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One hour later.

Both the fragment room and filter room were ransacked by Su Yu.

His cultural weapon had grown even stronger. He had also opened a new aperture after absorbing the high-purity willpower. With that, he had completed opening the apertures of his third art, putting him at 108 opened apertures.

"This is quite troublesome. I should try to get a spatial-type character. Otherwise, it would be hard for me to carry my stuff around."

Just look at how cool Hong Tan was as he traveled around empty-handed. Meanwhile, Bai Feng looked incredibly pitiful dragging his luggage behind him each time he needed to travel.

Additionally, it would also be better for him to get a beast-taming character. True beast tamers would have such characters, allowing them to keep their mounts in those characters before hiding those characters in their seas of willpower.

Meanwhile, both the water elemental and shadow had been stuck on Su Yu's body all the time. The suanni and the others would be kept in Wentan Research Center for now. Even the little fellow was left behind. After stuffing himself with the fragments in the room, he was busy digesting what he had eaten.

"I really need a spatial-type character. I guess I need to try to read something these two days. Even a first-tier character would be useful for travel."

He needed such a character to keep his research materials or even his blood essence. Otherwise, someone strong could easily detect the large amount of blood essence he carried on him.

He also needed to gather more blood essence. He intended to reach the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm within two days. Perhaps at that stage, his

body would be strong enough to withstand the consumption of Cloudbreach blood essence.

He would be happy with even first or second-stage Cloudbreach blood essence. He only needed the blood essence of races with great offensive power.

"The celestial dragon race is a decent choice, but their blood essence is too expensive..."

Of the top 10 races, Su Yu had only consumed the blood essence of the celestial dragon race before. The mountainbreak bull race was also a decent choice. And this was a race he was very familiar with.

As a top 100 race with powerful body, mountainbreak bulls were good at attacking. Their ability to crush mountains with a single strike was quite impressive.

Su Yu was walking while thinking when he suddenly stopped and looked ahead of him. There, an amused Liu Hong could be seen. "Su Yu, it has been a few days since I last saw you."

"Teacher Liu." Su Yu smiled, "Teacher, you have just entered the Cloudbreach Realm, but why does it feel like you're even more subdued after that?"

Liu Hong had been keeping a low profile after his advancement. He was seen less and less, and he was also a lot less active in the academy than before.

Liu Hong smiled and said, "Since I've just advanced, it is good to focus more on my cultivation. I have been too busy to even open more apertures. Su Yu, you have been growing well. You're near the Skysoar Realm already, right?"

"Not at all."

Liu Hong smiled. Suddenly, he switched to voice transmission, "You sure have a lot of good stuff. Lin Yao has actually opened an aperture. And I also heard that there is a special edition of the acupuncture fusion method. Would you consider me giving me some of the good stuff you have?"

"Heh."

Su Yu's eyes turned cold. Dream on. But this fellow sure had been paying attention. He had actually noticed Lin Yao's aperture so soon?

"Don't be so quick to refuse. I'll offer you a piece of information. I guarantee you would voluntarily give me something for that information."

Su Yu switched to voice transmission as well and said, "What is it?"

Generally, one needed to reach the Skysoar Realm before one could start using voice transmissions. But Su Yu's willpower was strong enough that he had obtained this ability in advance. He had merely refrained from using it as it felt too shady talking in secret like this.

While holding a conversation through voice transmissions, Liu Hong was saying something else with his mouth, "Su Yu, humility is good to have for everyone..."

With his voice transmission, he was saying, "Give me the acupoint fusion method and the aperture opening method. If you agree, you can have the information."

"Forget it, then."

"Don't be so hasty." Liu Hong said, "Firstly, you're now very famous in the cult. You rank very high in their killing list. They have a bounty of 15,000 merit points for your life. A bounty of 30,000 merit points is also available for those capable of capturing you alive."

Su Yu raised his brow and asked, "And how did you find out about that?"

"I am someone with a lot of friends." Liu Hong grinned and said, "Do you think the Myriad Race Cult is only filled with lunatics? They also have some regular hoodlums, some unambitious people there only to earn a living, or some greedy bastards who would do anything for money. Thus, it isn't hard to get information about the cult."

Su Yu smiled. A bounty of 30,000 for bringing him in alive and a bounty of 15,000 for his head. That bounty was so attractive that he wanted to offer them his head himself.

Liu Hong asked, "Are you interested in cooperation? You can feign death and I'll claim the bounty from them..."

"Would that even work?"

"Of course. But to do so, we need to offer them a strong proof. For example, your cultural weapon. Are you interested? It's not like your cultural weapon is worth much."

"Forget it. I'm not interested."

Su Yu was uninterested. If this was before, he might be moved. But it was no longer enough to attract him. The reward was too small and he did not have the time to attempt something like that.

Liu Hong's eyes flickered as he continued bickering with Su Yu outwardly.

Meanwhile, he continued using voice transmission and said, "That's only the first piece of news I have for you. My second piece of news is related to Di Feng's family. Do you know about them? It's the Di Family, a large but not too powerful family. They only have a few Cloudbreach cultivators in the family. They have been shouting about taking revenge on you, but recently, they seemed to have gone silent."

"What does that mean?" Su Yu asked, without a change in expression.

Liu Hong said, "I'm very curious as well. They made a lot of noise before this, but they were suddenly summoned to see Elder Sun this morning. After about an hour, they left the meeting and stopped shouting about you. It was as though they have decided to let the matter be."

"Generally, there are only a few scenarios where this would happen. Firstly, Elder Sun had given them sufficient compensation. Secondly, you are too strong, forcing them to let go of the grudge. Or thirdly, it is also possible that they are ready to do something big. In that situation, it is naturally pointless for them to keep making noise about it. Which do you think is the case here?"

"In all honesty, the single character faction is currently broke. They won't be able to afford the compensation. You are good at defeating them in arguments, but you're not strong enough that they can't do anything to you. Thus, I'm guessing that perhaps it's the third scenario."

Su Yu stared at Liu Hong for a while. Suddenly, he said, "You're not from the single character faction."

He suspected that this fellow owed his allegiance to an entirely different power. Why had this fellow informed him about this out of nowhere? Was he betraying the single character faction? Wasn't this a tad too straightforward?

Had he betrayed his faction just to secure Su Yu's cultivation methods for himself? Liu Hong had always been a pragmatist. Why would someone like that betray his faction before confirming that he would be able to get something from Su Yu?

"We're on the same side."

Liu Hong flashed a big smile. Su Yu narrowed his eyes. Nonsense!

Thinking about what he knew about Liu Hong, Su Yu tried to make a guess before frowning. He looked at Liu Hong again and smiled, "I don't feel like guessing anymore. You're probably an agent of the Xia Family or Principal Wan. In any case, you're not from our faction or the single character faction. You're only a shit-stirrer."

"I don't understand what you're saying." Liu Hong was still smiling.

Su Yu continued speaking with voice transmission while walking, "Ignoring everything else, without the support of Principal Wan or the Xia Family, could you have expanded your black market business to such a level? The single character faction people believe that they're the reason for that. But I doubt so. Xia Huyou once said that the Xia Family is only involved in the black market for information. They would never allow your involvement unless you're actively providing them with information. Thus, even if you're not their agent, you have definitely worked with them before."

Liu Hong laughed, "You guessed wrongly. It's only some information. We only need to provide the information to the single character faction. The information will then be passed to the academy. As long as someone of sufficient status is in charge, the Xia Family doesn't care about the process of getting the information."

Su Yu couldn't be bothered to argue.

Liu Hong followed Su Yu and said, "We are not the only single character faction members around. There are still a lot of members in Great Xia apart from us. Have you forgotten about the Daoseeking and Nine Heavens

academies? Do you know that the very principal of the Nine Heavens Cultural Research Academy is a member of the single character faction?"

Su Yu paused slightly, but he said nothing and continued walking immediately after. New novel chapters are published on [www.bin\(.\)co/m](http://www.bin(.)co/m)

"In our academy, Principal Wan is keeping an eye on everyone. But look at the other academy. Their very principal is from the single character faction. And the Xia Family won't be keeping a close watch on that person all the time. No matter what, that is an expert near the Sunmoon Realm."

Su Yu continued walking silently.

"Give me the cultivation methods and I can provide you with a list of Mountainseas that might be leaving on a trip soon. What do you think?"

Su Yu finally turned to look at Liu Hong. His eyes flickered as he said, "I don't need your help. Do you think I can't get my hands on the same information myself?"

"Oh?" Liu Hong grinned, "I know a secret. There is a black market merchant in Great Xia's black market. This merchant is a big supplier of Mountainsea blood essence. This merchant has been active even in recent years. Guess who this black market merchant is."

He added, "Are you willing to give me the methods now?"

Su Yu said, "I can let you have this win, but offending me like this won't benefit you."

"Wrong. I'm not offending you. This is a fair trade. I'm not forcing you to give me anything, right? I'm only here to sell you some valuable information."

"What's your goal in doing this?"

Liu Hong had an odd look as he said, "What goal do I need to have? But if you really want a goal, it's really very simple. I need you to help me with the removal of several Mountainsea characters within three years. What do you think about this?"

"Your teacher?"

"Exactly." Liu Hong said, "If what you said previously is true, this would be a chance for you to produce Sunmoons. I have been gathering information lately. I learned that my teacher is not the only human Mountainsea stuck at that level. Su Yu, just how does your removal method work? You weren't lying, right?"

"No. This method exists."

He never lied. He had merely neglected to mention that he could only remove Skysoar characters for now.

"You still can't do so for now, right?"

Su Yu said nothing.

"You need time, right?"

Su Yu maintained his silence.

"Therefore, you can't be allowed to die. You need to get the time you need." Liu Hong's eyes were burning as he said, "I'm worried that I won't be able to find anyone else to do this after your death. Su Yu, you can deal with those who have wronged you accordingly. I don't care about that. I only want my teacher to survive."

"You don't look like the kind of people that would care about others." Su Yu sneered.

"You're wrong." Liu Hong said, "We're both the same type of people. The only difference is that you're luckier and more talented than me, giving you more confidence. I don't owe the single character faction anything, but I do owe my teacher something. Do you understand now?"

Su Yu had a pensive look. He stared at Liu Hong for a long while before saying, "Fine. We'll maintain contact with voice transmission talismans. Of course, I won't fully trust your name list. If your teacher can remain alive for three years, I can try to remove the characters for him."

"Deal."

Right after receiving Liu Hong's reply, Su Yu ran off.

"He sure is fast. He hasn't even given me the cultivation methods."

Liu Hong then laughed. This was someone with the courage to complain about the status quo in front of a Sunmoon. Why was he so confident? Or had he perhaps decided to throw all caution to the wind? Or maybe he had found an alternative?

Liu Hong didn't have enough information to guess what Su Yu was about to do, but he was sure that this kid was definitely plotting something.

Chapter 562: Mission (3)

23rd of December.

Su Yu stopped going outdoors. He was focused on reaching the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm, consuming blood essence, and forming a spatial character. He also had a lot of work to do.

He had three Mountainsea beasts with him. Xia Huyou had promised to back him up with two Mountainseas, but he wasn't sure if that would remain the case. But if the help was still coming, he would have five Mountainseas on his side. But that wasn't good enough for him.

"It would be better if I could set the location at the Starfall Mountain. There, Great Ming would be able to interfere. Any other location would be too unfavorable for me. They won't dare to show up with their real identities. They will only disguise themselves as cultists."

The single character faction would not dare to expose their identities when assassinating him. Thus, it was only natural that they would disguise themselves as cultists.

This would be a good opportunity for Su Yu to deal with them. After all, it was everyone's responsibility to exterminate the Myriad Race Cult.

"As far as they know, I'll only have a single Mountainsea on my side. How many Mountainseas would they send?"

It wouldn't be easy to get an answer for that.

With Xia Qing's betrayal, if he really only had one Mountainsea on his side, it would be enough for the single character faction to only send one Mountainsea. If they could send a seventh-stage Mountainsea, they could practically guarantee a victory.

But the single character faction's desire to kill him was too strong. Just how many Mountainseas would they send? More than one, right? But it was really hard to guess. One was probably not enough. Even after Xia Qing's betrayal, she would probably not dare to make any direct move on him. Would they collude with actual cultists to deal with him?

Since the academy was still keeping watch over the single character faction's Mountainseas, they wouldn't be able to send all their Mountainseas. They would only be able to send one or two Mountainseas out after coming up with a good excuse. More than that and they would catch too much attention.

At that thought, Su Yu took out his voice transmission talisman and said, "Zongji, can you check with me if any elders have departed for missions recently?"

A short while later, Hu Zongji replied, "From early of this month? Or do you have a specific time frame in mind?"

"Starting from the 20th."

"One moment..."

With his second granduncle at the Missions Department, Hu Zongji would be able to find out about the missions of some elders even if those weren't public missions. After all, a record would be kept for all missions unless it was a secret mission directly assigned by the principal.

