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Zhou Mingren smiled and said, "We opened the grotto so that everyone can grow from it. Anyone can benefit from absorbing more willpower. When cultivating in a grotto, it is definitely better for everyone to stay together. Otherwise, someone might end up running all over the grotto and creating an uneven flow of willpower, causing excessive waste."

He shot Zhou Pingsheng a glance before continuing, "I can see that all of you have benefited from the grotto. I am happy to see that. Although a mishap has occurred, as a whole, the result is still beneficial for us. Our goal would be met as long as all of you have benefited."

Elder Sun and the others looked at him. After a short moment, Yu Hong transmitted his voice, "Old Zhou..."

Zhou Mingren replied with a voice transmission, "Don't make a ruckus. It hasn't been easy for us to rebuild some confidence in our juniors. Do you want to escalate this and create even more disunity among the juniors? I know what you're thinking. All of you believe that Pingsheng was the culprit. He's not too smart, but he isn't this stupid either. I will pay the compensation out of my own pockets. I believe there is a misunderstanding somewhere..."

The elders were still somewhat unhappy, but what could they say after hearing that?

Zhou Mingren was right. Their faction was already in a mess. If they continued pursuing this matter, they would further reduce the confidence of their members in the faction. The people in the faction would only grow increasingly disappointed with their unreliable allies in the faction.

"Old Sun, take the students back. Whether you're going to be advancing, healing, or entering seclusion after this, all of you should get to it. You have all grown from the grotto visit. This is actually a good thing for us. I hope to see further growth from all of you."

While the single character faction members were leaving, Zhou Mingren said, "Pingsheng, Wensheng, and Liu Hong. Stay."

The three could only do as told.

After all the other members left, Zhou Mingren looked at Liu Hong and asked, "Liu Hong, the Cloudbreach Realm must not be too far away for you."

Liu Hong had a look of gratitude as he said, "It's all thanks to the care you have shown me, Faculty Head. Breakthrough won't be far away for me. After this visit to the grotto, I am confident I can make my breakthrough before long."

"Good."

Zhou Mingren nodded, "I am happy to hear this. Our faction will soon welcome a new expert. Liu Hong, Yuming is going to be heading to the Allheaven Battlefield soon. The position of faction master will be empty. Since you're going to be a Cloudbreach soon, who do you think is best suited to be the next faction master?"

Liu Hong hurriedly said, "Faculty Head, this is naturally up to you and the elders. I have no opinion on this. No matter who the new faction master is, I will serve him with all my effort..."

"You..." Zhou Mingren laughed, "You have such a sweet mouth. Since you're going to be a Cloudbreach soon, you are also an eligible candidate..."

"Faculty Head, please don't joke about this!" Liu Hong hurriedly said, "As of this moment, I am still a Skysoar. And I have never thought of that. Nor would I think about that. I am not capable of such responsibilities. Faculty Head, please don't say something like this..."

"Hahaha!"

Zhou Mingren laughed, "Look at how afraid you got. Don't worry. You may leave now."

"Thank you, Faculty Head!"

With a terrified expression, Liu Hong hurriedly left. Inwardly, he was cursing.

Faction master his ass! He had never considered this. That old man was basically using him to remind Zhou Pingsheng and Hu Wensheng that they were not the only candidates for the position. What a bastard.

The old man was trying to turn him into a buffer between the two! Sure enough, Zhou Mingren was an old, crafty fox. He had probably noticed the conflict between his two students and was setting Liu Hong up as a new target for them. What a bastard! Liu Hong ran off while cursing inwardly. Read latest chapters on [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

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After Liu Hong left, Zhou Mingren's face turned cold.

He stared at his two students for a long while before coldly asking, "Who did it?"

Neither said anything.

"Pingsheng, say something."

With his head lowered, Zhou Pingsheng clenched his teeth and said, "I know you suspect me, Teacher, but it really wasn't me! I never planned to cultivate in the grotto. I only wanted to make sure that Su Yu wouldn't be able to benefit from it. Thus, I spent the first day looking all over the grotto for Su Yu. How would I be in the mood to absorb the willpower in the grotto?"

"Do you have anything to say, Wensheng?"

Hu Wensheng calmly said, "It's not me, Teacher. I am a fresh Cloudbreach, so it is very important for me to cultivate in a slow and steady fashion. Absorbing willpower in large bursts won't benefit me whatsoever."

"If it was neither of you, could Xia Yuwen be the culprit?" Zhou Mingren said, "Don't tell me that Xia Yuwen had done this to turn both of you against each other."

After a short silence, Zhou Pingsheng said, "Teacher, I had moved all over the grotto during the first day. I'm afraid everyone believes that I was the culprit. But if it was really me, why should I make it so obvious? Clearly, someone had framed me. Teacher, don't fall for that!"

Zhou Mingren sank into thought. Zhou Pingsheng was right. Was he the culprit just because he was the most suspicious person?

Was he really that stupid? If he was that stupid, he wouldn't have been able to become a seventh-stage Cloudbreach. Of course, it was also possible that he was trying to use this as reverse psychology and remove suspicion from himself.

"Who do you think is the culprit?"

With a gloomy voice, Zhou Pingsheng said, "I don't know. Perhaps...it's Su Yu."

His tone turned deep as he mentioned Su Yu's name. Perhaps Su Yu was the true culprit. At this point, it didn't even matter if Su Yu was the culprit anymore. It was clear that it would be pointless to accuse Hu Wensheng.

Hu Wensheng said, "Senior Brother is right. Things are too suspicious. Someone must be deliberately confusing us. Teacher, the grotto had collapsed after Hong Tan took control. Su Yu might not be capable of this, but we don't know what Hong Tan is capable of.

"He is an expert of the multiple character faction. And the Willpower Grotto was left behind by a multiple character faction expert. It is possible that he has a way to remove the willpower in the grotto."

Zhou Mingren nodded pensively and said, "Yes. This shall be our official explanation. Hong Tan and Su Yu had colluded inside and outside the grotto to remove the willpower in the grotto, causing a collapse."

This would be their version of truth. It didn't matter if those two were the actual culprits. This was the only explanation Zhou Mingren could accept.

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And thus, the single character faction had decided to make Hong Tan and Su Yu the scapegoat.

Meanwhile, Hong Tan was too occupied to care about that. At the moment, he was looking at Su Yu with doubt.

After a long while, he asked, "Are you awake?"

Su Yu had the urge to hammer himself a few more times. Why was his grandteacher staring at him like that?

He laughed dryly and said, "Yes, Grandteacher."

"You must have benefited greatly from the grotto, right?"

"Not bad."

"Not bad?" Hong Tan smiled, "Your so-called not bad is absorbing enough to collapse the grotto?"

"Uhm...Grandteacher...I..."

Hong Tan gave Su Yu a helpless look before saying, "How many apertures have you opened?"

"Quite a lot..."

"Quite a lot?"

Hong Tan smiled. The kid had been dishonest. He had definitely opened more than 36 apertures.

Since Su Yu wasn't willing to say much, Hong Tan did not force the issue. Instead, he said, "Don't expose your apertures. Otherwise, everyone will know that you were the culprit for the collapse. For now, everyone believes that it was Zhou Pingsheng. But anyone with a brain knows that unless Zhou Pingsheng was crazy, he wouldn't have done something like that. A lot of people are probably guessing that I have done something. I won't correct that. They can think what they want."

It was understandable that some people would suspect him. But their suspicion wouldn't be too strong since the incidents where random areas were being emptied of willpower had occurred during the first day. At that time, Hong Tan had yet to take over the control from Zhou Mingren.

Thus, some would also suspect that this was actually a result of the internal strife between the two students of Zhou Mingren. In any case, Hong Tan couldn't be bothered to care about these guesses.

"Just keep a low profile." Hong Tan exhaled and said, "I'll be entering seclusion in a few days. Your willpower is so solid that it's unbelievable. You

have opened a lot of apertures and your willpower percentage is almost full. Are you preparing to break through?"

"Nope." Su Yu shook his head, "I aim to finish fusing my acupoints and enter the Infinite Strength Realm first. While doing so, I can keep forming characters. I'll try to push both my physical and willpower cultivation into the Skysoar Realm at the same time.

"As long as I remain under the Skysoar Realm, I won't be too much of a threat to the others. As a mere Mental Tempering Stage, I am a person of little significance. The moment I reach the Skysoar Realm, more trouble will come for me."

It would be better if he remained below the Skysoar Realm. This was not the correct time for him to break through. After all, he needed time to fuse his acupoints and form more characters.

According to Su Yu's plan, he would start working on his characters and acupoints next. Perhaps by the time he was at the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm, he would also have formed a decent number of characters and opened enough apertures. At that time, he could enter the Skysoar Realm and reach the ninth-stage Skysoar Realm in a single day.

He would instantly become a top expert among those in the same realm right after stepping into that realm. Doing this, he could also catch a lot of people by surprise.

He still needed to open 80 apertures and form 91 characters. Even with enough resources, he would require at least half a year to complete all that. As for the Infinite Strength Realm, Su Yu believed that he wouldn't need that long to reach it.

He did not intend to compete against the person from Great Zhou who had reached the Skysoar Realm in six months. Such competition was pointless. Half a year later when he jumped straight to the ninth-stage Skysoar Realm, that person might still be below the ninth stage.

Seeing that Su Yu had his own plans, Hong Tan did not say anything else about the topic. He said, "After entering the Skysoar Realm, you need to reforge your body. This step will even affect your future advancement into the Invincible Realm through physical cultivation. Thus, the better the blood essence used for this step, the better it would be. I don't know how long I'll be

staying in seclusion. If you manage to enter the Skysoar Realm before then, look for Marquis Xia and buy some divine or devil blood essence on credit."

Su Yu blanked out. On credit? Would that work?

Hong Tan smiled, "It's fine. Just pawn something off to him. The Wentan Research Center would be perfect for that. He would agree. It's only some blood essence. If I happen to leave seclusion before your advancement, I'll try to get some first divine blood essence for you."

"If you end up buying from Marquis Xia, try to get some first divine blood essence as well. Original devil blood essence would work as well. These are the two strongest races among the various races. When you're trying to push your physical cultivation to the Invincible Realm, the stronger the blood essence you had used when forging your body, the more helpful it would be."

Su Yu nodded, "Thank you, Grandteacher. I understand."

"Also..."

After a short silence, Hong Tan said, "I won't leave my seclusion before reaching the Sunmoon Realm. Your martial uncle...likes to keep everything in his heart. Watch over him for me. If you notice him leaving the academy, notify Marquis Xia or Principal Wan. I don't want to find my student dead after leaving seclusion."

Su Yu's eyes flickered as he asked, "Grandteacher, you mean..."

"Your martial uncle has a heavy burden on him. He has been weighted down by this burden for a very long time. His talent is actually better than mine and your teacher. He should have entered the Mountainsea Realm long ago. But he stubbornly refused to break through. I already knew his plan a few years ago. He looks calm, but I'm afraid that he will throw caution to the wind and go crazy one day."

Hong Tan sighed and continued, "Also, avoid leaving the academy too often. If possible, avoid the Allheaven Battlefield. This is all I have to say. Our faction is too small so we don't really have anyone around to watch over you anymore. But you're a smart person..."

At that, Hong Tan paused again. After a while, he said, "If you encounter a great trouble you can't solve, you can go to the inner chambers of the prison zone and release the Mountainsea creatures in there.

"I have already reached an agreement with them. The moment you release them, they will receive their freedom. You will be the one to provide them free passage out of the Human Realm. If they end up doing anything to endanger humanity, we will be the ones to take the blame. Thus, you should know that you shouldn't release them unless absolutely necessary."

"Grandteacher..."

Su Yu was shocked. Releasing the Mountainsea creatures?

"Will the Human Realm allow me to return them to the Allheaven Battlefield?"

Hong Tan said, "Yes. Because those creatures have been registered as my mounts. I am a pseudo Sunmoon. They will show me this much respect. But as I said, any crime against humanity they commit will be blamed on us. You need to think it through before taking this route. After all, some of our enemies might take this chance to provoke them into doing something that will get us in trouble. Do you understand now?"

"I understand." Su Yu nodded solemnly.

Hong Tan stood up and started walking away. While walking, he said, "Enter seclusion for a few days. You can see your teacher off after that. Your willpower is too thick right now. If you walk around in your current condition, you will get exposed easily."

"Sure." Su Yu nodded.

At this moment, his good mood from having screwed the single character faction over had vanished. His two teachers were leaving. His grandteacher was entering an indefinite seclusion. And even his martial uncle might get embroiled in some trouble soon.

What a worrisome bunch of people! At such a young age, he actually had to carry such a heavy burden! Life was too hard for him!

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Hong Tan had left. And Su Yu was relieved.

His grandteacher had not asked too many questions. Su Yu had expected that as the people from the multiple character faction seemed to place a lot of importance on respecting one's fortuitous encounters.

They would never pry into the fortuitous encounter of others unless that person was willing to say that themselves. In truth, this was the same mentality many experts had.

Everyone had their own encounters. Only a small number of people would greedily aim for the encounters of others. Most people only cared about their own encounters because one might not necessarily be able to snatch what someone else had obtained from a fortuitous encounter. Even if one could get it, one might not be able to put it to use.

"Skysoar..."

