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Chapter 261: A Clue On The White-Robed General's Descendant, All Hail The Sect Leader

The clan's elites joined forces and attacked the Shang Clan Leader.

Although the Shan Clan Leader was an Honorable Supreme, the combined forces of so many people were too much for him to endure that he began to show signs of fatigue. Adding to the fact that he was flanked by his very own clan people, he was so frustrated that he blundered a reckless move and was struck down by someone.

"This is truly a wondrous sight to behold."

Watching from the sidelines, Chu Kuangren could not resist clapping.

A few elders looked embarrassed.

They had no choice but to do that to preserve their own lives.

One of the elders escorted the Shang Clan Leader to Chu Kuangren. "Brother Chu, the Shang clan deserves all this because we have wronged you. This man here is also Shang Han's father. If you want to kill or skin him, we'll do as you wish."

Chu Kuangren did not heed the elder. Instead, he retrieved the Lou clan's ancient sword from his Yin and Yang Ring and asked emotionlessly, "Mind if I ask, this Lou clan's ancient sword in Shang Han's hands, where did it come from?"

“Seems to me that this sword’s origin matters a lot to you, but sadly, I will never tell you a d*mn thing about it.”

The Shang Clan Leader sneered.

He knew that his fate was sealed today, so why would he tell Chu Kuangren anything that he wanted to hear?

“This sword looks kind of familiar.”

Just then, an elder suddenly muttered softly.

When the Shang Clan Leader heard this, he was so angry that he nearly spewed blood.

‘This b*stard, did he really have to spite him like that?’

Chu Kuangren looked at that elder, smiling. “Tell me, why does this ancient sword look familiar to you? Where have you seen it?”

That elder pondered for a while. “A few years ago, I once traveled to Nimbus City, to a branch clan of ours there and that was where I saw this ancient sword. But I didn’t really pay it much attention.”

Although the Lou clan's ancient sword was made of exquisite material, it had no other use except for its ability to open the Lou Kingdom's enchanted boundary.

Hence for people who had no knowledge of the Lou Kingdom's treasures, this Lou clan's ancient sword would appear as nothing more than an ordinary supreme weapon.

It was the reason that this elder did not dwell too much on it then.

Who knew that he would cross paths with this ancient sword again at such an occasion several years later? It was truly not something he had expected.

"I remember now. Our Young Emperor, no, I mean, Shang Han also made a trip to the Nimbus City some time back," one of the Shang clan disciples suddenly spoke.

"Nimbus City, Shang branch clan..."

Chu Kuangren looked deep in thought.

It seemed to him that Shang Han had obtained this Lou clan's ancient sword from this particular Shang branch clan. Was there a descendant of the White-Robed General in that Shang branch clan?

"Looks like I need to make a trip to Nimbus City."

Chu Kuangren mumbled.

“Brother Chu, if it doesn’t bother you, I can show you the way there.” The elder beside him suddenly made a gracious offer.

Chu Kuangren gave it a moment’s consideration. After all, he was heading to the Shang branch clan, and if he were to bring along a Shang clan elder, things would only be more convenient for him. Hence, he agreed to it.

“Right, Brother Chu, what about him?”

The Shang clan elder pointed at the Shang Clan Leader and said.

“Kill him.”

Chu Kuangren said nonchalantly.

He knew that he did not have to do it himself. Someone else would surely do it for him.

It did not take long before the almighty Shang Clan Leader himself, a great Honorable Supreme, miserably succumbed to his death in the hands of his very own clan people.

“A Sage and an Honorable Supreme. This should be enough to put the dead souls of the Horizon Wing Sect’s brave warriors to rest.”

One of the elders commented cautiously.

When Chu Kuangren heard that, he glared at the elder with eyes that were as cold and sharp as a sword, as though it could pierce through to his heart.

That elder's legs went limp, and he swiftly knelt on the floor for forgiveness. "Forgive me, I've spoken too much, Brother Chu. Please, please spare me, Sect Leader Chu."

"How do you suppose the deaths of your Shang clan's Sage and the Clan Leader are equivalent to the one hundred and eight thousand lives that were lost?"

Chu Kuangren said coldly.

After hearing that, everyone from the Shang clan immediately knelt too, shaking from the overwhelming fear they felt.

'What did Chu Kuangren mean?'

'Has he not killed enough yet?'

'Will he only be satisfied after he annihilated the entire Shang clan?'

Nevertheless, nobody dared to ask him. Everybody was trembling with fear as they knew that their lives were now at Chu Kuangren's mercy and he could take them away with a flash of his thought.