After a short while, Hu Zongji replied, "Four elders. Elder Xie of the beast taming faction has left for the Allheaven Battlefield. Elder Li of the Character Faculty left for the the naval battlefield. Elder Wang of the Transformation Faculty left for Great Qin to visit a friend. And Elder Yu has also left. She's not going too far away. She's only going to Beifeng to welcome a visiting elder From Great Shang. I heard that the elder had arrived because of you."

Yu Hong and Elder Li! Unknowingly, the single character faction had sent two of their elders away. Of course, both of them had obtained a proper excuse for their departure. One had left for the naval battlefield while the other was welcoming a visiting elder from Great Shang.

Su Yu knew a little bit about that. That elder seemed to have arrived after he killed Di Feng and humiliated the single character faction. So that elder had remained in Great Xia until now?

In that case, there were at least three Mountainsea enemies out there. Su Yu wasn't sure if that visiting elder would make a move against him as well. And there were also the people from the Nine Heavens and Daoseeking academies.

"If even those two academies are sending some people, they are truly putting a lot of importance on me."

Even if those two academies decided to send an elder each, that would grant them a total of five Mountainseas they could send after him. That was crazy. It was like they were trying to kill a Sunmoon instead. Was there a need for that?

Su Yu started grumbling to himself.

But even if they were going to do something, it was unlikely for them to move together in Great Xia. There were too many of them.

"Well, let's see if you guys are ambitious enough."

If those people were really ambitious enough, those people would only make their move after arriving at his "ruin". And that would give him the chance to deal with them. Of course, if those five Mountainseas were lunatics who would attack right after he left the academy, there would be nothing he could do.

This was the best opportunity to test the greed of these people. He would be dancing in the edge of life and death. At that thought, Su Yu smiled as he couldn't help getting excited. This was quite exhilarating.

This was not a bad thing. He needed something like this. Those people might test him repeatedly on his way to the so-called ruin. They would keep trying to force him to reveal his trump cards. They might even take this chance to test Great Xia itself and the multiple character faction. This would be the perfect opportunity for him to temper himself.

While he was thinking, his body suddenly shook. He had successfully fused his acupoints. He had actually been fusing his acupoints for quite some time. From the time he came up with the fusion method until now, about a month had passed. He had finally successfully fused all the acupoints of the Sky Sundering Saber.

All 144 of Sky Sundering Saber's acupoints had been fused. The resulting product was nine fused acupoints. And he had successfully reached the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm.

Su Yu's eyes flickered as he sank into thought. He still had a lot of acupoints. It would be better if he could also fuse the acupoints of his martial techniques. But since he was lacking time, he had to slow it down. He could do so after arriving at Great Ming.

"Time for me to start consuming some new blood essence. Let's try a drop of ninth-stage Skysoar blood essence."

He wouldn't try any Cloudbreach just yet. He was afraid of death. He would only have the courage to try if the ninth-stage Skysoar blood essence ended up not giving him much pressure.

A drop of blood essence appeared in his hand. Ahhh, this was an old friend. It was a drop of iron-winged bird blood essence.

He had received his recent batch of blood essence from Xia Huyou. He had spent quite a lot of money, about 20,000 to 30,000 merit points, on this batch. He did not mind. That was nothing for him.

He stopped thinking, clenched his teeth, and swallowed the drop of blood essence.

Boom!

His entire body shook as his acupoints opened wide while the powerful blood essence flooded his body with power. Only a short instance had passed but Su Yu could feel his body reaching its limit.

Fortunately, the book in his head was not slow. It immediately absorbed the power of the blood essence. Next, a golden page appeared in his sea of willpower.

It was the iron-winged bird's page. Something seemed to have changed.

Iron-winged bird (Ninth-stage Skysoar)

Racial abilities: Tier-3 Rip (activation with blood essence), Ironwing Slash (activation with blood essence)

Foundation source art: Source Swallowing Art (activate with blood essence)

Basic body forging art: Ironwing Nine Forged Art (activation with blood essence)

An extra row of words had appeared.

Basic body forging art.

Su Yu wasn't surprised. At the Skysoar Realm, a warrior would start forging their body, cleansing their marrows, transforming their blood, and strengthening their physique. This was the time when they would start cultivating some arts to enhance this process and rebuild their body.

These arts did not require acupoint opening. They only needed to utilize their source qi in a certain way. The source qi would work in tandem with one's blood essence and reforge one's body. One could also add some natural treasures to help with the process.

This was quite different than cultural researchers at the same level of cultivation. At this stage, cultural researchers would mainly focus on opening apertures. Su Yu wasn't too concerned about this. He was still too far away from that stage. There was no rush.

Of course, if he managed to find an opportunity to reforge his body, he wouldn't mind doing so as it would only benefit him. Ignoring the contents of the page, he swallowed another drop of iron-winged bird blood essence.

His body started swelling and his hands started transforming. With a roar, Su Yu clawed out. A tearing sound rang out. The training puppet in front of him was instantly ripped apart.

After studying the destroyed puppet for a while, Su Yu cursed, "Garbage."

The iron-winged birds were too useless. The offensive strength of a ninth-stage Skysoar did not even feel much stronger than his actual offensive strength. Truly garbage. This blood essence had also failed to put much pressure on his body.

"Sure enough, all the races beyond the top 100 are weak."

Su Yu grumbled about the expensive price of this blood essence despite how weak it was. It should be stronger since it came from a ninth-stage Skysoar, right? What a waste of money.

"This won't do. I need the blood essence of a stronger race."

At the very least, he needed the blood essence of a race that was as strong as the suanni race.

The iron-winged bird race was truly garbage. Su Yu even felt like each second he spent looking at their page was a waste of his time. He took out another drop of blood essence and swallowed it. He refused to stop before finding a sufficiently powerful race.

It would be even better if he could find a race capable of killing Mountainseas at the Cloudbreach Realm. With that, he could perhaps swallow a drop of first or second-stage Cloudbreach blood essence and kill a Mountainsea with his own hands. Of course, he was also aware that he was probably dreaming. Only a very small number of super elites of a small number of elite races could pull something like this.

And a drop of blood essence was probably not enough to grant him that much strength. Not to mention that he would only be able to use the blood essence of an early-stage Cloudbreach. An early-stage Cloudbreach killing a Mountainsea was something that had never happened before as far as he remembered.

He continued consuming blood essence to open more pages. Occasionally, he would cough a few mouthfuls of blood. The blood essence of some races was quite powerful, capable of forcing him to cough blood even at the ninth-stage Skysoar Realm. The more powerful the blood essence was, the more excited Su Yu became as that represented strength.

The iron-winged bird blood essence was truly worthless. A drop of their blood essence had only caused his body to swell a little. How garbage.

At the same time.

Great Xia Cultural Research Academy.

The Missions Department finally received a plea for help from Nanyuan.

"The principal of Nanyuan Secondary School has requested for Su Yu to return and assist with the removal of the beasts that had been wreaking havoc near Nanyuan..."

"Jointly signed by Mayor Wu Wenhai."

The Cloudbreach experts in the meeting room exchanged gazes. Hu Zongji's granduncle, Hu Youhui, said, "This is Nanyuan's plea for help. They are requesting the assistance of Su Yu. What do you think, everyone?"

A different Cloudbreach nonchalantly said, "Inform Su Yu and let him make his own decision. Since Nanyuan is his birthplace, it is only natural that they ask for his help. Since he is a genius capable of killing Skysoars, a few beasts won't trouble him."

"The beasts at Nanyuan aren't too strong. But they are everywhere so extermination is troublesome."

They continued voicing their opinions. One of them smiled and said, "In that case, just let Su Yu accept this mission. He's a genius, right? He needs a chance to temper himself."

Hu Youhui scanned the room. A few of them were members of the single character faction. After some thought, he said, "He has a bounty in the Myriad Race Cult. It's too dangerous to send him back."

"This is a good chance for him to temper himself. It's still within Great Xia's borders. If he's worried, he can get the experts of his faction to protect him in secret. We can let him decide. We only need to inform him about this."

Hu Youhui nodded in agreement.

"Guards, pass on this mission to Su Yu. He can decide for himself if he's accepting it or not." Top *novel* updates on [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin(.)com)

Before long, someone left with the mission's notice.

Hu Youhui stood up and said nothing else. As he scanned the room, he felt somewhat uneasy. What were these people thinking? This mission could actually be a threat to Su Yu's safety.

The Myriad Race Cult was keeping a close watch on Su Yu. Why was the single character faction getting involved? Would they actually dare to...

He didn't even dare to finish that thought. This mission felt too sudden and suspicious to him. This couldn't be a scheme of the single character faction, right?

He couldn't help but recall the scene of him escorting the youth to the academy a few months ago. The inconspicuous youth from back then had now turned into a renowned individual in Great Xia.

Chapter 563: Farewell (1)

Source Soul Research Center.

Su Yu walked down from upstairs with a pale face.

When Wu Lan saw him, she curiously said, "The Missions Department has just delivered the call for help from Nanyuan to you."

With an odd gaze, she asked, "What happened to you? Why is your face so white?"

The pale complexion was due to excessive blood coughing. But Su Yu had also consumed a lot of blood essence. For him, this was no big deal. He only needed to get used to it.

He did not answer the question and caught the mission's notice tossed over by Wu Lan. With a smile, he said, "Can you issue a mission for me? I'll be assembling a team to exterminate the beasts near Nanyuan."

"Is that necessary?" Wu Lan said, "Just kill them yourself. If you could do that in the past, why couldn't you do so now?"

"There is strength in numbers."

"I'll go with you then..."

"It's fine."

"Why? I want to go!"

"You're too weak."

"..."

Wu Lan's face twisted. Her famous nostril made a return as she once again raised her chin, snorted coldly, and left with a dissatisfied expression.

That was hurtful.

She was infuriated.

While walking away, she snorted, "The others you find would be weak as well!"

Her willpower was quite strong. She was already near the Skysoar Realm! Even her physical cultivation had reached the fifth-stage Great Strength Realm. Sure, that wasn't too strong, but she wasn't a warrior. She was a cultural researcher!

Su Yu smiled and said, "I will only be accepting those at the Infinite Strength Realm or peak Mental Tempering Stage. I also won't be taking too many people with me. I'll only accept ten people for the mission. Both Nanyuan and the academy will be giving them some rewards on top of the ten merit points per person I will be offering. And they are also entitled to the spoils of war from the battle."

"I want to go!"

"You're too weak."

"..."

Wu Lan left sullenly. This was the second time she was rejected. She was furious.

Su Yu smiled. He wasn't worried about her anger.

After she left, he sat on the couch and sank into thought. A short while later, Xia Huyou entered the room and said, "Did the Missions Department send you a mission?"

"How are you aware of that already?"

"What a stupid question."

Xia Huyou did not bother being polite. Very few things in Great Xia could be hidden from him.

"Leaving now..." Xia Huyou couldn't help but say, "I still think it's too dangerous."

Su Yu invited Xia Huyou to take a seat and said, "Let's not talk about that. I only have one question. Are those two reliable?"

"Yes, they are." Xia Huyou nodded and said, "Don't joke with me. They are definitely reliable. No matter what, I'm a sort of crown prince. My father won't feel assured without fully reliable guards."

"How's their strength?"

"One of them is a seventh-stage Mountainsea and the other is a sixth-stage Mountainsea."

"That's weaker than what I've expected."

Su Yu was blunt. As a so-called crown prince, Xia Huyou wasn't even assigned a peak Mountainsea guard. Was this really a descendant of an Invincible? Just look at the cloud tiger race. Xia Qing was nothing yet she had a third-stage Mountainsea acting as her dao protector. With Xia Qing as the comparison, Xia Huyou looked rather pitiful.

Xia Huyou rolled his eyes and said, "If I'm leaving on a long journey, I'll naturally be protected by Sunmoons. Why do I need experts at that level within the capital? No Sunmoon can enter the capital without catching my father's notice. What am I afraid of?"

No Sunmoon was stronger than his father. If the Sunmoon tried anything, his father would simply cut that Sunmoon down without even being there in person.

"Seventh-stage and sixth-stage Mountainseas..."

Su Yu sank into thought. In truth, that wasn't weak. Or to be precise, that was actually quite a formidable force. He was only afraid that his enemies would have the numerical advantage.

At that thought, he said, "Station some Martial Dragon Guards along the way. I don't need them to be strong. I only need their presence. They don't even need to stick close to me. They only need to serve as a deterrent, preventing any Mountainsea from making a move against me before reaching Nanyuan. Then again, it would be enough for them to only deter the single character faction. As for the cult, they are free to come at me."

"Sure." Xia Huyou looked at Su Yu with a frown and asked, "Are you sure you can lure them out?"

What a stupid question. Of course he was sure.

Su Yu couldn't even be bothered to give a reply. He tossed a jade talisman over and said, "We're clear. With this, we don't owe each other anything anymore."

"There is no need for you to worry too much about money between us!"
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After taking a look at the contents of the talisman, Xia Huyou's eyes flickered. He asked, "Another 36-aperture art? And it can even be linked with the apertures of the art you gave me previously? Just how many of these arts do you have?"