Su Yu muttered to himself. It was still too early for him to enter that realm. He did not intend to do so anytime soon.

Since he could now disassemble his character technique, he could always split his character technique into sets of eight characters. The first set would be more than enough for his advancement. With 90 percent willpower, the Skysoar Realm really wasn't that far from him anymore.

In truth, it was not impossible to break the record of that genius from Great Zhou. Ignoring those from the other batches, there were at least five or six students from Su Yu's batch capable of doing so.

In the past, reaching the Skysoar Realm in six months seemed impossible to Su Yu. But at this point, that seemed a lot more possible. But it was pointless to pursue quick advancement just to break records.

"Fortunately, I was able to absorb so much willpower without exposing myself."

Only a few people knew the truth. He needed to stay low-profile! That was Principal Wan's advice! He believed that this time, he had successfully done what the principal asked.

If he had openly competed against the single character faction for willpower, he would be in a lot of trouble even if he could prevail over the single character faction. He might even attract the attention of experts who he definitely didn't want paying attention to him.

"Seclude myself and heal up!"

Su Yu made up his mind. His grandteacher was entering seclusion. He was going to do so as well. He could do so on the pretext of needing to recover from his injury. Yes. He had been injured by the grotto collapse. His injury was quite severe!

As for the research center he was supposed to be founding, the classes the multiple character faction was supposed to be starting, the Mutual Aid Club, and the Single Eradication Club, all of that could be put aside for now.

Oh, there were also some beasts waiting to be fed downstairs. Well, it would be fine. They wouldn't die so easily. Su Yu could no longer be bothered to work more on the beasts.

The next time he visited the prison zone would also be the time for him to finally subdue those beasts. He needed a show of force to suppress them or they would stay stubborn and disobedient.

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On the 26th of October, Su Yu and the others left the grotto.

On the 27th of October, the Great Xia Cultural Research Academy welcomed a series of good news.

Zhan Hai had broken through into the Skysoar Realm.

Both his willpower and physical cultivation had advanced at the same time. On that same day, he forged his body with some divine blood essence and reached the third-stage Skysoar Realm immediately.

Of course, that was only the level of his physical cultivation. His willpower cultivation was still stuck at the first stage.

At the same time, Liu Hong had easily entered the Cloudbreach. Including Hu Wensheng, the single character faction had welcomed two new Cloudbreach experts, winning them some much needed prestige.

Both Hu Wensheng and Liu Hong were promoted into junior researchers. Additionally, genius teaching assistant, Wu Qi, had left for the Allheaven Battlefield. She aimed to seek her advancement into the Cloudbreach Realm through slaughter.

Of the geniuses in their batch, Bai Feng was the only person still stuck below the Cloudbreach Realm. In fact, Bai Feng was still suffering from his serious injuries. Many people couldn't help but feel regretful when they thought of this. Out of all the geniuses in that batch, Bai Feng had the worst fate.

And something even worse was waiting for him. He was going to be joining the Vanguard Regiment soon. Nobody knew if he could even survive that.

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Su Yu had vanished from the public eye. According to the rumors, he had suffered a heavy injury from the grotto collapse and his sea of willpower had destabilized.

A lot of people sighed with regret. Su Yu had been fighting for so long and won so many matches just to be seriously injured when he was in a grotto. One could only blame fate for being unkind.

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When the 1st of November rolled around, Su Yu finally walked out of the research center.

He still looked somewhat pale.

His pale pallor was due to the lack of sunlight for the past few days, not his supposed injuries. But thanks to his paleness, he looked a lot more delicate than before.

Outside.

Wu Jia had a look of heartache as she asked, "Junior Brother, have you not recovered yet?"

"I'm fine." Su Yu smiled. He said, "Congratulations, Senior Sister!"

Wu Jia had entered the Infinite Strength Realm. As for her willpower cultivation, it had reached the peak Mental Tempering Stage. And she had opened a total of eight apertures. This was decent progress. Or to be precise, this was actually great progress.

She had already reached a level where she could start preparing to enter the Skysoar Realm.

Beside her, Chen Yong smiled, "It's only the Infinite Strength Realm. What's there to be happy about? But when are you entering the Infinite Strength Realm?"

"Soon."

This was what Su Yu had been planning on doing. In fact, he had been contemplating on the matter of acupoint fusion while cultivating during the past few days. After digesting all the willpower he had absorbed, he had pushed the number of his opened apertures to 104. He wasn't able to reach his goal, but it was still good progress.

At that point, he shifted his focus to the Infinite Strength Realm instead of stubbornly trying to open more apertures.

"But fusing acupoints might be more difficult for you..." Chen Yong said, "You cultivate the Sky Sundering Saber so you need to fuse 16 acupoints if you want a perfect advancement. Jia only cultivates the War God Art so 12 acupoints are enough for her to enter the Infinite Strength Realm."

Su Yu smiled, "Senior Sister, how many acupoints have you fused so far?"

One could advance into the Infinite Strength Realm with as little as two fused acupoints. Since Wu Jia had entered the Infinite Strength Realm so early, she must not have fused too many acupoints.

Wu Jia had a happy smile as she said, "I fused 10. Even before this, I already fused 7 of them. And I have fused a few more recently. I advanced the moment I reached 10 fused acupoints. This will make me a true Infinite Strength cultivator instead of a fake Infinite Strength cultivator."

With 10 fused acupoints, one would be considered a true Infinite Strength cultivator.

Chen Yong helplessly said, "I told her to wait until she has 12 fused acupoints, but she refused to listen. She said that even you are already a ninth-stage Great Strength cultivator. It is too embarrassing for a senior to be at the same level so she insisted on advancing. Whatever. I guess she can continue fusing acupoints even after this even though the difficulty would increase."

Yes. One could continue fusing acupoints even after advancing into the Infinite Strength Realm. That also applied to the fused acupoints they had used for their advancement into the realm. However, the repelling force between the acupoints would also be stronger.

Thus, if Wu Jia wanted to increase the number of her fused acupoints from 10 to 12, the final 2 acupoints would be harder to fuse since she was doing it after entering the Infinite Strength Realm.

Wu Jia seemed indifferent. She said, "This is already very impressive, Teacher. With 10 fused acupoints, I can be considered a genius even in a war academy. Your standards are too high, Teacher."

"You..."

Chen Yong had a pampering tone. He smiled and decided to stop nagging. In a way, she was right. That was actually pretty impressive.

If she continued to suppress her advancement, she would lose even more confidence. Thus, advancing would be good for her as she could finally throw all those useless thoughts out of her mind and focus on cultivating.

"Teacher, I am actually quite good. My willpower is almost full as well. After forming two more characters, I can start aiming for willpower materialization..."

That would bring her into the Skysoar Realm.

After doing a short calculation, Wu Jia smugly said, "At the latest, I will be able to enter the Skysoar Realm early next year. That makes me someone who has reached the Skysoar Realm in less than three years after entering the academy. Teacher, I am going to break Martial Uncle's record."

Chen Yong did not know whether to laugh or cry. He said, "Your Martial Uncle had to form more characters than you before he could advance. And he was also a lot more knowledgeable than you. In truth, life was very bad back then. Your martial uncle had no access to these benefits you are currently enjoying."

He stopped at that and sighed before looking at Su Yu, "Let's go. We'll see your teacher off."

This was the day of separation.

Bai Feng was leaving.

The Allheaven Battlefield was his destination.

The moment that was said, Su Yu's expression dimmed. But he quickly recovered before putting on a smile. "Let's go see my teacher off."

Having said that, they started heading toward the academy exit.

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At the academy gate, a group of people were also bidding someone farewell.

They were bidding Zheng Yuming farewell.

At this moment, Zheng Yuming had recovered from his physical injuries, but he still looked somewhat pale.

Behind him, a few soldiers from the Great Xia Army were waiting. There would be some soldiers in charge of escorting every individual banished to the Allheaven Battlefield. Or to be precise, they were around to ensure that these individuals would not run off and join the Myriad Race Cult while on their way to the battlefield.

Zhou Mingren himself had arrived. He stood to the side without saying anything. The students of Zheng Yuming were also present. Some of them noticed Su Yu. Their faces turned unsightly. One could say that Su Yu was the reason this had happened to Zheng Yuming. They really wanted to kill Su Yu.

Meanwhile, Su Yu strode over with a calm expression without saying a single word. These people hated him. But did he like them?

Bai Feng and Liu Wenyan. One was his first teacher while the other was his academy teacher. Both had been exiled to the Allheaven Battlefield. And these people had received a punishment worse than Zheng Yuming. Unlike Zheng Yuming, they needed to kill 10 cultivators of the same cultivation level.

Bai Feng needed to kill 10 Cloudbreach cultivators before he could return. As for Liu Wenyan, unless he could enter the Sunmoon Realm, he could forget about returning.

According to Great Xia's laws, he would need to kill 20 Mountainseas or 2 Sunmoons to end his exile. Liu Wenyan was merely a Skysoar. How was he supposed to do that? Standing beside Zheng Yuming was Huang Qifeng, who was looking at Su Yu with a dark expression.

Su Yu!

Zheng Yuming appeared calm. When he noticed Su Yu's group, he smiled and said, "Su Yu, I had not tried to kill you. That was a misunderstanding. I hope we can undo this misunderstanding today." Uptodated from n0velbln.(co/m

"The conflict between the single and multiple character factions have persisted for many years. But it has always been limited in scale. No lives have been lost to the struggle in the past. Recently, that has changed. Lives were lost and lines were crossed. I was unaware of my teacher's attempt to rob Senior Zhang Ruoling's grave for me. That was not what my teacher had initially planned to do. Everything had only happened due to a series of coincidences."

Su Yu said nothing.

Zheng Yuming did not mind the silence. He looked at Chen Yong and smiled, "Head Manager Chen should understand that for certain matters, we are merely chess pieces. When some people move, we have to move as well. We don't really have a choice."

Chen Yong calmly said, "Elder Zheng is right."

"Are you seeing Bai Feng off?"

Zheng Yuming said, "Let's go together since we are all mere chess pieces. Our fates do not lie in our own hands."

Chen Yong said nothing. He left with Su Yu and Wu Jia.

After they left, someone beside Zheng Yuming softly said, "Teacher, why bother saying all that to them?"

Zheng Yuming smiled, "I was merely speaking my mind after a recent realization."

He then looked at his teacher before looking at the towering Heart Cultivating Pavilion in the distance. He then smiled. That was a helpless smile. A smile that mocked himself.

In the end, Wan Tiansheng was the true master of this academy. And the Xia Family was still the true master of Great Xia.

"Teacher..." He transmitted his voice, "Teacher, from now on, I won't be around anymore. This Great Xia looks beautiful on the outside, but it is merely a giant cauldron that is slowly boiling us inside. Both Wan and Xia are using us as chess pieces. The same goes for Great Zhou. Teacher, just enter seclusion and ignore all these affairs. Focus on entering the Sunmoon Realm. At the very least, your voice will hold more weight as a Sunmoon."

Zhou Mingren said nothing.

"Teacher, isn't the Sunmoon Realm your goal? For now, let go of the single character faction if you need to. Face, legacy, wealth...none of that is important. The moment you become a Sunmoon, you can rise to the top again. Let Elder Sun and the others waste their time with all those troubles."

Zhou Mingren nodded, but he still wasn't saying anything.

With a complicated expression on his face, Zheng Yuming gave the academy one last glance and smiled before turning around. While walking away, he waved his hand and said, "Everyone, let us part ways here. If fate allows it, we shall meet again."

And if fate did not allow it, this might be their final meeting.

Behind, Huang Qifeng called out with grief, "Teacher..."

"Cultivate well. Aim to enter the Skysoar Realm as soon as you can." Zheng Yuming said, "The world of Skysoars is a lot more wondrous. What's the point

of constantly getting into conflicts between Mental Tempering Stage cultivators? Even if you end up dying in one such conflict, it would be a pointless death."

By the time he finished his sentence, he was already far away from the academy. The soldiers followed behind him. There were four of them and each of them was a Cloudbreach.

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Eighteenth Secondary School.

At the entrance.

When Su Yu and company arrived, Bai Feng and the others were walking out of the rear mountain.

That was quite a large group.

Wu Yuehua, Hu Ping, Zhao Mingyue, Xia Yunji...

All these people had arrived.

They were here to bid Liu Wenyan farewell. Meanwhile, Bai Feng was standing alone to the side, looking incomparably pitiful and lonesome.

When Bai Feng saw Su Yu's arrival, he regained his spirit. He joyfully said, "My precious student, you're finally here! It has been a while! Your teacher misses you a lot!"

"..."

Su Yu did not know whether to laugh or cry. He stepped forth and gave a slight bow, "Teacher."

"Be at ease. Stop wasting time with these formalities." Bai Feng was in a decent mood. He smiled at Chen Yong and said, "Senior Brother, has this kid been creating more trouble for you?"

"Nope." Chen Yong smiled, "If even you aren't creating trouble, how would he create trouble?"

"What are you saying?" Bai Feng laughed, "I'm going to the Allheaven Battlefield soon. What trouble can I create? Killing enemies is the only thing I can do from now on."

He looked at Su Yu and sighed, "I don't think I have taught you much. It's really regrettable. I was looking forward to your advancement into the Skysoar Realm during your time in the grotto to fulfill this final wish of mine. What a pity."