“From today onward, I want the Shang clan to send ten Honorables in rotations to the Horizon Wing Sect, to guard the souls of the fallen. This delegation will also obey all of the Horizon Wing Sect’s orders. This will be effective for the next one thousand years! If anyone disobeys, I’ll make sure that the Shang clan will cease to exist.”

Chu Kuangren demanded bluntly. To him, the Shang clan no longer posed any threat since the person responsible for releasing the millions of tormented souls, Shang Han, was already dead, and along with him a clan leader and a Sage.

Whilst in battle, countless Shang clan people were also killed.

As for the remaining ones, killing them or spare them meant nothing anymore. He thought that it was better to keep them alive so they could help rebuild the Horizon Wing Sect.

When everyone heard what he said, they all breathed a sigh of relief.

They could live, and they were grateful for that.

As for the task of guarding the dead souls of Horizon Wing Sect’s brave warriors and obeying their orders — becoming their slaves — these may have taken away any pride the Shang clan had left, but they were so terrified of Chu Kuangren that none of them dared to object.

“Come, to Nimbus City we go.”

Chu Kuangren simply said.

His trip to the Shang clan this time was not only to avenge the perished people of Horizon Sect, but the most important agenda he had was also to look for the White-Robed General's descendant.

Word eventually got out about Chu Kuangren slaying a Sage during his trip to the Shang clan, and it made many forces shudder with fear.

A year ago, he had slain two Sages of the Murong clan for Murong Xuan. A year later, he descended into the realm once again and slew a Six-Step Sage of the Shang clan. Chu Kuangren's ruthlessness was incredibly dreaded by everyone in the world.

Nevertheless, for every action he took, there were reasons and rationale behind it, and this made the people very frustrated and helpless. Even if some of them wished to combine forces and beat down Chu Kuangren, they had no good excuses to do so.

They could always simply make one up too, but the prerequisite was that they had to be able to bring Chu Kuangren under their control.

Amongst all sage orthodoxies that existed today, only less than a handful had this capability.

Near the Ancient Battlefield, in the Horizon Wing Sect.

Having just received news of Chu Kuangren's havoc at the Shang clan, the Horizon Wing Sect Master shook and he immediately turned towards the direction of Black Heaven Sect to pay his respects.

"All hail the Sect Leader!!"

Behind him, all the elders and disciples were kneeling on the floor as well, bowing down in the direction of Black Heaven Sect.

“All hail the Sect Leader...”

Leng Changkong said albeit worryingly, “Sect Master, I know the Sect Leader has avenged us, but I’m worried about the fact that he has slain so many Sages. Will he enrage the other Sages and cause trouble for himself?”

“I don’t think you or I need to question why the Sect Leader chose to do what he did. As for the envy of the other Sages, I’m pretty sure that’ll be unavoidable. Even so, do we really need to worry?”

There was a look of admiration on the Horizon Wing Sect Master’s face. “If they wish to get one over the Sect Leader, they must first take note of their capabilities. Not to mention that the Sect Leader killed those Sages because there was a legitimate reason to do so, but I doubt that they could find a reason to do anything to the Sect Leader. And even if they do, not a lot of people in this world could match the Sect Leader’s power.”

“He’s also backed by three sage orthodoxies, namely the Black Heaven Sect, Royal Azure Dynasty, and the School of White Lotus. Besides, I heard that the Sect Leader’s name has begun to spread amongst the Buddhist world. Quite a few Buddhist cultivators think that he is a living Buddha who has descended to the mortal realm. Just by these facts alone, I don’t think anyone would dare to offend the Sect Leader.”

No matter in terms of background or power, Chu Kuangren’s power had reached an unbelievably terrifying height now.

The task of defeating him was simply too insurmountable.

After his destruction at the Shang clan, the Horizon Wing Sect now revered him more than ever, while it had also strengthened the loyalty of all Black Heaven Sect's affiliated forces towards them.

Chapter 262: Nimbus City's Shang Branch Clan, No Way, I've Only Just Arrived And You're Already Doing This

Scarlet Phoenix Domain, Nimbus City.

The four domains of the Firmament Star were incredibly vast, and they each had up to thousands of prefectures.

The Nimbus City of Scarlet Phoenix Domain was situated right inside a prefecture named the Amber Gale Prefecture and could be considered one of the larger cities inside the Amber Gale Prefecture.

There were three dominant forces that were the strongest in Nimbus City. They were the Shang branch clan, the Bai branch clan, and the Ancient Water Sect.

These three forces had Nimbus City's economy and various cultivation resources firmly in their control. They too had sage orthodoxies backing them.