"Since both arts of 72 apertures can be linked into a singular system, I can use them until the Mountainsea or even the Sunmoon Realm. Incredible. I'm afraid we will be welcoming a batch of cultural researcher experts in the near future. You are truly amazing."

"You're not allowed to disseminate this art without my approval." Su Yu indifferently said, "Of course, if you insist on disseminating it, you can do so as well. Just do as you see fit."

That art was his. He held all rights to the art. He did not mind having his art disseminated without permission, but if they did that, the relationship between them would fall apart.

"Don't worry."

Xia Huyou wasn't worried at all. There was no way he was going to disseminate this art. He took out a bunch of items and said, "I have your blood

essence here. You sure are getting more and more crazy. Why are you buying even Cloudbreach blood essence? Just what are you doing?"

"Experiments." Su Yu gave a reply that didn't answer anything.

At that moment, Xia Huyou's voice transmission talisman vibrated. When he took a look, he smiled and said, "Someone has accepted your mission."

"Already?" Su Yu had received no notification about it.

Xia Huyou smiled and said, "It's Zhou Hao. Interesting. Is he this desperate for money? Or is he simply doing this because he is itching to kill some beasts?"

Zhou Hao? Su Yu blanked out slightly. When he recovered, he smiled and said, "It's fine. Not everyone will be allowed to go with me. I'll make another round of selection before deciding on the final composition of the team."

He did not wish to drag the innocent into this mess. And it wasn't likely that the single character faction students would dare to accept this mission of his. He would actually admire their courage if they really did something like this. He was mainly aiming for the foreign students when he issued this mission.

Xia Huyou said, "In that case, I'll be taking my leave. I still have something else to do. Feel free to notify me if you need anything else. By the way, if you really decide to kill, you will be in even more trouble after this. Why don't you join the Xia Family's private research center?"

Su Yu glanced at Xia Huyou. Did the marquis not tell him anything? Was this fellow still completely clueless? Why was this fellow still worrying about his fate after returning from the trip? There was no longer any need for that.

Su Yu sighed inwardly. Yes. There was no longer any need for that.

Xia Huyou left.

Su Yu's mission had not attracted too much attention in the academy. For a lot of people, this was just a normal mission. As for the single character faction's possible reprisal against Su Yu, many believed that since Su Yu was going to remain within Great Xia, there was nothing the single character faction could do.

Would they be so daring as to pull something within the borders of Great Xia? Even if they wanted to do something, they should wait until Su Yu was out of the prefecture. The ten merit points offered as the mission reward were quite attractive.

And that was not everything one could get from the mission. They would also be entitled to the spoils from the beasts they kill during the mission. Thus, one could say that the pay for this mission was actually quite generous.

Initially, this mission was very inconspicuous. That changed the moment Xia Qing accepted the mission. According to the academy rules, the foreign students were not allowed to participate in any mission unless there were other humans in the team.

Xia Qing did not say much when accepting the mission. Before long, rumors started spreading that Xia Qing had only accepted the mission because she was Su Yu's friend. Additionally, she was trying to prove to humanity that the foreign students here were the friends of the human race.

Friend. A lot of emphasis was placed on the word friend as the rumors spread. This was also a way to manipulate public opinion. With this, even if Su Yu ended up dead, Xia Qing and the others would be able to escape responsibility. Since they were his friends, why would they plot for his death?

Su Yu did nothing to address the rumors. Sure. Since those foreign students insisted on claiming that they were friends, so be it.

25th of December.

This was the last day in the year for anyone to challenge the Top 100 Ranking.

Outside the House of Hundred, a lot of students had arrived. Almost all the top 100 students were here as well. And Su Yu was also there. He did not enter the ring. He merely stood behind Wu Jia silently.

Nobody said anything. Many wondered if anyone would dare to challenge Wu Jia. Anyone challenging Wu Jia at a time like this was definitely someone trying to kick her out of the ranking. The conflict between the single and multiple character factions seemed to have intensified due to the Top 100

Ranking. After Di Feng was killed by Su Yu, this conflict had intensified further.

Time passed slowly. The students started challenging each other, but none challenged Wu Jia. With Su Yu there, one must be crazy to challenge Wu Jia. If anyone dared to challenge Wu Jia, Su Yu's retaliation would come swiftly. Even if Su Yu couldn't kill, he could still cripple his opponents during these challenge matches.

Today, there were barely any single character faction members around. They were not keen on showing up and further humiliating themselves. Even when night arrived, Wu Jia had yet to encounter any challenger.

She had successfully kept her ranking for the month. It had happened so easily. Nobody dared to challenge her.

Late at night.

This was the last thing Su Yu could do for the multiple character faction. After escorting Wu Jia back home, he arrived at a restaurant within the academy. The students who had accepted his mission were waiting in a private room.

There were twelve of them. All of them were students, and eight of them were foreign students. That was quite a high number.

Apart from Xia Qing's considerably large entourage, some other foreign students had also been attracted by the mission. They had gained the courage to accept the mission after noticing Xia Qing doing so.

When Su Yu arrived, he saw that the students had been split into two camps consisting of the foreign students and the human students. The human students were mostly ignoring the foreign students.

All four of the human students were quite strong. Zhou Hao was one of them. Excluding Zhou Hao, Su Yu knew two out of three of the remaining human students. One of them was Li Minyu, ranked fourth in the top 100 previously. She was currently ranked second.

Jiang Mu was the current first-ranked student. The fight between Su Yu and Di Feng was a private match instead of a challenge match. Thus, he did not

replace Di Feng in the ranking. The previous second-ranked student had advanced into the Skysoar Realm at the Allheaven Battlefield not long after Zhan Hai's advancement.

The second student Su Yu knew was Ji Xiaomeng. Su Yu was very surprised to see her. Why was she here? This was very surprising. After all, that was Ji Hong's daughter. It would be very troublesome if she ended up dead during the mission.

Ji Xiaomeng, Li Minyu, and Zhou Hao. Su Yu did not know who the final human student was. That was someone he had never seen before.

Noticing Su Yu's gaze on him, the slightly blond student stood up and said, "Junior Brother Su, let me introduce myself. I am Chen Chen, a student of batch 345 and a 65th-ranked student in the top 100. I am a fourth-stage Infinite Strength and peak Mental Tempering Stage student from the Beast Taming Faculty."

Su Yu was surprised. This was yet another top 100 student.

Chen Chen smiled and said, "I am here because I wish to look for a beast I can tame. I was planning to go alone, but after hearing about your mission, I decided to accept it instead."

"Thank you for accepting the mission, Senior Brother Chen."

Chen Chen smiled and said, "Junior Brother Su, the crisis in Nanyuan isn't too serious. I have to be blunt. It is preferable to not bring these foreign students with us. We never know what they might be planning."

At that, the foreign students looked at him. As they were all clad in cloaks and hoods, their expressions weren't visible. Even so, their anger could be felt.

Chen Chen was unbothered. He said, "These people are beasts as well. And we're on a mission to exterminate beasts. Who knows if they would end up pitying the beasts? We have to be cautious about this."

"Senior Brother Chen." Xia Qing coldly said, "There is no need for you to worry about this. With Brother Su around, we will naturally listen to his arrangements."

Chen Chen ignored her and said, "Junior Brother Su, you are a super genius of the human race. Meanwhile, Great Xia has been warring against the myriad races for many years. It is better for you to be careful. There is no need for you to ruin your reputation like this."

Su Yu nodded with a smile and said, "Don't worry, Senior Brother. Great Xia has adopted a new policy. The human race and the myriad races are no longer enemies. There are so many races out there. We need to be clear about who our real enemies and friends are. We don't want to turn our allies into enemies, right?"

The moment those words were said, one of the cloaked students said, "Exactly. Our race has been allied to the human race for many years. Great Xia itself has been a long-term ally of us. Stop inciting disharmony between our races."

Su Yu looked over in surprise and asked, "Are you someone from the sky horse race?"

"Yes." From the voice, this was a male. The student hurriedly said, "I am from the sky horse race. Our race has been a friend of Great Xia for generations. Senior Brother Chen, those words are very disappointing to hear after generations of friendship between our races."

Chen Chen said nothing. He did not want to offend the sky horse race. There was no need for that. After all, there was even a special unit called the Sky Horse Unit in the Martial Dragon Guards. They had indeed been allied to the human race for many years. Of course, for a lot of people, these sky horses were merely mounts.

Chapter 564: Farewell (2)

Su Yu was curious to see a sky horse here. Was this sky horse also scheming against him? That seemed unlikely.

The sky horse race had been an ally of the human race for many years. They even had several Mountainseas serving in the Martial Dragon Guards. If this sky horse youth was really plotting against him, the entire sky horse race would be endangered.

Or perhaps...

As Su Yu thought of a different possibility, he glanced at Xia Qing and her group. Interesting. Had Xia Qing arranged for a few clueless foreign students to join the mission as well? Was this a ploy to share the burden of his death with more people?

That was understandable. With someone from the sky horse race present, even if Great Xia was unhappy with these foreign students, the others would be able to avoid responsibility if they could get this sky horse youth to serve as the witness that the cult was the culprit behind his death.

The authorities would have a hard time deciding if they wanted to punish the sky horse youth alongside Xia Qing and her group. If they did so, they would have to worry about causing dissatisfaction among the sky horse race.

After all, the sky horse race had fought for the human race for so many years. After losing only one genius, a young genius of their race was punished even if they had nothing to do with the death. Would they be happy about it? Resentment would ensue. This was not something Marquis Xia and Xia Longwu would allow.

"She sure is smart."

Su Yu sneered inwardly. But he had to admit that this was a good move. Out of the eight foreign students, who among them were Xia Qing's allies? Su Yu was unsure. In fact, he wouldn't even put his trust in the sky horse youth. After all, you never knew what someone was thinking.

To be precise, he did not trust any of the students here, including Zhou Hao. He was not the type of person to place his safety in the hands of others, including the three Mountainsea beasts that had reached an agreement with Hong Tan to help him.

Without a proper way of restricting those fellows, he would never have trusted them. And yes, his distrust extended to Ji Xiaomeng as well. Who knew what she was thinking in that head of hers? She was the daughter of the Talent Fostering Bureau's director. Thus, it was quite suspicious that she had actually joined his mission.

Su Yu wasted no time and said, "Everyone, I am a blunt person. This mission seems easy. And it is indeed easy. But I have to make one thing clear. There is a bounty on me in the Myriad Race Cult. Thus, there is a possibility that

they might make a move and plunge us into danger. Think carefully about this before deciding to set off with me.

"Of course, I don't know if they would really pull something crazy, but the possibility is there. Then again, the foreign students will be escorted by their dao protectors outside the academy. I'm not too worried about their safety. But I can't guarantee the safety of the others."

As he said that, his gaze landed on the four human students. With his stuffy voice, Zhou Hao said, "You're their target. In that case, can I run when they're attacking you?"

"Yes."

"Then it would be fine. I have great survival skills in the wilderness."

He was very confident. Su Yu was not surprised. This fellow was someone who had grown up in the wilderness. It was understandable that this fellow would be able to protect himself well in the wilderness.

His gaze landed on the others. Li Minyu smiled and said, "This is precisely why I'm here. I wish to face some cultists. I am trying to advance into the Skysoar Realm." Follow new chapters at (.)com

"That's ambitious." Su Yu calmly said, "But if they're really going to make a move against me, I'm afraid the attackers would be no weaker than the Skysoar Realm. Are you sure this is helpful for your advancement?"

Li Minyu smiled and replied, "There is no guarantee that they will show up. Even if they do end up attacking, you will be in more danger than me. If the cult is nowhere to be seen, I can simply try to find a beast that is a suitable opponent for me to attempt my advancement."

Su Yu's gaze settled on Chen Chen. With a smile, Chen Chen said, "I am a student of the Beast Taming Faculty. Out in the wilderness, I can survive very well."

Finally, Su Yu looked at Ji Xiaomeng. She had a cheerful smile on her face as she said, "Don't worry. I will be fine. If I encounter danger, I can teleport away. My dad gave me a teleportation talisman. I'm only curious about how beasts look like..."

Su Yu merely smiled, but Chen Chen said, "Is there a need to go so far for that? We have some beasts right beside us."

"You—"

Xia Qing and the others were furious.

Su Yu ignored them and focused on Ji Xiaomeng. Teleportation talisman...was Ji Hong so rich that he didn't know what to do with his money? Why couldn't he share some of the wealth with Su Yu if he was so rich?

Su Yu was aware of what a teleportation talisman could do. In the event of an attack, one could instantly move away with the talisman. The distance one could move would depend on the rank of the talisman.

This was something only spatial talisman masters could produce. It was extremely expensive. How generous. Was she spending this much money just to see some beasts in the wild? How rich. Su Yu even wondered if Ji Hong was a corrupt official for them to be so rich.

Since these people insisted on joining after hearing about the potential danger, Su Yu could no longer be bothered to keep persuading them. He said, "You already know about the associated danger so I won't be taking responsibility for your choice. As for our mission itself, it is very simple. We simply need to go to Nanyuan and kill some beasts.

"At Nanyuan, you can form teams among yourselves for the hunt or work alone. We can talk more after reaching Nanyuan. We will be setting off tomorrow evening."