Su Yu rolled his eyes. Was there a need for that? His teacher was still thinking of studying his blood character.

"Teacher, how's your injury?"

"I'm all fine now." Bai Feng said, "My injury isn't too bad. I only have some destroyed characters and a drop in willpower cultivation. That's nothing. I will recover in no time and become a super expert at the eighth or ninth-stage Skysoar."

"But your rivals have all entered the Cloudbreach Realm..."

Bai Feng was rendered speechless. Why mention that? Did the kid think that he wasn't aware of that? The kid was really bad at conversations.

"What's the big deal about the Cloudbreach Realm?" Bai Feng indifferently said, "A temporary lead does not mean anything. I only regret that I will no longer have the chance to do a few things. Firstly, I will no longer be able to deal with Shan Tianhao's grandson, the super genius from Great Zhou. Secondly, I also won't have the chance to deal with that bastard from the war academy anymore. If you manage to enter the Skysoar Realm...forget it. You probably won't be that bastard's match. I'll deal with him myself after returning."

Bai Feng continued muttering to himself, "I'm heading out to the battlefield, but I don't even have a lady seeing me off. Look over there..."

He winked in Liu Wenyan's direction.

"Kid, you shouldn't learn from me. You should learn from your Teacher Liu. Just look at him. Tsk tsk."

Bai Feng started laughing, but immediately after, Wu Yuehua gave him a glare. His face instantly turned dark. He had been poisoned by a single glance. He helplessly cupped his hands at her and begged for forgiveness before the tone of his face returned to normal.

Su Yu had to resist the urge to laugh. After thinking about it, he said, "Teacher, I have organized some information regarding ability blood essence. Can you have a look and see if I got anything wrong?"

"You're asking me to check your homework?"

Bai Feng laughed, "I almost forgot about this!"

He then accepted a jade talisman from Su Yu.

But when he sent his willpower inside, his eyes flickered. He looked at Su Yu and smiled, "My lovely student, you have reached a high attainment in research."

There were six cultivation manuals in the talisman. Four of them were cultural arts, one of them was Body Strengthening Art, and the final one was Pure Source Art.

Bai Feng was both surprised and unsurprised. He could only sigh. This kid had finally remembered to give his teacher a meeting gift right before his teacher was about to depart for the battlefield.

After memorizing the manuals, Bai Feng smiled and crushed the talisman before saying, "Don't spread this around. You should take this seriously. The ability blood essence research of our faction is invaluable. Be careful lest some people start coveting what you have."

The air around the crushed talisman also twisted, completely destroying any trace of the talisman ever existing. Finally, Bai Feng said, "Well done, kid. But I don't have anything for you. Your teacher is too poor. I'll try to slaughter a few divines or devils at the battlefield and send you some blood essence..."

"One final piece of advice for you. You may know a person for a long time without understanding their true nature. Be careful when making friends. You might be crafty, but you still lack experience. Don't get yourself scammed."

"I understand."

Su Yu nodded.

At this time, Liu Wenyan had finally broken free from the pestering of his close female friends. He walked over, looked at Su Yu, and nodded, "Not bad."

"Teacher Liu!"

"No need for formalities." Liu Wenyan waved his hand, "Back when Bai Feng offered to take you as a student, I honestly thought that it wouldn't affect you much. You have always been someone who enjoyed keeping to yourself. I thought that you would not get into conflicts in the academy and would focus on doing research with Bai Feng. But...what a surprise."

Liu Wenyan had not expected that not long after Su Yu's arrival, the multiple character faction was thrown into one trouble after another. In hindsight, joining the multiple character faction was not necessarily a good thing for the kid anymore.

In the past, he had recommended Su Yu to the multiple character faction because he was afraid that the kid would be all alone in the academy. But now, he was starting to regret dragging the kid into all these troubles.

Su Yu smiled, "Teacher, I am very happy with my current environment."

This place was not as pure and exciting as a war academy, but Su Yu had still learned a lot from this academy.

"Well, as long as you don't regret it." Liu Wenyan then said, "If you need any help, feel free to look for them. They're all my friends."

He pointed at Xia Yunji and company. "Don't worry about your father or the military. Most people wouldn't dare to play any tricks with the military. And the few with the courage to do so wouldn't be able to extend their influence that far anyway. At the Allheaven Battlefield, we will try to...no, forget that. We might bring your father more trouble if we see him."

He wanted to offer to visit Su Long on Su Yu's behalf, but he decided against it. That would only bring Su Long more trouble. There was no need for that.

"I hadn't really taught you that much during your time in secondary school. And you had appeared to help me at the warzone. That was honestly very surprising for me. I don't know what to say about that..."

After a short thought, Liu Wenyan took out a jade talisman and handed it to Su Yu. "I don't have any parting gift for you. This is a collection of what I have comprehended about cultivation over the years. I am only a Skysoar so it's not that valuable. Just keep this as a memento."

Su Yu accepted the talisman and said, "Thank you, Teacher!"

Liu Wenyan smiled and looked at Wu Jia before saying, "Little girl, come over here."

Wu Jia didn't know Liu Wenyan well, but she wasn't shy. She stepped forth and greeted with a cheerful tone, "Nice to meet you, martial granduncle."

Liu Wenyan laughed and said, "Before I know it, I'm already old enough to be a martial granduncle. You are different from your junior brother. He is someone with his own thoughts since he was young. He is a relatively independent person. According to what your grandteacher told me, you are a tad bit impatient. You need to take note of that if you don't want to suffer from it in the future."

Wu Jia had an embarrassed look on her face.

Liu Wenyan then took out a case and opened it to reveal a necklace inside. He smiled and said, "This is for you. I don't have anything good on me. Keep this as a memento. I got this from my teacher back then. Now, I'm passing it to you..."

Not far away, Chen Yong's eyes flickered when he heard that. He looked at Hong Tan and saw that Hong Tan's gaze was fixed on the necklace.

Liu Wenyan smiled, "It's somewhat ugly. My teacher, your great grandteacher, did not have a good fashion sense. Don't mind it. Just keep it as a memento. If one day you find that you don't like it, don't throw it away. Just return it to me."

"Martial granduncle..." Wu Jia looked at Chen Yong, who looked at Liu Wenyan with a frown.

Liu Wenyan asked, "What? Do you have an issue with this?"

"I wouldn't dare." Chen Yong solemnly said, "Martial Uncle, this is something you received from grandteacher. It is too valuable. Jia is too clumsy. She might lose it accidentally. We don't want that to happen..."

"Nonsense."

Liu Wenyan smiled, "Girl, take it. Don't lose it and prove your teacher right."

Wu Jia looked at Chen Yong again. After a short silence, Chen Yong nodded, "Accept it. Thank your martial granduncle."

"Thanks, Martial Granduncle." Wu Jia accepted the necklace cheerily.

Liu Wenyan said, "Put it on."

Wu Jia said nothing and put the necklace on.

Liu Wenyan smiled, "You look good with it. Looks like this necklace is more suited for women. Your great grandteacher's fashion sense is truly...unique. He actually gave me something like this. Sigh. Treat the necklace well."

"Yeah."

Wu Jia nodded. Not far away, Bai Feng was smiling as he witnessed that exchange. When he saw Su Yu looking at the necklace, he gave Su Yu a kick and said, "Stop looking at your senior sister's chest. Be careful lest your martial uncle teaches you a lesson."

Su Yu was speechless. He was looking at the necklace, not her chest. His teacher had such a dirty mind.

He had a feeling that the necklace wasn't a simple item. When it was first taken out, his grandteacher's expression had changed completely.

Seemingly having read Su Yu's mind, Bai Feng said with voice transmission, "Stop looking at your senior sister with envy. Your Teacher Liu gave Jia that to protect herself. Inside the necklace is a defensive Sunmoon character. Even a regular Mountainsea will have trouble breakthrough through that defense. Don't let Jia know. Your Teacher Liu was the one who had asked me to extract that character from his sea of willpower. He has been feeling guilty for dragging everyone into this mess. Sigh."

His emotions were complicated. Was Liu Wenyan to blame for what happened back then? Not really.

For the sake of the fifth principal and the multiple character faction, Liu Wenyan had to shoulder a heavy burden. As a result, his family was ruined

and he was left alone. Bai Feng's emotions would turn complicated whenever he thought of Liu Wenyan's fate.

"Don't think about it since it wasn't given to you. It's not like this thing will be helpful for you. You would probably go and provoke a Sunmoon right after receiving this necklace. You would only get yourself killed."

Su Yu was speechless. Why couldn't his teacher trust him more?

He was definitely not that kind of person! Nowadays, he was keeping a low profile!

They continued chatting for a short while before Liu Wenyan said, "Let us stop here. It's time for us to bid farewell. I'll see you guys again."

After saying that, he waved in a certain direction. A few soldiers from the Martial Dragon Guards rushed over. Zheng Yuming's escort was the Great Xia Army while Liu Wenyan and Bai Feng were being escorted by the Martial Dragon Guards.

"Commander Zhang..."

Liu Wenyan smiled at the leader of the soldiers and said, "We'll have to be troubling you for the trip."

"Lord Liu is too polite." Commander Zhang hurriedly said. Not far away, Zhao Mingyue questioned, "My elder brother only sent you guys here?"

"Young miss..."

Zhao Mingyue frowned and said, "Do not address me that way. I am not from the Xia Family."

Her elder brother was a deputy general in the Martial Dragon Guards but the army belonged to the Xia Family, not her Zhao Family.

Zhao Mingyue repeated herself, "Only you guys are here? Is my elder brother not escorting them himself?"

Commander Zhang said, "Young Miss, the general said that we are enough. We will definitely protect Lord Liu well. The Martial Dragon Guards represent Great Xia. With us around, nobody would dare to create trouble. That would be tantamount to a declaration of war with Great Xia."

Liu Wenyan said, "This is enough for us. Mingyue, don't make things difficult for them. Let's set off."

Zhao Mingyue was unhappy. She offered, "Why don't you let me escort you."

"It's fine." Liu Wenyan smiled, "It's not that dangerous. I actually hope that someone would actually attack me when I'm under protection of the Martial Dragon Guards. At that time, even the Xia Family would lose their temper. Do they think that Great Xia King is really retired?"

Wu Yuehua said, "You're still relying on the Xia Family? Forget it. I can escort you instead."

"No. There's no need for that." Liu Wenyan hurriedly refused, "I don't need any of you to escort me."

Beside him, Bai Feng was extremely envious. He gave Su Yu another kick.

With an innocent expression, Su Yu asked, "Teacher, do you want me to escort you to the Allheaven Battlefield?"

Was his teacher being jealous?

What was this?

But Bai Feng immediately chided him, "Stop messing around! You? Escorting me to the Allheaven Battlefield? What is your cultivation? Go back to the academy and focus on your cultivation. Don't say something this stupid in the future!"

Despite what he said, he still raised his head with a smug smile. His martial uncle should stop showing off. He, Bai Feng, had also received an offer to escort him to the battlefield. He had merely rejected the offer.

Su Yu didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Not far away, Hong Tan was also completely speechless. He had nothing to say about this student of his.

Liu Wenyan didn't even deign to react to that. After bidding his farewell to all of them, he stepped back and said, "Goodbye, everyone. I will try my best to stay alive. Wait for me. If I fail to return, do what you want with the multiple character faction. If you need to, just disband it."

The atmosphere turned sorrowful the moment those words were said.

Wu Yuahua scolded, "When are you going to learn to shut your mouth?"

Liu Wenyan appeared rather carefree. He laughed and said, "I only said that just in case. How would I die so easily? A lot of people have been waiting to see me die. But look at me. I'm still here."

After a carefree laugh, he loudly said, "I will be heading toward the Allheaven Battlefield. If you have any issue with the multiple character faction, come after me! My teacher's characters and his secrets are all on me! If I die, the multiple character faction will naturally stop existing. And as long as I remain alive, the multiple character faction will continue existing!"

"Let's go!"

With a hearty laugh, he started walking away. Bai Feng smiled and followed behind him. Not far ahead of him, a blurry silhouette of an old man appeared. With tears in his eyes, Liu Wenyan nodded at the old man. The old man smiled before vanishing into thin air.

Apart from Liu Wenyan, that old man was the sole survivor of the Liu Family. He was Liu Wenyan's first uncle. This first uncle was scouting ahead for him.

All around them, one figure after another appeared with a flicker. Follow new chapters at (.)com

Marquis Xia, Wan Tiansheng, Administrator Hu, Principal Zheng, Director Ji...

Many people had appeared to see him off.

Liu Wenyan was leaving.

He was heading toward the Allheaven Battlefield.

This nobody whose influence could somehow be felt across Great Xia and even the entirety of Human Realm was finally heading toward the Allheaven Battlefield.

Yes. He was a nobody. He was weak. Yet he had left an impact on numerous people. This might be a journey fraught with danger. This might be a trip he would not return from.

Su Yu also watched on as his two teachers departed. These were the two individuals who had left the greatest impact on him after he started cultivating. Today, both of them would head toward an uncertain future. Danger might come for them before they could even reach the Allheaven Battlefield.

"Father...and teachers..."

As of today, most of the people he truly cared about would be at the Allheaven Battlefield.

Allheaven Battlefield, a place he had only heard about before. A place he had never been to.

