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Su Yu smiled and said, "Of course we will. It's fine. I still have a few weaker versions. I will forget about the versions that are too weak. Including this version, let's make it three versions.

"The first version will have 18 acupoints, capable of suppressing a third of the repelling force. The second version will have 32 acupoints. Maybe we can simplify it to only 30 acupoints. It can suppress two-thirds of the repelling force."

They all stared at him in stupefaction. Just how many versions did he produce?

Zhao Ming asked with disbelief, "Su Yu...just how did you do this?"

Su Yu did not waste his breath and activated one of his characters. Immediately after, he started radiating an aura of wisdom. His entire body was shining with the light of wisdom. With a gentle smile on his face, his radiance filled the room.

"Because...I'm a wise man. My character has provided me wisdom."

"..."

He was totally talking nonsense, but Zhao Ming blanked out for a long while before asking, "This character...is a full support character. Is this..a character capable of increasing your comprehension ability?"

"Good eyes, Teacher." Su Yu deactivated his fire character and said, "This is the power of wisdom. I am already a genius to begin with. Combined with my character, everyone's assistance, and the multiple character faction's blood essence extraction technique that allows me to deduce the cultivation methods of the myriad races through reverse deduction, I was finally able to come up with this cultivation method."

A character capable of increasing one's comprehension ability. This was an incomparably valuable character.

Xia Huyou couldn't help but say, "Before you die, you need to push this character to the Sunmoon Realm. It might turn into a super grotto that can drive all cultivators mad."

He believed Su Yu's words. Or to be precise, he believed most of Su Yu's words. A character like this was extremely rare. How had Su Yu gotten one?

"Which willpower text did you get this character from?"

"None." Su Yu explained, "Back then, I read too many cultivation manuals. When I discovered that there are a lot of similarities between these cultivation methods, a new thought came to me. At that time, this character appeared by itself. Would you believe that?"

"Yes." Xia Huyou nodded.

Zhao Ming's eyes flickered as he said, "Yes. Su Yu, you're...a freak. Such characters exist. They have appeared before. Natural characters will only form after a certain accumulation of comprehension. You're...a true freak."

Jiang Mu was also shocked. He said, "I know about these characters as well. I read about them in some travelogs before. In ancient times, there were people with naturally formed characters. I've never expected that I'll see someone like that with my own eyes one day."

What terrifying talent. What was Su Yu's cultivation level? How many things had he experienced? He had actually formed a natural character through comprehension at his current level of cultivation? These characters usually possess inconceivable abilities.

Su Yu smiled. He was not lying. This fire character was really something he had comprehended by himself. It was as though he had suddenly reached enlightenment about something and the character had taken form as a result.

A lot of people believed that Su Yu lacked a strong knowledge base. But that wasn't exactly accurate. He had read a lot of books over the years. And he also had a lot of cultivation methods, willpower texts, cultural arts, and source arts... One could say that there were definitely people who were more knowledgeable than him in Great Xia, but he was probably the person who knew about the highest variety of topics.

That golden book had given him a lot. He had witnessed the cultivation methods of the myriad races. He could even try these cultivation methods with his own body. That was an advantage unique to himself.

And the multiple character faction had always been a gathering of knowledgeable and talented individuals. His interactions with people like Bai Feng, Chen Yong, Hong Tan, and even the others like Zhao Li, had been constantly increasing his knowledge base.

The accumulation of knowledge and experience from all that had finally enabled Su Yu to derive this cultivation method with 36 acupoints. Sure, he had consulted a lot of cultivation methods for it, but being able to identify 36 suitable acupoints was proof of his ability.

Su Yu smiled, "I believe we will be fine making the first version available to the public. The second version can be marketed to the geniuses. As for the third version, only the people here can learn it. None of you will be given the right to teach it. Naturally, I am free to teach it as I see fit."

The others nodded. They were already happy enough with this.

Suddenly, Xia Huyou said with a sullen tone, "With this thing, are you reaching the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm soon?"

He felt like all the efforts he had spent to fuse his 15 acupoints had been for nothing. He would have been better off using that time to sleep and wait for this cultivation method to appear before starting his fusion.

Su Yu smiled, "It won't be so fast. From what I can see on Zhou Hao's body, the repelling force is gone, but the fusion process can't be skipped. A single fusion will take between three to five hours..."

After a short calculation, Su Yu said, "If I cultivate 6 hours per day, or 8 hours, I will be able to fuse 2 or 3 acupoints per day. Since I need 15 fusions to reach the first stage, I'll need at least 5 days." Explore *uptodate* stories at [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

Su Yu sighed, "Thus, I'll probably take a month or two to reach the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm. And this is in a situation where I can afford to use a lot of cultivation resources. A different person will probably take months or even half a year. And they also need to open new acupoints for this fusion method. Even someone who has opened a lot of acupoints like Zhou Hao still

needs to open 10 new acupoints for it. Others might need to form 20 or 30 new acupoints. And that requires a lot of time as well..."

Su Yu calculated and said, "For a regular cultivator, they will probably take a year. In practice, this cultivation method will only save a year or two for cultivators in the Great Strength Realm. It really isn't a big deal."

"..."

Fuck you!

Was he even listening to himself?

Saving a few years of time in cultivation was nothing? Not to mention that opening more acupoints would increase one's strength. At the very least, it would allow one to fight longer. Why was this bastard neglecting that? Any genius would be willing to open 10 or 20 new acupoints to save some time.

Normally, the geniuses of the war academies will remain at the Infinite Strength Realm for two or three years. Even so, there was no guarantee that they would be able to fuse the maximum number of acupoints. But this fellow here would be able to do so in a year and reach the ninth stage. Was that nothing?

After fusing the maximum number of acupoints at the Infinite Strength Realm, things would be much easier at the Mountainsea Realm. In fact, one would also have an easier time at the Skysoar and Cloudbreach Realms. Was that nothing?

This was a life-altering cultivation method!

It would enable someone who would be stuck at the Cloudbreach Realm to enter the Mountainsea Realm. Was this bastard trying to say that Mountainseas were nothing?

Meanwhile, Su Yu ignored their gazes and started thinking. If he could fuse three acupoints per day, he would take around a month or two to reach the ninth stage. This was much shorter than his previous estimation of a year and a half.

But...that really didn't feel too special.

Also, he was aiming to open even more acupoints. And he would probably need to fuse the acupoints of multiple cultivation methods. That would take some time. Perhaps he would ultimately need to take half a year before he could start entering the Skysoar Realm.

Su Yu stopped thinking and said, "Looks like the test is a success. As for the effect of this cultivation method, we will have to wait and see. Zhou Hao will need to finish his fusion first. This is just the beginning."

Zhou Hao nodded. Inwardly, he was starting to feel excited. He could finally reach the Infinite Strength Realm! Entering the Infinite Strength Realm with the Thousand Mountain Art was much better than what he had been prepared to do before.

As for Xia Huyou, he was having a headache. These people were too troublesome.

He couldn't help but repeat himself, "Wu Lan, Senior Sister Wu Jia, remember to not tell anyone about this. This could really cause someone to die. Su Yu is too talented. If news of this spread, he might directly catch the attention of some super experts. He is doing fine now. But if this is leaked, Mountainseas, Sunmoons, or even Invincibles might start paying attention to him. And they will have a lot more confidence in the source soul acupoint he proposed."

For now, a lot of people were still skeptical. But if what Su Yu did today was exposed, they would have no choice but to believe that he might really be able to pull it off. That was certain. He was a genius.

And he was not just a cultivation genius. A cultivation genius would generally only benefit themselves. And there was no guarantee that a genius could become an Invincible. But a research genius like Su Yu could benefit the entire humanity. He might become the source of several or several dozen Invincibles.

At that time, Su Yu would find himself in a lot of trouble.

Su Yu smiled, "It is necessary to showcase your talent when required or you will really turn into an untalented individual. Imagine the multiple character faction recruiting an untalented student and Xia Huyou befriending an untalented person. That would look even more abnormal. Thus, we need to find some time to auction off the first version of the Double Wu Acupoint Fusion Technique. This will also gather some money for our research center."

Before he could finish his words, Zheng Yunhui shouted, "The Zheng Family will buy it! We are willing to pay!"

"..."

Xia Huyou glared at Zheng Yunhui.

Hu Qiusheng grinned and said, "The Hu Family is richer than the Zheng Family."

Getting the rights for this cultivation method was the same as getting the ownership of an inexhaustible mine. This was something that would benefit generations of a family.

Su Yu seemed uninterested in slowly reaping the benefits of this cultivation method over time. He needed some fast money. That was why he had decided to sell it in an auction. Otherwise, he could have taken it slow. This inferior version alone was enough for him to retire comfortably. So long as the Human Realm remained, his Su Family would eventually grow into one of the hegemony of the Human Realm relying on this one cultivation method.

Su Yu didn't even need to worry about growing strong himself anymore. Yes. With this cultivation method alone, Su Yu could retire, start a family, and enjoy a peaceful life in Great Xia.

Xia Huyou said, "Our Xia Family will naturally be the best choice to handle the dissemination of this cultivation method. Su Yu, how can these people compare against our Xia Family? I'll get my second granduncle to talk with you..."

At this point, Wu Lan finally reacted, "Your second granduncle is Marquis Xia?"

Xia Huyou was speechless. He had already said so earlier. Did she only realize this now?

"You're Prefect Xia's son?"

Wu Lan felt like her worldview had been shattered. She was in complete disbelief. As she stared at Xia Huyou, despair appeared on her face. Xia Huyou was feeling rather helpless. What was the meaning of that look on her face?

Wu Lan muttered, "You...look nothing like the prefect. Previously, my grandpa told me that the Xia Family wishes to have a marriage alliance with our family. I thought that Prefect Xia's son would resemble him..."

She was glad she had not agreed to that marriage proposal! Appearances were very important for her. And Xia Huyou's appearance...was completely not to her liking. No, it wasn't that he was ugly. But when one compared him to the domineering Prefect Xia, one couldn't help but feel greatly disappointed.

Xia Huyou was collapsing mentally.

Holy shit!

Was he really that ugly?

He personally believed that he would resemble his father a lot if he lost a tiny bit of weight.

This was the very first time someone had looked at him like this. He had the urge to beat her to death. But ultimately, he decided to let it slide. He certainly didn't want to drive the Wu Family crazy.

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Su Yu smiled, "There is no rush. Everyone will have a fair chance to purchase it during the auction. Also, I have three versions, right? I won't sell the third version. The first and second versions will be sold separately. People like Administrator Hu, Principal Zheng, and Marquis Xia can talk it out among themselves."

Su Yu wanted to say that he was a good businessman as well. Just look at how he was able to sell a single cultivation method three times. Wait, to be precise, it was two times. He wasn't selling the third version.

But that was enough.

Su Yu said, "The Xia Family is allowed to keep a copy of the third version, but they won't be given the right to disseminate it. For this copy, my debt needs to be wiped. I won't budge from this so don't bother trying to change my mind."

Xia Huyou was somewhat speechless. He asked, "Are you not afraid that the Xia Family will decide to ignore the rules and swallow you whole?"

"Are you going to be the one to do so? Would the Xia Family really do something like that?" Su Yu rolled his eyes, "If the Xia Family is really so untrustworthy, Great Xia would have fallen long ago. As the rulers of the prefecture, if they don't even understand something like sustainable development, it is only a matter of time before the prefecture falls apart. We won't be enjoying our current prosperity and peace.

"But sure. You are free to take this cultivation method from me. But you can forget about getting anything else from me in the future." Top *novel* updates on [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

Xia Huyou awkwardly said, "I was just joking. Our Xia Family is completely trustworthy. None of us will do something like that. Do you think that my great grandpa and father will ignore this?"

The Xia Family was the pillar of Great Xia. As leaders, they needed to lead by example. If they weren't able to conduct themselves properly, those below them would do the same. Eventually, the entire prefecture would sink into chaos.

Su Yu looked at Zhou Hao and said, "Stay here for the next few days. We can't have you leaving this place and accidentally exposing anything. After all, not even the second version is as efficient as the version you're cultivating. Also, don't be in a rush to fuse acupoints. Try to open more acupoints while waiting for your acupoints to fuse. You're going to be sitting around waiting anyway.

"If you have enough patience, you can consider opening 360 acupoints and see what happens. I have been thinking about one thing. Would opening 360 acupoints result in the formation of a large cycle?"

"..."

Once again, silence descended. Should they be calling him daddy? He was totally showing off.

Others would show off their wealth. This fellow was showing off his talent. Casually opening 360 acupoints and seeing what would happen? Was he listening to himself?

Zhao Ming couldn't resist saying, "Humanity has yet to discover 360 acupoints."

Su Yu smiled, "That's not a problem. And I'm in no rush. I can slowly take my time until the Mountainsea Realm. I'll only be required to fuse all acupoints into one at the Mountainsea Realm so I have plenty of time."

He looked at the others and said, "Some of you are already at the Infinite Strength Realm. Some are near. This cultivation method will be very helpful for you, especially Xia Huyou. You have fused a lot of acupoints, but your speed is too slow. With this cultivation method, you should try to reach the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm and enter the Skysoar Realm as soon as possible. Your competitor Xia Yuwen is already a Cloudbreach. Why are you still so weak? How embarrassing."

Zheng Yunhui said, "I am going to switch my cultivation method. With this fusion method around, I wish to fuse even more acupoints."

He could no longer be satisfied with only 108 acupoints. He wanted to cultivate a heaven-grade cultivation method. In the past, he had avoided cultivating one because it was troublesome. He needed to open a lot of acupoints and spare a lot of effort to fuse the acupoints. That would slow him down too much.