Nonetheless, the Shang branch clan did not have the sunniest of days of late.

Nimbus City Shang clan, inside the great hall.

Shang Long was having a meeting with a few of the elders, their expressions extremely solemn.

“Today, Eunuch White came to report that our shop has been wrecked by people from the Bai clan again. They’ve destroyed quite a few stuff.”

“On top of that, that soulstone ore vein up north has also been occupied.”

“If this goes on, we’ll soon be doomed.”

“The day before yesterday, people from the Bai family came to propose marriage again.”

“D*mn it, these fellows are really thick-faced. They’ve done so much despicable stuff, yet they still have the guts to come here and propose marriage.”

“Sigh, the Shang clan’s direct line was hit by misfortune and the people from Bai family are taking this opportunity to kick us when we’re down. Can’t say that we didn’t expect this.”

The few elders offered their opinions, but it made Shang Long’s head hurt a little.

Following the news of the Shang clan’s heavy downfall, the Shang branch clans of various places had been affected to a varying degree.

To be honest, Shang Long himself did not have much sense of belonging to the Shang main clan. In fact, one could even say that he resented them.

Those from the main clan only knew how to remain in their territories and enjoy their riches and freedom of cultivating. They would toss whatever dirty work to the branch clans, while they oppressed and exploited their counterparts with their more superior strengths.

Although both the main clan and the branch clan were part of the Shang clan, their positions of power were worlds apart.

Shang Long had even once sinisterly imagined that if these main clan people were to encounter some misfortunes someday, he would surely be the first to jump in joy and celebrate.

However, those were just thoughts. He knew very well that although the main clan constantly oppressed them, as their branch clan, they would not be much better off either if the main clan were to get hit by a disaster.

Who knew that his thought would turn into reality in just a few days. After what Chu Kuangren had done to the Shang main clan, they were now heavily wounded. The various forces who despised the Shang clan had begun to slowly reveal their claws and teeth, wanting to chew off a big chunk of the Shang clan.

“Sigh, if this ensues, I’m afraid there will soon be no place for us Shang clan to live in Nimbus City.” After discussing the matters with the few elders, Shang Long remarked rather helplessly and slumped back exhaustedly into his chair.

From behind, a lovely woman walked up to him and massaged his temples gently. “What’s the matter, are you hit with a rough patch?”

“Bai family keeps pressuring us, while the Ancient Water Sect is eyeing us from the side. These two clans intend to tear us Shang clan into half and devour us!”

Shang Long gulped.

“Dear husband, if worse comes to worst, we can always leave Nimbus City.”

“Let’s stay on for a while longer and see what happens. I don’t mind leaving, but there are several thousands of branch clan disciples in Nimbus City. What do you suppose I do with them?”

Shang Long could not bear tossing so many of his people behind.

“It’s all that Chu Kuangren’s fault.”

At that moment, the lovely woman said rather resentfully, “If it were not for the destruction that Chu Kuangren had caused to the Shang clan, the Bai family and the Ancient Water Sect wouldn’t have attacked us so lawlessly.”

“Shang Han took the ancient sword that was passed down from your family, then Chu Kuangren killed him and destroyed the Shang main clan. You even praised him last night for helping you take it out on them.”

Shang Long smiled gently.

“But I was oblivious to the extent of damages he had caused. I mean just look, he has exhausted you so much,” the lady said hurtfully.

"I'm fine."

Shang Long patted on the back of the lady's hand and assured her.

"Clan Leader, it's not good. People from the Bai family are here again. This time, the Bai family's young master is here personally."

Just then, one of the servants hastily walked in and said.

After that, a handsome young man donned in a silk robe was seen entering the door, and he walked into the great hall with a few guards closely behind him.

Among them was an old man, who stood beside the young man. Although they had not made a move, Shang Long was already terrified the moment he saw them.

"Young Bai Clan Leader, what's the meaning of this?"

Shang Long raised an eyebrow at him.

"Shang Clan Leader, I'll cut straight to the point. My purpose of coming here today is to take Qingxue back with me so I can marry her."

The young man, who was the Young Bai Clan Leader said.

The Shang clan's young lady's good looks were famed all over Nimbus City. She was regarded as the most beautiful lady in all of Nimbus City, and he had admired her for a very long time.

However, he had never had the chance all this while, but this time, because the Shang clan was hit with an unprecedented crisis, his chance was finally here.

"Qingxue will never marry you. Please go back to where you came from."

Shang Long said with indifference.

"Shang Clan Leader, Qingxue will come with me today no matter if she's willing to or not. I will not leave here without her."

"I'd like to see you try."

A feminine voice came from outside the door.