Chapter 484: I Do Not Wish To Harm Them, But They wish To Harm Me (1)

1st of November. Liu Wenyan, a person who had caused countless incidents, had departed.

The entire Great Xia seemed to have calmed down after his departure.

At the same time, a group of experts departed Great Xia. Nobody knew if their departure was related to Liu Wenyan's departure.

Peace returned to Great Xia. Everything seemed to have returned to how it was before.

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Great Xia Cultural Research Academy.

With the arrival of a new month, it felt as though everything had been left in the past. There was no ongoing struggle. There was no ongoing plot.

Hong Tan had vanished from the public eye. Chen Yong had returned to the books depository. Bai Feng the troublemaker had left. Su Yu the troublemaker seemed to be suffering from an injury as he had been keeping a low profile.

Even Wu Jia had stopped appearing in public. She was busy forming new characters and preparing for her advancement into the Skysoar Realm.

With the multiple character faction retreating into the shadows, it was as though all conflict had stopped. Some people even started thinking that things would be better if the multiple character faction was gone.

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Eventually, Su Yu heard about that.

Inside a teahouse.

Su Yu and Hu Zongji were having tea together. When he heard the news from Hu Zongji, he laughed, "They are free to think what they want. The multiple character faction is far more important than they believe. But if they think that everything will be fine once we're gone, sure. Let them believe what they want."

It was impossible to change the mind of people who only believed what they wanted to believe. For some people, the destruction of the multiple character faction would be a good thing as that would reduce the conflicts in the academy. Eventually, when it was their turn to be bullied by the single character faction, these same people would start wondering why nobody was helping them.

Su Yu was indifferent. While drinking tea, he asked, "How many characters have you formed?"

"Two."

Hu Zongji didn't know the reason for the question, but he still answered honestly.

"Human characters?"

"No. Devil characters." After a short silence, Su Yu said, "It's better if you shift your focus to human characters. You can do so since you have yet to spend much effort on these characters yet."

"This..." Hu Zongji was hesitant. "It's not that I don't trust you, but if I do that, my combat strength will drop. I'm not a Skysoar so I don't need to go to the battlefield yet, but even at the Skysoar Realm, human characters will still be very weak."

Su Yu nodded, "I know. If you don't plan on entering the Sunmoon Realm, you don't need to do this. But if you have the ambition to try reaching that realm, I believe you need to start preparing."

"The non-human characters are preventing many experts from entering the Sunmoon Realm." Su Yu thought for a bit and added, "But it's fine if you don't want to change now. You can wait until the Mountainsea Realm. It's still very far away from you."

Hu Zongji thought about it and nodded. He decided to wait and see.

Hu Zongji moved on from the topic and said, "I'm looking for you to tell you something. Early next month, the war academy students will come for their yearly challenge. You have not been seen outside for a while so I was afraid that you're still unaware about this." Your favorite novels at (.).com

Su Yu smiled, "Yeah, I heard about it. It doesn't matter. I am honestly too lazy to get involved in that. Don't look down on the students of our batch. All of them are hiding their strength. I won't need to do much during the challenges."

Hu Zongji said, "I thought you're going to wipe the floor with them and bask in the limelight yet again. That will show them the true strength of the students from our batch."

"There is no need for me to do that." Su Yu shook his head, "What's the point of making such a big ruckus? It won't be a bad idea to stay low-profile. In the future, those warriors might prove useful to us."

He was indifferent. Both Xia Huyou and Zhang Hao had told him about this. He couldn't even be bothered to get involved. Challenge matches? None of his business! He was still recuperating from his injuries. He couldn't fight yet. That was what he wanted the public to know.

Su Yu said, "The single character faction has been silent recently. Have they finally given up on targeting us?"

"Not really." Hu Zongji smiled, "They're dealing with an internal issue. Hu Wensheng has left seclusion and Liu Hong has reached the Cloudbreach Realm. With Elder Zheng's departure, they will need to appoint a new faction master. Their Cloudbreach cultivators are fighting for that position."

"I see."

So that was why his life had been so peaceful recently. Sure, the fact that most of the people in his faction was in seclusion had played a role in that, but the single character faction had also stopped targeting them.

Su Yu smiled, "If I get my senior sister to challenge the top 100 now, will anyone stop her?"

"I don't know." Hu Zongji shook his head, "I think Manager Zhou has yet to give up. He probably won't try anything if he manages to become the new faction master. But if he fails, he would definitely not give up on becoming the head manager instead. This was his chance to become an elder as a Cloudbreach."

"So what if he becomes an elder?" Su Yu found it stupid. "According to the rules, he would need to join the neutral faction if he takes that path. Wouldn't that be the same as restricting his own freedom?"

Hu Zongji said, "It's not a big deal to join the neutral faction. Do you really think he's doing this for the single character faction's benefit? After becoming an elder, he will gain the chance to cultivate in the Knowledge Seeking Realm. After returning as a Mountainsea, he will become a proper elder of the academy. At that time, this stipulation that he must be neutral will no longer have any effect on him. He only cares about that opportunity. His sole goal is to become a Mountainsea."

Su Yu nodded in agreement. True. There were signs that the single character faction, or to be precise, Zhou Pingsheng, had yet to give up. Otherwise, it wouldn't make sense for Di Feng to keep suppressing his advancement.

Even before this, Di Feng was already on the verge of breakthrough. After entering the Willpower Grotto, his willpower could barely be suppressed anymore. Someone in that position would only suppress their breakthrough if their characters were still not strong enough for a breakthrough. But it was more likely that Di Feng was holding back to keep targeting Su Yu.

Nevertheless, Su Yu still couldn't be bothered to pay too much attention to this matter. He would wait and see. If those fellows continued picking fights in December, he would start hitting back.

For now, he had a different priority. He was broke. He had to focus on that. He still owed Xia Huyou 1,100 merit points. He wanted to go out and earn some money. The single character faction could no longer be scammed so easily, but the buried treasure of the Divine Skywing Sect was still waiting for him.

But he also knew that now wasn't a good time for him to leave. The moment he left, something might happen. But he still wanted to leave. Firstly, he could

make some money. Secondly, he might be able to lure some bastards out before killing them. Thirdly, he also needed to make preparations for the research center he was about to open. He needed money for that.

Additionally, he also needed money for the divine or devil blood essence that he would require for body forging after reaching the Skysoar Realm. As for his grandteacher's suggestion to pawn off the Wentan Research Center, he would only do that if he had absolutely no other option.

Thus, the Divine Skywing Sect's buried treasure was very important for him. Of course, he wouldn't go out immediately. He planned to reach the Infinite Strength Realm and form some characters before doing so. He would wait until he had the combat strength of a Skysoar first. Leaving now would simply be too risky.

"Zongji, I need your help to look for missions related to the Myriad Race Pit."

Su Yu said, "I wish to enter the Myriad Race Pit once. But the place is guarded by the Martial Dragon Guards so I can't enter without reason. Keep watch for a suitable mission for me."

"Sure."

Hu Zongji did not ask any questions. He only needed to take a look at the Missions Department after this.

"Also, I need you to gather the information of a few people for me..."

Su Yu whispered a few names. Hu Zongji was surprised, but he still nodded in agreement, "Ok. I'll help you."

"Be careful." Su Yu reminded, "Don't let them notice you. Don't directly ask about them."

"Don't worry."

Hu Zongji agreed without asking anything. After saying that, Su Yu sank into silence. Recently, he had dispersed a batch of voice transmission talismans in the academy.

He had not directly given these talismans to anyone. Instead, he had intentionally dropped these talismans somewhere to be picked up. Some had even been directly tossed into the residences of his targets.

Because of that, the Single Eradication Club had gained a lot more legitimate members. The chat room was no longer filled with Su Yu's smurf accounts. Of course, his smurf accounts were still quite active.

This strategy had been successful as a lot of people had joined the club out of curiosity. Naturally, there were also some people who had merely been silently lurking instead of joining.

Chapter 485: I Do Not Wish To Harm Them, But They wish To Harm Me (2)

During the past few days, some of the smurf accounts he used to act as new members had been secretly contacted by some other people. These people seemed to be trying to rope his fake identities into something. He wondered if these people were from different clubs or some other organizations. He even suspected that some of them were members of the Myriad Race Cult.

He had been using those smurf accounts to pretend as hot-blooded newbies who would occasionally give some extreme opinions, such as calling for the slaughter of the single character faction or the assassination of a bunch of people.

In short, those smurf accounts were pretending to be agents of chaos. As a result, those smurf accounts had all been contacted by these individuals. Perhaps these were the perfect recruitment targets for the Myriad Race Cult.

Naturally, Su Yu knew every single owner of those talismans despite the fake names they were all using for the communication. And these were precisely the people he had asked Hu Zongji to gather information about.

He only needed Hu Zongji to gather the easily available information about these people instead of deliberately asking about them. After a short chat, Su Yu left the teahouse.

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With the arrival of November, the weather was starting to turn cold.

Walking amid the cold wind in his thin robe, Su Yu looked even more frail than before. With a pale face, he walked silently, looking completely inconspicuous.

He had been spending his time attending classes and cultivating in seclusion for a few days in a row.

While he was walking, he suddenly heard a furious voice. "Hey, get to the challenge ring! The foreign students are finally baring their fangs! They are challenging the top 100!"

"I thought they were trying to stay low key? Why are they suddenly doing this?"

"..."

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The same furious voice said, "Why else? It's because of Su Yu!"

"..."

Su Yu was dumbfounded. What? What had he done? He raised his collar to cover his face before following the crowd over. He was curious. How was this related to him? It had been a while since he last stepped foot near the challenge ring.

One of the students ahead of him asked curiously, "What did Su Yu do?"

"The fellow challenging the ranking claimed that Su Yu is her friend. She can't bear to see her friend being bullied. She said that the single character faction is clearly weaker yet refuses to let Wu Jia enter the ranking. Thus, she is challenging the ranking to teach them a lesson."

"Friend?" Someone asked in astonishment, "When did Su Yu become a friend of the foreign students?"

That was weird.

"How am I supposed to know that?"

"..."

When Su Yu heard the conversation, he cursed under his breath. What the hell was that? Who was scheming against him? What was the single character faction doing this time? Instead of wasting his time thinking, he raised his collar even higher and rushed toward the challenge ring.

Just why had someone suddenly pretended to be his friend? Was that person deliberately creating trouble for him?

The people of Great Xia disliked it when a human became a friend of the myriad races. In the eyes of many people, that was an act of consorting with the enemy.

What would happen if Su Yu was also a friend of the myriad races? Even those who had a good opinion of him before would probably start disliking him. They would think of him as a traitor.

"Damn it! Someone is plotting against me!"

Su Yu cursed to himself. He had been maintaining such a low profile. Why was someone still plotting against him? Was it the single character faction or were the foreign students the ones who had decided to do this?

Dragging him down?

Creating chaos to create an opening they could take advantage of?

Numerous thoughts appeared in Su Yu's mind as he rushed over.

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Before long, he arrived.

A cloaked individual had just defeated another opponent in the ring. This defeated student was a familiar face to Su Yu. It was Zhu Hong, someone from the single character faction.

After defeating Zhu Hong, the cloaked individual said, "Su Yu is my friend. You guys have constantly insulted and slandered him while both him and his senior sister are injured. You humans have a saying. Those who insult others will end up insulted."

While coughing blood, the pale Zhu Hong said furiously, "Why are you fighting for Su Yu? Who is he to you? Is Su Yu making friends with the myriad races?"

The cloaked individual continued speaking with her crisp voice, "We are the allies of humanity. Since we are here in the academy, it means that we have won the approval of the human race. Why can't he be our friend? Su Yu is a kind and friendly man. He is not a bully like the single character faction!"

Zhu Hong said, "Friendly? Bully? That is the internal affair of humanity. How impudent of Su Yu! He has actually befriended the myriad races?"

"Like I said, we are the allies of humanity."

The cloaked individual coldly said, "If you continue saying these words, I will assume that you are insulting the cloud tiger race. Is this how the human race treats its ally? How disappointing."

As usual, Zhao Ming was the referee for the match.

He couldn't be bothered to get involved in their argument. Thus, he announced, "Xia Qing has defeated Zhu Hong to reach the 96th place in the ranking. Are you going to continue the challenge matches?"

Xia Qing! Exactly. This was the cloud tiger princess Su Yu had met at the Grotto District not long ago. Today, she was here to fight for him. Without even talking to him in advance, she had decided to fight for him and beat up some single character faction students.

Near the ring, Su Yu narrowed his eyes. Pure intentions? Fighting for a friend? Nonsense! Would someone capable of being sent here as a student be such an idiot? Would the myriad races send such a fool to get themselves killed in the Human Realm?

These people were all incredibly cunning. They had been staying silent and patient for several months after entering the Human Realm. Was they finally making a move? And he had been chosen as the opening?

But why?

Su Yu sank into thought.

In the ring, Xia Qing said, "I'll stop here today. I overheard this person talking bad about Su Yu previously. That was why I had decided to challenge him. I wouldn't have bothered with him otherwise."

Xia Qing's voice rang out clearly, "The cloud tiger race is willing to become friends of humanity. We are willing to ally ourselves with the human race. But we can't allow anyone to insult the friend of the cloud tiger race."