A lot of geniuses preferred cultivation methods with 108 acupoints. Even if they could find some heaven-grade methods, they would not be willing to cultivate one. Why? Because that would slow them down too much.

"Why are you telling me this? Don't tell me there are no heaven-grade cultivation methods in the Zheng Family."

Principal Zheng was probably someone on the verge of becoming a Sunmoon. And unlike cultural researchers, warriors did not need to worry about their characters stopping them from entering the Sunmoon Realm. Perhaps Principal Zheng was already a Sunmoon. This fellow should look for his grandfather. Why was this fellow saying this here?

Zheng Yunhui said, "I'll give it a try. There is one heaven-grade cultivation method that is very easy to obtain: the Thousand Mountain Art. I'll...see what happens with Zhou Hao. If it works..."

At this moment, Xia Huyou blanked out slightly before saying, "True. A lot of people have actually cultivated the Thousand Mountain Art. And many of them are still stuck at the Great Strength Realm. Some are already at the end of their lifespan.

"What if the Xia Family gathers these people and forms a small unit? Anyone capable of cultivating the Thousand Mountain Art can be considered a genius when they were young. A lot of them have wasted their youth on the Thousand Mountain Art before eventually switching to a different cultivation method. If this fusion method works, a lot of people would gain a large increase in strength."

For example, some Mountainseas were people who had cultivated the Thousand Mountain Art in the beginning. They had only been forced to switch their cultivation method to something with only 72 acupoints for the sake of breaking through. Even at the Mountainsea Realm, they would be forced to only fuse these 72 acupoints to 1.

But if they could start fusing the acupoints of the Thousand Mountain Art, they would be able to fuse 144 acupoints. With this, they would gain a massive boost in strength. The difference between fusing 72 acupoints and fusing 144 acupoints was very big.

Su Yu did not seem to care. He said, "I won't be disseminating the third version. I can only agree if the Xia Family can guarantee that there will be no repercussions. Also, I'll need a payment of 10,000 merit points per person."

Fuck!

Was this a robbery?

Su Yu couldn't even be bothered to say anything else. Even with the inferior versions, he would still be known as a research genius after this. He would start gaining the attention of some people. But it wasn't enough to attract much attention from Sunmoons and Invincibles. But the third version would probably change that.

"By the way...can I apply for a promotion into a researcher now?" Su Yu said, "At the end of each year, people can apply to be assessed for promotion. Previously, my teacher created the Soul Devouring Art with my assistance. Now, I have produced the Double Wu Acupoint Fusion Art. Is this enough for me to apply for a promotion?"

Everyone was stunned.

Su Yu muttered, "As a researcher, one will be eligible for yearly subsidies. They can also apply for funding. Oh, and they also enjoy some other benefits, such as limited yearly free entries into the academy grottos. Also, a researcher can only be punished through a meeting of elders. This is a much better position than a student."

Yes. He would be the one to achieve his teacher's unattained goal! Even prior to his exile, Bai Feng was still an assistant. He stood a chance to be promoted at the end of this year, but due to his exile, that was no longer happening.

To be promoted to a researcher, one needed to either be a Cloudbreach or someone who had contributed academically to the academy. Su Yu believed that he could probably get a promotion.

Yet again, silence descended. Zhao Ming had a grudging look on his face. He was really tired. He had only received his promotion not long ago after years of hard work. But...was Su Yu going to be his equal soon?

As for the promotion to an intermediate researcher, that was generally available only to high-stage Cloudbreach cultivators. Just being a regular researcher was already a great accomplishment. One ought to remember that there were still a lot of assistants in the academy. All these people were Skysoars. There were very few full researchers in the academy.

Xia Huyou changed the topic, "I'll be taking a trip back. Su Yu, don't leave this place. Someone will come looking for you soon. If you ask me, I think you should stop participating in all those conflicts. Just focus on research. Why don't you come into the Xia Family's employment? You can become an official researcher of the Xia Research Center. You will receive the direct backing of the Xia Family."

Su Yu smiled, "Sure. Send me some bodyguards and have them kill anyone attempting to kill me."

"..."

Xia Huyou was tired. He knew what Su Yu was planning.

"You're not about to visit Zhou Mingren and scold him right in front of his face after getting your new bodyguards, right? Are you intending to even swing

your saber at him and force him to make a move before having the Xia Family kill him?"

"..."

Su Yu moodily said, "You sure are ambitious. I was only thinking of removing Zhou Pingsheng. You're actually trying to remove Zhou Mingren? You're too ruthless."

Xia Huyou was really tired.

Screw him!

If this fellow was given some Xia Family guards, he might even go to Great Zhou and swing his saber at Zhou Polong.

Forget it.

He knew this was not where Su Yu's ambitions lay. This fellow was indeed a researcher, but his main focus was still his own strength. Research was merely something he would do on the side.

Xia Huyou solemnly said, "Everyone, I need to repeat this. Do not spread this. The Xia Family will be paying close attention. For yourself, your families, and your future, do not do anything stupid."

Su Yu laughed, "Alright, alright. If you repeat yourself more, it will start sounding like a threat."

Xia Huyou wanted to say that he was indeed threatening them. Was that not obvious enough?

Su Yu said, "This is an auxiliary cultivation method, so it honestly isn't anything special. If anyone here ends up leaking it, the Xia Family will deal with them. I honestly can't be bothered. But I hope that nobody here will be so shortsighted. Even if you wish to backstab me, it's not too late to wait until the discovery of the source soul acupoint."

The others were speechless. Why was he talking like they were definitely going to betray him?

Su Yu said, "We will be putting the matter concerning the acupoint fusion method aside for now. I have a new task for all of you. Gather more cultivation

methods for me. I am starting to suspect that the source soul acupoint might be related to the opening of 360 acupoints. Xia Huyou, your family has plenty of cultivation methods. I don't even want those cultivation methods. I only need to know the locations of all acupoints. I need your help in this."

Xia Huyou nodded, "I'll get a puppet and mark all the acupoints we know on it for your reference."

"Good!"

Xia Huyou said nothing else. He needed to take a trip back. This was a major matter.

In fact, there was a moment when he even considered getting experts to erase the memories of these people.

But he gave up on that thought since Su Yu did not seem to care. The Xia Family cared a lot, but Su Yu was the actual creator. As for dealing with Su Yu directly, well, that was the act of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. The Xia Family wouldn't have survived this long if they were so shortsighted.

"What a freak. This fellow might really have a ruin for himself."

Su Yu had definitely obtained a lot of things from an unknown source. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to produce something like those cultural arts.

No matter how talented one was, as someone below the Skysoar Realm, one would have zero experience with cultural arts. It was not possible that Su Yu would be able to create his own cultural arts out of nowhere.

"Drawing close to me...roping me in...he's trying to make the Xia Family choose a side."

He knew why Su Yu had involved him in so many things. He also understood why Su Yu did all this. But he wasn't the decision-maker of the Xia Family. In his opinion, Su Yu was actually more important than the single character faction.

But his father and second granduncle had their own plans.

"The path to the Infinite Strength, Skysoar, and Mountainsea Realms are now completely open for that fellow. Just how far can he go in the future?"

With complicated expressions, Xia Huyou rushed away.

Looking at the departing Xia Huyou, Su Yu smiled. Xia Family...In Great Xia, they were still the ultimate decision-makers. In fact, they had a lot of say even in the entirety of the Human Realm. Hopefully, he was able to show the Xia Family that there was more to the multiple character faction than the fifth principal's character.

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Prefect's manor.

While eating, Marquis Xia looked up at Xia Huyou. An odd look appeared on his plump face as he said, "The entire repelling force was removed?"

"Yeah." Xia Huyou nodded and clicked his tongue, "Zhou Hao, the guy cultivating the Thousand Mountain Art and a student of Cousin Yuwen, was able to instantly remove the repelling force and bring two acupoints together. That's the Thousand Mountain Art, the cultivation method with the strongest repelling force."

Marquis Xia had a pensive look. He nodded and said, "In that case, this is definitely a good cultivation method. Even at the Mountainsea Realm, it would still be useful despite the weaker effect. This is the most suitable cultivation method to alter the situation of lower level cultivators. Geniuses would also be able to save a lot of time with it."

Xia Huyou smiled, "Second Granduncle, I have good eyes, right?"

"..."

Marquis Xia glanced at Xia Huyou and said, "If you really have good eyes and are capable enough, he would have willingly become your little brother by now. But instead, you are the one acting like his grandson right now."

Xia Huyou was left completely speechless.

That...wasn't actually wrong.

Marquis Xia snorted and said, "Seems like that kid has been hiding a lot of good stuff. The Xia Family can't turn into robbers, but we also love getting things for free."

"Huh?" Xia Huyou hurriedly said, "Second Granduncle, don't be reckless. The moment we start breaking the rules..."

"Piss off." Marquis Xia berated, "Idiot. Who's breaking the rules? Do you think my old man won't take care of me if I do that?"

"You fool! If it wasn't for your lack of ability, do I need to be the one to do this? Can't you learn from your dad? Don't only learn from me. You're turning into a greasy businessman. Because of this, none of the geniuses look highly upon you. This is not a good thing."

He was actually quite happy with this grandnephew of his. But this grandnephew was too greasy. That wasn't necessarily a good thing. As the son of Xia Longwu and the future prefect of Great Xia, he couldn't be too overly greasy.

"Look at your dad. He was stubborn back then, but he had still managed to rope in a large number of experts to his side. How about you? Who has you roped in?"

"SuYu."

"Piss off." Marquis Xia scolded, "Is that even the result of your recruitment? That kid was the one who had taken the initiative to approach you and make you his backer. That kid is even better than you at roping people in. Just look at those people in his research center. They have all been converted into his loyal supporters. He had earned their loyalty with his trust in them. Are you capable of this? You are on the verge of becoming his little brother!"

"He has accomplished this much even as a member of the multiple character faction, the declining faction that is being suppressed. As for you, you're a member of the Xia Family!"

After scolding Xia Huyou, Marquis Xia was able to vent some of his anger. But he was still unhappy. Using 300,000 merit points as the payment? Was the kid so generous because that wasn't his money?

300,000 merit points!

This fool had only obtained partial rights to the cultivation method with that much money! This was too infuriating!

Xia Huyou showed no anger. He smiled and said, "Second Granduncle, that's nothing. All geniuses are proud. If I reveal my identity straight away, they would probably think that I'm trying to bully them with my status. Things are great right now. We can become normal friends. In the future when they eventually found out about my identity, they would feel touched after recalling how friendly I have been."

"So was Su Yu not aware of your identity before this?"

"Yeah."

"So was he touched after finding out about your identity?"

"Uhm...I don't think so..."

"Then what the fuck is the point?"

Marquis Xia was speechless. What was the point of saying all that if it wasn't working?

He took another mouthful of food, wiped his oily mouth, and stood up before saying, "A good ruler should not be stingy with respect toward the wise. Since he has displayed his talent and potential, it is time for me to pay him a visit. I'll visit him as the acting prefect. As for your dad, forget about him. He's too dumb. He might end up selling the entire Xia Family on the negotiation table."

Xia Huyou: "..."

He couldn't say anything. That was his father. If he joined in, his father would probably give him a beating after learning about it.

While walking, Marquis Xia said, "What are you waiting for? Let's go. I met that fellow once. We had a short conversation, but that was enough for me to see that he was a scoundrel through and through. Do not be careless around him. I checked his background before. He was never a good person since he was young. His neighbors, teachers, and classmates all thought that he was a good kid. Meanwhile, his neighbor's kid, Chen Hao, was a troubled child who would always get into fights. Through my investigation, nothing seemed wrong about that."

Marquis Xia said, "But with one look, I can see that those two were partners. One was the mastermind while the other was the thug. That Chen Hao was frequently made the scapegoat for that kid to maintain his persona of an obedient child."

Following behind Marquis Xia, Xia Huyou asked curiously, "Second Granduncle, why would that Chen Hao agree to be the scapegoat for everything? With Su Yu's ordinary family background, he won't be able to give Chen Hao much. At the very least, that's the case during their childhood."

Marquis Xia smiled, "That's his ability. Chen Hao had not suffered any losses being the thug of Su Yu. He had only gained the reputation of being a simpleton. But due to that reputation, nobody dared to bully him. Everyone knew him as an honest and silly kid with a bad temper. Since he wouldn't suffer any losses and would even get someone to do all the plotting and scheming for him, why not?"

Xia Huyou nodded with a pensive look. The two got into a carriage pulled by a cloudrush horse with an unassuming old man as the coachman. Marquis Xia gave the coachman their destination.

He then looked at Xia Huyou again and said, "Su Yu was also very crafty. Right after Chen Hao beat up the people who had offended him, he would be the one to apologize on behalf of Chen Hao, saying things like Chen Hao was too simple and honest. He would tell them to not waste their time bickering with a simpleton like that. He would even drag Chen Hao out and give Chen Hao a few casual slaps to alleviate the other party's anger.

"Just look at how he does things. He was the mastermind. Chen Hao was the one to do the dirty deed. After his enemy suffered, he stepped forth to be the peacemaker. With an apology, the other party would feel too embarrassed to pursue the matter. They might even thank Su Yu for keeping the simpleton in line. Basically, Su Yu was able to get someone beaten and still have that person thank him."

Xia Huyou inhaled in shock, "He's already so crafty as a boy? How about his father? Is he such a crafty person as well?"

"I'm not too sure about that."

Marquis Xia had investigated Su Yu's father before, but he wasn't able to get much out of it. He said, "This is something you need to learn. You need your

enemy to thank you even after suffering a loss from you. And you only need to give something as insignificant as an apology. Those people would stop slandering you. Instead, they would start praising you for being a kind person."