Su Yu said, "We will be leaving silently in the evening. Keep your departure to yourselves as we want to avoid any unnecessary trouble if possible. We won't be driving. The route we take is hard to traverse with vehicles anyway. We'll be traveling on cloudrush horses.

"Keep one thing in mind. I am the leader of this mission. Be sure to listen to me during the mission. If you disagree, just pull out from the mission. Otherwise, don't blame me for dropping you during the mission. Any issues?"

"Nope." Zhou Hao agreed easily. Li Minyu smiled and said, "Since we have accepted your mission, we will naturally listen to you."

Xia Qing said, "I can agree to that."

Su Yu scanned the group again and repeated, "Like I said, you have all been warned of the danger. It will be great if nothing unexpected happens. But in the event of danger, you're liable for your safety. Don't come up to me and say that I have scammed you when you encounter danger. It is even possible that we might encounter Mountainseas."

The sky horse youth said, "So what? Between the eight of us, we have five Mountainsea and three ninth-stage Cloudbreach dao protectors. Su Yu, you worry too much."

"..."

Su Yu stared at the sky horse youth. So this fellow wasn't naive. Instead, he was stupid. Just look at how easily he had exposed the trump cards of the foreign students. Worry too much?

Su Yu couldn't be bothered to say anything. The sky horse youth continued, "We're only going out on a scenic tour and helping you with the mission while we're at it. If the cult dares to show up, we'll kill them all. We can even earn additional merit points from that!"

The sky horse youth said with excitement, "In fact, I can't wait for them to attack. Each cultist you kill will grant you merit points that can be added to your total earned merit. With enough total earned merit, members of the sky horse race can directly become a commander in the Martial Dragon Guards upon joining!"

Su Yu was somewhat speechless. He wanted to tell the youth that the sky horses were mounts. Since when were mounts allowed to be commanders? That was something new for him.

He looked at the other students and asked, "Is any of you from a race with a sect in the cult?"

"Nope." Xia Qing answered, "Only the major races will have a sect in the Human Realm. It's not like human experts would be willing to work for a weak race."

That was the truth. Even the traitors looked down on the minor races.

Bai Ce smiled and said, "Generally, most of these sects claiming to serve the minor races only exist to scam some resources out of the minor races. After a few minor races were scammed, the other minor races stopped falling for it."

That wasn't surprising as it wouldn't be so easy to fool a major race. There was a bunch of people who specialized in scamming the minor races within the Myriad Race Cult.

"Alright."

Su Yu had not mentioned the single character faction. It didn't matter if these people were aware of his enmity with the single character faction or not. It also didn't matter if they were pretending to be clueless. Nothing would change. He would treat any attacker as a cultist. And he wouldn't hesitate to kill these attackers.

They spent some time familiarizing themselves with each other. After that was done, Su Yu sent them off. He remained in the restaurant. A short while later, Xia Qing returned with a few individuals. Including Xia Qing, there were four of them.

"Brother Su!" Xia Qing introduced, "This is Bai Ce of the fox race, this is Niu Zhen of the barbaric bull race, and this is Zhan Fei of the iron-winged bird race. I already told them what you want me to say. Brother Su, is our target within Nanyuan?"

"No. It's slightly south of Nanyuan."

Su Yu did not say much about their target. He looked at the group and indifferently said, "As you have learned from Xia Qing, I will pay you ten thousand merit points to escort me to a certain location. Don't ask me anything else. If we encounter enemies, just let your dao protectors deal with them. Are your dao protectors all Mountainseas?"

Xia Qing smiled and replied, "Three Mountainseas and one ninth-stage Cloudbreach. Zhan Fei's senior is a Cloudbreach. His Mountainsea dao protector is staying in the academy. This dao protector might be a Cloudbreach, but as a member of the bird race, he is capable of facing Mountainseas in battle."

"Cloudbreach..." Su Yu muttered before saying, "I'm only paying eight thousand merit points for a Cloudbreach dao protector. If you disagree, forget it."

Zhan Fei nodded, "Sure. Money is not our goal anyway. We're only here for our friendship. I only hope that you will remember this favor. That is more valuable than mere money."

Su Yu smiled and said, "That is only natural. I agree with you, Brother Zhan."

Zhan Fei smiled, but he cursed inwardly. This Su Yu had just consumed some iron-winged bird blood essence recently. The stench of blood on Su Yu was too thick. That had definitely happened very recently. This was too excessive. This person deserved death!

Su Yu said, "How about the other foreign students?"

Xia Qing explained, "They accepted the mission themselves. Since we didn't know them well, we told them nothing. If it's inconvenient to take them with us, we can split up at Nanyuan."

Su Yu nodded.

Xia Qing asked, "Is that Ji Xiaomeng the daughter of Director Ji? Brother Su, should we leave her behind? It would be troublesome if she notices anything."

Su Yu smiled and said, "We will definitely be doing that. I'll leave her behind at Nanyuan. We can't do that yet. Just let her follow us for now. We don't want to catch Director Ji's attention too early."

After saying that, Su Yu frowned. With a sigh, he said, "I'm worried about one other thing. Will the single character faction make a move? But with your dao protectors around, I reckon they won't dare to try anything unless they have seven or eight Mounainseas or even a Sunmoon..."

At that, Su Yu smiled again and said, "Whatever. I doubt they will try anything unless they're mad. With your help, apart from those cult lunatics, who would dare to try anything?"

Xia Qing nodded and said, "I believe so as well. Then again, we still need to be careful. Brother Su, you should stick closer to us during the journey. Our

dao protectors will be staying near us. Thus, you should stick with us in the event of danger."

"Thank you!" Su Yu cupped his hands and expressed his gratitude, "I'll be troubling you, friends. As for the pay, I'll be paying thirty percent first. You will receive the rest upon our return. Is this agreeable?"

"Sure." Zhan Fei smiled and said, "Honestly, we don't lack money. We have received quite a lot of resources from our races before coming to the Human Realm."

Su Yu smiled, "Brother Zhan is a generous person. But I still need to pay you what you deserve. This is what I should do, even if we're friends. You have no idea how grateful I am for your assistance."

Su Yu gave them another promise, "Don't worry. After this, I'll introduce you to my grandteacher. He will definitely leave seclusion as a Sunmoon. Even in the Human Realm, a Sunmoon holds a lot of weight."

It was the foreign students' turn to express their gratitude. Both sides were constantly acting. After a short chat, Su Yu paid them the deposit for their service. Over ten thousand merit points were paid to them.

Where had Su Yu gotten the money for this? Well, it was naturally from a loan. He had borrowed the money from Xia Huyou. He didn't even need to repay the money as he had paid for the loan with a cultural art.

He had to pay these foreign students something in advance to make everything more believable. Otherwise, he would seem too confident that they would join him on this journey.

They finally parted ways when it was late at night. They had agreed to meet again the next day.

Su Yu walked out of the restaurant and walked alone in the dark of night. After a while, he arrived in front of a research center. He stopped under a large tree.

After checking his Perception Jade, he confirmed that nobody was paying attention to him. He stood there silently, staring at the research center for a very long time.

Finally, he sighed. Ultimately, he decided to not bid his teacher farewell. That would only strengthen the sorrow in his heart for disappointing his teacher. Instead, he gave the research center a solemn bow.

He remained bowed for a long while before straightening his back and walking away. He had made sure that he owed nobody in the academy.

Of course, there were some favors that he would forever keep in his mind. For example, the old man in the research center behind him. That old man had taught him a powerful cultivation method without asking for anything in return. He was very grateful for that.

"Teacher, I will be taking my leave. Thank you for your during my time here."

Su Yu walked away without looking back.

Not long after he left, an old man appeared under the same tree. The old man had a complicated look in his eyes.

"He's too stubborn..."

The kid could have left the multiple character faction and joined the weaponsmithing faction. Zhao Li would be able to protect him. The kid had not been a part of the multiple character faction for long. So what if he had killed Di Feng? He had yet to involve himself in the struggle between the Invincibles.

"Perhaps...this is a good thing for him."

A long sigh filled with regret rang out. This shitty academy was getting worse by the day. Perhaps leaving was the right choice.

Chapter 565: Southbound (1)

Time passed.

Morning arrived.

It was the 26th of December.

Life continued as usual in the Great Xia Cultural Research Academy. Everything appeared to be the same.

There were only four days left in the year 350 of the Anping Calendar.

After the end of the month, the academy would be on a break for half a month. The students would be able to return home and visit their loved ones. Classes would only resume at the middle of January.

Thus, a lot of the students had been packing up and preparing for their return to celebrate the new year. Since they were cultivators, they would rarely take long holidays. After four days, the new year would arrive. That would also be the anniversary of Great Qin as the Anping Calender had started after Great Qin was founded.

Source Soul Research Center.

A few individuals were talking about the upcoming holiday and New Year celebration.

Wu Jia smiled cheerfully and asked, "Junior Brother, are you going back home for the New Year celebration? Since your father is not home, will you be celebrating in Nanyuan? You will probably take around three or four days for the mission, right?"

Su Yu had just arrived from upstairs. Since Wu Jia's parents had passed away a long time ago, she had been celebrating the previous New Year's days with Chen Yong.

In the past, their grandteacher would also be around. Bai Feng would also be celebrating with them since his home was too far. This was very common in the academy. Those whose homes were too far away would remain in the academy.

This was Su Yu's first year in the academy. Bai Feng was away while their grandteacher was in seclusion. And even Su Yu was returning to Nanyuan. Thus, Wu Jia was wishing that Su Yu would return in time to celebrate the new year with them.

Hearing the question, Su Yu smiled and replied, "Senior Sister, I doubt I can return in time. It doesn't matter since as cultivators, we are accustomed to loneliness." He spoke in a joking tone.

Wu Jia did not think too much about it. She merely spoke with a slightly regretful tone, "Come on, finish your mission faster and you will be able to return in time. Nanyuan isn't that far away. If you ride an earthdragon beast, you can make the trip in only one day."

"But an earthdragon beast will attract too much attention." Su Yu looked at the others and said, "On the day we opened this research center, I bought everyone here a meal. The research center will temporarily cease operations after today. Of course, all of you can still stay here if you want, but I won't be around...Thus, let's have another meal together tonight."

That was a farewell dinner. The others did not object to it. Wu Jia and Wu Lan started talking in excitement about what to eat for dinner. Hu Qiusheng maintained his silence. Jiang Mu said nothing as well. As for Xia Huyou and Zhao Ming, both of them were absent.

The day passed uneventfully. Before anyone knew it, the sky had turned dark. Inside the dining hall, the atmosphere was quite warm and cozy.

Su Yu raised his cup and said, "I will be leaving for my Nanyuan mission soon. This is my toast to all of you."

He emptied the cup.

"Thank you for all your help. Thank you for your support during our time together."

Su Yu smiled and said, "When I first entered the Great Xia Cultural Research Academy, I was a clueless bumpkin. Thanks to all your help, I was able to establish myself in this academy. I have learned a lot from all of you. Thank you, everyone."

He drained another cup of wine.

Su Yu would rarely drink in the past, but tonight, he downed cup after cup of wine. A smile was constantly maintained on his face. Eventually, the group started sensing that something was off.

"Junior Brother..." Wu Jia persuaded, "You're setting off soon. You should drink less."

"It's fine. As a cultivator, I can take this much liquor."

Finally, he set the cup down and said, "I guess this is farewell. We have drunk and eaten our fill so I guess this is the perfect time for us to say our farewells. Friends, let's meet in the future again if fate allows it."

After saying that, Su Yu picked up his bag and stood up. The others wanted to see him off, but he stopped them with a wave of his hand before stepping away.

Outside the research center, Su Yu turned around. All his friends were standing at the entrance. He waved at them once again before leaping onto the back of the waiting suanni. At the moment, the suanni was not as shiny as usual. For some reason, his coat of fur looked grayish in color instead of the usual gold.

After slinging the bag over his shoulder, Su Yu took out his saber. Without saying anything, he tapped on the suanni's torso with his legs. The suanni said nothing and ran off. In the blink of an eye, they disappeared in the distance.

"Junior Brother..."

Wu Jia called out loudly, but Su Yu did not stop.

In front of Source Soul Research Center, Wu Jia looked in Su Yu's direction blankly. Suddenly, she asked, "Will he...return?"

She didn't know what Su Yu's plan was, but earlier, Su Yu had said that they would meet again if fate allowed it. The others sank into silence. Neither Hu Qiusheng nor Xia Huyou said anything.

Xia Huyou was wondering if Su Yu was really going out on a trip to lure all his enemies out of hiding. That might not be the case. Was Su Yu...leaving?

Finally, his thoughts cleared up and realization hit him.

His mood turned sullen, and he didn't know what to say.

At the same time, Wan Tiansheng was overlooking the entire capital from atop the Heart Cultivating Pavilion. When his gaze landed on the figure moving rapidly through the academy, he sighed.

At the same time, inside the Discipline Hall, a solemn and cold Old Huang could be seen. A thorough audit would be performed next month. It was time to clear the academy of its tumors.