At this time, someone from the crowd yelled furiously, "I challenge you!"

Xia Qing said, "You are not Su Yu's enemy and I'm currently entitled to my three days immunity. I no longer need to accept any challenges before then. Thus, I refuse your challenge. If you insist, just consider it my defeat. We do not intend to climb the ranking."

"..."

The crowd was getting more and more agitated.

For them, the conflict between the single and multiple character factions was unrelated to them. They could enjoy the show without taking part in the conflict. But they couldn't stand it when the myriad races involved themselves in an internal conflict of the human race.

Xia Qing kept mentioning Su Yu's name. Amid the crowd, Su Yu's eyes flickered.

Suddenly, someone appeared beside him and asked, "Are you not explaining yourself?"

Su Yu looked over. It was Liu Hong. That fellow had appeared out of nowhere.

"What is there to explain?"

Su Yu replied with a gloomy voice.

While snacking on some sunflower seeds, Liu Hong smiled, "By befriending the myriad races, you are touching upon a taboo of Great Xia. Great Xia has spent many years fighting the myriad races. Although the human race has a lot of myriad race allies, to speak the truth, Great Xia does not have a lot of allies compared to the other prefectures. Most of the time, we fight alone. Of course, we still have some partners. The best example would be the sky horse race. But the people of Great Xia are very arrogant. They all view the sky horses as mere mounts instead of allies.

"When Principal Wan had suggested accepting the myriad races as students, even someone like him was called a traitor by the masses. A mere student like you won't be able to avoid the fate of being called a traitor as well."

Not to mention Su Yu, not even someone with the prestige of Wan Tiansheng could avoid being called a traitor when the myriad races were involved.

Su Yu asked, "So I should get in the ring and claim that she's not my friend? Would that even work? If I'm Xia Qing, I would immediately agree to that, claim that the whole thing was a misunderstanding, and try to look as pitiful as I can. At that time, my reputation will drop even further. Would anyone trust me?"

"And if I fight her, people will only say that I am heartless, attacking someone who had fought for me. The masses will start pitying the underdog."

Liu Hong smiled, "Looks like you understand everything."

"Is this the single character faction's work?" Su Yu looked at Liu Hong with suspicion.

Liu Hong smiled, "It is unrelated to me. But I don't know if it's someone else. This tigress is not a simple person. Have you interacted with her in front of some other people before?"

"Yeah."

Su Yu nodded. Some other people were indeed there during his previous interaction with her. Wan Mingze, Hu Qiusheng, Xia Chan, and Zheng Yunhui were all there. That day, he was waiting outside the grotto with the tigress right by his side.

He had not put much thought into it when interacting with her. He had only been friendly toward her just in case they needed to work together in the future.

Had someone contacted Xia Qing to plot against him after seeing that or was this Xia Qing's own idea? Or perhaps this Xia Qing was really such a simple person who was doing this to help him?

"In that case, you're in trouble." Liu Hong seemed to enjoy seeing Su Yu in trouble. He said, "Since there are witnesses, you will never be able to explain

yourself. Of course, I know you must have been harboring evil intentions when interacting with her, but not everyone knows you like me. Thus, you will be in trouble regardless of whether you explain yourself or not. Hehehe. This is so interesting."

Chapter 486: I Do Not Wish To Harm Them, But They wish To Harm Me (3)

After three months of silence, the myriad race students were finally making a move. With Su Yu as an opening, they were finally baring their fangs.

Su Yu asked, "What exactly is the goal of the myriad races when joining the academy?"

"To understand humanity better and rope in some humans to their side." Liu Hong said, "They must be getting restless after staying in the Foreign Students Faculty for so long. What information can they get cooped up in their faculty? They are allowed to carry out missions, but there are a lot of restrictions for them. If they can form teams with humans for these missions, a lot of these restrictions will be removed."

Su Yu said, "So someone is giving them the support to do this?"

"Perhaps." Liu Hong casually spat some sunflower seed shells onto the ground before saying, "What are you going to do? Your multiple character faction is clearly the best faction to bully. If the Foreign Students Faculty want to do something, you guys are the best target."

"The single character faction is probably behind this. The Foreign Students Faculty wouldn't have targeted us otherwise. They should be aware that we still have some influence and support in the academy."

It wasn't likely that Zhu Hong was Xia Qing's target. Doing so could easily make them new enemies. As for the multiple character faction, their sole expert, Hong Tan, had entered seclusion. Nobody knew how long he would stay in seclusion.

Su Yu had a gloomy expression. He was trying to stay low key. But these people refused to let him be! This was intolerable!

Xia Qing! This damn tigress was trying to screw him up!

Liu Hong smiled, "Don't provoke her. These myriad race students are allowed to enter the academy with their dao protectors. There are Cloudbreach and Mountainsea cultivators among these protectors. They are very strong. They will generally remain idle, but if you do something, they might make a move as well."

Suddenly, Su Yu said, "She's my friend."

"Hmm?"

"She's my good friend."

Leaving those words behind, Su Yu turned and left. She was a good friend. Thus, he had decided to find a chance to go out on a mission with this good friend of his sometime. During the mission...she would heroically sacrifice herself to save him from danger. She would not be able to return to the academy alive.

Yes. She was a good friend. There was no need to deny that. It was pointless. But since she was claiming to be his friend, if he asked her to join him on a mission, would she say no? If she agreed to leave with him, she would die. If she disagreed, then she would be making it clear that she wasn't his friend.

Protectors? Cloudbreach and Mountainsea cultivators? Sure. It was time for Su Yu to subdue those fellows in the prison zone. And their first mission would be to deal with these protectors.

"Even when I'm trying to stay low-profile, some people are still trying to provoke me."

Su Yu was speechless. How had he provoked them? Why had they picked him as their opening move? Did they think that he was a pushover?

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Su Yu ignored the challenge match and left the area.

As for the damage on his reputation, there was nothing he could do for now. If he denied it, Xia Qing would definitely agree to his words with a pitiful expression. In that situation, nobody would believe him.

The smart ones would understand without a need for him to say anything. And the less smart ones wouldn't understand it even if he explained it to them. The best option for him was to return with the corpse of this tigress and lament about the heroic sacrifice of the tigress. At that time, would the other myriad race students still dare to become his friend?

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Not long after Su Yu left, Xia Qing left the ring.

A few other cloaked individuals were waiting near the ring. They left together and walked in the direction of the Foreign Students Faculty.

After ensuring that nobody was around them, one of them said, "Xia Qing, what should we do if Su Yu comes out to deny this?"

Xia Qing smiled, "Deny this? We're friends. How can he deny that? If he denies it, sure, I'll go along with his words. I'll even offer to make a public announcement that he's not my friend."

They smiled and said nothing else. True. If Su Yu denied it, they would gladly go along with his words. Before long, they entered the Foreign Students Faculty. And after a short walk, they reached their lodging area. Discover new stories at [novelbin\(.\)c/om](http://novelbin(.)c/om)

Numerous villas could be seen standing beside a river. The environment was graceful and tranquil. But for such a living environment, they had paid a high price.

After entering one of these villas, Xia Qing removed her cloak, revealing an appearance that was similar to a regular human with the addition of a tail.

Xia Qing looked like a frail lady yet her eyes were exceptionally bright. She had the appearance that would evoke ones protectiveness. But at this moment, she had an emotionless expression.

There were two old men in the room she had entered. They looked completely human. Not even their tails could be seen. Only a tiny bit of demonic aura could be felt from their bodies.

"Third Grandpa, Ninth Grandpa..."

Xia Qing greeted the two with the cloud tiger language. The two nodded. One of them said, "Princess, what should we do next?"

Xia Qing sat down on the couch and immersed herself in the comfort of the couch. After a while, she smiled, "The human race sure knows how to enjoy life. They have spent so much effort on even a chair. Isn't it better to use their time to study more about cultivation instead?"

She shook her head and laughed. "Grandpas, we don't have lofty goals. We are only trying to get some authority. Since we are already here, we can't settle with being trapped in this faculty all the time, right?"

Xia Qing smiled, "I do not intend to make things hard for Su Yu. If he is really willing to befriend us, we can really help him against the single character faction students. Isn't it good for him to get more helpers? If he's unwilling, forget it. By helping him and ruining his reputation, some other people will naturally approach us for cooperation, ensuring that everyone will believe that he is our friend."

"Will it be Zhou Pingsheng or Zhou Mingren?"

"I don't know." Xia Qing said, "The multiple character faction has too many enemies. But it doesn't matter since we aim to establish a foothold in the human race instead of being stuck here."

"It doesn't matter if we have to become their hired thugs or cooperative partners. Anything is better than being stuck here, learning whatever the academy sees fit to teach us and not leaving unless the academy allows us to. If we have to continue staying here, what's even the point of coming to the Human Realm?"

Xia Qing's eyes flickered as she said, "We can serve as a powerful group of hired thugs. We have a decent number of Cloudbreach and Mountainsea cultivators among us. Previously, nobody was paying attention to us. That will change soon. Even the sects established by the other races will start trying to contact us."

One of the old men asked, "How about Wan Tiansheng?"

Xia Qing smiled, "If Principal Wan questions us, we can simply say that we're luring the Myriad Race Cult out for them. In any case, the cloud tiger race does not have a sect in the Human Realm. The other races won't really care

even if we betray these sects to the human race. Ultimately, it will only be an internal conflict between humans. Everyone will be happy to sit back and enjoy the show."

In short, if Wan Tiansheng continued ignoring them, they could keep going with their plan. Before long, they would be able to assimilate into the human race. And if Wan Tiansheng questioned them, they could easily sell off some cult members to obtain Wan Tiansheng's trust.

The old man nodded. After some thought, he spoke through voice transmission, "Isn't it too risky for the cloud tiger race to be the first race to make a move?"

"Not at all." Xia Qing said, "The higher the risk, the higher the reward. It doesn't matter if our choice is the human race, the devil race, or the divine race. We need to showcase enough value. Our race is too weak. We can only rely on these powerful races. Meanwhile, this multiple character faction is weaker in the human realm and is the target of all the other races. In this situation, offending Su Yu will pose us no risk whatsoever. We might even rely on this to get a powerful backer in the Human Realm."

She was well aware that the single character faction was far bigger than what she saw in the academy. In fact, the true headquarters of the single character faction was located in Great Zhou. There, they had a super expert that was on the verge of reaching the Invincible Realm.

After some time in the Human Realm, they had also gained more understanding of the human race. This was a decision they reached after spending three months in silence. They needed to do something.

If they continued as they were, they would fail to gain anything even after a few years in the Human Realm. In that case, they would have paid a high price to join a human academy for nothing.

The two old men still looked worried. Xia Qing smiled, "Don't worry. It will be fine. Principal Wan himself intended to have us help temper their students. That was why he had invited us here in the first place. And this is precisely what we're doing. He won't interfere. And as long as he stays out of it, nobody else in the academy will get involved."

"The princess is wise."

The two bowed. The Cloud Tiger King's decision to send the princess here was indeed the right choice. Only Princess Qing would have the intelligence to devise all these plans.

Chapter 487: Ample Preparations Will Always Help (1)

Wentan Research Center.

The research center was devoid of people.

After entering, Su Yu did not stop and went straight to the prison zone.

It was time to feed the prisoners. It had been half a month.

If he waited any longer, those beasts might really end up starving to death. Both Bai Feng and Hong Tan were no longer around, leaving him the sole person responsible for them. In the past, Bai Feng and Hong Tan would still visit them for some blood essence occasionally and feed those beasts while they were there.

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Prison zone.

A deathly stillness enveloped the entire floor.

When sounds of a door being opened rang out, the prison zone finally came alive again.

"Lord Su, I am willing to serve you!"

A sharp voice rang out. It was the fire crow.

Su Yu's voice rang out, "You're still alive? Looks like you guys are quite durable."

Then, Su Yu walked down the stairs, revealing himself before the beasts.

The shadow revealed emerged from the darkness. Instead of speaking in circles, he spoke directly, "What do you want us to do? And what can we get from it?"

"Wait." Su Yu said, "I'll talk to the Mountainsea beasts first before talking with you guys."

He then walked past the cages toward the inner section. The beasts shook upon hearing that.

Mountainsea beasts!

They were aware that there were Mountainsea beasts there. But they had thought that those beasts had died long ago.

And there were more than one of them? How many of them were still alive?

The shadow hurriedly said, "Su Yu, Mountainsea beasts are strong, but they are also too conspicuous."

"You're too noisy." Su Yu chided, "Do I need you to tell me what to do?"

With a snort, Su Yu walked away.

Unlike the front section, the inner section consisted of a corridor with jail cells to the two sides of the corridor. The cells were completely sealed. Not a single opening was visible. Normally, not even sound could escape these cells.

Naturally, Su Yu had arrived with Hong Tan's key. His willpower rippled, creating a small hole in front of each cell. Looking through the holes, only darkness was visible. Nothing else could be seen. And no noise could be heard.

Su Yu did not mind. He said, "I am Su Yu, the successor of the multiple character faction. My grandteacher must have reached an agreement with you, seniors. I can come to you guys when I need help. You will serve me for three years. After which, I will escort you out of the Human Realm..."

"Three years?"

A sharp voice rang out straight in Su Yu's mind, causing his sea of willpower to shake. This was already a weakened effect due to the restrictions of the jail cell.