Xia Huyou nodded and asked, "Second Granduncle, how should we proceed with this negotiation?"

"Negotiation about what?"

"The acupoint fusion method."

"Piss off." Marquis Xia said, "This is only a one-off deal. What is there to negotiate? Just wait and see. Your second granduncle is not going to talk about that."

"..."

Xia Huyou didn't know what to say. He could only sigh inwardly and lament the fact that there was still a lot for him to learn. He had thought that he had learned the craftiness of his second granduncle, but he was clearly wrong.

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Outside the Source Soul Research Center.

A chariot stopped there.

Inside the chariot, Marquis Xia curled his lips and lifted the curtain. With a soft voice, he mumbled, "I'm only here to take a look. Stop looking at me. Monitoring the acting prefect can be viewed as an act of rebellion."

No response came.

"Pfft!"

Marquis Xia walked off the chariot and wobbled toward the research center. Inside the Source Soul Research Center. Su Yu's eyes flickered as he stood up and headed toward the entrance.

Standing outside the building, Marquis Xia gazed at the signboard and sighed, "Lan Tian...Su Yu..."

Back then, the Lan Tian Research Center was a name that one couldn't neglect. And the current Source Soul Research Center might turn into an even more unforgettable name.

After standing there for a bit, Su Yu arrived. The moment Su Yu saw the marquis, he bowed and said, "Greetings, Marquis."

"There is no need to be too polite." Marquis Xia stepped forth and helped Su Yu up before saying, "Didn't you say that Huyou's family is your family? My good grandson, you don't need to bow to me anymore. Just call me grandpa the next time we meet."

Su Yu's face turned stiff.

Marquis Xia smiled and said, "Come on, let's take a look at my good grandson's research center. I had been sad at the fact that I didn't have a grandson. Huyou is ultimately not my grandson, you know. But now, I have gained my very own grandson."

"..."

Su Yu was completely speechless.

After calming himself, Su Yu smiled and said, "Sure, Grandpa. Do you want me to show you around the academy? The last time you visited must be so long ago."

He then wrapped his arms around Marquis Xia's arm with a smile on his face. If the marquis wanted to be his grandpa, sure.

Marquis Xia said, "Forget that. By the way, why is there a security camera in front of the research center?"

"Don't worry about it, Grandpa. It's here to notify us if there are intruders."

Marquis Xia said, "I see. You couldn't be recording something with the camera, right? For example, what's happening right now? I won't wake up tomorrow to find that this scene has been spread all over Great Xia, right?"

Su Yu's face twitched slightly as he said, "Absolutely not. You think too much, Grandpa. I know that your identity is sensitive. I won't be carelessly spreading this scene around." Visit [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com) for *new novels*

He only intended to show this scene to Xia Chan, Marquis Xia's granddaughter. Yes. That was the only person he wanted to show the recording of this scene to. After showing proof of his relationship with his new grandpa, could he start calling her sister? She would probably feel too embarrassed to outright deny him, right? In that case, he could probably do that right in front of Zhou Mingren, right?

Marquis Xia was beaming widely while Su Yu had a gentle, reserved, admiring, and friendly look on his face. He looked like the perfect example of a scholarly and refined cultural researcher.

Chapter 524: I Know Your Secret (2)

"The young are getting better and better."

Marquis Xia lamented to himself. It didn't seem like he had gained much advantage from their first exchange. This fellow was too shameless. He didn't even mind being called a grandson. What could he do? As a genius, shouldn't this kid be at least a little aloof? Shouldn't he be somewhat prideful? Su Yu had none of that!

This was a tricky opponent.

While thinking about all that, Marquis Xia looked at the people in the room. The girl from Wu Family was looking at him and Su Yu with an odd expression. Clearly, the recording wouldn't even be necessary anymore. This girl could very well be the one to spread the news that he was very close to Su Yu.

Hu Qiusheng and the others looked somewhat reserved. When they saw the marquis, they all greeted him politely, "Greetings, Marquis."

"No need for formalities." With a genial smile, Marquis Xia said, "We're basically family. I consider everyone from Great Xia as family. Youngsters, all of you are excellent. I am happy to see so many talented youths here."

Then, he looked at Wu Lan and said, "Is this the girl from the Wu Family? Send my greetings to your great grandma. It has been so many years since I last saw her. Tell her to take a break sometimes. She's already a Sunmoon. She can take a rest." Wu Lan hurriedly nodded.

Marquis Xia said, "You're a good child as well. I heard you're the leader of the Breakthrough Team. Well done. The women of the Wu Family were indeed exceptional. I am very optimistic about your future, child."

"Thank you, Grandpa Xia."

Wu Lan was so happy that she couldn't even hide the smile on her face. She had been praised by Marquis Xia! Sure, her great grandma once told him that this Marquis Xia was not a good person, but it didn't matter. This Marquis Xia was still a big shot. And he was definitely a good man or he wouldn't have praised her.

Marquis Xia was suddenly feeling very tired. He was a Sunmoon! Why was that girl thinking all that in his presence? Her family was the one filled with bad person! That great grandma of hers, in particular, was definitely not a good person!

Next, Marquis Xia's gaze landed on Wu Jia. With a smile, he said, "You must be Wu Jia. I saw you once when you were young. You're an excellent student as well."

Marquis Xia sighed and said, "You have a family of martyrs. Your parents have perished while fighting the Myriad Race Cult. You are the descendent of heroes. I heard that you have contributed greatly to this research as well. I believe your parents deserve a spot in Great Xia's Shrine of Heroes."

The moment those words were said, tears streamed down Wu Jia's cheeks. She started sobbing.

Su Yu frowned slightly before softly saying, "Don't cry, Senior Sister. This is something good! With your parents in the Shrine of Heroes, you will be considered a daughter of the Xia Family from now on. During the founding of Great Xia, they made a promise. All descendents of those in the Shrine of Heroes will be cared for as the children of Xia Family. Come here, greet your grandpa."

"Grandpa..."

Wu Jia called out while choking with emotions.

Shrine of Heroes.

Only those who had contributed greatly to Great Xia would be honored there. Prior to this, Wu Jia's parents did not have the qualifications to be honored there.

Sure, they had perished while fighting the cult, but they hadn't perished while carrying out their official duty. Of course, if one wanted to be argumentative, one could say that Chen Yong was a researcher. As soldiers of the Great Xia Army, protecting Chen Yong could be considered a part of their duty. Thus, one could argue that they had indeed perished in the line of duty.

But the Shrine of Heroes had strict requirements for admission. It honestly wasn't surprising that they couldn't get a spot there.

Su Yu was about to curse at Marquis Xia's shamelessness when he hurriedly erased that thought. He couldn't do so. This was a Sunmoon.

But this Marquis Xia sure was crafty. His attack was too effective.

At this point, both Wu Jia and Wu Lan had probably fallen completely. Fortunately, Su Yu had not expected much from these two. Marquis Xia could probably fool them into doing the stupidest thing possible if he wanted.

Marquis Xia had a genial smile on his face. When he saw Su Yu placating the girl, he said, "Stop crying, child. I am only carrying out the duty of the Xia Family. I hope you can forgive me for being this late. After all, we have our own difficulties."

The issue here was the fact that Wu Jia's parents had perished protecting Chen Yong, but Chen Yong wasn't traveling on official duty during the incident. That left the status of their sacrifice vague as one couldn't absolutely say that they had perished in the line of duty.

After all, the status as a descendant of people honored in the Shrine of Heroes was a form of protection. With this protection, Zhou Pingsheng would no longer dare to do what he did against her. Great Xia King himself had promised that the Xia Family would care after the descendants of those in the Shrine of Heroes.

Laying hands on such a person could result in death. Generation after generation of heroes had fought for the glory of Great Xia. And the only reason they had fought so hard was to create a safe home for their loved ones. And these perished soldiers were accorded the greatest of care and

compensation by Great Xia. In fact, this was one of the largest reasons why the treasury was now empty.

Su Yu didn't know what to say. He could only sigh inwardly. This was probably a good thing. With her parents in the Shrine of Heroes, the schemes against Wu Jia would probably reduce in number. More importantly, her safety was now guaranteed. Killing the previous Wu Jia and killing the child of someone in the Shrine of Heroes were very different from each other.

If this escalated, Great Xia would be forced to punish the perpetrators to placate the military and the common people. And a lot of heads would fall because of that. Marquis Xia glanced at Su Yu and flashed him a smile. He seemed to be talking through his eyes.

"Is this enough face for you? Your senior sister's parents were originally unqualified to enter the Shrine of Heroes."

Su Yu said nothing. He merely cupped his hands at Marquis Xia to show his gratitude.

"Grandson, let's have a private chat."

"..."

Su Yu smiled helplessly and nodded, "This way, Marquis."

He stopped calling the marquis grandpa. That felt too uncomfortable. If it wasn't for the fact that he had to control his thoughts, he would be cursing in his mind already.

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First floor. Tea room.

Both Xia Huyou and Marquis Xia were there. Su Yu was pouring them tea with a humble and genial face.

After pouring them tea, he sat down.

Marquis Xia smiled, "We're family. In that case, we should not be talking about money as that will only strain our relationship. I can erase your grandteacher's debt of 300,000 merit points. But all three versions will go to the Xia Family. What do you think?"

Su Yu flashed an honest smile and said, "Marquis...about that...maybe you should just take Wentan Research Center."

There was no way he would agree to that. That wasn't his debt in the first place.

Marquis Xia laughed and said, "Fine, let's stop talking about money. I can send some people to ensure the safety of your father and two teachers. Additionally, I'll wipe the debt. Is this enough?"

"..."

Was that enough?

Su Yu sighed as he said, "Yes. That is enough."

Marquis Xia said, "Don't think that I'm threatening you. Protecting your father is what we should do anyway. A soldier of Great Xia should naturally receive the protection of the Xia Family. But protecting criminals is not part of our duty. The Vanguard Regiment is also known as the Suicide Regiment and the Crime Regiment. You understand what I mean, right?"

"Yeah." Marquis Xia said, "Like I said, we are family so we should be honest with each other. It's not that the Xia Family is greedy. We are merely hiding it for you. Do you think that we're not aware of what you have obtained in Nanyuan?"

"We know about that, but we have our bottom line. We will not take what is not ours. Otherwise, would you be able to stop us from taking it from you?"

Su Yu was alarmed. But he didn't dare to let his mind run wild.

At that, Marquis Xia's eyes flickered. He smiled. Scared now? This kid was definitely terrified of having his hidden ruin taken.

"That thing is why you were able to come out with all these cultivation methods, right?" Marquis Xia smiled and said, "The Xia Family advocates for fair trade. We do not enjoy employing dishonest practices. Why? Because we are the family of an Invincible. We are the pillars of humanity. We are responsible for the protection of humanity. This was why we had founded Great Xia back then."

Su Yu nodded.

Marquis Xia said, "Also, the Xia Family will be able to make better use of some things. How many people can you impart this cultivation method to? And what can you even get from imparting this method to them? You might gain some trouble instead. Or you might only receive something as pointless as a thank you."

Su Yu nodded and sighed, "You're right. I know how troublesome this cultivation method will be. Thus, I've decided to stop creating cultivation methods. That will only bring me trouble. I might as well stop."

"..."

Marquis Xia laughed. The kid was counterattacking.

Fine.

"There is no need for something so drastic. The Xia Family will still provide you with what you deserve." Marquis Xia said, "How about this? I'll give you a promise on behalf of the Xia Family. But the premise of this is for the Xia Family to have priority over your future creations."

"You mean..."

Marquis Xia took a sip of the tea in an unhurried manner before saying, "Simply put, Great Xia King, also my old man, is quite strong. You should know who he is. Your faction is in so much trouble because some people are targeting you guys. If that person makes another move and we manage to find proof of who that person is, I can promise that my old man will personally make a move. Even if that person does nothing but your faction manages to find proof, my old man will still act on it. What do you think?"

Su Yu frowned, "But if we really have proof—"

Marquis Xia cut in, "Even if you have proof, do you think that the other Invincibles would be willing to help? Would they be willing to kill that Invincible for you? Are you dreaming? The fifth principal is dead. The value of the dead fifth principal is much lower than the value of an Invincible who is still alive. As long as that person has not betrayed humanity as a whole, plenty of people would be willing to forgive them."

Marquis Xia's voice turned cold, "This is the fact. I'll be blunt. Take you as an example. One day, you kill someone weaker than you in the wilderness. When the truth is unveiled in the future, would we get you to pay for the crime with your life?"

With an unfeeling tone, Marquis Xia said, "We won't. Even with solid proof of your crime, even if the victim was a little genius. you would most likely end up being sent to the Vanguard Regiment. Do you think this is fair?"

"No." Su Yu had an overcast tone.

"Exactly. That's not fair. We need to kill you to make it fair. But from the point of view of those Invincibles and the masses, taking your life for the sake of a less talented individual who is already dead is not worth it. They are better off giving you a second chance." Visit [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com) for **new novels**

Chapter 525: I Know Your Secret (3)

Marquis Xia sighed and said, "And this is reality. A cruel reality. Do you still think that you only need proof for everyone to kill that Invincible and avenge the fifth principal? At most, that person would be told to fight an enemy Invincible to the death. The matter would be erased with the death of one of them. Without my old man's help, who can you rely on?"

Su Yu had nothing to say. Yes. That was reality. Marquis Xia was not giving an empty promise. Great Xia King was the only person who might be willing to punish the perpetrator for them.

"I understand." Su Yu sighed and nodded, "I can agree to this. The Xia Family will be given priority when I have new cultivation methods to sell in the future. But the Xia Family needs to give me fair prices for those cultivation methods."