At the same time, inside Zhao Li's research center, he was hammering a weapon again and again. His entire body was dripping with sweat, but he continued working tirelessly without saying anything.

At the same time, inside the books depository, Chen Yong was seated with his eyes shut. His aura roiled with intense undulations. Updated from novelb(i)n.c(o)/m

At the academy's entrance, twelve students were waiting.

Some were riding on cloudrush horses, some were standing on their two legs, and some were riding some other beasts.

After scanning the crowd, Su Yu urged the suanni forward and announced, "Let the journey begin."

With that, the suanni shot off. Behind him, the group hurriedly followed.

The sky horse youth followed slightly behind Su Yu and said with a smile, "Impressive. This is a suanni, right? You actually have a suanni mount? Us sky horses are faster than suannis, but we're not as impressive in combat..."

Su Yu said nothing.

The sky horse youth's excitement was dampened somewhat by the lack of reply, but he was not too bothered. When his gaze landed on the small bull hanging on the suanni's body, he asked curiously, "Is this...a mountindrill bull? You brought a mountindrill bull with you as well?"

Su Yu remained silent. The white civet and the fire crow were not brought with him as one was left with his senior sister while the other was left with his martial uncle. All the other beasts had been brought with him.

There was also the little furball that nobody could see. The furball had turned Su Yu's head into a nest, but since he was maintaining his incorporeal state, nobody could see him.

The sky horse youth was very talkative, but Su Yu remained silent as he focused on his Perception Jade. The city was filled with pedestrians even late at night. But as Su Yu's group was traveling at a rapid pace, the pedestrians all made way for them.

From the symbols on the clothes of Su Yu and company, many people guessed that this was probably a group of elite students out on a mission. Thus, they did not mind making way for these students.

All the members of the group moved rapidly regardless of whether they were travelling on mounts or running themselves.

Before long, they reached the city gate. There, Su Yu stopped and looked back one last time. He could still see the towering Heart Cultivating Pavilion far in the distance. The brightly lit prefect's manor was also visible.

This is farewell. Let's meet again if fate allows it.

Then, Su Yu turned around and said, "We depart."

White robes fluttering in the wind, Su Yu sped off.

Tonight, Su Yu had departed the city.

"Su Yu has left."

"Su Yu is out of the capital."

"..."

Message after message was sent following his departure.

Su Yu had left the capital. This was a freak, a super genius who had slain Skysoars at the Mental Tempering Stage and created the acupoint fusion method. At that moment, every single expert in the Myriad Race Cult received a notification.

A reward of fifty thousand merit points for the capture of Su Yu.

A reward of thirty thousand merit points for the murder of Su Yu.

Target's combat strength evaluated at seventh-stage Sksoar Realm.

Priority rating: Mountainsea

Danger rating: Cloudbreach

Target has departed the capital to head toward Nanyuan.

Su Yu's profile in the cult was instantly updated, and the bounty on him was adjusted accordingly. And these messages were not being sent in only a single sect. Rather, they had been sent to most of the cultists operating within Great Xia.

Numerous cultists were shocked to see the series of messages. The greed in their hearts was triggered. The bounty was crazy. Thirty thousand for killing him and fifty thousand for capturing him.

Such a bounty had been issued before, but the target of that bounty was a Mountainsea. This time, it was only a Mental Tempering Stage student. It seemed excessive, even if the target was a super genius.

It was as though a rock had been thrown into a calm lake. Chaos was imminent. Wealth proved to be extremely enticing. Even if these people knew that this would be an extremely dangerous mission, countless people still started moving due to the attractive reward.

One would need to traverse over a thousand kilometers to reach Nanyuan from the capital. And a long stretch of the journey would be made in complete wilderness. The eight students in Su Yu's group were not mentioned in these messages. Even the people in charge of sending these messages had neglected those students.

Of course, the upper echelons of the cult were aware of the other students, but the lower members were only meant to serve as cannon fodder. What was the point of telling cannon fodder too much?

These weaklings' sole function was to test the security around Su Yu. It would be for the best if they could expose all of Su Yu's trump cards.

Chapter 566: Southbound (2)

Beifeng was a city not far away from Nanyuan. At the moment, two figures appeared with a flicker atop the city wall. One was a man while the other was

a woman. The old woman was none other than Yu Hong and the old man was the visitor from Great Shang.

Gazing in the capital's direction, the old man smiled and said, "What a surprise. A mere Mental Tempering student has actually caused such a storm."

For the sake of a single Mental Tempering student, Great Xia's single character faction had lowered themselves to seek his assistance.

Yu Hong smiled and said, "Old Zheng, he's not a simple Mental Tempering student. Is a Mental Tempering student still a Mental Tempering student if he's capable of killing Skysoars? If he is allowed to grow, he will become the second Liu Wenyan. No, he will be even more terrifying than that. After all, Liu Wenyan had not been able to become a Skysoar back then. But this student will be able to easily enter the Skysoar Realm.

"We're not trying to kill him out of shame. We are stopping the multiple character faction from gaining another leader. News of Su Yu has just started spreading yet the multiple character faction of the various prefectures is starting to stir. They all believe that hope has arrived for them."

First, Liu Wenyan had given them a tiny bit of hope. Yet the second person to give them hope was neither Hong Tan nor Liu Wenyan. It was Su Yu.

A super genius had emerged. Once again, the multiple character faction of Great Xia had produced a genius with both wit and strength, someone capable of leading the entire faction. This super genius had subjected Great Xia's single character faction to great trouble. One ought to remember that a single spark could start a prairie fire.

Sure, they were trying to kill Su Yu due to their personal grudge, but one thing was of utmost importance: they couldn't allow this young man to grow into the spiritual leader of the multiple character faction. Otherwise, more trouble would ensue in the future.

That youth had accomplished that much at the Mental Tempering Stage. What would happen when that youth reached the Skysoar Realm? And beyond that, there was the Cloudbreach Realm. What could they do then?

Yu Hong didn't even want to imagine a future like that. Furthermore, Su Yu's rise had also caused the multiple character faction to show signs of revival after so many years of inactivity.

Yu Hong softly said, "Old Zheng, we're doing all this for humanity. The multiple character faction can't be allowed to rise. They can't be allowed to become the mainstream of willpower cultivation. Otherwise, humanity would suffer great losses. The divines, devils, and even the immortals who are usually uninvolved in our conflict with the devils and the divines had once said that the multiple character faction members are butchers that would require a lot of slaughter for their growth. Thus, their growth would herald the emergence of a war of the myriad realms..."

She solemnly said, "The multiple character faction has not been suppressed for so many years out of any individual's selfish desires. We are only trying to buy more time for humanity. With more time, we can gain even more strength. We don't want to see the multiple character faction rise again and experience a repeat of the tragedy back then where even Invincibles were killed..."

She sounded extremely righteous. Old Zheng nodded in agreement. But in truth, they were merely finding excuses for their actions.

Of course, not everyone was using those words as an excuse. Some truly believed so. They were able to see that for some reason, the major races were afraid of the multiple character faction, but they still believed that the emergence of the multiple character faction should not be allowed as that would only anger the major races. For many people, the potential of future salvation could not be compared to the extension of their current peace.

Sure, doing this was akin to drinking poison to quench one's thirst. Everyone knew that. But so what? Nobody wanted to participate in a war that would engulf the entirety of the Myriad Realms.

They had enjoyed three hundred years of peace. They were more than willing to sacrifice the multiple character faction to extend this peace. For the divines and the devils, a century or even a millennium was nothing. In that case, wasn't better to delay the war by a century or even a millennium? Why must they take the initiative to end the peace if they could extend it?

Old Zheng said, "He has a Mountainsea with him?"

"A third-stage Mountainsea."

"He sure isn't holding back for this trip of his." Old Zheng laughed. "But the myriad race students with him are escorted by five Mountainseas and three Cloudbreach cultivators. That would be quite troublesome."

"Don't worry. They won't be trying too hard." Yu Hong indifferently said, "Of course, we still need to keep a few individuals occupied. That old fogey from the sky horse race would definitely make his move. There's also the mountain antelope race...these two races would definitely do their best to stop us."

Old Zheng nodded. He suddenly asked, "Do you think Su Yu's ruin is an Invincible ruin? Or is it a Sunmoon ruin?"

Yu Hong shook slightly. She turned and looked at Old Zheng.

With a calm expression, Old Zheng said, "He has definitely inherited a ruin. Anyone with an eye could see that. He is most certainly heading toward his ruin during this journey. Even if you have been silent about it, I can see this much. Elder Yu, it's not fair if only Great Xia's single character faction gets to enjoy this harvest, right?"

"What do you want?"

"If the ruin is within Great Xia's borders, I doubt we can get anything. I'm not asking for much. If there is a Sunmoon Divine Altar in the ruin, we only need a couple of slots."

Yu Hong coldly asked, "Are you taking advantage of us?"

"You misunderstand me, Elder Yu." Old Zheng smiled, "We're family, so it's only fair that we share our wealth. Also, it is risky for me to make a move within Great Xia. Are you trying to make me work without compensation just because we're family?"

Yu Hong sank into silence. After a moment, she said, "Everyone wants to enter the Sunmoon Realm. If there is really a Sunmoon Divine Altar in there, I doubt it would be able to host too many people. How about this? For every three individuals it can host, you can get one of the slots."

"Deal."

Old Zheng smiled with a satisfied expression. That was enough for him.

Yu Hong snorted inwardly. She knew that these Great Shang fellows were greedy.

Moving on from the topic, she said, "We need to force them to split up. It would be even better if we could separate the sky horse fellow from the group before attacking Su Yu. We also need to force his Mountainsea to come out of concealment. Even now, we have yet to discover that hidden Mountainsea."

Not even people like them could easily detect a Mountainsea who was trying to hide. There were also some Mountainseas who could hide from anyone below the Sunmoon Realm with their special abilities. Thus, they needed to sow chaos.

Old Zheng nodded in agreement. He asked, "Would the Myriad Race Cult still dare to conduct a large-scale operation in Great Xia?"

"Some are definitely afraid, but there will also be people who are brave enough to try this thanks to the large bounty." Yu Hong smiled, "Also, the mission has not only been issued to the cultists within Great Xia. Starting from two days ago, the cultists in the surrounding prefectures have already received the mission."

Yu Hong sneered, "With the reward, even a Mountainsea can try to make further advancement. And they only need to deal with Su Yu. We are sure that Hong Tan is in seclusion. Without Hong Tan, what are they afraid of?"

"How about Zhao Mingyue and the others?"

"Don't worry." Yu Hong said, "They have yet to fully fuse their characters. They are still licking their wounds."

"What about Principal Wan and the Xia Family?"

"Principal Wan won't leave the academy. And would someone like Marquis Xia leave the capital? No!"

Old Zheng was still worried. He said, "We still need to be cautious. We are targetting Su Yu's ruin, but the others aren't completely blind either."

Yu Hong nodded and said, "Don't worry. We will take everything into consideration."

"Alright."

After a short chat, the two vanished again with a flicker. They wanted to expose the Mountainsea guarding Su Yu and figure out the other trump cards Su Yu might have. Also, was that Mountainsea his only guardian?

The suanni was running rapidly as the wind whistled past him. Mounted atop the suanni was a cautious Su Yu. Under the dark night, his white robe continued fluttering about. Updated from novelb(i)n.c(o)/m

"Stop!"

As Su Yu raised his hand, the other students stopped. The ones who had been running on foot appeared to be gasping for breath. The sky horse youth scanned their surroundings and said, "Su Yu, can you slow down a bit? Why are you moving so fast? I didn't even get the chance to enjoy the scenery."

Was this still the promised scenic tour? He felt like he was going to die from exhaustion.

Su Yu ignored the complaint and continued studying his surroundings. He then said, "Seniors, please hold back if you encounter enemies below the Cloudbreach Realm. I need to wash my blade with some blood. These blind fools would be a nice tribute to my blade."

A voice came from the sky, "Well said, young friend."

The sky horse youth appeared confused. At this moment, a few corpses dropped down from the sky. A voice rang out, "These are probably the scouts from the cult. They sure are courageous. They thought they could hide from us."

Hearing that, the sky horse youth was overjoyed. He exclaimed, "Those fools were actually trying to pry on us?"

How courageous. Were they not scared of death?

But Su Yu wasn't surprised. Death? Tens of thousands of merit points were on the line. Such a temptation could persuade even a coward to try their luck.

Furthermore, the single character faction had probably instigated them into making a move by hiding some crucial information.

Su Yu could imagine that if he was a cultist, he would be more than willing to try his luck in killing a mere Mental Tempering student for such a massive reward, especially if he was in need of money.

Succeeding was basically the same as winning the lottery. One ought to know that excluding the investment in his research center, even someone like Su Yu had yet to spend fifty thousand merit points for his cultivation thus far.

Su Yu did not say much. He turned around, looked at everyone, and said, "Since we are all out here to temper ourselves, we shouldn't be avoiding all danger. You guys can deal with enemies under the Skysoar Realm. I can deal with those at the Skysoar Realm. How do you expect to grow strong without staining your blade with blood?"