Su Yu's expression did not change. He said, "What about it? Is that a long time? For a Mountainsea, that is nothing. Is freedom not worth three years of your time? You will only be able to leave the Human Realm under the guise of

being my grandteacher's mounts. Otherwise, it won't matter even if you're Mountainseas. Are you strong enough to freely traverse the Human Realm?"

The same voice from before said in surprise, "Aren't you at the Mental Tempering Stage?"

According to Hong Tan, his grandstudent was at the Mental Tempering Stage. But this beast did not think so. When he spoke earlier, he had mixed his voice with a fierce willpower attack. The cell might have restricted him, but he was more than capable of giving a Mental Tempering Stage kid a serious injury.

That was meant to be a show of force. But Su Yu seemed completely unaffected.

"Yes, I am." Su Yu questioned, "Since you're not capable of even seeing through my cultivation level, I am starting to suspect your capabilities."

An eye appeared behind one of the holes. The eye looked incomparably deep. The eye gazed at Su Yu, seemingly trying to see through his very being. Instantly, the Perception Jade in Su Yu's sea of willpower changed to red, signifying that something at the level of Mountainsea was prying on him.

Su Yu was quite surprised. He smiled, "With the restrictions here, you are still able to pry on me. Truly worthy of being a Mountainsea. How should I address you, Senior?"

"Senior?"

The owner of the eye coldly said, "Stop being a hypocrite. Senior? Laughable. For Hong Tan, we are merely walking bags of blood. For him, we are not actual living beings. We are only working for you in exchange for our freedom and our lives."

The beast was straightforward. There was no need for them to befriend each other. This was merely a transaction.

Su Yu smiled, "I still need a form of address for you, right?"

"Just call me One-eye."

"One-eye?"

Su Yu raised his brow. This was probably an alias. He wasn't too bothered. Was this perhaps a member of the one-eyed giant race? Or perhaps this was someone from the devil eye race? Hong Tan had not informed him about that.

"In that case, I will be calling you One-eye from now on."

He smiled, "How about the two of you? Are you not giving me your names?" There were three Mountainsea beasts here. One-eye was one of them. What about the other two? Up until now, only One-eye had spoken to him.

Silence descended.

After a short moment, a sinister laughter rang out, "Call me Bloodmoon."

"Bloodmoon?" Su Yu smiled, "Sure. And?"

"Great Mountain."

The third beast finally spoke. But that was the only thing he said.

One-eye ignored the other two and said, "We have an agreement with Hong Tan to help you once regardless of how dangerous it is. We have not agreed to serve you for three years. Kid, you're too ambitious. As a mere Mental Tempering Stage cultivator, you want us to serve you for three years? Stop dreaming.

"We will only help you once. It doesn't matter who the enemies are. We will do our best to protect you. Then, you need to send us back to the Allheaven Battlefield. That was Hong Tan's promise."

Su Yu laughed, "Once? Let me think about it. Can you tell me about your cultivation? You better not be first or second-stage Mountainseas. That would be too useless."

One-eye sneered and said, "I'm a sixth-stage Mountainsea, but my strength have dropped considerably. I now have the combat strength of a fourth-stage Mountainsea."

Great Mountain: "Fifth-stage Mountainsea."

Bloodmoon: "Fourth-stage Mountainsea."

Su Yu nodded. None of them was weak. He said, "Is this your previous or current strength?"

"Current."

In that case, these were all fifth or sixth-stage Mountainseas originally. They had merely weakened after being locked up for so many years. His grandteacher sure was ferocious. He had actually captured a bunch of Mountainseas. These three were probably the only ones that were still alive. There were likely to be a lot more that had died over the years.

"I understand. When the three of you work together, can you handle a seventh-stage Mountainsea?"

One-eye sneered and said, "If we try our best, we can naturally do so. But in that situation, we might not be able to spare any attention to your safety."

"That works." Su Yu said, "You are all experts, so none of you are stupid. I won't say anything unnecessary. If I die, you can forget about leaving the Human Realm. It is understandable that you won't be happy after so many years of imprisonment. But be sure to not create trouble for me. Do you need anything? Source qi liquid or something like that? If you need anything, let me know and I'll send them over. You can try to recover some of your strength."

But none of them said anything. It would seem like they did not require anything from him.

The Mountainsea Realm was a powerful realm. Even in the entirety of the Human Realm, cultivators at this level were considered elites. These were the top experts of the various academies. In fact, even the kings of some of the smaller races were only at the Mountainsea Realm.

For people at this level, the source qi liquid was no longer important. It wasn't like Su Yu could provide them much. They had only weakened because too much of their blood essence had been extracted. They needed more than source qi liquid to recover their strength.

"Forget it, then..."

Su Yu said nothing else and activated the key to shut the holes in front of the cells.

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Before long, he walked out of the corridor.

Six pairs of eyes were focused on him. Wait, no, seven pairs of eyes were looking at him.

There was a new addition in the room. A small furball could be seen locked up in a small cage. The little furball kept trying to charge toward Su Yu, but each time the furball touched the bars of the cage, electrical currents would lash out, causing the little fellow to wail in frustration.

When the suanni heard the wails, he asked curiously, "Su Yu, what race is this? I've never seen them before. This fellow doesn't even know the common language."

This newcomer didn't even know the common language. Thus, the others couldn't even communicate with him if they wanted. Also, this newcomer didn't look too impressive in terms of strength.

Su Yu smiled, "Soul devourer race. They specialize in eating brains. Be careful lest you get your brain eaten."

The suanni did not seem to believe those words.

Su Yu wasted no time and said, "All of you know what I want. None of you are as valuable as those Mountainseas. As Skysoar and Cloudbreach cultivators, you are not qualified to talk terms like those Mountainseas. I will make my offer. Take it or leave it.

"I can release you, but you need to serve me for five years. I do not need someone who will pretend to serve me. If you are planning to do that, you better not agree or I assure you that you will die. Think it over. This is probably your final chance to leave this place."

After feeding these creatures with a few drops of source qi liquid, he turned to leave. While walking away, he said, "I will be focusing on my breakthrough into the Infinite Strength Realm. It won't take long. And at that realm, even regular Skysoars won't be my match anymore. Thus, if you're a Cloudbreach, you might still have some leniency. But if you're a Skysoar, you don't need to think about it anymore if you still don't have an answer for me at that time."

The fire crow hurriedly said, "Lord Su, I agree..."

Su Yu turned around and smiled, "You have a good attitude, fire crow. But you're too weak. Fine, the next time I come, I'll release you."

The fire crow didn't know if he should rejoice or not. This was so sad. He had offered his surrender long ago. This kid was the one who had ignored him. So it was because he was too weak? Fortunately, Su Yu had finally given a clear answer. The fire crow would be released during his next visit.

"Thank you, Lord Su."

Seeing that, the white civet also hurriedly said, "I am also willing to swear my loyalty to you, Lord!"

Su Yu smiled, "You're a crafty one. I don't need your sworn loyalty. I only need your obedience. I'll consider your offer."

Then, he left and shut the door behind him. The creatures sank into silence.

After a while, the shadow sighed, "Five years of service...is better than dying here."

Clearly, he had reached a decision as well. He no longer had the strength to keep waiting in the cage. [Read latest chapters on novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

And Su Yu's growth was too fast. It had only been a few months yet he had already grown to a level where he could ignore Skysoars. If this continued, it wouldn't be long before he started disregarding those at the Cloudbreach Realm as well.

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Second floor, filter room.

Su Yu tossed the matter out of his mind.

His present priority was his own growth. Just because he wasn't entering the Skysoar Realm, it didn't mean that his strength would stagnate. He still had a lot of room for growth. His body was still at the Great Strength Realm. He still had a lot of apertures to open. He was still far from being unrivaled beneath the Skysoar Realm.

He had opened 302 acupoints in total. During the past few days, he had opened some new acupoints. Ignoring all his other acupoints, he activated only the acupoints of the Sky Sundering Saber. All 144 of them shone brightly. With 16 of them, he formed a small cycle.

If he wanted to enter the Infinite Strength Realm, he needed to fuse the 16 acupoints into 1. That was the peak of what he could achieve with the Sky Sundering Saber.

He made his first attempt. Two acupoints were slowly brought together. This wasn't easy at all. The two acupoints were moving very slowly. With the Pure Source Art, he constantly purified his source qi. The purer his source qi was, the easier acupoint fusion would be.

As for the acupoints for the third level of the Time technique, Su Yu was in no rush to open them. He could always open them at the Infinite Strength Realm even though the difficulty would increase.

But after about half an hour, the two acupoints had only moved slightly closer together. They were still very far from fusion. Su Yu was not discouraged. He continued working on them.

With powerful willpower and plentiful source qi, he was able to keep working on it for a much longer period of time despite the higher difficulty of acupoint fusion.

One hour. Two hours...

After five hours, the two acupoints were finally brought together.

As the two started fusing, a powerful repelling force erupted, stopping the fusion from happening.

Su Yu's willpower erupted, followed by his source qi. The repelling force emitted by both acupoints were forcefully suppressed. But as he forced the fusion, the repelling force only grew stronger and stronger. This was why acupoint fusion had always been known as a difficult task.

While working on his acupoints, Su Yu was deep in thought.

"The repelling force during acupoint fusion is very strong. Even with a pure source qi, this repelling force will still exist. Are there any cultivation methods out there that are capable of removing this repelling force?"

This was what he was thinking about. All sorts of cultivation methods and techniques could be found in the Myriad Realms. He was wondering if there was something out there that could allow one to temporarily fuse one's acupoints for a burst of strength. He seemed to remember hearing about it before.

And if something like that really existed, did it not mean that this method could also be used to remove the repelling force? What was the price for using this method?

Chapter 488: Ample Preparations Will Always Help (2)

Of the human cultural researchers, so many of them also practiced physical cultivation. Over the years, had none of them considered creating a cultivation method or technique to remove this repelling force? Perhaps there was a way to link the acupoints in a way that the repelling force would be weakened?

"If the human race does not have something like this, what about the myriad races?"

And if that was the case, this would be his opportunity. According to his estimation, if he fused his acupoints normally, he would take at least 3 days to fuse only 2 acupoints. It would take him 45 days to fuse the 16 acupoints if the speed remained constant.

But the difficulty would keep increasing the more acupoints he fused. Thus, he might even take 2 months instead of 45 days to finish fusing the 16 acupoints.

He would need to take 2 months to enter the first-stage Infinite Strength Realm. And after that, he needed to progress through 8 stages. If he needed 2 months per stage, wouldn't he need to take 18 months to reach the peak of the Infinite Strength Realm?

Su Yu was actually grumbling that reaching peak Infinite Strength Realm with 16 fused acupoints per stage within a year and a half slow. If Xia Huyou knew that, he would probably cough blood in anger.

Xia Huyou had started fusing his acupoints for 3 months. And he had only fused 14 acupoints. Even now, he had yet to enter the Infinite Strength Realm. According to his estimation, he would require at least 1 or 2 more months to finish fusing 16 acupoints. Thus, he would require half a year to reach the first-stage Infinite Strength Realm.

And upon entering that realm, he would probably need 3 years to reach the ninth stage. He also needed to use a lot of precious resources to assist with his cultivation. Only then would he be able to start considering the advancement of his physical body into the Skysoar Realm.

Since this was the time when he needed to be building his foundation, he was in no rush. In fact, he guessed that Su Yu would probably take a much longer time than him.

Little did Xia Huyou know, as per Su Yu's own estimates, he would only need a year and a half to reach that level.

"If I can derive a cultivation method capable of weakening this repelling force, this will be an incredibly significant cultivation method." [Read latest chapters on novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin.com)

He was right. Such a cultivation method might even be more valuable than a foundation cultural art. This would ease the advancement of all cultivators into the Infinite Strength Realm. More importantly, this would also allow people who would originally be able to fuse only three or four acupoints to fuse six or seven or even eight acupoints instead.

That would turn them into true Infinite Strength cultivators instead of so-called Five Strength or Six Strength cultivators.

"No, people will continue fusing acupoints at the Mountainsea Realm. So this cultivation method will also be very helpful for even Mountainseas."

So did something like this exist? Su Yu had no answer. Despite his talent, he was still too young. He lacked experience. He had opened a lot of pages in his book, but since he couldn't read some of the pages, he had yet to try those abilities.

"It's not enough to work alone. I need to get the research center going and get more people to help with translation. They can also help with information gathering. That way, I don't have to rely on Xia Huyou all the time..."

After all, the more questions he asked, the more the other person would know about him. If he asked only one person his questions, that person would basically have a full grasp on what he was up to as well.

It would seem like he really needed to start his research center. Even if he would end up recruiting some people with bad intentions, it didn't matter. He could always make everyone research separately. And he did not mind exposing some of his secrets. He only needed to keep his core secrets.

He continued working on his fusion, but the two acupoints were moving slower and slower. Eventually, the two acupoints finally overlapped. To truly fuse them, he needed to suppress them and keep them together until the repelling force was gone.

After a fusion, the single resulting acupoint would be much stronger than the total strength of the two original acupoints. A true Infinite Strength cultivator would be able to unleash the strength of 20 basic acupoints with only an acupoint fused from 10 basic acupoints. That was basically double the strength.

