistening, bright red pills.

Looking at the 4 pill bottles in his hands Shun Long mumbled

"33 top-grade pills and 3 high-grade ones. I'm curious how much my 'Monarch's Eternal body' will advance after I refine their energy and absorb them."

Just as Shun Long finished speaking, his 'sect identifying jade' had suddenly lit up as 2 words appeared on it

'Arena challenge 17'

"Arena challenge 17? Fu Peizhi?"

Shun Long's lips curved up into a smile after seeing the challenger's rank, before he put his sect jade away, completely ignoring it as he turned his eyes back to the pill bottles.

Taking out a top-grade 'earth refining pill', Shun Long could feel the immense amount of energy inside the pill. A top-grade rank 2 pill was after all more than 2 times more effective than a high-grade pill of the same rank.

The moment that Shun Long placed the pill in his mouth, he could feel it as it immediately dissolved, turning into a stream of energy that went down his throat like a burning liquid before it spread throughout his body.

Unfortunately, the energy inside the 'earth refining pill' was extremely violent, and Shun Long had to withstand tremendous pain as his 'Monarch's Eternal body' was circulating by itself, absorbing every bit of the 'earth refining pill's' violent energy.

After an hour, Shun Long's body had finally started to get used to the pain.

The 'Monarch's Eternal body' was absorbing the pill's energy like a starved beast, as it started to strengthen every single part of Shun Long's body once again. From Shun Long's blood, to his meridians, tendons and internal organs, all the way to his skin and bones.

It took 2 hours for the 'Monarch's Eternal body' to completely absorb the energy of the first top-grade 'earth refining pill'. And yet, Shun Long could feel that his body was now starving for energy as he continued absorbing a second top-grade pill.

At the same time, in front of the arena's registration counter, Fu Peizhi was waiting for Shun Long to come here, as a huge crowd had gathered around him.

Although people were excited at first, after 2 whole hours even Fu Peizhi had started to get impatient as he waiting for Shun Long to enter. One of the disciples then looked at Fu Peizhi as he said

"Senior brother Fu, I don't think that this kid will come. How could he have the guts to fight against senior brother after all? He is probably hiding somewhere, afraid that you will find him and teach him a lesson."

Fu Peizhi nodded his head after hearing these words, as he had already started to get impatient long ago when he said

"You are probably right, if he is bent on hiding then I can't do anything to him. However, if any of you see him, you must immediately inform me."

"Don't worry senior brother, if we see that kid we will immediately call for you."

"He won't be able to hide from us senior brother Fu, rest assured!"

Fu Peizhi nodded his head after hearing these words, before leaving the arena.

Since Shun Long wasn't coming, he would look like a fool if he kept waiting here.

2 days went by in the blink of an eye before Shun Long opened his eyes.

His body and face were covered by a layer of blood, and even his yellow robes were now dyed red.

His eyes however were shining brightly while his body was now naturally exuding a powerful and majestic aura.

The 4 pill bottles on the floor in front of him however were completely empty.

"Master, you advanced from the peak of the first stage in body refinement all the way to the middle of the second stage in just 2 days. I have never heard of anything like this before."

Shun Long smiled as he clenched his fist that now felt full of endless energy before he said

"I can feel that my body is many times stronger than before. I'm not sure if I can win against Fu Peizhi just yet since I don't know the extent of his abilities, but I'm certain that if I fought with Lei Pong again now that my 'Monarch's Eternal body' has reached the middle of the second stage, the fight would only take one punch."

After Shun Long finished speaking, the look in his eyes suddenly turned ice-cold as he mumbled "It's finally time to settle some old accounts."

Chapter 99 - 99 Rank 4 earth grade

"Master, are you talking about that Xiao Shitou and the girl from that Lin family?"

Since Shun Long had already told little Black about how he had nearly died outside the Blue Forest of the 'Sky Fortune Kingdom', little Black immediately understood what Shun Long meant when he said that it's time to settle some old accounts.

After all the timing between his assassination attempt and the Lin family coming to ask to break the engagement, was far too close to be simply a coincidence.

Shun Fang as well, as a peak rank 3 bronze grade formation master didn't have any enemies, and instead people always rushed to please him and tend to his every need. The status of a rank 3 bronze grade formation master was too illustrious in the mortal world after all, for people to plan an assassination against Shun Long for no good reason.

Shun Long nodded his head at little Black as he always had these thoughts in mind, and now that his strength had advanced enough, it was finally time to unravel the mystery and 'settle this old account'.

After removing his robes and taking a shower to get rid of the blood all over his face and body, Shun Long also removed the blood from his robes before he heard little Black saying

"Master, I think that we should celebrate your advancement in body refinement! After all, body refinement is harder than qi cultivation and master has been cultivating for such a short time..."