Li Minyu smiled and asked, "Would the cultists below the Skysoar Realm even dare to make an appearance?"

She did not think so. Since Su Yu was capable of killing even Skysoars, would those below that realm dare to come here and throw their lives away?

"There are idiots everywhere." Su Yu did not think that all cultists below the Skysoar Realm would be too scared to try something. There were bound to be some idiots who were confident they could take advantage of the chaos and reap some profit.

The world was a large place. And not everyone was smart.

After a short rest, Su Yu drank some water, looked around, and said, "We will be entering an area of pure wilderness after this. Keep an eye out, everyone."

With that, the suanni continued moving forward. The others hurriedly followed behind them.

Half an hour later.

With a slash of Su Yu's blade, blood splattered onto the ground. Immediately after, a few individuals charged over from all directions. He brandished his saber and weaved among the attackers. In the blink of an eye, dozens of corpses were added to the ground.

After looking around, Su Yu calmly said, "These are not cultists. They are merely some local bandits."

These bandits were courting death. They had probably spent their time robbing passing merchants all this while. But today, they had picked a fight with someone they shouldn't. Even the strongest among them was only a ninth-stage Infinite Strength cultivator.

That was enough to rob some traveling merchants, but this was the wrong group for them to target. Su Yu alone was enough to wipe them all out. The other students were no longer looking at Su Yu with the same expression as before.

What an intense killing intent. He had instantly killed dozens of people without as much as a frown.

Chapter 567: Southbound (3)

High in the sky, the dao protectors were also conversing with each other through voice transmissions.

"This Su Yu is very murderous. Sure enough, the multiple character faction is filled with psychopaths."

Those bandits had been killed in the blink of an eye. Su Yu was definitely aware that these weren't cultists, yet he had shown no mercy. As bandits, these people wouldn't even be executed upon capture.

A different dao protector said, "So be it. A genius would not be able to grow without tasting blood. But this kid is indeed a tad bit too murderous. Didn't he say that he would let the others deal with those below the Skysoar Realm?"

Nobody said anything. Su Yu had probably fought personally because he believed that the others might spare the attackers. Thus, he had decided to deal with the attackers himself and kill them all to save time.

Suddenly, one of them asked, "Why are all the beasts in the wilderness so aggressive recently?"

Not far away, ashy fog could be seen rising into the sky. A group of beasts were charging toward Su Yu's group, looking like they had been provoked by something.

Looking at the incoming beasts, Su Yu's eyes flickered. When he gazed at the students behind him, Zhou Hao said, "These are ash rhinoceroses. Their strength generally varies between the Great Strength Realm and the Skysoar Realm. This is one of the stronger beasts you can encounter in the wilderness. In fact, they are quite common. For some reason, this group has been provoked..."

He cautiously said, "Someone must have ruined their lair in secret. Be careful."

At least seventy or eighty ash rhinoceroses were charging in their direction. These beasts were massive, and they looked rather strong. The leader of the group was a Skysoar beast. In the wilderness, a group like this could be considered quite strong. After all, this was the Human Realm. Thus, Skysoar beasts were very rare.

With a smile, Su Yu tapped at the suanni's torso and said, "Charge."

The suanni charged forward unhesitatingly. The saber in Su Yu's hand started shining. In the blink of an eye, Su Yu arrived in front of the beasts. The leader roared and rammed its head in Su Yu's direction with bloodshot eyes the moment it saw Su Yu.

"Die!"

With a flash, the saber cleaved forth and separated the massive head of the beast from its body. Next, Su Yu soared into the sky and stabbed his saber into a different beast. A loud pop sounded.

The beast burst apart, allowing a small silhouette within its body to shoot toward Su Yu with a pair of daggers.

With a cold snort, Su Yu utilized the Suppressing Sunmoon move. That was the second move of the Time technique. He was able to activate it instantly, stomping the attacker right into the ground. With a rumble, the ground solidified while the small silhouette burst apart.

That was an assassin. This assassin was decent at concealment, but he was too impatient. He had sent his senses over to spy on Su Yu, allowing Su Yu to detect him immediately. Just like that, a fifth-stage Skysoar assassin that had killed even a seventh-stage Skysoar before was killed.

With a wave of his hand, a dagger and a merit card flew into Su Yu's hand. With a smile, Su Yu sent his saber into the sky. Then, lightning bolts rained down on the beasts, instantly killing a large number of them.

Only then did the other students arrive. They started engaging the beasts in battle. But a few of them were constantly looking at Su Yu in shock.

Ji Xiaomeng asked curiously, "Is that really a Skysoar? Did you stomp him to death? A Skysoar? How did you even notice him?"

"That beast looked fat."

Su Yu gave a random excuse. This group of beasts was not too weak. The leader of the beasts was even strong enough to contend against a seventh-stage Skysoar. Coupled with that assassin, it wasn't surprising that a regular Skysoar could be killed with this encounter.

But Su Yu was no ordinary Skysoar.

"This is probably a cultist."

Someone here just to assassinate him was very likely to be a cultist. Su Yu was sure of that. He couldn't even be bothered to waste his time on investigation. He only needed to know that these attackers were his enemies and kill them all.

This was what he wanted when he requested that the dao protectors allow the weaker attackers to approach them. He wanted to temper his blade. Having reached the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm, Su Yu wanted to use slaughter to finish the fusion of the acupoints for his techniques. With sufficient slaughter, he would naturally be able to grow more. And fusing more acupoints would also increase his offensive strength.

This journey to the south was also a journey for him to strengthen himself. Thus, he would be more than happy to see more enemies. It would be even better if he could fight some eighth-stage or ninth-stage Skysoars. He really wanted to see if he could kill such opponents without relying on blood essence.

While the others were fighting the remaining beasts, Su Yu took out a jade talisman and placed the Skysoar beast into the talisman. This was a one-use storage talisman Su Yu had purchased. This talisman could only be used for

storage for now. The moment he took out the items within, the talisman would be destroyed.

The talisman had quite a large storage space.

Since this was a Skysoar beast, he would put it away to extract its blood essence later. The blood essence of a Skysoar beast wouldn't be cheap. He could also use the corpse to claim the merit points promised for any enemy slaughtered.

Su Yu would naturally not mind having more money in his pocket. Additionally, he would also be rewarded for the Skysoar cultist he killed. He would note this kill down and claim the reward at a later date. After all, he could do so in any human prefecture.

As for those below the Skysoar Realm, he didn't have much interest in them. It wasn't like he could earn much from killing enemies of this level. Follow new chapters at (.).com

After a while, he looked around and noted that all the beasts had been killed. Zhou Hao in particular, was extremely speedy when killing these beasts. He had been aiming exclusively at the Great Strength and Infinite Strength beasts. Fighting Zhou Hao was akin to suicide for these beasts.

"Beast disturbance...but they're coming straight at me..."

A different question appeared in Su Yu's mind. Was this the work of the hidden assassin? Or was there a different reason? He was a well-read person. He was aware of some items that could drive some beasts into madness.

Was someone in the group carrying such an item? Was that why the beasts had decided to attack them? Or was this the work of his enemies? Was Xia Qing and her friends carrying something like that?

He looked at the group and sneered inwardly. Apart from a select few of them, everyone else was suspicious. Even among the humans, he was suspicious of everyone except Zhou Hao.

"This won't be a peaceful trip. So be it."

Su Yu smiled. This might be a good thing for him. As a cultivator, was he supposed to reach the Invincible Realm through meditation alone? No, slaughter was required as well. Slowly, the blood around them vanished.

Su Yu was allowing the blood character to absorb all the blood around them. If his blood character could reach the third tier, it would also benefit him even if it would put more pressure on his sea of willpower. At the third tier, the blood character could probably fool even Cloudbreach cultivators with its illusions.

After the battle, everyone stopped moving. They were tired. Every single one of them was gasping for breath.

However, some of them had actually slacked during the fight. For example, Ji Xiaomeng. She had spent the entire fight facing only a single beast. Even after the fight, she had spent a long time crouched beside the beast's corpse to study it.

Su Yu couldn't be bothered to say anything. He would be happy as long as she didn't create trouble for him.

The panting and blood-soaked Zhou Hao said, "We aren't even that far from the capital yet. If this continues, we will probably take several days to reach Nanyuan."

The battle had been tiring. They needed some time to recover as well.

Su Yu smiled, "It's fine. We are supposed to be killing beasts for this mission anyway. The more we kill, the better the reward would be."

Seeing that Su Yu himself was in no rush, Zhou Hao said nothing else. He sat down cross-legged and started recovering his strength through meditation. The others did the same. Su Yu was the only exception as the short fight was not enough to exhaust him.

High in the sky, someone said through a voice transmission, "This kid sure is impressive. He killed a fifth-stage Skysoar like he was killing a chicken. Is he really a Mental Tempering student?"

No, right? They felt like Su Yu would need less effort to kill a Skysoar than they would need to kill a Great Strength cultivator. Of course, a large part of Su Yu's combat strength came from his cultivation at the ninth-stage Infinite Strength Realm.

He was also at the peak of the Mental Tempering Stage. And he had opened over 300 acupoints. Even his cultivation method was a top-tier heaven-grade method. And he also had a heaven-grade martial technique. One could say that he was already standing at the very peak of his peers.

"Old horse, why don't you go ahead of us and scout the path? That fifth-stage Skysoar assassin was almost able to hide from me. It's better for us to start scouting ahead..."

"Me? What if something happened to my prince during my absence?"

"Don't worry. There are so many Mountainseas here. We won't neglect him."

"Fine. I'll go..."

Su Yu was unaware of the conversation between the Mountainseas. But he wasn't bothered about them either. His hope did not lay on these dao protectors. If his guesses were right, these dao protectors would probably start splitting up before long. That was understandable.

Standing there, Su Yu waited as the others rested. Meanwhile, the suanni was stealing glances at Su Yu as his heart thumped madly. He had witnessed something incredible today. Were Skysoars so easy to kill?

No wonder this fellow had talked about killing him so many times. This human was a monster.

Chapter 568: Caught Up (1)

Su Yu's killing intent had indeed been very intense during the journey. This was an opportunity for him. A chance to fight this much was very rare in the Human Realm. He would need to travel to the Allheaven Battlefield if he wanted to fight and slaughter to his heart's content like this in the future.

Since his enemies were still unsure of his true strength, they would continuously send people his way to test his strength.

After about half an hour of rest, Su Yu announced, "Let's resume our journey."

"Already?" The sky horse youth stood up and grumbled, "Can't we rest through the night?"

Su Yu looked at the sky horse youth sternly and said, "You can stay here alone if you want."

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The sky horse youth shut his mouth after noticing Su Yu's glare. That was somewhat scary. Why was Su Yu being so fierce? Was Su Yu not aware that the sky horse race was an ally of Great Xia? What a terrible temper.

Su Yu ignored the sky horse race and leaped onto the back of the suanni. Once again, the team set off.

As they travelled, Su Yu remained alert. Unfortunately, it was hard for him to determine if the Mountainseas the Perception Jade was detecting were friends or foes. After all, their hidden protectors were Mountainseas as well. The only enemies he could confidently detect in advance were Skysoars.

"The Perception Jade still lacks an important ability. It needs to be able to record the aura of each individual as well..."

If there was such a function, there would be no confusion. As it was, things were quite confusing. Even when there were Mountainseas prying on him, he wasn't able to see who these Mountainseas were.

The group traveled under the dark of the night. Along the way, they also encountered other travelers. These were mostly the traveling merchants.

Su Yu did not approach any of these groups. But these groups were also extremely cautious. They would continue traveling in silence instead of greeting each other. This was the wilderness. It was the generally accepted practice to not rashly approach strangers while traveling in the wilderness.

After about three hours, they were attacked by yet another group of berserk beasts.

Blades danced everywhere.

Endless slaughter ensued.

The more Su Yu killed, the thicker his killing intent became. Among the beasts he killed, there were even a few Skysoar beasts. The Time technique required

132 acupoints. Each level required 44 acupoints. There were only three levels in total.

Generally, only those at the Mountainsea Realm would start fusing the acupoints of their martial techniques. Meanwhile, Su Yu was already starting to fuse the acupoints of his techniques at the Mental Tempering Stage.

He was doing so even in the midst of battle. He was aiming to fuse all forty-four acupoints of the first level into one acupoint.

It wasn't even important if he could really accomplish that for now. The more acupoints he fused, the stronger he would be. Thus, he had been working hard despite the drop in source qi density after leaving the capital. It wouldn't be an issue anyway since he had brought a decent amount of source qi liquid that was formed by Mountainseas with him.

He would have more than enough source qi for his needs.

Some of the acupoints overlapped with the acupoints of his cultivation method and he had already fused them with other acupoints. Thus, he left these acupoints alone for now. It wouldn't be too late to bring them all together at the final step when he was fusing all forty-four of the acupoints into one.

The suanni could sense that Su Yu was cultivating while traveling. Thus, he slowed down somewhat and tried to ensure a smooth journey. In any case, it wasn't like the suanni could continue running at top speed.