The same cultivator would have 90 basic acupoints fused into 9 acupoints at the ninth stage, granting them the strength of 180 basic acupoints. And if this was someone who had cultivated the War God Art and opened 108 acupoints, that person would have the strength of 198 basic acupoints.

This was the strength of a true ninth-stage Infinite Strength cultivator.

As for Su Yu, he had actually opened over 300 acupoints. He was able to unleash a similar level of strength in bursts, but he did not have the endurance to keep unleashing this level of strength for long.

His strongest cultivation method was the Sky Sundering Saber, allowing him to use the strength of 144 acupoints. With the assistance of some other techniques, he could further boost his strength. That gave him a similar level of strength as a ninth-stage Infinite Strength cultivator.

That was why he had been able to defeat those so-called Infinite Strength cultivators previously. Those people were at the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm, but they had not fused too many acupoints and weren't true Infinite Strength cultivators. They were naturally not his match.

In fact, Su Yu would not fear these fake Infinite Strength cultivators even if they somehow managed to reach the Skysoar Realm in the future. If someone managed to fuse 16 acupoints, one would be able to do more than double the strength of each basic acupoint.

Every basic acupoint fused would give a boost of 10 percent to the strength of each basic acupoint. By fusing 16 basic acupoints, a single basic acupoint would be as strong as two and a half basic acupoints.

After fusing 144 basic acupoints into 9 acupoints, one would be able to unleash the strength of over 300 basic acupoints. That would grant Su Yu an incredible combat strength. He would be much stronger than other true Infinite Strength cultivators. As for those who had fused only seven or eight acupoints, they would be akin to babies in front of him.

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But to do one's job properly, one needed the proper tools.

Su Yu did not intend to work on his acupoints blindly like everyone else.

He wanted something better than taking two months to enter the first-stage Infinite Strength Realm. He would rather spend the two months in search for a shortcut, a more efficient method of fusion.

The next day.

6th of November.

Su Yu went to class again. As usual, he was maintaining a low profile.

On his way, he encountered Wu Lan. Normally, when Wu Lan saw him, she would not pick a fight even if she wouldn't be too cordial either. But this time, she had a cold and detached expression as she turned her head and walked away from him, as though he was an embarrassment and she couldn't stand being near him.

Su Yu had nothing to say. But he could guess the reason for her behavior. He was now known as a friend of the myriad races. He was different from everyone else. He was a traitor.

Everyone was prejudiced against the myriad races while he was their friend. What was the meaning of that? Su Yu couldn't even be bothered to explain himself. He continued heading to the classroom. On his way there, he heard some idle gossip about him.

When he arrived at the classroom, a lot of the students were gossiping with each other as well.

Surprisingly, Xia Huyou was present. When he saw Su Yu, he loudly asked, "Su Yu, is that Xia Qing really your friend?"

He then blinked his eyes at Su Yu. Clearly, he was trying to give Su Yu a chance to explain the matter.

Su Yu smiled, "If she says we're friends, then that must be the case. There is no need to explain myself. This is a class of geniuses. Everyone has their own way of judging things. There is no need to explain things to the smart ones. As for the fools...what's the point of explaining to them?"

Xia Huyou was speechless. Was this fellow accepting his fate?

Sure, some people believed that the myriad race students were trying to screw Su Yu over. But his reaction was way too gentle. After all, when the majority started believing that Su Yu was really a traitor, the few smart ones who knew the truth would shut their mouths.

At that point, speaking for Su Yu would only turn them into his fellow conspirators.

Su Yu ignored Xia Huyou and sat down beside Hu Qiusheng. He smiled and asked, "Brother Hu, you don't mind me sitting here, right? Or should I stay far away from you to not implicate you?"

Hu Qiusheng smiled, "Are you joking with me? Just ignore those boring rumors. The Foreign Students Faculty is finally trying to do something after so many months of silence. It's not like nobody knows what they're doing. But you can only blame yourself for being careless and giving her this opening..."

He added, "Also, I wasn't the one who had spread your encounter with her. Don't misunderstand me."

"I don't suspect any of you." Su Yu smiled, "That tigress herself is working hard to kick up a ruckus from nothing. I'll just ignore her. By the way, I'm going to open my research center soon. Are you still interested in joining, Brother Hu?"

"Of course."

"Good. I'll be filing my application soon." Su Yu exhaled and said, "I'll try to get the research center up and running first. Previously, Elder Sun promised to give me a building to set up my research center."

"You still need a Skysoar. Are you..."

Su Yu smiled, "I'll talk to some people. I only need to borrow someone's name. It won't be difficult."

Hu Wensheng had a profound tone as he said, "But due to all the rumors, you might not be able to get someone to lend you their name. You understand that, right?"

"You can't rely on the help of Elder Wu and the others. These people already have their own research centers. Their names can't be used to open more research centers. This was a decision the academy made to prevent some researchers from opening random research centers and wasting academy resources."

Su Yu nodded, "It's fine. I know someone who wouldn't mind the rumors surrounding me."

He actually had a decent number of candidates. This wouldn't be an issue for him.

Instead, something entirely different was the issue. He said, "I need to build a data room. But for my data room, I need a lot of information, including information about cultivation methods. I can find some in the Wentan Research Center, but most of the information there is related to characters. I want to build a data room with more information, including the information of the myriad races. Are you able to gather some of the information for me?"

Hu Qiusheng nodded, "Common information is of little value. I can get a copy of each book in my house for you, but I doubt I can get you any top-secret information."

"Just gather as much information as you can."

Su Yu smiled, "I can give you a share in the research center, Brother Hu."

The Hu Family was a big family. Thus, he was trying to drag them toward his side.

Hu Qiusheng smiled, "Giving me a share? Forget it, Brother Su. I only want to focus on cultivating. I don't want to get involved in any other affairs..."

Su Yu said, "Sure. But don't regret your decision when we release a research result. Of course, as the first member, you will still receive a good bonus. But I have to make it clear that we're still very poor right now. You won't get anything for now."

"I understand." Hu Qiusheng asked, "Do you want to get Mingze and the others involved as well?"

"I'm still thinking about it." Su Yu did not give a confirmation. He would need to think more about Wan Mingze.

But he could try to recruit some other people, such as Zheng Yunhui and Xia Huyou to make his research center look more impressive. That was the only thing he wanted out of them. Prestige. He did not expect any contribution from them in regards to research.

As for the acupoint fusion cultivation method he was looking for, he would first do some investigation himself for it. If he failed to find anything, he would start asking around.

While he was thinking, Hu Wensheng said, "The war academy has decided on a date. During the 1st of next month, they will be visiting our academy to challenge our students. What are you going to do?"

"Isn't participation compulsory?"

"Not really. But...you will understand. If you stay away from the fight, you will probably feel terrible looking at the fights of others."

Su Yu smiled, "Because our fellow students will be receiving a beating from the war academy students?"

Hu Qiusheng nodded helplessly. He said, "Every year, there are even situations where some of our students are beaten until they start crying. Also, those fellows from the war academy are...very vulgar. People like us will still watch our words when we are talking trash. But those brutes won't. They will happily scold your family and your ancestors. Can you stand that?"

Su Yu smiled, "In that case, I'll simply be absent."

"Even if you're absent, they still know about you. They will simply stand in a ring and issue a public challenge to you. If you refuse to fight, they will call you a coward. You won't have a choice."

"..."

Su Yu was speechless. Was that really going to happen? No wonder the cultural research academy students had continued to fight each year even after being beaten up for so many years. They would rather receive a beating than allow the brutes to act all arrogant in their academy. Alas, those brutes would only turn more arrogant after delivering them a beating.

"I'll see. If they dare to provoke me...they will have to suffer the consequences."

Su Yu said, "Let's forget that for now. It is still quite far away. Let's focus on establishing our research center first. As for our recruits, we don't need strong individuals. We only need people who are rich in knowledge, such as someone with mastery over hundreds of languages, or someone with a wide base of knowledge, and so on. Strength is really not too important for what I want to do."

"That won't be an issue." Hu Qiusheng nodded, "I'll compile a list of names for you. These names can be easily found in the academy records. After all, one would be tested for the languages they know in the academy. But you will have to do the recruiting yourself."

"Sure."

Su Yu nodded. Some people had been focused on studying, resulting in a comparatively weaker strength. Some of these people were probably still stuck below the Mental Tempering Stage. It wouldn't be too hard to recruit these people.

And these were precisely the type of people Su Yu needed the most currently. He might have mastered dozens of languages himself, but that was not enough. And it was impossible for him to learn all languages by himself.

Thanks to the existence of the common language, there were fewer language experts nowadays. In fact, the languages of some minor races were on the brink of completely dying out in the Human Realm.

Chapter 489: Source Soul Acupoint (1)

Not long after Su Yu finished his discussion with Hu Qiusheng, the instructor arrived. Su Yu resumed his act as a good student, listening attentively to every word spoken by the instructor. Inwardly, however, he was busy thinking about all sorts of things, such as his recent lack of money. He wondered if he could continue getting the academy benefits.

Since he was already the top ranked new student in the top 100, that should be the equivalent of getting first place during the monthly examination. That should earn him 10 merit points, right? As the class monitor, he was still entitled to 5 merit points per month. And as a high-high student, he had a monthly stipend of 3 merit points.

He was currently ranked 29th in the top 100. He was previously ranked 24th, but his rank had changed due to the movement of other students in the ranking. Nevertheless, his rank was still high enough to receive an additional 10 merit points.

According to his calculation, he should be entitled to 28 merit points from the academy. But a certain asshole had cancelled his monthly stipend, so he wondered if the academy would still pay him. That asshole was only a discipline master, not the hall master of the Disciple Hall.

"I need to ask about this at the office. That's a lot of money."

After some calculation, Su Yu noticed that he was really broke. He had a debt of 1,100 merit points to Xia Huyou and he only had 130 merit points to his name. All the merit points he had listed earlier were the sources of merit points that would add to his total earned merit. That would be important as a high total earned merit would allow him to enter more grottos.

Additionally, high total earned merit would also grant him access to some cultivation manuals. Although he didn't need these manuals anymore, it was still a good idea to keep increasing his total earned merit.

Total earned merit would also be important when it comes to selecting missions and purchasing resources.

Basically, in Great Xia, one's total earned merit also represented one's status. The higher one's total earned merit was, the higher one's status was, and the more doors would open for one.

Even for his future advancement into a full researcher and further promotion would require enough total earned merit.

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While Su Yu was thinking about all sorts of things, the class came to an end.

Right after class, he rushed toward the Merit Office.

"Can you check if my merit stipends for last month have been credited?" Su Yu asked right after entering the room.

The same young lady was on duty at the counter. But when she saw Su Yu this time, she was not as friendly as she was. With a cold expression, she took her time checking the records before finally saying, "You are supposed to be entitled to 28 merit points, but due to your punishment, your stipend as a high-high student has been rescinded. Thus, you are still eligible to receive 25 merit points."

When Su Yu thought about it, this should be right. Xia Yuwen had only removed his stipend as a high-high student, nothing else. 25 merit points. That was still a decent amount of money. But the 3 merit points he lost would not be gone for only one month. This might persist for many years.

He was supposed to keep receiving these stipends before reaching the Skysoar Realm. Damn that Xia Yuwen! This was such a big loss! Su Yu vowed to one day get his money back from Xia Yuwen.

He didn't really mind the cold expression of the young lady. This was most likely due to the rumors floating around about his relationship with the myriad races. Her reaction was understandable.

"Can I regain my monthly stipend for being a high-high student?"

"You can submit an appeal to the Discipline Hall."

"I understand. Please send me what I can receive for now."

Su Yu handed his merit card over. Before long, 25 merit points were transferred into his account.

At this time, he recalled the reward for placing first in the top 100. With that placing, one could get 30 merit points every month and one Infinite Strength willpower text. If one could maintain the rank for half a year, one would even receive a drop of divine or devil blood essence. That was a much better reward than what he was getting as a 29th ranked student.

And after half a year, one could get a drop of divine or devil blood essence. That was worth over a thousand merit points.

After reaching the Skysoar Realm, one would generally only require around 10 drops of divine or devil blood essence for body forging. Of course, only someone with a rich and powerful background would be able to afford such a luxurious body forging.

If one really couldn't gather enough money, one could consider staying in the first place for five years in a row. That way, one could earn ten drops of blood essence for their body forging after advancement. While thinking about all that, Su Yu ignored the young lady's disdainful gaze and left.

Inwardly, he thought of her with disdain as well. She believed everything Xia Qing said. How foolish. He couldn't even be bothered to explain himself. It was pointless. He was in quite a good mood with 25 merit points. At the very least, he had earned some money.

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Character Faculty, staff block.

Elder Sun was a seventh-stage Mountainsea expert. Of the 36 Mountainseas of the academy, not many were at the late stage.

Elder Sun was also the deputy head of the Character Faculty.

Yu Hong was a seventh-stage Mountainsea as well. But instead of being the deputy head, she was the head of the Resource Office. That was an important position. In fact, she enjoyed more practical power than a deputy head. After all, she was almost fully in charge of all resource allocation in the faction.

Both of them had their own offices in the staff block. If they were not in seclusion, they would spend most of the time there. And at that moment, Su Yu was heading straight toward the office of the deputy head. When he arrived outside, he knocked on the door.