Shun Long smiled as he heard little Black's words and laughed before saying

"Haha, fine! I was planning to let it ferment for a bit longer but we can try one now."

Then, under little Black's expectant eyes, Shun Long sent his spiritual strength inside the 'Stone of Time', as he removed one of the buried wooden barrels from his herb field.

After he removed the barrel's top, a fragrant smell filled the entire room, while Shun Long's face had turned red after smelling this intoxicating scent.

Shun Long took out a big bowl, and after he filling it with the red liquid from the barrel, he handed the entire barrel to little Black inside the 'Stone of Time'.

Then, both at the same time, they drank the red liquid, one man from a bowl and one dragon from a wooden barrel.

Little Black took a deep gulp before he exclaimed in bliss

"This! This is definitely among the 3 best wines I have ever drunk."

Shun Long also nodded his head, as the taste of this wine that he had made using the rank 3 'purple fragrant grass' and a dozen more rank 2 medicinal herbs was truly exceptional. But what was also important was that he had fermented the wine for more than 100 years of time inside the 'Stone of Time'.

That was the reason why the barrel was buried in the herb field. Since everything inside the wine was medicinal essence from spiritual herbs, they were affected when Shun Long used his qi to speed up time inside his herb field.

The black dragon greedily emptied the barrel before asking Shun Long

"Hehe, master we still have 2 more barrels."

Surprisingly, Shun Long nodded his head as he took out one more barrel from the herb field.

After removing the barrel top and filling his bowl to the brim, he handed the barrel to little Black.

Little Black didn't expect his suggestion to work, as the black dragon then blissfully gulped down the wine in the second barrel.

Shun Long who had just emptied his bowl however, closed his eyes as he circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass'.

Little Black's eyes shone as he thought

"Right! Although the effect the wine has on me is almost negligible, it is after all created by master after mixing a rank 3 medicinal herb with a dozen rank 2 ones, so it can definitely help with master's cultivation."

Shun Long's qi had reached its peak, as he attempted to breakthrough to the early rank 4 in earth grade. After every 3 minor ranks there was a bottleneck in cultivation, and to advance from the peak of rank 3 to the early rank 4 was precisely one such bottleneck.

Shun Long who had just created his 28th ball of qi in the earth grade, tried to push it upwards inside the 'Monarch's Hourglass' above his head, next to the previously created balls. However, his 27 balls of qi already existing inside, were like an immovable wall that simply refused to budge.

After purifying his 28th ball with so much of his qi that he was practically exhausted, Shun Long had finally managed to push it inside, finally entering the early rank 4 in earth grade.

This wasn't just the difference from a single ball of qi but a qualitative one that greatly enhanced the strength of his qi balls.

"Congratulations on your breakthrough master. Are we going to find that Xiao Shitou and his brother now?"

Shun Long nodded his head as he said

"I will challenge Xiao Juyan in the arena today, but first, I have to make a trip to the 'Treasure Pavilion'."

Leaving the 'Mystifying Fragrance pavilion', Shun Long walked for half an hour until he arrived at the 'Treasure Pavilion's' entrance.

After finding an alley to put on his black robes, he then entered inside.

After taking a look at the first floor, Shun Long didn't find anything of interest before he went up to the second floor.

Surprisingly, among the girls that greeted the guests on the second floor, Shun Long spotted Mei Yi, the young girl that had greeted him the first time that he had arrived on this floor.

Shun Long approached her and after taking out the VIP card that Yin Xing had given him he asked in a deep voice

"Little girl, is Yin Xing here?"

After seeing Yin Xing's VIP card, Mei Yi immediately recognized Shun Long as she stuttered and said in excitement

"Se-Senior! Alchemist Yin is here, I will call him now. Please senior, come with me first."

After leading Shun Long to a spacious private room, with a table full of delicacies inside, Mei Yi immediately left to call Yin Xing.

Not even 5 minutes had passed since Shun Long had entered the room, when an excited Yin Xing could be seen rushing through the second floor.

The customers in the pavilion were shocked to see a dignified rank 3 bronze grade alchemist run like that, but Yin Xing didn't pay them any attention as he soon arrived at the private room that Shun Long was sitting in.

After entering inside, Yin Xing bowed his head as he greeted excitedly

"Senior!!"

Chapter 100 - 100 Challenging Xiao Juyan

"Senior!!"

Shun Long nodded his head at Yin Xing, gesturing for him to sit, but Yin Xing remained standing as he said

"Senior! I'm happy that I can meet you again. Are you here to sell something or do you wish to purchase something this time? Please tell me if I can be of any assistance to you."