"Sure." Marquis Xia said, "Don't think that you have been wronged. Don't think that this is a loss. To speak the truth, the Xia Family could always pretend to be blind like all the other Invincibles. Do you think that an Invincible is so easy to deal with? A single mistake might destroy the entire Xia Family. What would happen then? This might be our promise to you, but this is also our way of showing our regret to the fifth principal. This is also a way to showcase my old man's determination to eradicate all evil."

"Great Xia King is a great man."

Su Yu praised. But he had to admit that Marquis Xia was really...persuasive.

Sigh.

He had not managed to get any benefits from this talk. Threats and promises, carrot and stick. The marquis had utilized all that masterfully.

Marquis Xia smiled, "Su Yu, do you have any other requests?"

"Yes. The Xia Family can all three versions of the acupoint fusion method, but the best version can only be taught to those from the main branch. My permission is required if you wish to teach it to anyone else. And I need payment for each person you taught."

Marquis Xia raised his brow. He still need to pay?

"I will get some people to protect Liu Wenyan and Bai Feng..."

Su Yu said, "That was why I agreed to give you the first and second versions without charging you anything. The removal of the debt is only worth getting a copy of the three versions and no other associated rights.

"If you think this isn't worth it, just stop protecting. If even the Vanguard Regiment, a place receiving so much attention from the Invincibles, can be touched by people with ulterior motives, I can only say that there is no light in the Human Realm. In that case, I should stop struggling and go into retirement. I'll calmly wait for death."

Marquis Xia was completely speechless.

Su Yu continued, "Both the first and second versions must be named the Double Wu Acupoint Fusion Art. They are the products of our Source Soul Research Center. Be sure to put that label on every copy you make.

"Also, for the two versions, the Source Soul Research Center will be entitled to one merit point per person you teach. This isn't an excessive request, right? After all, we need money for research and development."

Marquis Xia said, "So 300,000 merit points, protection for your father and teachers, and more payments after that?"

Su Yu shook his head, "No. The one merit point is the copyright fee for letting you use the name of our Source Soul Research Center on your cultivation

manual. It's fair, right? After all, you're making a profit from a product with our name on it."

"..."

Fuck!

What manner of logic was this?

This kid was the one who had asked to have the Source Soul Research Center labeled on each copy. And now, he was charging for that? In that case, why should he agree to label the copies?

Su Yu solemnly said, "Because not long after this, the Source Soul Research Center would become a research center known throughout the Human Realm or even the Myriad Realms. Our name would embody quality and evoke confidence in others. There are a lot of other acupoint fusion methods in the market. Why should others buy ours? Because ours came from the Source Soul Research Center!"

"Those are some boastful words." Marquis Xia laughed, "You seem quite confident."

Su Yu nodded, "Yes, I'm confident. If the marquis thinks that I don't deserve to be confident, you are free to get the Xia Family to create their own acupoint fusion method."

"..."

Marquis Xia laughed and asked, "Are you not afraid of offending me? I might hold a grudge from this."

"The marquis is a generous person. He naturally wouldn't hold a grudge over something like this. Business is not something you do once or twice. It is something you do long-term. If you're unwilling to take a step back even once, how can you do it for long?"

Su Yu smiled, "After taking a loss this time, I might start asking myself if there is any need for me to take out my new creations. After all, I won't get anything out of them. Wouldn't it be better to cultivate them myself? Apart from a bellyful of anger, I would get nothing out of disseminating my creations. You're

taking this step back today for the sake of more opportunities to cooperate in the future."

Marquis Xia smiled, "Interesting. Are you interested in joining the Xia Family after reaching the Skysoar Realm?"

"Sure."

Xia Huyou hurriedly said, "Second Granduncle, he's trying to provoke the enemies of the multiple character faction. He might even go and provoke the Zhou Family. That will bring a lot of trouble to us!"

Marquis Xia laughed and gave Xia Huyou a kick before saying, "What are you scared of? So what if we provoke them? All smart people know that to get more, you need to give more as well. If he decides to provoke the Zhou Family, he naturally has to produce enough benefits to offset that level of trouble. Do you understand now?"

"Why should the Xia Family protect him from the Zhou Family?" Marquis Xia smiled, "If he has more value than the Zhou Family, we would definitely do so. For example, he is someone capable of creating a profit of millions and millions of merit points for us each year. In that situation, we can easily get your great grandpa to go and fight a few rounds against the Zhou Family. He can satiate his lust for battle while we get to profit from it. Isn't that great? What do you think, Su Yu?"

Su Yu had a helpless smile. The marquis was right.

Marquis Xia said, "The Xia Family won't kill anyone for him. If he is capable of killing an Invincible, he is free to do so. But if he provokes one without the ability to face that Invincible, we can simply protect his life. If we can get something in equal value for that protection, we won't make a loss."

He looked at Xia Huyou and sighed. What a stupid grandnephew. What was this silly grandnephew thinking?

Why would they be afraid of the Zhou Family? What was the big deal of offending them? Did the silly grandnephew not know that his dad and great grandpa were both free labor? If there was an opportunity to send those two out to fight while they kick back and earn money, why would they say no?

The two of them could simply treat the fights as an exchange of pointers. How great was that? The Xia Family was wary of the Zhou Family, but was the Zhou Family not wary of them as well? What a joke!

Su Yu laughed, "The marquis is wise. Compared to Brother Xia, the marquis is truly an example I should learn from."

Marquis Xia smiled, "Why didn't you ask for protection for yourself?"

"There is no need for that."

Su Yu grinned.

Marquis Xia smiled as well. Yeah, there was no need to ask for that. Because they would protect him even without being asked to do it. They couldn't allow him to die, right? That would be a great loss! The kid was still hiding a lot of things in that brain of his. If he was killed off just like that, it would be a massive loss.

At this point, Marquis Xia stopped talking about business. While sipping on his tea, he sighed, "At such a young age, you sure specialize in a lot of things. Do you even have enough time?"

Su Yu smiled, "It's fine. I'm not really specializing too much. I simply never enjoyed getting bullied since I was a boy. These days, some people love bullying others. Someone without a background would be bullied even worse. I don't know why some people enjoy doing something so unethical."

"This is a flaw of humanity." Marquis Xia said, "You're right. Nobody has it easy nowadays. This has been a productive talk. Do you have anything else to sell? A cultural art or something like that?"

"I'm not lacking in money for now."

Marquis Xia said, "Money is not the only thing you can get. You can also consider selling your stuff for natural treasures, grotto entries, willpower texts, or anything you lack. Feel free to tell us about it. The Xia Family is still quite wealthy."

Su Yu smiled, "I don't lack anything for now. I'll be sure to look for you when I need something."

"Sure." Marquis Xia stood up. He suddenly recalled something and smiled, "If we manage to find that Nanyuan ruin, we can split what we get at a ratio of 3:7. You'll get 3 while we'll get 7. What do you think?"

"..."

Su Yu's expression did not change in the slightest. His mind remained empty as he smiled, "I don't understand what you're talking about."

"Forget it. When you need to look for that ruin again, let me know. This ruin...is very interesting. I think I underestimated it before."

"..."

Marquis Xia left with Xia Huyou in tow. Meanwhile, Su Yu was still forcing his mind to stay empty. Although Sunmoons were supposed to only be able to sense the thoughts related to themselves, he still didn't want to think anything. A ruin!

"Yes. I can't expose the ruin!"

Su Yu started madly thinking about that one thing. He continued walking with Marquis Xia until the entrance while repeating that thought in his mind. Even when Marquis Xia's carriage was already far away, he was still maintaining that thought. Yes. He had discovered a ruin in Nanyuan. That was how he had accomplished all this. That was why he was so special.

A ruin!

After a long, long time, Su Yu finally stopped. Ruin your mother. Why was he not aware that he had found a ruin? Had he obtained the golden book from a ruin? He was unsure, but it felt unlikely. Or perhaps there was really a ruin there. He had obtained a book through the ruin by pure chance when he was young. Who knew the truth? All *latest novels* on [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

Evidently, Marquis Xia believed that he had received the inheritance of a ruin.

At this moment, Su Yu started growing curious about these ancient ruins. Were these ruins...so amazing? He could use one of these ruins as the scapegoat for the incredible cultivation method he created and the marquis wouldn't even doubt it? In that case, these ruins might really be quite impressive.

Chapter 526: Ruckus (1)

Su Yu stood there and gazed at the departing marquis.

A strong thought rose in his mind.

He still needed a bigger fist.

Marquis Xia's words had crushed some of his delusions.

The current human race was in an era of separate governance, with the various super experts ruling their own lands. Unity was only present at the front line for the sake of contending against the myriad races. But there was no supreme expert capable of suppressing everyone above these warlords.

Like the other Invincibles, Great Xia King was one of these warlords. The traitor Invincible was also one of these warlords. The fifth principal was already dead. Even if they could find out who that traitor was, the other warlords might only pay some lip service, show some anger, and suppress the traitor somewhat, but they might not be willing to kill the traitor.

The so-called War Shrine and Knowledge Seeking Realm were akin to a conference of warlords meant to present a united front against the enemies of humanity. But these two were not meant to meddle with the internal situation within the Human Realm. The various prefectures were ruled by their own respective governments.

"I was too optimistic."

Su Yu sighed. In truth, both his grandteacher and Teacher Liu had long realized all that. They wouldn't have opted to stay silent for so many years otherwise. It was unlikely that anything would be done by relying on others. In Great Xia, they could only try to gain the support of Great Xia King. Because the multiple character faction had a deep involvement with Great Xia King.

Back then, many people believed that the advancement of the fifth principle was something that would benefit only Great Xia and none of the other warlords. Sure, they would be happy to see him succeed, but most didn't care if he failed.

"A realm ruled by various warlords."

This was the current situation of the Human Realm. He stopped thinking about the so-called ancient ruins. Something like that was still too far away from him. If that was what the others believed, so be it. His top priority was his own cultivation.

With the acupoint fusion method, fusing acupoints would be much easier for him. It was time for him to enter the Infinite Strength Realm. As for his acupoints, he would open as many as he could, but he wouldn't delay his advancement just to open more.

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Time passed, but news of the Double Wu Acupoint Fusion Art had yet to be spread. It was likely that the Xia Family had some other considerations.

Su Yu did not mind. With the acupoint fusion method, he had successfully gained a certain level of status within Great Xia. And that was what he wanted.

This fusion method would help him with his own cultivation and increase the level of his importance in the eyes of some people. An untalented individual would not receive any attention. Only a genius capable of creating value was worth being viewed with importance.

Cultivation level alone was not enough to create value. Even if he was a Skysoar or a Cloudbreach, that still wouldn't be enough strength to catch Great Xia's eye.

But his acupoint fusion method and the additional foundation cultural arts that he might create in the future served as the perfect chips for him to bargain with. With these chips, he would receive the protection and assistance he required.

On the 18th of November, Su Yu officially entered seclusion.

He entered a grotto for his seclusion.

The Source Qi Secret Grotto was a better place for acupoint fusion and source qi absorption.

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While Su Yu was in seclusion, Great Xia started stirring.

Marquis Xia was finally getting to work.

And the name Double Wu Acupoint Fusion Art started spreading throughout Great Xia. Discover new chapters [on novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

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Academy.

Dao Preaching District.

A researcher was in the middle of a lecture. He was speaking about a certain topic. The more he spoke, the more excited he became. "When it comes to the advancement from the Great Strength Realm into the Infinite Strength Realm, everyone knows that the biggest hurdle is the fusion of acupoints.

"The more of a genius one is, the more powerful one's cultivation method is. But acupoint fusion would also be much harder. All of you know about the repelling force between acupoints. The experts and sages of humanity have been exploring and researching this topic for generations. How can we reduce this repelling force?"

The researcher increased the volume of his voice in excitement, "Let me give a simple example. A student cultivating the regular version of the War God Art needs to fuse eight acupoints into one to achieve perfect fusion. Those with the earth-grade version of the same art need to fuse twelve acupoints for perfect fusion. Under regular circumstances, how long would that take?"

The researcher pointed at one of the students and said, "If you advance after fusing eight acupoints, how long would you take to reach first-stage Infinite Strength Realm from ninth-stage Great Strength Realm?"

The student thought about it and answered, "At least three months."

"Exactly. At least three months." The researcher smiled, "And how long would you take to reach ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm? If your speed remains constant, you will take 27 months. But in reality, you would take longer. Generally, a high-tier student would take around three years to do so."

"That's a genius high-tier student. And you need three years as a genius cultivating a 72-acupoint art. Don't talk about those fusing only two or three acupoints. That's pointless. As cultural researchers, we would take more time as we also need to cultivate our willpower."

A lot of the students nodded. That was true. Their physical cultivation was slower as they needed to split their focus for their willpower cultivation. The perfect example would be the top 100 students. They needed more than three years for their advancement.

A lot of them were still stuck at the Great Strength Realm. It wasn't that they couldn't reach the Infinite Strength Realm, but they lacked the time. The cultivation of willpower and Divine Characters took a lot of their time.

The researcher said, "But now, someone has produced a cultivation method capable of assisting with acupoint fusion. This cultivation method will allow you to save a third of the time you would otherwise take. If you originally require three years, with this cultivation method, you only need two years."

The students started whispering among themselves. Shortly after, one of them asked, "Teacher, is this reliable? It's not like there are no acupoint fusion methods available in the market. But most of them aren't too efficient. And you need to open more acupoints to cultivate them. This would waste even more time."

"Yes, it's reliable." The researcher said, "Because this cultivation method is being disseminated by the Xia Family. And the creator of this cultivation method is not a stranger to any of you. This cultivation method comes from a research center of our very own academy, the Source Soul Research Center."