He was a ninth-stage Skysoar. The other members of the team were either travelling on foot or riding some cloudrush horses. None of them could keep up with the suanni.

Seeing that the others were having difficulty keeping up, Su Yu tossed the miniature bull out. As the bull enlarged, he said, "Xia Qing and the others who can no longer run, get on the bull."

Xia Qing glanced at the mountindrill bull. The bull remained silent even when he was being treated as a mount. He waited obediently for Xia Qing and the others to get on his back.

"Brother Su, is this proper?"

Xia Qing hesitated. This was a Skysoar beast. The mountaindrill bull race was also ranked much higher than their races. For the beast races, this could be considered a breach of etiquette.

Su Yu frowned and chided, "Stop wasting time. Like we agreed, you will all be following my orders during this mission. Xia Qing, Li Minyu, and Ji Xiaomeng. Get on the bull. You're light enough that the bull won't have an issue carrying all of you. If you exhaust yourself too much, how are you supposed to fight later?"

While he was saying that, he sent a voice transmission to the mountaindrill bull, "Keep an eye on them. If anyone acts suspiciously, kill them."

The mountaindrill bull did not reply. He merely cursed inwardly. He knew that this fellow wasn't such a kind person. So there was a reason for this generosity.

This fellow had acted like he was offering them a mount out of kindness, but in truth, he was treating them as hostages. The bull couldn't help but wonder how many of these people would die by the end of the journey.

The three mentioned names were initially mounted on cloudrush horses. But those horses had since died from exhaustion. Thus, they had been running on foot. Since Su Yu had said that much, they did not hesitate and leaped onto the back of the mountaindrill bull.

This was a ninth-stage Skysoar mountaindrill bull. When he enlarged his body, he could easily carry ten people on his back.

Seeing this, the concealed dao protectors started conversing through voice transmissions again, "The human race is indeed powerful. Both the suannis and the mountaindrill bulls are powerful races. But both of them have turned into Su Yu's mounts. Sigh."

The person who had spoken had complicated emotions.

A different dao protector replied, "There's no helping it. This is the Human Realm and the human race is a major race. Isn't that why we're here? Sure, everyone is saying that we're here as allies, but in truth, we're more like vassals than allies..."

At this time, a different dao protector said, "Stop talking. Everyone, if you wish to grumble and complain, do it when you return. Don't do it here."

"Old Antelope, your race is suited as a mount as well. Why haven't your race sent some juniors over to serve as mounts?" teased one of the dao protectors.

The old antelope snorted coldly and said, "Old Fox, stop trying to incite disharmony. Don't try anything funny and stop wasting your breath. If you don't enjoy your time in the Human Realm, feel free to leave. Don't drag the rest of us down with you."

Just listen to what these people had been saying. If they were so unhappy with their status here, they could simply leave the Human Realm.

It was fine if they gossiped behind closed doors, but there were so many of them here. If one of them leaked the contents of this conversation, their relationship with the human race might deteriorate.

The old antelope said, "So far, only a bunch of fools have attacked. But it is clear that the cult is really aiming to kill this kid. And they are also aware that we're here. Keep an eye out, everyone. If they're really trying to kill this kid, they must have devised a plan to deal with us as well."

The antelope did not dare to be careless. It wasn't like nobody knew that these myriad race students were traveling with Su Yu. According to the rules, the myriad race students were allowed to bring their dao protectors along when traveling outside the academy.

If the Myriad Race Cult wanted to kill Su Yu, they would take these dao protectors into consideration as well. But the antelope believed that the cult would probably not dare to launch a serious attack as there were five Mountainseas and three ninth-stage Cloudbreach cultivators in their group.

Nevertheless, they still needed to be cautious. There was no guarantee that the upper echelons of the cult would make an appearance, but anything could happen. It would be too late for them to do anything if Su Yu was killed. Nothing would change even if they could ultimately kill the murderer.

There were eight dao protectors in total, consisting of the experts from the cloud tiger, fox, barbaric bull, iron-winged bird, sky horse, mountain antelope, black panther, and sky wolf races. Among these dao protectors, those from

the iron-winged bird, black panther, and sky wolf races were in the Cloudbreach Realm. The rest of them were Mountainseas.

The antelope said, "Try to keep your mouths shut. I believe some Great Xia Mountainseas are monitoring us as I sensed some unknown Mountainseas earlier. Watch what you say."

He had sensed at least one Mountainsea tailing them after leaving Great Xia. He was not able to detect the exact location of the extra Mountainsea, but he was sure they were being monitored. After all, so many myriad race Mountainseas were traveling together. Great Xia would definitely keep an eye on them.

The dao protectors were actually well aware of this. The cloud tiger Mountainsea said, "We're only escorting the young geniuses of our races out on a mission. Even if Great Xia has numerous experts, they won't send too many of them here. I reckon there are only one or two Mountainseas monitoring us. Perhaps there's only one. What do you think, Old Antelope?"

"I suppose."

The antelope Mountainsea did not say much, but he was also certain that Great Xia wouldn't spare too many Mountainseas just to monitor them. Great Xia was large. They wouldn't have that many spare Mountainseas to spare on this monitoring mission.

These dao protectors would be fine unless they started causing trouble. The hidden Mountainseas were only here to deter them, not assassinate them. While they were talking, sounds of explosions suddenly erupted beneath them.

Amid the explosions, the suanni leaped into the air. Numerous craters could be seen on the ground. At the same time, a dense fog appeared around them.

"Poisonous fog."

Su Yu warned as his source qi erupted. With the Pure Source Art, he purified the poisonous fog around them. But right at that moment, his heart skipped a beat. The little hammer immediately appeared and slammed down toward a seemingly empty spot in the air.

The air undulated before a cultural weapon appeared out of nowhere. The weapon instantly broke apart. Then, the air continued undulating as a Mountainsea appeared and shot into the distance. At this time, a dao protector's voice rang out, "It's a Cloudbreach. Be careful. The black panther is giving chase."

A Cloudbreach. And a cultural researcher at that.

Su Yu frowned, but he said nothing. When he landed on the ground, he scanned the group around him. The others looked to be in a sorry state as nearly all the cloudrush horses in the group had died.

The sky horse youth couldn't help but complain, "Have they gone crazy? They are really sending so many assassins after you? Su Yu, just how many enemies do you have?"

This was supposed to be a scenic tour for him! Why were there so many enemies? They were still within Great Xia yet enemies at the Cloudbreach Realm were already starting to appear. He had nearly been killed by the explosions earlier.

Fortunately, someone had pulled him out of harm's way at the last moment. He felt a lingering fear as he thought of that. He was also starting to regret following this team.

Su Yu ignored the sky horse youth. The Cloudbreach that had just attacked them wasn't weak. That attack had been launched from afar to test their defenses. As a result, one of their dao protector had been lured away.

Su Yu's eyes flickered as he said, "Seniors, cease all pursuit lest this is a diversionary tactic."

"Alright."

Someone gave a short reply.

Su Yu said nothing else. But at this point, he was certain that the iron-winged bird, fox, barbaric bull, and cloud tiger races were colluding with the single character faction. He was still unsure about the other four races, but he still wouldn't fully trust them.

It was possible that even the four races he had identified as enemies were meant to be diversions as well. There might be more hidden enemies among them. Thinking about it, his enemies had truly put a lot of effort into killing him. Just how many Mountainseas had he attracted with this trip of his?

Su Yu sneered inwardly. What a pity that they were still in Great Xia and the Xia Family was still laying low. If he was already in Great Ming, with Zhu Tiandao's assistance, he could probably lure out even more enemies and kill them all. Uptodated from n0velbln.(co/m

At present, Great Xia would only kill when required instead of actively seeking enemies to kill. Most experts of Great Xia would only do something when the cult pulled something major. Then again, the cult did not have much strength in Great Xia so they were rarely able to do something big enough to attract the attention of these experts.

Since the populace of Great Xia greatly despised the cult, recruitment within Great Xia had been very difficult for cultists. While thinking about all that, Su Yu resumed the journey.

Even poisonous fog and explosive talismans had been utilized. The cult had expended quite a lot of effort to deal with him.

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At the same time.

Somewhere far away.

Yu Hong was frowning as she floated high in the sky. She said, "We won't be able to detect anything even if we continue doing this. Since everything is happening right in front of the dao protectors, they won't be able to justify not helping. Even if the cult is trying to kill him, they wouldn't dare to send too many people here. Most of these attackers are some rogue experts."

The so-called rogue experts were either the members of some minor sects or the opportunists who were acting alone to take advantage of the chaos. The true experts of the major sects had yet to make an appearance.

Old Zheng smiled and asked, "What do you have in mind?"

Yu Hong did not give an immediate reply. She scanned the area before asking, "Just how many hidden Mountainseas do they have around them? I can sense that there is more than one. I don't know if this is an observer from the Xia Family or Su Yu's beast protector. Old Zheng, I'll have to trouble you with the Mountainsea from the Xia Family. Try to lure him away later."

She had already detected the Mountainsea from the Xia Family. That expert had not been too focused on hiding himself. After all, he was here to supervise the dao protectors of the students. Thus, he had not bothered with thorough concealment.

Old Zheng nodded and said, "Sure. But not now. We're still testing their defenses and that Mountainsea won't make an appearance so easily. But Elder Yu, the two of us won't be enough. Even if there is an agreement between you and those fellows, they will still lend a little bit of help to Su Yu unless they wish to openly turn against him."

"Don't worry. We have more people."

Yu Hong did not say more. There would naturally be more people apart from the two of them. Both the discovery of a ruin and the murder of Su Yu were major events. A lot of people believed that with five Mountainsea dao protectors, Su Yu would be safe. She intended to use this opportunity to kill Su Yu when everyone was getting overconfident.

Deep at night.

The past few hours of travel had been uneventful.

Chen Chen had been traveling on foot. He suddenly suggested, "Junior Brother Su, let's take a rest. Everyone is exhausted."

Su Yu looked back and saw that Chen Chen was already gasping for breath. The others weren't any better off. Thus, he nodded and agreed, "Sure. Let's take a short rest. Don't you have a mount, Senior Brother Chen?"

"I have a ninth-stage Infinite Strength beast tamed, but that's not a suitable mount. This beast is more suited for combat."

At that explanation, Su Yu nodded and said nothing else. At that point, all their cloudrush horses had perished.

Apart from Su Yu, only the three mounted atop the mountandrill bull were not traveling on foot. The sky horse youth was a unique exception as he himself could be considered a mount so he wasn't as exhausted as the others. Since they had not been attacked for a few hours, he actually appeared quite relaxed.

The moment he heard that they were resting, he grinned with joy. Since it was late at night, he took off his hood, revealing his true appearance. He looked the same as a young human, with the white tail behind him being the only difference between him and a regular human.

Not long after they started resting, a loud explosion erupted from afar. Then, a massive silhouette appeared before them. With a roar, the gigantic silhouette swung a large axe down, causing a series of rumbles. Then, a blood moon rose in the sky before vanishing.

"Senior Great Mountain!"

The distant giant glanced at Su Yu and spoke loudly in the common language, "It's fine. It's a random attacker. Don't worry about it. Hehe...A blood devourer has actually sneaked into the Human Realm. You better tell those fellows to be careful."

After saying that, the massive silhouette vanished. Zhou Hao and the others looked at Su Yu, but he remained silent.

At this time, a voice transmission reached him, "Young Friend, is that your dao protector?"

"Yeah." Su Yu replied, "Please forgive me for keeping this from you. Senior Great Mountain prefers solitude. What was that blood moon earlier? Was that a cultist?"

"I think so. That person has the strength of around the fourth or fifth-stage Mountainsea Realm. He is not weak at all."

Someone else explained, "That's a blood devourer. The blood devourer race is a major race. This is probably someone from the Blood Devourer Sect. He

was actually able to sneak near us. Fortunately, Brother Great Mountain discovered him before it was too late."

Su Yu frowned and spat, "The Myriad Race Cult is truly audacious. They actually have the guts to send a Mountainsea here? Seniors, try to stick together. Senior Great Mountain will remain further away to scout around us. We don't want to give the enemies a chance to split us up."

"Sure. If this is what you wish, we will do our best to cooperate with Great Mountain. With us working together, it won't be hard to take that blood devourer down."

That blood devourer was absolutely not weak. And that Great Mountain was quite strong as well. Su Yu was probably telling the truth when he said that this was an expert that had dropped a few stages from the fifth or sixth-stage Mountainsea Realm.

But since that Great Mountain had exposed himself once, the other dao protectors were able to start keeping an eye on him.

This Great Mountain was a member of the mountain giant race. That was a very powerful race. Hong Tan had actually captured such an individual to be used as Su Yu's dao protector. How very surprising.

"Mountain giant race!" Yu Hong frowned and said, "It is likely that he used to be a fifth or sixth-stage Mountainsea, but he has since dropped in strength. That Hong Tan sure is crazy. He had actually captured an expert like this?"

"And there's also someone from the blood devourer race...is that someone from the Blood Devourer Sect? They seem quite capable since they could even smuggle a member of the blood devourer race into the Human Realm."