Inside, Elder Sun was in the middle of a conversation. When he sensed who the visitor was, the look in his eyes turned odd.

"Come in."

Su Yu strode in and flashed a wide smile, "Greetings, Elder Sun..."

Then, Su Yu noticed the other individual in the office. It was an old man with a familiar face. He was able to immediately realize that this was Lin Yao's grandfather.

"Greetings, Teacher Lin."

Su Yu acted like an obedient boy. When Elder Sun saw that, he raised his brow in annoyance. He greatly disliked Su Yu. Initially, he did not hate or even care about Su Yu. But Bai Feng had killed his student. Thus, he started hating anyone related to Bai Feng. He had not expected that Su Yu would visit him in his office.

"Elder Sun, since you have a guest, I'll be taking my leave."

Lin Yao's grandfather stood up to leave. Follow new chapters at (.).com

Elder Sun smiled and said, "We're in the middle of our conversation. What's the rush? Su Yu, why are you here? Out with it."

"Previously, you promised to provide me with a location for my research center..." Su Yu had his trademark simple smile as he said, "I have been recovering from my injuries during the past few days. But I'm all better now. Elder Sun, about your promise..."

Elder Sun was somewhat speechless. He did not expect the kid to be brave enough to really come and ask for a place.

Lin Yao's grandfather looked at Su Yu in astonishment. He asked, "Su Yu, are you really starting a research center?"

Su Yu flashed another simple and honest smile as he answered, "Of course. How can I go back on my words? I, Su Yu, am not the kind of person who would grow fat eating my own words. That would be too embarrassing."

He was indirectly criticizing some other people with that statement.

Elder Sun sneered and said, "There is an abandoned research center behind the Wentan Research Center. That's a big building. You want to apply for a research center? Sure. Get a Skysoar and five students or teachers to meet the minimum requirements before submitting your application. Also, you need to submit your research topic to the Research Department. If your topic is approved, you will naturally get your research center."

Su Yu grinned, "Elder Sun, will the academy allocate me funds after my application is approved?"

"Yes."

Elder Sun said, "But are you sure you want to take the academy's money? If you take the money, the academy will have full rights for your research results. If you can't produce any results within the time limit, you will be liable to compensate the academy."

In practice, barely anyone had been asked to compensate the academy for failing to produce any research results before. But with the changes in the Discipline Hall this year, nobody knew if that would still be the case.

The Discipline Hall was preparing to do something big at the end of the year. The various research centers would be one of their major focuses. It was very likely that some research centers might really be asked to compensate the academy this year.

"Full rights?" Su Yu said, "I don't think so, Elder Sun. The academy will only be given the right of first refusal, not full rights."

Elder Sun sneered and did not bother to argue. He said, "So you wish to apply for a starting fund? A lot of projects are awaiting funding recently so the academy is planning to cut down on some unnecessary projects. I'll be honest. You won't be able to get anything."

He was being very straightforward. He was not going to give Su Yu any money. And there was nothing Su Yu could do about it.

Su Yu could only sigh helplessly and said, "Forget it. Elder Sun, do you mean that if I can gather the minimum number of members and get my research project approved, I will be able to start my own research center?"

"Yes." Elder Sun said, "Submit your application when you're done with it."

"Thank you, Elder Sun." Su Yu earnestly said, "I will definitely run my research center well. If I end up benefiting the whole human race with my research results in the future, I won't forget that it was only due to your great support that I would tread upon this path of research..."

Elder Sun gave Su Yu a look of impatience before sneering with disdain. Sure. He would be waiting for this kid to benefit the human race.

Su Yu said nothing else and took his leave.

Right after Su Yu left, Lin Yao's grandfather said, "Old Sun, are you really approving his application?"

"It will be an empty shell. He won't be able to do anything with it."

Elder Sun was completely unbothered.

Lin Yao's grandfather sank into a short silence before saying, "If he really ends up producing something, then it would look bad on us."

"Don't worry." Elder Sun said, "Let him be. He will only be wasting his own time and delay his own cultivation."

In fact, he would be more than happy to see Su Yu spending all the time on research instead of cultivating, staying below the Skysoar Realm forever. The two then moved back to their original topic, forgetting about Su Yu.

Chapter 490: Source Soul Acupoint (2)

As for Su Yu, he moved with great efficiency.

He aimed to complete the application within a single day. He needed the names of five students and one Skysoar. It wouldn't be hard for him to find enough students. With his senior sister, Hu Qiusheng, and himself, he only needed two more people.

As for the Skysoar...

He could forget about Liu Hong. With that person around, he would need to be constantly on guard against any attempt to swallow his entire research center. Shortly after, he arrived at the House of Hundred.

Zhao Ming!

Yes. This referee was his target. That was someone from the neutral faction.

He had asked Zhao Li, Old Huang, and Old Nie. All three of them had advised him to look for a neutral researcher. He needed someone who would not be biased against anyone. That person would only need to lend him their name and receive some monetary compensation in return.

Zhao Ming would be the perfect person for this since he would be punished by the neutral faction if he stopped being neutral. Today, nobody was challenging the ranking. Thus, Zhao Ming was resting in his office while happily chatting with the young ladies employed at the House of Hundred.

Su Yu had never entered the House of Hundred. He had always left after finishing his matches. Thus, this was his first time actually stepping into the building.

Before long, Zhao Ming sensed his arrival. He looked at Su Yu and called out in astonishment, "Su Yu?"

This fellow was missing yesterday when the cloud tigress was fighting under his name. Instead, he appeared today.

"Are you challenging the ranking?"

"Nope." Su Yu smiled, "I'm here to have a chat with you, Teacher."

"What is it?"

"I need your name. You will be paid 30 merit points per year."

Su Yu went straight to the point.

Zhao Ming was able to immediately understand what Su Yu wanted. At that time, a few students happened to be passing by. When they heard that, they looked over curiously.

Su Yu completely ignored them. Zhao Ming was similarly unbothered. With an amused expression, he asked, "For your research center?"

"Yes."

"Since you are here, you must have realized how important I am." Zhao Ming grinned, "I am someone who loves following rules. And I will always stick to my words after coming to an agreement instead of trying to pull something dirty. Your price is too low. It isn't easy to find someone that can fulfill this role. And it's even harder to find someone you can trust..."

Su Yu smiled and said, "Senior Brother Liu Chuan would probably be suitable as well."

"Pfft!"

Zhao Ming knew who Liu Chuan was. He was also a student of Liu Wenyan. He was not young, but he was still stuck at the Skysoar Realm.

Zhao Ming curled his lips and asked, "So are you planning to drag him into your mess? Those big shots have forgotten about his involvement during the previous conflict because he's not important enough. But by using his name for your application, you will bring him into the limelight again. Won't you feel bad?"

Su Yu said, "That's why I'm here. But I'm not lying when I say that I have other options. You must be aware of that as well." [Discover new stories at novelbin\(.\)c/om](#)

"100 merit points." Zhao Ming couldn't be bothered to say anything else. He directly quoted a price.

"50 merit points. Yearly. And you won't need to do anything. If you can't agree to this, forget it."

"Deal." Zhao Ming agreed without hesitation. He smiled, "Money is but a trivial matter. We shouldn't place that much importance on money and let it harm our relationship. By the way, what's your research project? Do you want me to make a fake proposal for you? Basically, I can write you a proposal that can get approved easily. Don't worry. The academy does not mind. And I won't charge you too much for this service."

Su Yu smiled, "At present, I intend to research the source soul acupoint."

"What?"

"Source soul acupoint." Su Yu smiled, "According to my own theory, there exists a special acupoint in the human body. This acupoint is the link between acupoints and apertures. If I can locate it, I will be able to help the entire human race skip through the Source Opening Realm. Instead of passive cultivation in the beginning, they can directly cultivate the Source soul acupoint."

"With the source soul acupoint, all beginners can cultivate both source qi and willpower at the same time. Perhaps in the future, the Source Opening Realm might even cease to exist."

Zhao Ming was stunned. He stared at Su Yu for a very long time.

He had thought that this was going to be the game of a child. But this kid was actually tackling an incredibly massive project.

Source soul acupoint.

Su Yu had even named the theoretical acupoint. And if this acupoint was really discovered, the entire human race would enter a new era. And Su Yu...would be the person responsible for starting a new page of history, leaving his mark in the history of humanity.

Zhao Ming's face turned solemn as he said, "Source soul acupoint...the link between source acupoints and soul apertures?"

"Yeah."

"Does it exist?"

"I don't know."

"Why are you researching it, then?"

"How can I know the answer before researching it?" Su Yu smiled, "Every discovery starts from the exploration of the unknown. I have noticed that the cultural researchers of humanity have been stagnant. They are exploring less and less. We have a Knowledge Seeking Realm, signifying the true purpose of cultural researchers. Yet the cultural researchers we have today..."

Su Yu smiled and stopped. He did not wish to place a label on every single cultural researcher in existence so easily. But he really couldn't help but notice that in recent years, there hadn't been much innovation among human cultural researchers.

Zhao Ming stared at Su Yu for a long while and asked, "There must be a reason for you to even come up with this idea, right? How did you get this theory?"

"I got this feeling after opening 300 acupoints."

Su Yu spoke indifferently, but like Hu Qiusheng, Zhao Ming was left completely speechless.

Fuck! Was this kid showing off?

Zhao Ming spoke in a somewhat sour tone, "What's the point of opening so many acupoints? It's not like you can link all of them."

Su Yu smiled, "That will change if I can discover the source soul acupoint. In the future, we might even be able to link acupoints with apertures. I am even suspecting that this source soul acupoint might be the crux for a human to advance into the Invincible Realm through willpower cultivation."

"..."

As of that moment, Zhao Ming was completely stunned.

Meanwhile, Su Yu blinked.

Fuck!

What the fuck did he just say?

No way...right?

He was honestly only bragging earlier. But at this moment, his eyes flickered as he sank into thought. If the character techniques of the multiple character faction was the crux for a cultural researcher's advancement into the Invincible Realm, why couldn't this source soul acupoint be another crux?

Did this acupoint not exist? But he had a feeling that something like this truly existed. After opening more acupoints, he was starting to get a sensation that there was an important undiscovered human acupoint in the human body. The more acupoints he opened, the stronger this feeling became.

Numerous thoughts appeared in the minds of Su Yu and Zhao Ming.

Suddenly, Zhao Ming said, "You can have my name for free. But I wish to participate in your research."

Suddenly, someone else said, "Su Yu, can I join your research center?"

Jiang Mu!

Su Yu was aware that Jiang Mu was there. He smiled and said, "I was merely rambling randomly. Don't take my words seriously."

"Of course not. I doubt your theory about the Invincible Realm is correct. But as for the source soul acupoint..." Jiang Mu solemnly said, "I believe this acupoint might really exist for real. I once read a travelog with a story about an expert during the early Anping Calendar. That expert had unleashed an astonishing level of strength to kill a seventh-stage Mountainsea as a ninth-stage Cloudbreach with one hit..."

Zhao Ming asked in astonishment, "You're talking about Bai Tianhao?"

"Yeah."

Jiang Mu nodded. Meanwhile, Su Yu had a blank look. He had never heard of that name before.

Zhao Ming explained, "Bai Tianhao is someone who was active during the early Anping Calendar. He is actually...related to you. Your teacher, Bai Feng, is a descendant of Bai Tianhao. It is said that this person had killed a

Mountainsea as a Cloudbreach. But that person had died not long after. It has been too long so nobody knows if something like that had really happened. This story can be commonly found in travelogs or similar compilations of memoirs."

"Bai Tianhao?"

Bai Feng's ancestor?

Su Yu was very surprised. He said, "You mean that he had opened this source soul acupoint and linked his acupoints and apertures to gain the strength to kill a Mountainsea?"

"Yeah." Jiang Mu seriously said, "You said that you came up with this theory due to the feeling you got after opening 300 acupoints. I believe that you might be right. In fact, during the early Anping Calendar, quite a lot of people had opened hundreds of acupoints due to a lack of proper cultivation system. Of course, most of these people are already dead. Some were dead from old age while the others were dead while fighting in the battlefield. It is rumored that Bai Tianhao had also opened a lot of acupoints. Perhaps this source soul acupoint really exists!

"Of course, he was probably not aware of this acupoint's existence. He had probably unleashed it by accident in a fight to the death, unleashing an unprecedented level of strength."

Su Yu didn't know what to say. That was merely a random guess of his. But hearing Jiang Mu's words, the possibility of this acupoint existing was actually quite high? He didn't mind letting others know about his theory.

Nobody would steal this research of his. Who would be crazy enough to open hundreds of acupoints just for research? In fact, only the humans during the early Anping Calendar had opened that many acupoints. Subsequently, human cultivators had stopped opening so many acupoints.

"So both of you are interested to join?"

Both of them nodded.

Zhao Ming smiled, "This is a very interesting subject. If this source soul acupoint really exists, perhaps it is something that can only be discovered after opening hundreds of acupoints. But after determining the position of this

acupoint, we might be able to find a way to directly open this acupoint and skip the process of opening hundreds of acupoints."

Jiang Mu nodded, "Yes. This is a very meaningful subject. Apart from you, I doubt we can find anyone alive who can perform this research. Su Yu, if you can really locate this acupoint, you will change the path humanity walks in the future."