The researcher's voice was loud, "All of you are aware of how high Marquis Xia's standards are. After this cultivation method was produced, Marquis Xia had paid 300,000 merit points to buy all the rights for this cultivation method. 300,000 merit points! Would Marquis Xia pay that kind of money for something unreliable?"

300,000 merit points!

Boom!

All the students were stunned.

That was a crazy figure.

It was only an auxiliary cultivation method. If it wasn't really good, who would spend 300,000 merit points to buy it? That was especially true for someone as stingy as the marquis. It was truly unbelievable that someone had actually made Marquis Xia pay 300,000 merit points.

"Teacher, is this true?"

"Source Soul Research Center...isn't that Su Yu's new research center?"

"Heavens, they made so much money from this cultivation method?"

"..."

All the students were shocked.

Sounds of discussion grew louder and louder. Selling one cultivation method for 300,000 merit points. That was something they would never have imagined happening. Just how long had Su Yu's research center been established?

The researcher raised his hand, but he wasn't able to calm the students. He raised his voice and said, "Of course I'm telling the truth. The Great Xia War Academy, Martial Dragon War Academy, Marine War Academy, Windcatcher Academy, and so on are already trying to obtain this cultivation method. I heard that like the War God Art, there are two versions to this cultivation method: the genius and regular versions.

"The regular version requires only 18 acupoints. Some of them overlap with the War God Art acupoints. For most people, they only need to open about seven or eight additional acupoints. You can save at least a year's worth of time with this cultivation method."

The researcher's voice grew louder, "If you're fast, you can probably open seven or eight acupoints in a month. Even if you're slow, you can probably complete it in three months. This would save a year or two for you. With more acupoints, your foundation would also be stronger..."

At this point, the students could barely control their excitement anymore.

Someone loudly asked, "Teacher, what about the genius version?"

"That requires 30 acupoints. It can suppress two-thirds of the repelling force. But that doesn't mean that you will only save two-thirds of the time. After all other factors come into play, you might be able to cut your initial advancement period from three years to one year."

Boom!

The students were incomparably excited. As cultivators, saving a few years of time during their prime was an inconceivable concept. Even more inconceivable was the fact that something like this had been produced by the Source Soul Research Center.

They had sold the cultivation method for 300,000 merit points. It was truly too surprising even if that was a purchase of all the rights.

At this moment, someone thought of something and exclaimed, "Shit! Wouldn't the number of Infinite Strength students in the war academies increase sharply with this? In that case..."

That reminded everyone of the war academies.

This was a cultural research academy, so the people here weren't that crazy about physical cultivation. Even so, they were already wild with joy. One could only imagine the kind of commotion this would create in the war academies.

The students there had probably gone crazy. That was especially true for the geniuses there. Acupoint fusion was too difficult.

For this cultivation method, they only needed to open a few additional acupoints. Even the genius version only required 30 acupoints. Many of these acupoints might already overlap with their existing acupoints.

Thus, they would probably need to open about a dozen new acupoints. For a genius warrior, that would only take them three months. In exchange, they would be able to reach ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm at least two years earlier.

The researcher did not seem to care about that. He smiled and said, "With this result, Su Yu is applying to be promoted to a full researcher during the year end evaluation. The young nowadays are truly getting more and more talented. I believe it is very likely that he would get the promotion. Once promoted, he would become an official researcher."

"People like Wu Jia, Wu Lan, and Hu Qiusheng are also applying to be promoted into assistant researchers due to their roles in producing this cultivation method. Our academy will welcome a new batch of researchers before long."

Those words caused yet another sensation among the students. Researcher and assistant researchers. Those people had only been in that research center for a few days! That was too scary!

Someone couldn't resist asking, "Teacher, was this cultivation method really created by the Source Soul Research Center? Just how long has it been since they started their research center?"

The researcher smiled, "Yes, I'm certain about that. That was why I called them geniuses. In one week, they gathered thousands of cultivation manuals and checked over ten thousand books on various topics. Previously, I didn't take a research center staffed by students seriously. But reality proves that we can never underestimate anyone.

"This cultivation method has been officially named the Double Wu Acupoint Fusion Art. This is Su Yu's way of honoring the contributions of Wu Jia and Wu Lan during the research. Those two were the ones who had discovered the key information that had allowed for a breakthrough in research.

"I'm saying all this so that all of you will learn from them. In a cultural research academy, we should never forget who we are. We are cultural researchers. We are explorers. We are not brutes.

"No matter how strong the warriors in the war academies are, they can't forget that their powerful cultivation methods originate from us.

The researcher loudly said, "Remember this, we are cultural researchers. For cultural researchers, strength is not everything. Yes, strength is important, but don't forget the essence of what we are. We are seekers of knowledge.

"I hope everyone here won't forget why they are here. I believe that every single student of this academy had entered the academy with the intention of analyzing the various cultures and civilizations, exploring the true nature of life, pursuing the power of culture, and preserving the fire of civilization.

"I am very happy to see that a group of students that has not forgotten why they are here has appeared. I am happy to see that the true essence of cultural researchers remains.

"In my opinion, our academy is currently in a state of impatience. It isn't wrong to pursue strength. But everyone has something they are good at. If you are not good at combat, move to other pursuits instead of stubbornly doing the same thing. That was not the intention behind the founding of this academy."

"..."

One could say that this researcher was actually one of the pedantic scholar types. He was very unhappy with the current state of the academy where everyone pursued strength. It was understandable that geniuses would pursue strength.

But a lot of people were less talented in combat and better in research. Some students had entered the academy with over 100 languages, but after entering, they switched their focus to cultivation instead. As a result, they were unable to gain much from their hard work after abandoning what they were good at.

Thus, this researcher had given Su Yu and his research center such high praise for one reason: to bring the academy back to the correct path! He wanted to show everyone what they should be doing.

300,000 merit points. Was that enough incentive?

Leaving their names in the annals of history. Was that enough incentive?

Strength was not the only way for one to earn respect and admiration.

...

The news spread all over the academy.

The students of the war academies were a lot more excited to hear this.

Some of the genius students had already obtained the second version and had entered seclusion to cultivate it.

It was time for them to open more acupoints.

Then, they would be able to cultivate this method at the side before entering the Infinite Strength Realm.

Even those who were already at the Infinite Strength Realm could cultivate this method. This included those who had not fused the maximum number of acupoints before their advancement. These people had started cultivating this method as well.

In fact, there were even some Skysoar and Cloudbreach cultivators cultivating this method. Everyone was busy fusing the acupoints they weren't able to fuse before this. They were trying to reduce the obstacles they would face at the Mountainsea Realm.

Of course, Marquis Xia was no philanthropist. He was charging an arm and a leg for this cultivation method. The regular version would be sold at 20 merit points. The genius version would be sold at 50 merit points. And these were merely regular copies, not willpower texts. The price would be much higher for the willpower texts.

Unfortunately, there were no cultural researchers familiar enough with this cultivation method around yet. Thus, the willpower texts of this method would not be available for now. It was quite shocking that a regular copy was being sold at such a high price.

Of course, this thing would only cost this much in the beginning. As time passed, prices would drop. The current high price was mostly due to the impatience of some people to cultivate it. This was something that could be sold in mass numbers.

The common version wasn't exactly something everyone could cultivate, but with only 18 acupoints, anyone talented enough to enter an academy would have the talent to cultivate it. They only needed to open a few extra acupoints.

And there were hundreds of thousands of students across all the war academies. If all of them wanted to cultivate this method, Marquis Xia would be able to earn millions from selling to these people. And this only applied to Great Xia. There were other prefectures in the Human Realm.

Of course, this was a long-term business. Thus, a large amount of manpower would also be required. The various academies would also take a cut as intermediaries, so the Xia Family would not receive the full profit. But it was still apparent to everyone that Marquis Xia was going to earn a lot from this.

In a short period, the Marquis had earned much more than the 300,000 merit points he had supposedly used to purchase this cultivation method.

Chapter 527: Ruckus (2)

While news regarding the cultivation method was being spread everywhere.

Heart Cultivating Pavilion. A new meeting between all the elders was being held.

Elder Sun slammed his palm onto the table in fury and said, "Has Su Yu forgotten that he has obtained this research center from the academy? He should have reported his research results to the faculty and the academy first. He shouldn't have sold it privately, even if the buyer is the Xia Family! According to the rules, the academy should enjoy the right of first refusal. We are not trying to steal his research results. But he has indeed broken the rules."

A few elders nodded upon hearing that. They were not picking a fight for no reason. This was indeed the academy rules.

After all, one had received the research center from the academy. And one was still a member of the academy. It was reasonable that the academy should get the priority to purchase any research results instead of outsiders, even if the outsider was the Xia Family.

This was why Elder Sun was furious. Of course, he was also furious due to the impact of this cultivation method on Su Yu's reputation. Even the multiple character faction might rise again due to this.

Prior to this, Su Yu's reputation had actually been partially destroyed. He was known as a student who was consorting with the myriad races. But with this cultivation method, none of that mattered anymore.

That was especially true for those from the war academies. For now, they had yet to witness the result of cultivating this method. The moment they saw the result, Su Yu would turn into a living legend for many warriors.

The single character faction's plan to destroy his reputation had completely failed.

These days, Su Yu had remained completely silent, providing no explanation regarding the scandal involving him and the myriad races. Elder Sun had been very happy to see that, believing that they had successfully suppressed Su Yu.

But in the blink of an eye, Su Yu had turned into a model cultural researcher. If this continued, the multiple character faction might really rise from the dead.

Looking at Wan Tiansheng, Elder Sun solemnly said, "I know that everyone is currently praising Su Yu for his incredible talent. He is a rising star in the field of research. But rules are rules. Principal, you need to be fair."

Wan Tiansheng nodded. He was about to speak when someone else said, "Old Sun, why are you so agitated? In the future, be sure to read the rules properly before you cry about something. According to the academy rules, the first priority will go to the members of the research center, not the academy. And Xia Huyou is a member of that research center. There is no point in trying to hide this anymore, right? Xia Huyou is the son of Prefect Xia. He represents the Xia Family.

"Su Yu had given the Xia Family the first offer to purchase his research result. And the Xia Family had purchased it. No rules were broken in the process."

Elder Qi grinned and continued, "Even if the cultivation method was sold to the Wu Family, the Zheng Family, or the Hu Family, it would still be within the rules. The members of the research center have a higher level of priority than the academy itself. I hope you can understand this."

Elder Sun's face turned stiff, but he recovered immediately and said, "Xia Huyou and the others do not hold any ownership over the research center."

"You're wrong." Elder Qi said, "Su Yu's starting fund and resources had all been provided by these people. Hong Tan's debt of 300,000 had been transferred to Su Yu after he was made the leader of the multiple character faction. He is basically a faction master at this point. Although that faction doesn't exist officially anymore, he has still taken on the debt. Since those people are the investors, they are basically the co-owners. You can't deny that. Thus, no rules have been broken.

"Old Sun, stop being so selfish all the time. As a Mountainsea, you keep picking fights with a student. Are you not embarrassed? If you're unhappy about something, go look for Hong Tan. Su Yu probably knows the academy

rules better than you. Without any confidence, would he do something like this? What a clown."

Elder Qi continued, "Why don't you ask Vice Principal Xia. Is there anything wrong with selling it to the Xia Family?"

"..."

Xia Changqing was somewhat speechless. Asking him about it?

Fuck!

What in the world should he say?

Should he say that it was wrong?

That would only pit him against Marquis Xia. That cousin of his was a very troublesome individual. But if he agreed with Elder Qi, he would end up slapping Elder Sun's face.

A different person said with a smile, "Elder Sun, stop causing trouble. Currently, Su Yu allows even those from the single character faction to learn this method. If you provoke him too much, he could place a ban on the single character faction. And you would take the full blame. Don't forget that learning a cultivation method without permission is against the law. Are you so sure that nobody from your single character faction is interested in learning it?"

The moment that was said, the expressions of a few elders changed. Elder Sun furiously said, "How can this be so? Using his authority over a cultivation method to control what the other students can do? Is he intending to revolt?"

"..."

Nobody said anything. Some sneered. Some looked at him coldly. All *latest novels* on [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

After a while, Wan Tiansheng said, "Don't put it like that. The cultivation method is his. Even if the Xia Family has purchased the rights to the cultivation method, as the creator, he still has some say. If he places a ban on the single character faction, you can denounce or hate him, but you don't have the authority to stop him from doing what he wants with the cultivation method.

"Sun Xiang, stop creating enemies for your single character faction. Do you really want to make things even more difficult for your faction? Don't forget that the single character faction is spread across the various prefectures. If you cause a ban, the other branches would target their hatred to both Su Yu and you. Are you sure you want to take the blame? Maybe their hatred toward you might even surpass their hatred toward Su Yu."

Elder Sun's expression changed. That was true. If a ban was really placed, he might receive more blame than Su Yu. Their branch of single character faction might turn into a pariah of all the other single character faction branches.

Wan Tiansheng declared, "This matter ends here. If you had allocated even a tiny bit of starting funds to Su Yu when he first started the research center, we would have been able to obtain some rights over that cultivation method. But all of you know what happened. The only thing Su Yu received from the academy was the empty shell of a research center. Something like that has no value. He could easily move out of it if we try to push him. Do you think he would have a hard time looking for a new host now? Are you trying to force their research center out of the academy?"

Yu Hong was still unhappy. She said, "Principal, the academy has not received any benefit whatsoever from the dissemination of this cultivation method..."

Wan Tiansheng glanced at her and indifferently said, "You're letting your feelings cloud your judgment. His research has improved the academy's reputation. Also, that cultivation method is also being taught in the academy. These are the benefits we have received. This has benefited not only the academy but Great Xia and the entirety of Human Realm as well. Just because something has not benefited the single character faction does not mean that it hasn't benefited the academy. Don't assume that the single character faction represents the entire academy."