A lady in a long white dress who had delicate facial features and a fair-as-snow skin complexion walked into the great hall, her expression emotionless.

This was the Nimbus City Shang clan's young lady, Shang Qingxue.

Upon seeing her, a fiery passion appeared in Young Bai Clan Leader's eyes. He then said, "Qingxue, I'm sure you know of your Shang clan's current situation. Only you'll be able to salvage your clan now."

"As long as you follow me back and marry me, from hereon, the Shang clan will forge a marriage alliance with us Bai family. And all your clan's troubles will naturally be solved."

Young Bai Clan Leader proposed confidently.

His desire for Shang Qingxue was resolute.

Upon hearing what he had said, a struggle flashed across Shang Qingxue's eyes. She was well aware of her clan's troubles since she had witnessed it for the past few days.

However, marrying the Young Bai Clan Leader was definitely against her wishes.

She knew very well that the person was only yearning for her body.

"No way! Even if I have to fight you Bai family to the last breath, I, Shang Long, will never sell off my daughter for pride."

Shang Long was extremely furious by now. He slammed the table, stood up, and looked angrily into Young Bai Clan Leader's eyes. "Bai Feng, get the hell out of Shang clan!"

Young Bai Clan Leader still remained his cool despite that, while the old man beside him took a step forward and said calmly, “Our Young Clan Leader wishes to take Shang Qingxue with him today. No matter who you are, you’re not going to stop us.”

“Senior Elder Bai, this is Shang clan’s property. Unless you intend to shed blood here?” Shang Long scoffed coldly.

He might have sounded intimidating, but in his gaze, there was a certain degree of fear.

Shang Long knew that the Bai family’s Senior Elder was the strongest amongst all of Bai family — a whole notch stronger even when compared with him, and few from the whole of Nimbus City could match his strength.

Nevertheless, they were in the Shang clan now, and the Shang clan themselves had many elites. Bai family’s Senior Elder may be strong, but he would not be able to overcome their strength in numbers.

“Shang Long, it seems to me that you still don’t quite understand the predicament here.”

Bai family’s Senior Elder let out a chuckle.

A few of the Shang clan’s elders suddenly walked out at this moment.

“Clan Leader, just agree to this marriage.”

An elder said after taking a deep breath,

“Yeah, Clan Leader, why don’t you just accept it?”

“Only with that can we Shang clan overcome this crisis.”

Looking at the few elders standing right before him, Shang Long’s face was full of disbelief.

“What do you guys mean!”

“Clan Leader, this situation is out of our control and we can’t fight force with force. It’s about time that Young Lady Shang makes some contribution to the Shang clan.”

One of the elders said calmly.

“Haha, Shang Clan Leader, look, even the few elders are seeing things more clearly than you are. I suggest that you conform obediently and have Qingxue marry me. In the future, I might even greet you as ‘dear father-in-law’.”

Young Bai Clan Leader laughed.

“Forced marriage? No way. I’ve only just arrived and you’re already cooking up such a corny plot.” Just then, a voice came from outside the door.

Chapter 263: The Descendants Of The White-Robed General, It Really Is Him

While the Shang branch clan was in a bad situation, the Young Bai Clan Leader came to push for a forced marriage.

Just when the few elders were turning their coats, a crisp voice rang out from outside the Shang clan great hall. Several people walked in.

The person at the very front of the group was a young man.

In a wide-sleeved white robe and a jade crown atop of his head, the young man exuded a regal aura, appearing as though he was an immortal who had descended from the heavens. His entrance stunned everyone in the hall.

Even the Shang clan's young lady, who usually set her eyes at high standards, could not help but feel dazed by this young man.

How was there such a good-looking man in this world?!

The Young Bai Clan Leader stared at the young man with envy in his eyes. He thought that he was one of the rare few handsome guys in all of Nimbus City.

However, in front of this young man, he appeared to pale in comparison.

Nothing more needed to be said as this group of people was naturally Chu Kuangren, Lan Yu, and the Shang clan elder who showed them the way here. They were here for the Lou clan's ancient sword.

“Who are you guys?”

Shang Long furrowed his eyebrows when he saw the few uninvited guests in front of him.

The Shang clan elder beside Chu Kuangren remained silent as he took out his elder token, revealing his identity. Everyone from the Shang clan was shocked.

“Main clan elder!”

“It’s someone from the main clan, no less an elder.”

“Greetings, elder.”

Shang Long and the rest of the people hurriedly bowed down.

While on one side, the Young Bai Clan Leader frowned. “Someone from the Shang main clan... Why would they be here at Nimbus City at this moment?”