Yin Xing was very excited to meet Shun Long again. Since Shun Long had gifted him the recipe for the improved rank 1 'Qi barrier-breaking pill', Yin Xing's understanding about alchemy had completely changed. He wasn't that far off from reaching the standards of a rank 1 silver grade alchemist as well and even his status in the 'Treasure Pavilion' had increased. Of course, his cultivation also had to catch up if he wanted to become a silver grade alchemist.

Shun Long nodded his head as he said in a deep voice

"Indeed, I am here today because I wish to auction something through the 'Treasure Pavilion'."

As he finished his words, Shun Long took out the last wooden barrel from the 'Stone of Time' and as he opened the barrel top he said

"This is a wine that I have specially fermented for more than 100 years using many precious herbs. Not only is its taste exceptional, but it can even improve the cultivation of the person who consumes it."

Yin Xing could barely understand Shun Long's words at this point, as his mind had already been swept by the intoxicating scent of the wine.

However, as he heard Shun Long's last sentence, he couldn't hide his shock as he asked

"Se-Se-Senior! Are you serious? The wine can help improve someone's cultivation?"

Shun Long smiled as he nodded his head and said

"Of course, the rise in cultivation will be different depending on the cultivation of the person who drinks it. The effects after all, will be much bigger to an earth grade cultivator, while a Spirit realm expert will barely feel any increment in his cultivation base."

Yin Xing looked at Shun Long in disbelief before he turned his head to look at the barrel of wine.

Shun Long then took a small cup from the table in front of him, and after scooping up some wine from the barrel, he placed the cup in front of the table as he smiled beneath his robes and said

"Try it and you will understand."

Yin Xing carefully took the small cup from the table before he proceeded to drink the wine inside it. After tasting the wine, his expression alternated from joy, and excitement to incredulity and disbelief.

Shun Long then sealed the barrel again with its top as he asked

"What do you think?"

Yin Xing came back to his senses as he heard Shun Long's words and said in disbelief

"Senior, this is the best wine I have ever tasted in my life! I don't think that I can ever forget this taste. If you really plan on auctioning it, then in 4 days that the monthly auction will take place, the wine will definitely be the most valuable item."

"I indeed plan to auction it, however I don't need sect points. I only want spirit stones."

Yin Xing was stunned, but after thinking about it for a bit, he thought that these words made sense. Not only was this wine's taste heavenly, but it was made from rare medicinal herbs that could improve one's cultivation. Yin Xing himself had never heard of a wine that could improve someone's cultivation but he had personally experienced it today.

Nodding his head he then said

"Don't worry senior! I will take care of this. I will also make sure that our pavilion will let the word spread of senior's wine so that even more people will bid for it. I estimate that the Elders from the powerful families of the sect will definitely fight to get their hands on it."

Shun Long accepted Yin Xing's offer as he said

"In that case, I will return in 4 days to participate in the auction."

Yin Xing bowed as he accompanied Shun Long until the pavilion's entrance, before he hurried to inform the higher-ups about this.

Shun Long then found an alley to change back to his normal robes, before heading directly to the arena.

After walking for the time it takes to eat a meal (30-45 minutes), he had already arrived in front of the arena.

Surprisingly, there were some disciples outside, who recognized Shun Long's face after having seen his fights last time, and word quickly started spreading that Shun Long had returned to the arena.

Walking in front of the registration counter, Shun Long found the same woman waiting there. The woman was much more polite and respectful to Shun Long after hearing that this person had defeated Lei Pong, but her jaw almost dropped when she heard the reason that he had arrived today

"I'm here to challenge Xiao Juyan."

The crowd that had gathered around Shun Long and was waiting to find out who he was going to challenge, instantly exploded in fervor.

The woman couldn't help but ask again as if she wanted to verify it

"D-Do you mean, the one ranked 93rd in the arena rankings? That Xiao Juyan?"

Shun Long nodded his head as he took out his 'sect identifying jade'.

The woman accepted it with disbelief before issuing the challenge.

Inside a private room near the 'inner city', Xiao Juyan's jade lit up, shocking him as he read the words on it.

'Arena challenge 101'.

He had already heard about the Shun Long who had defeated Lei Pong, as well as about him not accepting Fu Peizhi's challenge. And now this person was challenging him?

Xiao Juyan then stopped cultivating, as he left his room and walked towards the arena.

Word quickly spread through the 'outer city' that Shun Long had challenged the person ranked 93rd in the top 100 rankings, and even Fu Peizhi and Ren Gui had soon heard of it.

Fu Peizhi was silently heading towards the arena as soon as he was informed about it, but Ren Gui had a frosty smile on his face as he said

"So you are finally willing to appear? I will make sure to teach you a good lesson then!"

Less than an hour later, Xiao Juyan arrived in front of the arena entrance, with a huge crowd trailing behind him.