He looked at the other elders and calmly said, "What do all of you think?"

Elder Qi smiled and said, "The principal is right."

"Yeah. The dissemination of this cultivation method has benefited everyone. That would naturally benefit the academy as well. The more famous the Source Soul Research Center becomes, the more famous our academy will become."

Yu Hong and Elder Sun exchanged glances before shutting their mouths. If they kept arguing, they would really isolate the single character faction from the other upper echelons of the academy. They might even end up offending the Xia Family.

They had intended to use this as an excuse to rope in some elders and suppress Su Yu. But the public opinion had changed. This was a dangerous signal.

Elder Sun previously believed that since Su Yu had sold the cultivation method to the Xia Family, everyone in the academy would agree to hold him accountable. But Elder Qi had spoken for Su Yu. Even Wan Tiansheng seemed somewhat biased.

At this point, it was useless to say anything else. They could only blame themselves for refusing to allocate Su Yu's research center any startup funding. This was actually very rare. Most research centers would receive a certain amount of support upon their founding.

But Su Yu had received nothing. They should have allocated him something. Even if he refused, they could have forcefully transferred some money to him. He would have no way of refusing that. If he refused that, it would only serve as proof that he had been planning to go behind the academy all along.

But since they had not approved any startup funding for him, they could say none of that. Elder Sun and the others stopped arguing. They would only invite more hostility that way.

Even though they could move on from the topic, Elder Sun still had a different issue to raise. He said, "As for Su Yu's application to become a full researcher, I believe that we need to consider it carefully. Yes, he has produced the acupoint fusion method. But how do we know that this is really his work? It has been less than 10 days. I believe all of you are suspicious about that..."

He would not allow Su Yu to become a researcher. If that happened, the multiple character faction's reputation would improve. Additionally, Su Yu would be able to start taking students under his wing after his promotion.

Perhaps before long, they would be able to gain more than 10 members and restart their faction. That would render everything the single character faction had done to deregister them into a joke.

"We'll talk about this again at the end of the year."

Wan Tiansheng did not care about that topic. He said, "The Talent Fostering Bureau would also be involved in the approval. You don't need to worry about this, Elder Sun. You should worry about your own business first."

Wan Tiansheng's attitude seemed rather abnormal today. Elder Sun frowned. In the past, Wan Tiansheng would not involve himself in these internal conflicts. But today, the principal had shut him down several times.

"Principal..."

"This meeting ends here." Wan Tiansheng impatiently said, "You guys have been calling for meetings again and again for something insignificant. For some matters concerning some students, a bunch of Mountainseas have repeatedly wasted everyone's time. For these meetings, some people have to leave seclusion while some have to put their research on pause. All that for the sake of discussing these trivial matters?"

"Sun Xiang, Yu Hong, if the two of you have so much free time, use it to teach your students properly. Nothing is a stronger statement than actually producing several outstanding students of your own. That way, you wouldn't need to personally deal with some students again and again anymore."

For Mountainseas to personally get involved in a fight between students was indeed embarrassing. Elder Sun and the others sank into silence. Inwardly, they were cursing. If their students could compete against Su Yu, would they still need to do all this? The issue was that their students weren't Su Yu's match.

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The meeting ended.

Elder Sun and company left silently.

While walking, Elder Sun said, "If this continues, all our hard work from before will go to waste."

The other elders had nothing to say.

Elder Sun said, "At the top, we can't suppress Hong Tan. At the middle, we can't suppress Chen Yong and Bai Feng. And now, we can't even touch Su Yu and Wu Jia anymore. So what if we have more people? With only a few people, they are turning us into clowns. What can we even achieve in the future with such a terrible performance?"

They didn't know what to feel.

"Old Zhou was absent from the meeting."

Elder Sun asked, "What is he thinking?"

Yu Hong said, "He has entered seclusion to break through into the Sunmoon Realm. If he really manages to break through, it would benefit us as well."

"Hong Tan is also in seclusion. We have to take this seriously. If Hong Tan manages to break through while Old Zhou fails, they will gain an advantage over us. Thus, we have to deal with Su Yu ourselves."

Zhou Mingren's seclusion was a good thing for them. At the very least, he had to remain in the same realm as Hong Tan. Otherwise, things would be even more troublesome after Hong Tan ended his seclusion.

Elder Sun sighed and started using voice transmission, "We need to deal with Su Yu. Since we can't make a move ourselves, let's make use of the Foreign Students Faculty instead. It would be even better if they could end him once and for all. Tell them to think of a way to solve this issue. For those weak races, they won't be able to become the allies of humanity without paying a price. If they complete the job, we can introduce some single character faction Sunmoons to them."

The human race was a powerful race. In the eyes of Elder Sun and the others, those weak races weren't even qualified to become their allies.

Some of these races were only led by Mountainseas. The single character faction could eliminate a few of these races just by themselves. That was referring to the single character faction of only Great Xia.

Both Yu Hong and Elder Li remained silent.

They walked in silence. They had been suppressing the multiple character faction for so many years. But because of Su Yu, almost all their previous efforts had gone to waste. They were finding it hard to accept this.

Chapter 528: Changes in the Academy (1)

Source Qi Secret Grotto.

Near the Skysoar Zone.

Su Yu had finished opening all the acupoints required by the acupoint fusion method and was in the middle of fusing acupoints.

Three days had passed.

He finally completed the fusion he had started previously. His body shook as 16 acupoints fully fused together. The completion of this fusion signified that he had achieved a perfect advancement into the Infinite Strength Realm.

The fused acupoint shone brightly. His vitality surged, his bones cracked, and his source qi erupted. His vitality and source qi coursed through his body like a raging river and cleansed his entire body.

Infinite Strength Realm!

It was the 20th of November.

Less than 4 months after joining the academy, Su Yu had stepped into the Infinite Strength Realm by fusing 16 acupoints. He threw a punch.

Rumble!

After fusing his acupoints, his offensive force had increased significantly. His physical body and vitality had grown stronger than before.

"I've reached the Infinite Strength Realm!"

Su Yu exhaled.

This single fused acupoint was as strong as 40 basic acupoints of a regular Great Strength cultivator. Thus, he was unleashing the power of 40 acupoints with only 16 acupoints. The fusion had more than doubled the might of his acupoints.

Even someone who had fused only 10 basic acupoints would be able to unleash the prowess of 20 basic acupoints. This advancement had increased Su Yu's offensive strength greatly. He had advanced as a true Infinite Strength cultivator.

Someone cultivating a heaven-grade cultivation method was able to contend against someone cultivating an earth-grade cultivation method who was three stages higher.

And someone cultivating an earth-grade cultivation method was able to contend against a profound-grade method cultivator who was three stages higher. This was the same for the cultivators of a profound-grade method and a yellow-grade method.

In other words, Su Yu was now strong enough to defeat his father even if his father was nine stages above him. And that was only considering his cultivation method, ignoring his techniques and willpower. In reality, Su Yu was much stronger than even some warriors who had cultivated heaven-grade cultivation methods. He also had a lot more tricks up his sleeve.

"Even if Dad manages to reach the Skysoar Realm, he wouldn't be my match. Without using my willpower, I'm about as strong as a third or fourth-stage Skysoar."

This was the difference between a genius and an ordinary person. The gap between them would be very big despite having the same cultivation level.

And Su Yu was a genius among geniuses. Someone like Xia Huyou who similarly cultivated the top-tier Sky Sundering Saber would not be Su Yu's match if he did not have too many tricks up his sleeve. But Su Yu believed that as the son of the prefect, Xia Huyou would definitely have some trump cards.

A majority of the geniuses in the academy cultivated earth-grade cultivation methods. As for the regular students, most cultivated profound-grade cultivation methods. Su Yu could probably defeat a regular student six stages above him in cultivation. Due to the sheer number of acupoints he had opened, his combat strength was quite impressive. As for someone like Zhou Hao, he was basically the perfect example of a genius warrior.

"Infinite Strength..."

Su Yu focused on his own body. His body had grown stronger, but he was still someone with a body of flesh and blood. Nevertheless, he could feel a new addition to his body: a natural layer of protective membrane.

This was the Infinite Strength Realm.

A realm where one would gain a massive increase in strength.

At the Skysoar Realm, one would continue strengthening one's body for future cultivation. At the Cloudbreach Realm, one would start transforming one's source qi. Like the tiers of willpower, source qi could also be classified into different tiers. After the nine transformations, one would step into the Mountainsea Realm, gaining an even bigger increase in strength.

"Time to fuse more acupoints!"

Su Yu had opened 318 acupoints in total. He was in no rush to open more. For now, he was focused on fusing more acupoints. It would be even better if he could fuse 144 basic acupoints into 9 fused acupoints and enter the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm.

If he could do so, with only 144 acupoints, he would be able to unleash the strength of 360 acupoints. And including the further boost his cultivation method would give him, he could even unleash the strength of over 400 acupoints. That was the offensive strength of having a proper cultivation method.

Su Yu had other acupoints as well, but he wasn't able to utilize the strength of all those acupoints at the same time due to the lack of a cultivation method that could utilize all of them.

Nevertheless, with the prowess of 400 acupoints, if he was faced with a Skysoar without an impressive cultivation method, he could even skip an entire realm and defeat that opponent.

In other words, at the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm, he would be able to defeat a ninth-stage Skysoar cultivating only a yellow-grade method. This was the perfect example of the gap between a genius and a regular cultivator.

"Sigh. My dad sure is pitiful."

Once again, Su Yu lamented the terrible cultivation method his father was cultivating.

Top-tier yellow-grade cultivation method.

Even at the Skysoar Realm, his father would probably be defeated by him with one punch—cough, cough.

The difference between levels of cultivation method would be clearer the higher one's cultivation level was. Fortunately, he had not advanced with an earth-grade method. Otherwise, it would probably be much harder for him to take care of the other geniuses.

"Even at my current level, I'm already as strong as a regular SKysoar."

Su Yu was able to accurately judge the level of his strength. This was thanks to his experience killing the third-stage Skysoar from the Zhang Family. He continued fusing acupoints while thinking. He was planning his future path of cultivation. Regardless of his path, certain things were paramount: enough strength and a good backer. But he required time to acquire all that.

"I'm afraid the single character faction won't be able to stay patient anymore."

In their position, he would probably fail to stay patient as well. They had suppressed the multiple character faction for many years only for someone like Su Yu to appear and ruin their plans. It would be even weirder if they could stay calm.

"Most of the people in the single character faction are parasites. But Great Xia and Principal Xia can't find the determination to remove them. Perhaps they are still hopeful that these people can be brought back to the right path. But as far as I'm concerned, these people are hopeless."

He didn't know what Wan Tiansheng and the Xia Family were thinking exactly. Maybe they weren't willing to lose the strength of several Mountainseas. Or maybe they were worried about the counterattack of the entire single character faction of the Human Realm.

But in Su Yu's mind, these people were parasites.

One's perspective would differ based on one's position.

And this was Su Yu's perspective, especially now that he had a true trump card: Bai Feng's disassembly method.

That was an ultimate trump card that could instantly grant him victory. It would be much more effective than any new cultivation methods and techniques Su Yu could produce. With the disassembly method, one would be able to disassemble his character technique and freely fill their characters into the disassemble technique. Something like this was actually much more useful than a few new cultivation methods and techniques.

New cultivation methods might be helpful for newer cultivators. But for a lot of veteran cultivators, new cultivation methods wouldn't be as helpful as the disassembly method as they already had their own cultivation methods.

Su Yu was confident that if the disassembly method was really disseminated, the multiple character faction would instantly rise to the top again.

"Teacher is the true research genius. What a pity..."

What a pity that the academy had not noticed his teacher's genius. Great Xia's government seemed to have noticed. For example, people like Ji Hong had tried to recruit Bai Feng. Bai Feng was the one who had rejected the offer.

Su Yu was contemplating the correct timing to utilize this ultimate trump card. Visit [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com) for *new novels*

"After eliminating some of my enemies, when some people start protesting and claiming that I am weakening the overall strength of humanity...This would be the perfect timing to release the disassembly method."

According to his estimation, right after killing some of his enemies, he would be criticized by a lot of people. At that time, the disassembly method would shut their mouths.

"But I need time and strength."

Su Yu did not care about the thoughts of Wan Tiansheng and the others. These people had their own plans, but Su Yu had his own plans as well.

"My only fear is...that Invincible personally making a move against me."

Su Yu frowned. He sighed. The only thing the multiple character faction lacked was their very own Invincible. Things wouldn't have been so difficult otherwise.

For now, he was still incapable of attracting that traitor's attention. But if he started eliminating the single character faction, he might be subjected to that person's attack. Even some myriad race experts would start trying to get him killed out of fear for his future threat.

According to Wan Tiansheng, the multiple character faction might be the key to producing a true human cultural researcher Invincible. And such a person could be the key to activating the Human Realm's suppressive force. And that wasn't something the myriad races could tolerate.

"This is so troublesome."

Su Yu knew that he could actually ignore all these matters. He was not the only person in the multiple character faction. But he was more than willing to reduce the pressure Liu Wenyan and the others were shouldering.

After a while, he tossed all those thoughts out of his mind and focused on his cultivation.

Even his previous plan of challenging the top 100 had been put aside.

Di Feng could keep waiting for a while.

Su Yu knew what Di Feng was planning by refusing to break through. Or to be precise, it was Zhou Pingsheng's plan. Thus, Su Yu was more than happy to let Di Feng wait longer. Di Feng was probably waiting impatiently for his challenge.