Old Zheng smiled and said, "That's not surprising. Just not long ago, a few Sunmoon divine skywings had sneaked into Great Xia. We all know that there are six paths connecting the Human Realm and the Allheaven Battlefield. But I suspect that there are probably seven of them. The First Divine Sect or the Original Devil Sect is probably in control of the seventh. Those fellows wouldn't have been able to sneak into the Human Realm so easily otherwise."

Yu Hong nodded in agreement. She wasn't too surprised to hear that as a lot of people suspected the same. *Read new chapters on [novelbin\(.\)com](http://novelbin.com)*

"That blood devourer is not weak at all. And he is also quite gutsy. He actually dared to approach the group even with so many Mountainseas in the area."

"The blood devourers have always been known for their courage." Yu Hong laughed and said, "This is good for us. With the appearance of a Mountainsea blood devourer, the other fellows might not be able to stay patient anymore."

Old Zheng stayed silent. That blood devourer had shown up way too early. He would need to be careful from now on. If he caught the attention of Great Xia, he would not be able to escape death. After all, a Mountainsea from the Xia Family was still nearby.

At the same time.

The blood devourer who had made a short appearance earlier was in the midst of flying away. He had the appearance of a cold youth. Suddenly, he frowned and asked, "Who is this?"

"Greetings, expert from the blood devourer race." A silhouette appeared in the air. With a smile, the newcomer said, "The Blood Devourer Sect generally operates in Great Han. They are rarely seen in Great Xia. Thus, it is truly a surprise to see you here, friend."

Bloodmoon coldly said, "Is Great Xia yours?"

"How would I dare make such a claim?" The newcomer said, "You saw it yourself. The target is protected by multiple Mountainseas. You won't be able to take Su Yu down alone. Also, killing Su Yu is not our only goal. Since you tried to conceal yourself near them instead of directly attacking, you must be aware of the real goal as well, right?"

Bloodmoon sneered and asked, "Are you trying to rope me in? No thanks. We will talk with our fists. There is only one ruin while all Mountainseas wish to enter the Sunmoon Realm and pursue Eternity. How are we supposed to share the spoils if so many of us work together?"

After saying that, Bloodmoon flew away.

The newcomer remained patient. With a smile, he said, "This is a ruin within Great Xia. We can only grab what we can before fleeing. Are you thinking of occupying the ruin? Have you forgotten about the Xia Family? Since we are going to forcefully break the ruin and reap what we can, it naturally doesn't matter that we need to split the spoils multiple ways."

Bloodmoon said nothing and continued flying. But suddenly, he stopped and spat, "Piss off. Keep following me and die."

"Why must you reject me, friend? Nobody can succeed alone. We would only stand a chance if we join hands with the experts of the various sects. Friend, if you remain stubborn, we might not be willing to stand with you in the event of danger."

"Is that a threat?"

"No, I wouldn't dare. But you are too impatient. I'm afraid that you would ruin things for all of us."

"Hmph!" Bloodmoon snorted and said, "Why are you hiding your appearance like a thief? Who are you?"

"Deputy sect master of the Blood Fire Sect."

"Oh, Blood Fire Sect...Your sect master was an idiot. He was killed by Xia Longwu not too long ago. Why is your sect still so active?"

"Since you're aware of the potential danger, why do you insist on working alone? Our sect master was a Sunmoon yet even someone like him had been killed so easily. Let's work together. Since we're all operating within Great Xia, we need to be cautious lest all of us perish in the Xia Family's hands."

Bloodmoon coldly asked, "How many Mountainseas do you have? How do I know if your group has reached an agreement beforehand? You can have me fight for you first before stabbing me in the back. None of us is a fool so stop playing tricks with me. Who among us can truly trust the others?"

"True." The deputy sect master said, "But there is no need for trust between us. We only need a plan and a tiny bit of organization. How can we hope to capture Su Yu by working alone? And what's the point of fighting among us if we can't even capture Su Yu?"

"Capturing Su Yu is the crux. And this matter is a lot more complicated than you thought. We're not the only ones keeping an eye on Su Yu. Some other people have been attracted as well. This involves a ruin. Do you really think that it won't attract more attention?"

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After thinking about it, Bloodmoon sneered, "Are you talking about the single character faction? Do they even dare to make a move? This is Great Xia. Are they not afraid of dying after the Xia Family finds out the truth?"

"Heh, unless they can find actual evidence, the Xia Family won't be making a move based on pure suspicion."

Bloodmoon sank into a momentary silence. He then asked, "How many Mountainseas do you have?"

"Three including myself. If you're willing to join us, there will be four of us. There aren't more as some are too far away from Great Xia. Nobody would be hanging around Great Xia for no reason unless they're feeling suicidal. Even now, I'm being very careful. I wouldn't dare to do anything rash in Great Xia."

Bloodmoon sneered. Yes, this person was indeed cautious. After all, even this person in front of him was merely a character projection instead of a real person. It wasn't even a clone.

"How are we supposed to stay in touch?"

"Voice transmission talismans. We will all remain near Su Yu so coverage won't be an issue."

He tossed a talisman over to Bloodmoon. After checking over the talisman, Bloodmoon burned the talisman with a clump of red flame before finally putting it away.

"How should I address you, Brother?"

"Bloodmoon. What's your name?"

"Bloodmoon...what a coincidence since my sect has the word blood in its name as well. You may address me as Blood Rakshasa."

Bloodmoon said nothing. With a sneer, he flew off.

After Bloodmoon left, Blood Rakshasa sank into thought. This was quite suspicious. Why was a blood devourer here? He had never heard about the blood devourers setting up shop in Great Xia before. *Read new chapters on novelbin(.)com*

"Even the blood devourers are here. This ruin...sure is attractive."

So did Su Yu have a ruin? For many people, the answer to that was a resounding yes. How would he have been able to open his acupoints so easily otherwise?

Opening hundreds of acupoints in a few months? If he had stopped at a hundred or even two hundred, that would still be acceptable. Many other geniuses would be capable of doing so given enough time. But he had opened more than three hundred acupoints. And that had happened in less than six months. Nobody would believe that he had no ruin.

This was very similar to how numerous Invincibles had emerged from the ancient ruins back then. Nowadays, these ancient ruins were becoming increasingly rare as more and more had been discovered and exploited.

Since Su Yu had a ruin in his possession, who wouldn't long to snatch the ruin from him? Even the Xia Family was searching for that ruin.

Nobody knew for sure if the ruin was actually within Nanyuan, but that city had been put under tight security. It would be hard for them to get anything if the ruin was really there. But their chance would come if the ruin was actually outside Nanyuan.

They couldn't resist taking this risk. As long as the ruin was outside Nanyuan, anyone could get a chance to obtain it and the inheritance inside. Or perhaps they could capture Su Yu and gain the knowledge inside Su Yu's head. Perhaps Su Yu knew a lot more than he had let on. It was very likely that the acupoint fusion method had also originated from the ruin.

Su Yu's dao protector had been exposed. He had an unsightly expression, but he remained silent. He waited until everyone was done resting before resuming the journey. With the loss of the majority of their mounts, their speed had dropped significantly.

Suddenly, Su Yu asked, "How did the blood devourer enter the Human Realm? I heard that the Blood Devourer Sect is only active in the north. Great Xia is a southern prefecture. Why is there a blood devourer here? It hasn't even been long since I accepted this mission. And one would need to take a much longer time to reach here from the north."

His gaze landed on Xia Qing. The look in his eyes turned unfriendly. Xia Qing's heart skipped a beat when she saw that. She hurriedly explained, "Brother Su, there is also a possibility that the blood devourer might have been hiding in Great Xia before this."

Su Yu frowned, but he said nothing. Meanwhile, Xia Qing cursed inwardly. Was he suspecting her as the leak? But she knew that she wasn't the leak. Was it the single character faction? That must be it!

If they contacted the northern cultists right after receiving her message, the northern cultists would have enough time to head down south.

Su Yu said nothing else. Leveling accusations against the others was truly a very useful trick to clear any suspicion about him.

Bloodmoon...was one of his three beast protectors. The three were respectively Bloodmoon, Great Mountain, and One-eye. Bloodmoon did not even have a Demon Subduing Ring on him. Would that be sufficient for him to fool the hidden enemies?

Su Yu was unsure, but there was no harm in giving it a try. Even if Bloodmoon was eventually exposed as one of his beast protectors, it wouldn't be a big deal. With Great Mountain exposed and Bloodmoon sent away, he wondered if One-eye had gained anything as well.

While Su Yu was thinking about One-eye.

Not far away from them was a valley littered with corpses. But not everyone in the valley was dead. There were some survivors, but they were all kneeling on the ground while trembling with fear.

Standing ahead of them was a frail figure with white hair and a slight slit on his forehead. The slit suddenly opened to reveal an eye. The eye gazed at the

crowd as the individual spoke, "All who defy me shall die. Only those who obey me can live."

One-eye coldly said, "How dare pieces of trash like you disobey me? If it wasn't for the fact that the devileye race does not have any presence here, garbage like you wouldn't even be qualified to serve me."

Among the kneeling individuals, one of them fawningly said, "Lord, it would be my honor to serve you! But we are the members of the Divine Blaze Sect. If we betray them..."

"Betray?" One-eyed interrupted, "What about the divine blaze race? What the fuck is the big deal about them? You are all traitors of humanity. Why does it matter which race you serve? Do you think that the divine blaze race would wage a war against the devileye race because of garbage like you?"

With a casual wave of his hand, a pile of valuable natural treasures appeared on the ground. He sneered and said, "This is my reward for you. The devileye race has decided to open a sect in Great Xia. You will be the founding members of this sect. You!"

He pointed at a random Cloudbreach and said, "You shall be the master of this sect. If our mission is successful, I would bestow upon you more rewards."

"Thank you, Lord!"

The Cloudbreach was overjoyed.

As for his betrayal of the Divine Blaze Sect...nonsense. At the end of the day, he was still serving the myriad races. The devileye race was a powerful race, so he definitely wouldn't mind serving them. It didn't even matter who he served as long as his master was generous.

"Don't worry. All of you will be amply rewarded upon the completion of this mission."

One-eye looked at the group and coldly said, "As for those trying to feign obedience before betraying me, I'll kill all of you. Since we still lack manpower, go out there and start recruiting. Since we're starting a sect, manpower is very important."

"Lord!" The newly appointed sect master hurriedly said, "There is a group of people nearby. They have a decent number of Skysoar and Cloudbreach cultivators among them. This is a group led by the traitor of the Blood Fire Sect, Xue'e. They tried recruiting us before, but since Xue'e had offended the Great Xia Cultural Research Academy, we didn't dare to work with him. If you require manpower, I can try to contact him."

"Blood Fire Sect?" One-eye sank into silence momentarily before nodding in agreement, "Sure."

A ray of light shot up from the eye on his forehead and landed on the people before him. After doing that, he said, "If you're confident you can escape or betray me, you are free to give it a try. If you are good enough to survive the Eyeflame of the devileyes, I wouldn't mind sparing you."

They trembled in fear, but none dared to say anything. They could only blame luck for this encounter. At this point, they couldn't even betray this new master of theirs anymore. Whatever. For them, it really didn't matter that much who they served. They only cared about the benefits they could gain.

"Alright. Time for you to get out of my face."

None dared to remain after that. All of them vanished in the dark of the night. As for One-eye, a torrent of fire shot out of his third eye and reduced all the corpses around him into ashes.

"Devileye Sect?"

One-eye smiled. How interesting. He then looked in a certain direction. That crafty brat sure was gutsy. Was he not afraid that they would flee or go into concealment in the Human Realm? Was the brat so sure that they would help him?

"Hong Tan..."

As he muttered that name, he snorted coldly. That was an enemy he wouldn't forgive. And the grandstudent of such an individual was most definitely a scumbag as well. But when he recalled the confidence Su Yu was displaying, he sighed. Forget it. There was no need for him to court death.

All this was merely a farce. The prelude to a slaughter.

The prefect of Great Ming was personally making a move. Thus, beast protectors like them were probably all under the monitoring of that prefect. Since Su Yu was the architect of this entire scheme, would he have no contingencies in the event of their betrayal?

It was very likely that the Xia Family, Wan Tiansheng, and the Zhu Family were all keeping a close watch on them.

One-eye sneered. Those fools. So many of them would die this time. Even if there was a ruin, one needed to be alive to make use of it, right? This was a scheme. Even if there was really a ruin, would Su Yu really take them to the ruin?

"Starfall Mountain..."

That place should be renamed the Land of Death instead. There, they would enter the borders of Great Ming. The Zhu Family would then be free to act. Did those idiots believe that the Zhu Family would remain silent after so many years of silence?

Well...if One-eye was being honest, even he himself didn't think that the Zhu Family would do anything. If Su Yu hadn't reached an agreement with the Zhu Family beforehand, it was very likely that the Zhu Family would really do nothing.

All those fools were too caught up in their own plans.

Great Ming King...After recalling that name, One-eye decided that he should be even more careful. Was it possible that Great Ming King himself was waiting in Great Ming?

If that was the case, One-eye would need to display even more obedience.