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Day after day passed.

Slowly, the end of November arrived.

Top 100 Ranking.

Challenges would stop on the 25th of each month.

On the 25th of November, the challengers were getting some final matches in. After that day, challenges would stop until the next month. This year, the ranking had changed drastically with the appearance of the new students.

Standing in the ring was Zheng Yunhui, who had reached the Infinite Strength Realm. He had not switched his cultivation method. Rather, he cultivated the best version of the acupoint fusion method before stepping into the Infinite Strength Realm after fusing 12 acupoints.

With a punch, his vitality surged and his source qi erupted, sending an older student flying out of the ring. Shock spread through the crowd around the ring.

Yes, he was strong. But there was one issue. This was the Top 100 Ranking, not the Infinite Strength Ranking of the war academy. This Zheng Yunhui was totally a barbarian from a war academy. He had been fighting with his physical strength in every match. Thus, a lot of people were unwilling to accept his victory.

Zheng Yunhui naturally did not care about all that. He smiled and said, "It sure feels good to grow so quickly. I'm already in the 79th place."

Yes. He was now a top 80 student.

For a new student, this was an incredible achievement.

Zhao Ming was not interested in entertaining Zheng Yunhui. He said, "Get off the ring if you're not fighting anymore."

This was the 25th. The challenge ring would be very busy today. He did not have the time to entertain this fellow. Zheng Yunhui left the ring with a happy smile on his face. Reaching the 79th place was enough for him.

"Next."

With Zhao Ming's announcement, Zhou Hao leaped into the ring. Without looking at anyone, he spoke in a stuffy tone, "91st."

A lot of people were alarmed to see Zhou Hao. This was his second time on this ring. He had not entered the top 100 ring after the beatdown he received from Su Yu. Today, he was here again. And a lot of people here had witnessed his fight against Zhan Hai previously.

He was very strong. They reckoned that nobody below the top 30 would be his match. The student ranked 91st knew that he wouldn't be Zhou Hao's match, but he still intended to try fighting.

Right after Zhao Ming announced the start of the match.

Like a ferocious tiger, Zhou Hao pounced forward. His vitality burst out, suppressing the characters and willpower of his opponent.

Boom!

With one punch, the student ranked 91st flew out of the ring before landing on the ground with broken ribs.

Too strong.

Zhou Hao wasted no time and said, "81st."

An uproar erupted from the crowd. This guy was clearly here to sweep through the ranking. Sure, this was a frequent occurrence during the end of each month. But it somehow felt different when the person doing so was Zhou Hao. It felt a lot scarier.

He had easily defeated the 91st ranked student with one punch.

Silence descended.

Zhou Hao frowned and said, "If the student isn't here, I'll be challenging the 82nd ranked student."

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"Not here as well? Student ranked 83rd."

"..."

Finally, someone lost his temper and leaped into the ring with a snort.

"Zhou Hao, you're only a—"

"Referee, can we start?"

Zhou Hao ignored his opponent. He was uninterested in any conversation. He only wanted to fight more matches and earn some money. He wasn't as good at earning money as Su Yu. He only knew that the higher he could climb, the more merit points he could get.

"Start!"

The same scene repeated itself. Zhou Hao relied only on his powerful vitality and source qi that could crush anything. After all, his willpower was too weak to be relied on. With one punch, his opponent flew out and collapsed on the ground.

Yet another easy victory.

Zhou Hao continued his climb. After seven consecutive victories, he reached the 31st place. Satisfied, he left the ring.

Seven matches.

Seven victories.

The previous 31st ranked student had received 13 continuous punches from Zhou Hao before he was sent flying away with broken ribs.

Chapter 529: Changes in the Academy (2)

Among the crowd.

Wan Mingze and a few students were standing together with complicated expressions.

Looking at Hu Qiusheng, Wan Mingze said, "He has advanced with the Thousand Mountain Art. This is already a ferocious cultivation method. Coupled with his viciousness, nobody below the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm can put up a fight against him."

Hu Qiusheng merely smiled. Wan Mingze asked, "So have you learned Su Yu's fusion method?"

"Yeah."

"How is it?"

"Not bad."

Hu Qiusheng asked, "How about you? Mingze, some of the things you want to do require reputation and followers. It's pointless for you to keep hiding yourself. If you continue this way, do you think you will be able to gain followers and supporters who will walk alongside you when you try to achieve that unattainable goal?"

"When I first entered the academy, I thought that our batch would probably produce only a few top 100 students. But...it seems like this batch is going to flip the sky itself over."

This batch was too crazy. A lot of them were actually capable of entering the top 100 already. Some were merely still concealing themselves. For example, he had no idea how strong Xia Huyou was exactly.

If Wan Mingze continued acting like this, he would not be able to gain the support he required. Regardless of whether it was a war academy or a cultural research academy, the students and teachers would only support and follow the strong. Sure, one's family would be helpful, but it honestly wasn't that useful either.

If family alone could decide everything, all the students would have fallen under Xia Chan's influence by now. After all, the Xia Family was stronger than the Wan Family.

At that thought, Hu Qiusheng's eyes flickered as he said, "Xia Chan is probably going to enter the Infinite Strength Realm soon."

Xia Chan had been at the ninth-stage Great Strength Realm for quite a while. And she had disappeared since a few days ago. She had probably obtained the best version of the acupoint fusion method. According to the Xia Family's agreement with Su Yu, those from the main branch were allowed to learn this method.

Hu Qiusheng looked at Wan Mingze and said, "Mingze, previously, everyone believed in you because of your strength. But you have not been showcasing more of your strength. If this continues, even those who have been believing in you might start wavering."

Wan Mingze was ranked 86th in the top 100. It wasn't a low rank, but it wasn't high either. In the previous years, this would be sufficient. After all, very few new students could even enter the top 100.

But this was clearly not enough for the new students of the latest batch. The opening of the Willpower Grotto had also benefited some new students. People like Su Meng, Wu Lan, Zhang Hao, and Lin Yao had all entered the grotto. Even someone like Lin Yao was growing rapidly after entering the grotto.

The new students were growing stronger and stronger. Hu Qiusheng suspected that during the next month, dozens of new students would probably enter the top 100 as well.

As for the older students, those in the top 100 weren't weak, but some of them had already advanced into the Skysoar Realm while the ones who were stuck weren't really too talented compared to the super geniuses.

Those that were truly strong like Zhan Hai had slowly advanced and departed the ranking one after another. As for Jiang Mu, he had only remained below the Skysoar Realm because he aimed to make his advancement after fusing the maximum number of acupoints he could.

Wan Mingze nodded, "I have underestimated the various geniuses of the world. Qiusheng, are you not planning to take a step further as well?"

Hu Qiusheng smiled, "You want to see my real strength? Sure. I'll do this for you. Mingze, if you want to fight for something, you should stop hiding. Further concealment will really delay your plans..."

He then stepped into the ring. Without hiding anything, he released the aura of a peak Mental Tempering Stage and first-stage Infinite Strength cultivator. Once again, the crowd was alarmed.

It was yet another new student.

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The challenge matches continued. For some reason, the challenge matches today were much more intense than before.

One top 100 student after another arrived.

At the end of November, the new students were finally showing their true strength.

They were finally climbing the ranking. This included those who had never challenged the ranking before. Even Jia Mingzhen and company had followed the trend and challenged the ranking.

This forced the House of Hundred to prepare additional rings to accommodate the students.

Surprisingly, Xia Huyou was there as well. After reaching the Infinite Strength Realm, he finally decided to challenge the top 100. Everyone realized that these young geniuses would enter a period of abrupt growth starting today.

If they couldn't establish themselves right now, the ranking would be harder to climb in the future. If they couldn't showcase their talent now, it would be much harder to distinguish themselves in the future.

Jia Mingzhen's group, Hu Qiusheng, Wan Mingze, Zhang Hao, Su Meng, Zhao Shiji, Zheng Yunhui, Xia Chan, Xia Huyou...

At the end of the day, 23 new names had entered the top 100.

This shocked the entire academy.

Even Wu Lan had arrived at the last minute to challenge the ranking. Her opponent was Lin Qing, who had painstakingly remained in the 99th position. After a long battle, Wu Lan suffered a minor defeat after nearly kicking Lin Qing out of the ring.

Lin Qing was not weak. But Wu Lan had grown a lot in the Willpower Grotto. However, her physical cultivation was quite shallow. She might know the acupoint fusion method, but it still wasn't too useful for her right now. If she was able to enter the Infinite Strength Realm, with the best version of the fusion method, she would be able to grow at an incredible speed as well.
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One new student after another opted to reveal their strength. Wan Mingze stopped holding back, fighting all the way to the 32nd place before stopping. The new students had swept through the ranking.

But the strongest among them was Su Yu, who was ranked 30th. He had been absent from the challenge matches for quite a while.

Directly below him were Zhou Hao and Wan Mingze, followed by Hu Qiusheng at the 44th place.

Several new students had entered the top 50. The older students were feeling more and more pressured.

Jia Mingzhen's group was not the only ones taking advantage of the chaos to challenge the ranking. Some foreign students had also challenged the ranking. And seven of them were able to enter the ranking.

Including the human new students, a total of 30 new students had entered the ranking.

Wu Qi's student, Lin Qing, had worked very hard and fought in numerous matches. After half a year of hard work, she had only reached the 99th place from the 100th place. And it wasn't like she hadn't grown at all. She had been growing steadily, but even after dozens of matches, she was still unable to go higher than that. It didn't matter how strong she grew. There was always somebody stronger above her.

As for the original top 100 students, the ones who were previously ranked at the bottom had all been kicked out. None of them were able to return to the ranking.

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Late at night.

The day of challenges came to an end.

Heart Cultivating Pavilion.

35th floor, Wan Tiansheng's residence.

After sneaking in, Jia Mingzhen sighed and said, "Old Wan, I don't think there is a need for us to pretend to be new students anymore. Apart from Su Yu, a few other vicious new students have emerged. We didn't even get the chance to do anything to motivate the students before the new students started running crazy."

Were they still needed to motivate the students?

Nope.

Those students were already motivated enough. Just look at all the challenges today. Over 20 new students had entered the ranking in the span of a single day. This was too terrifying. Something like this had never happened before.

"Old Wan, are you sure those brutes from the war academy would still dare to challenge us this year? Our new students this year are really quite vicious. I'm worried that those warriors would lose all confidence in cultivation from the beating they would receive during the exchange."

According to the agreement, the war academy students were supposed to come during the next month. And they were only a few days away from the next month.

Would they still dare to come?

Were they not afraid of being stomped on?

Wan Tiansheng's eyes did not leave his book as he indifferently said, "Do you think there are only freaks in our academy? The war academy has also accepted a few impressive individuals. They even have a few students at the seventh and eighth-stage Infinite Strength Realm. I heard there might even be a new student at the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm. That student cultivates an 108-acupoint method, but he's not weak at all. Even Zhou Hao might not be able to defeat him."

"That's hard to say. Don't forget about people like Su Yu. Would any of these students be his match?"

"Old Wan, do we still need to continue pretending to be students? It's really quite pointless. By the way, we did manage to get in touch with some cultists as you asked. After selling some stuff, the cultists contacted me. But most of them are low-level members. Some of these people don't even know they are working for the cult."

These low-level members were basically common thugs meant to run errands for the high-level members. These people wouldn't be able to provide much information upon capture.

"That can only mean that you're incompetent."

"..."

Jia Mingzhen was speechless. "How am I incompetent? If you're so competent, why don't you go catch some cultists yourself?"

"Do you think I can't find any?"

"In that case, why did you tell us to go undercover?"

"I'm not interested in those nobodies." Wan Tiansheng nonchalantly said, "There is at least one Cloudbreach in our academy who is a cultist. Or maybe there's a Mountainsea cultist."

"Hmm?" Jia Mingzhen's face turned solemn, "Really? Has their influence spread this far?"

"Yeah." Wan Tiansheng smiled, "But that's not surprising. We have a lot of Mountainsea and Cloudbreach cultivators in the academy so I'm busy investigating them."

"I have been suspecting this for quite a while. The attack on Nanyuan had happened at such a perfect timing when Hong Tan and the others were occupied. How could a regular person know the whereabouts of Mountainseas like Hong Tan?"

"As for the recent attack on Su Yu...Zhang Wu had confessed before his death that they had received information from someone in the academy. Sure Su Yu's departure wasn't a big secret. But someone capable of contacting five Skysoars is definitely not a nobody."

Jia Mingzhen hesitated slightly before saying, "Is it possible that there was an information hub outside? Perhaps a cult expert had transmitted the message to them after being notified by the hub."

"That's unlikely. Any information regarding geniuses like Su Yu would not go through a hub. Of course, there is no denying that anything is possible."

With a soft voice, Wan Tiansheng continued, "Old Jia, it has been so many years. I have allowed outsiders to spread their influence into the academy and turned a blind eye to the unceasing internal conflicts. There are advantages

and disadvantages to this approach. It is still not the time to evaluate these actions of mine. Those from the future generation will naturally do that for us.

"For now, I intend to clean the academy of all filth. Get ready for war. We need to be prepared to enter the Allheaven Battlefield at a moment's notice."

Jia Mingzhen frowned. What was the meaning of those words?

Wan Tiansheng did not look at Jia Mingzhen. He continued muttering, "War is near. I can feel that a war will erupt soon. The human race has been getting too comfortable over the past few decades. They forgot themselves and spent too much time enjoying life and scheming against each other. But now, more and more people are seeing this."

"The War Shrine and Knowledge Seeking Realm are allowing these people to continue their internal struggles, but they are also trying to reach a consensus. For example, the time to unify humanity might have arrived."

"We might be able to unify our front line in our current state, but the various prefectures are not able to truly fight as one."

If humanity was able to unify, their strength would grow. After cleansing all their internal filth, humanity might even be strong enough to withstand the joint attack of the divines and devils. They would suffer disastrous losses even if they could ultimately defeat humanity.

Jia Mingzhen frowned and said, "You mean..."

Wan Tiansheng smiled, "I only told you guys to pretend to be students to test the water. But you guys are somewhat disappointing. I wanted you guys to join the cult and perhaps gain enough influence to make the cult yours. The death of the Blood Fire Sect master was the perfect chance."

"Just look at what happened after the destruction of the Divine Skywing Sect. Xue'e, a mere Cloudbreach, has the guts to start recruiting people for a new cult. Why hadn't you guys done the same?"

"Is Xue'e not dead?" Jia Mingzhen was shocked. That Xue'e was someone who was being hunted by Mountainseas. How was he still alive?

"Yeah." Wan Tiansheng smiled, "He's very good at hiding. Nobody knows where he's hiding. Great Xia is big. How are we supposed to find him?"

Jia Mingzhen nodded, "So you want us to found our own sects..."

"Do as you wish."

Jia Mingzhen was speechless. What did that even mean?

He moved on from the topic and said, "By the way, the conflict between the single and multiple character factions seem to have calmed down. But I feel like this is merely a calm before the storm. Old Wan, if this continues, they might not stop until one side is fully exterminated. Are you really going to ignore them?"

With a dark tone, Wan Tiansheng said, "Let them be. They are free to fight until one side remains. The victor shall unify all character cultivators. Otherwise, with the current split of humanity, how can they focus on resisting the myriad races? Losing one side might seem like a great loss, but our overall strength might grow instead."

A smaller but united human race could very well be stronger than a bigger but split human race. This was Wan Tiansheng's belief.

Jia Mingzhen couldn't help but say, "We should have stopped them long ago. It's now too late..."

"Yeah. It's too late. The hatred between them is too deep."

Wan Tiansheng smiled, "Even if we had acted earlier to suppress the fight, it would be pointless. The hatred would simmer and grow like a tumor. Let the chaos erupt. That way, the human race would understand the price of internal strife. After learning that, there would naturally be fewer internal conflicts in the future.

"Also, the external pressure on humanity is not strong enough. The myriad races are too crafty. They are deliberately reducing the pressure on us and have us slowly exhaust our own strength internally."

This was basically the same as slowly boiling a frog alive. The human race had always been able to unify when the outside pressure was large enough. That had happened over 300 years ago.

Since then, there had not been any large-scale invasions. The long period of peace had caused a lot of people to forget that humanity was still in a war, a war that had persisted for over 300 years.

The divines and devils had not given up on taking over the Human Realm.

Jia Mingzhen helplessly said, "It's easy to say that...but...I honestly have no faith that humanity can truly unite. The divines and devils are no fools. They are more than happy to see us killing each other. Why would they do anything to wake us up?"

"Just look at the Myriad Race Cult. That's one of the schemes of the myriad races. Without lifting a finger, they can get us to fight among ourselves. After a few hundred years, the people are starting to hate the cult more than the myriad races themselves."

The myriad races would always take a harsh stance against humans with iron-blooded policy. Meanwhile, they had been leaving the more tolerant humans alone. For example, Great Zhou's armies would rarely encounter any large-scale battles in the Allheaven Battlefield while Great Xia's armies would get into large-scale battles frequently.

Wan Tiansheng was not interested in continuing the topic. He said, "Su Yu might leave the academy in the near future. Keep a close watch on him. The others might not be able to move undetected, but you guys have been hidden for so long. You should be able to follow him in the dark. With the appearance of the fusion method, his value has increased sharply. They might even send Mountainseas against him."

That was actually very likely. There was no doubt that Su Yu's value had increased yet again for the cult. There were advantages and disadvantages to releasing the fusion method.

Jia Mingzhen nodded, "Sure. I'll take note."

He then left as noiselessly as he had when he arrived.

Chapter 530: Out Of Seclusion, Hint (1)

Something seemed to have changed within the Great Xia Cultural Research Academy and Great Xia itself. But at the same time, it also seemed like nothing had changed.

The commoners continued living their lives in peace. The Myriad Race Cult continued creating random incidents every now and then. The Martial Dragon Guards continued harvesting cultist heads at the Myriad Race Pit. And Marquis Xia continued doing his business.

Everything was as it was before.

Xia Longwu's seclusion seemed pointless. Yet it also seemed needed. After all, his seclusion had reduced the number of wars the Great Xia was involved in.

Wan Tiansheng had received greater power in Great Xia, yet it also felt like he had not done much with his newfound power.

But some people were aware that the principal was silently changing some things.

He was slowly influencing some things, purging some things, and reversing some things.

But all that required time.

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Wan Tiansheng remained hidden from the public eye. Xia Longwu remained in his seclusion. Under Marquis Xia's lead, Great Xia was no longer involved in war after war. The number of battles their armies had to engage in had reduced significantly.

As a merchant, profit was his priority. In the eyes of many people, under Marquis Xia's lead, Great Xia seemed to have turned kinder toward its populace.

The masses no longer needed to hear about battles on the frontline. They no longer needed to mourn the loss of their soldiers. They no longer needed to bury their dead soldiers en masse.

It didn't matter if a conflict was internal or external. For many people, everything was fine as long as people could stay alive. As for the decline in their fighting spirit, that wasn't something most people would notice.

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A golden age of peace and prosperity.

That was the first impression Su Yu got of Great Xia after leaving seclusion. Everyone in the academy seemed to be in an excellent mood. Old Nie, who was in charge of guarding the grotto, seemed to be in a great mood as well.

"Senior Nie, why am I hearing cheers outside?"

Su Yu was astonished. In his eyes, Great Xia and the academy were definitely not peaceful places. This was a dog-eat-dog world. What was happening today?

Old Nie smiled, "Kid, you were away for over 10 days. Have you forgotten the date today?"

"Date?" Shortly after, he replied, "It's the 3rd of December."

"Yeah." Old Nie smiled, "Have you forgotten what's happening tomorrow?"

"Oh." Su Yu recalled something and nodded, "I remember now. It's the anniversary of Great Xia's founding. This is the 350th year after the founding of Great Xia. No wonder people are celebrating."

"It's good that you remember this." Old Nie said, "Back then, Great Qin was the first prefecture to be founded. Great Qin King had started the era of prefectures, answering the call of the masses for a peaceful era. That was the first year of the Anping Calendar.

"At the end of the same year, Great Xia King founded Great Xia, sheltering millions upon millions of people. Tomorrow is the 350th anniversary of Great Xia. Everyone is in a festive mood." Explore *uptodate* stories at [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

Su Yu smiled, "This is indeed worthy of a celebration. I have nearly forgotten about it."

That was actually a major celebration in the prefecture. Back then, their predecessors had fought bitterly to start a new era under the invasion of the myriad races, starting an era of peace and establishing the 36 prefectures. Countless humans received the protection of these founders.

Great Xia King was the hero king of Great Xia.

Su Yu had been too busy recently so he had completely forgotten about this matter. Hearing about the anniversary, his mood turned cheerful as he said, "Would we be seeing Great Xia King tomorrow? In the past, I was only able to see him on TV. Am I finally going to see him in the flesh?"

"Yeah." Old Nie said, "He might even pay a visit to our academy tomorrow, but we don't know for sure. We might be able to see him if we're lucky. Also, the day after, the war academy will be coming for a student exchange. Are you participating in that activity?"

"I'm not sure." Su Yu didn't really care about that. He was more interested in Great Xia King. He asked, "Teacher, would Great Xia King really visit our academy?"

"Maybe."

Old Nie was also unsure.

Su Yu was getting slightly excited. He had great respect for a hero who had sheltered countless people like Great Xia King.

Over 300 years ago, the Human Realm was invaded. Countless people were slaughtered and rivers of blood flowed. At that time, one Invincible after another emerged from the mountains, the ruins, and the secret grottos. After decades of war and countless sacrifices, they finally repelled the invaders.

That one victory had granted the Human Realm over 300 years of peace. Some of the heroic founders were no longer alive. Some had been killed, some had succumbed to their injuries during the war, and some had vanished after entering some danger zones.

Su Yu thought about all that blankly before he suddenly smiled, "I'll ask Xia Huyou about this..."

Would that fellow's great grandfather visit the academy? Su Yu felt like he was a fanboy who was trying to see his idol. He did not hold similar admiration toward the likes of Wan Tiansheng and Marquis Xia.

Sure, these people were very important as well, but they were nothing compared to Great Xia King who had founded Great Xia amid countless hardships over 300 years ago.

This was the first time Old Nie had ever seen Su Yu behaving like this. With an amused smile, he said, "Not even Xia Huyou might have the answer. Nobody can predict the movement of a super expert like that. In fact, even Marquis Xia would not know for sure. Stop thinking about all that. What's your current cultivation level?"

"Acceptable, I guess. I'm now at the fourth-stage Infinite Strength Realm." Su Yu frowned, "As I grow stronger, the effect of the acupoint fusion method will weaken. I had originally estimated that I would reach the fifth stage in half a month..."

"..."

Old Nie shut his mouth. He didn't feel like talking anymore.

Half a month to reach the fifth stage?

One stage every three days?

Screw him!

This fellow had fused 48 acupoints in half a month. Of course, the number was probably lower since he had probably fused some before the seclusion. Even so, he was probably fusing around 3 acupoints per day. Was he still not happy with this?

He speechlessly said, "Your acupoint fusion method..."

Su Yu smiled, "Didn't I tell Teacher Zhao about this? Both you and Senior Huang can learn this method. You know this, right?"

"Thanks for that. But we have yet to open those acupoints. I'm afraid we will need some time. But kid...you sure are generous."

Old Nie was naturally aware of that. Zhao Ming was actually a part of their neutral faction as well. Su Yu had not given them the method directly, but he had told Zhao Ming that Old Huang and Old Nie could be taught the method.

Old Nie exclaimed in admiration, "That is truly an amazing method. Even with a heaven-grade cultivation method, you were able to gain a stage every three days. That was too fast. Wouldn't you reach the ninth stage if you stayed another month in seclusion?"

Su Yu nodded with a smile. Probably.

"Why did you end your seclusion?" Old Nie joked, "You better not regret coming out. You need to pay 200 merit points the next time you enter, you know?"

Finally, the kid had reached the Infinite Strength Realm! He swore the damn kid had remained as a fake Great Strength cultivator just to milk the grotto's cheap entry fee.

Su Yu smiled, "I need to take a walk. Furthermore..."

He frowned, "I keep having a feeling that 320 acupoints are incomplete. Something is missing. You don't know this, Teacher, but I felt a sense of imbalance after fusing my acupoints."

"Hmm?"

Old Nie asked in surprise, "What do you mean?"

He had decided to pretend he had not heard the part about 320 acupoints.

Su Yu frowned and said, "It's a feeling deep inside me. My body is telling me that my acupoint fusion is wrong. Well, not exactly wrong, but it feels unnatural. The fused acupoints are stronger while the basic acupoints are weaker. There is no balance."

With a helpless tone, Su Yu explained, "Maybe this is because I have opened too many acupoints. With some fused and unfused acupoints in my body, when I try to use the power of my acupoints, it doesn't feel smooth. I have a feeling that with 360 acupoints, even if it's not the perfect cycle, it would be a comparatively perfect cycle."

After a short silence, Su Yu continued, "Thus, I think I'll stop fusing acupoints for now. I need to open 360 acupoints first before advancing with 40 acupoints fused per stage."

At this point, some excitement seeped into his voice as he said, "Teacher, with 40 acupoints per stage, I would definitely be much stronger than I am. At that time, one of my acupoints would be as strong as four basic Great Strength acupoints. With 360 acupoints, at the ninth-stage Infinite Strength

Realm, I would be able to unleash the strength of 1,440 acupoints. I would be able to blast a ninth-stage Skysoar apart with one punch."

"..."

Old Nie was tired. He was really tired of this kid. Was this kid planning to become the strongest Infinite Strength cultivator since the beginning of time?

Opening 360 acupoints and fusing 40 acupoints per stage? Could he still be called an Infinite Strength cultivator? Blasting a Skysoar apart with a punch? At that point, even weaker Cloudbreach cultivators might be blasted apart with one punch.

"Su Yu, there is balance in everything. You don't want to bite off more than you can chew..."

"Teacher, I'm only 40 acupoints short. I want to give this a try!" Su Yu smiled, "Perhaps I could discover something related to the source soul acupoint by doing this."

He really wanted to give this a try. He had already opened 320 acupoints. What was 40 more? Of course, the premise for that was the discovery of all the acupoints.

He was already aware of the locations of 346 acupoints after going through Xia Clan's collection he had obtained from Xia Huyou. All those acupoints had been marked on a replica for his study.

Not even the Xia Family had discovered 360 acupoints. They had only discovered 322 acupoints in total. Many of their acupoints overlapped with what the academy had discovered.

Su Yu was able to discover the location of 346 acupoints after combing through the records of the academy and the Xia Family. He was only 14 acupoints away from discovering 360 acupoints.

With so many acupoints opened, he was actually capable of using almost all cultivation methods and techniques he knew. The moment he found something he couldn't use directly, that would mean that he had discovered some new acupoints.

Thus, he would be more than happy to find some cultivation methods that he couldn't yet use. Alas...he seemed to have gone through almost all the cultivation methods available in Great Xia.

What a pity.

At this point, one could say that Su Yu was an omnipotent warrior. He only needed to learn the circulation pathway of any cultivation method and technique to instantly grasp it. This was very incredible.