Chu Kuangren’s havoc-wreaking at the Shang clan had wounded and killed so many of them, so the main clan elder should be at the main clan to help reorganize things. Yet why was he here at Nimbus City instead?

Deep down, the Young Bai Clan Leader was confused, but since an elder from the main clan was here now, it would be no good for them to remain here.

“Let’s leave.”

The Young Bai Clan Leader led his people out.

Before he left the place for good, he and the Bai family’s Senior Elder swept a glance at Chu Kuangren. They had a feeling that this person was not what he seemed to be.

However, Chu Kuangren did not really heed the two.

Instead, he looked at Shang Long, and he took out the Lou clan’s ancient sword without uttering another word. He then said, “Does this sword belong to you guys?”

The people present were somewhat baffled, and they did not know what Chu Kuangren wanted. With that, Shang Long looked towards the main clan elder as if trying to get a hint of what was going on.

“Just answer whatever Sect Leader Chu has just asked.”

The main clan elder said calmly.

When Shang Long and the rest heard the three words “Sect Leader Chu”, their faces instantly turned pale. The few elders’ legs went limp, almost fainted onto the floor, as they stared at Chu Kuangren in disbelief.

“Sect Leader Chu, please, take a seat.” Shang Long hastily invited Chu Kuangren to take a seat at the main seat, not daring to show any sign of delay or reluctance.

This person in front of them was someone with extremely high esteem, someone whom they never imagined they would ever meet.

“So, does this sword belong to you guys?”

Chu Kuangren sat down at the main seat and repeated his question.

Shang Long glanced at the Lou clan’s ancient sword.

“Yes, it’s ours.”

Of course he would recognize this sword. This was the ancient sword that was passed down in his wife’s family.

“Where’s the origin of this sword?”

“This is the ancient sword that is inherited by my family.”

The lady right beside Shang Long said.

Chu Kuangren's Eye of Revelation activated as he looked at the lady in front of him.

"Lou Yun, the Shang branch Clan Leader, Shang Long's wife..."

Surname Lou?

Is she related to the Lou Kingdom?

Nevertheless, that could not certify anything, so he continued to use his Eye of Revelation to pry more information about this person.

The Eye of Revelation seemed to have sensed what he had in mind too as it quickly revealed more information about her bloodline in his vision field

"Her blood contains a strand of White-Robed General energy. Chances of her being the descendant of the White-Robed General is as high as 97%..."

"Seems like I've looked in the right place."

Chu Kuangren then turned to look at Shang Qingxue who was beside her.

"Shang Qingxue, daughter of Lou Yun, cultivation level at late-stage Golden Core Realm, possesses the Deep Freeze Physique, but non-activated..."

“Her blood contains a strand of White-Robed General energy. Chances of her being the descendant of the White-Robed General is as high as 97%...”

Oh, it was still a hidden physique.

Chu Kuangren was slightly surprised.

However, he did not take that too much heart. The Deep Freeze Physique might be a top-notch physique, but he had his Three Great Supreme Daoist Techniques, so it did not catch his eye at all.

He once again took out the jade talisman that the White-Robed General gave him.

Then, the jade talisman vibrated slightly.

With the Eye of Revelation and the White-Robed General’s certification. It was sufficient to certify that this Lou Yun and Shang Qingxue in front of him were indeed descendants of the White-Robed General.

“Why do you have this jade talisman?!”

At this moment, Lou Yun looked incredibly shocked.

She took out another almost identical jade talisman and said, “This jade talisman belonged to my ancestor, how is it that you have it too?”

The people gave Chu Kuangren a curious glance.

Chu Kuangren replied, "I made an agreement with your ancestor to help him look for his descendants. He wanted me to look after you two."

However, Lou Yun had a weird look on her face.

This jade talisman dated back several hundred thousand years ago, and the ancestor of her clan had passed away at least about a few hundred thousand years ago. How was it possible that Chu Kuangren could make an agreement with the person?

Compared to Lou Yun's bewilderment, Shang Long and the few elders were more stunned. They carefully analyzed what Chu Kuangren actually meant.

To look after Lou Yun and Shang Qingxue?!

Well, d*mn!

This meant that he was willing to be someone whom they could rely on!

If this guy in front of them was really the person whom they thought him to be, then this would undoubtedly be a great opportunity for them!

"May I trouble Clan Leader Shang Long to help us arrange two suites? I plan to stay over for two days." Chu Kuangren said.

Since he had promised the White-Robed General to look after his descendants, he should be preparing this mother-daughter duo for better.

“Yes, sure. I’ll ask my men to cater to that at once.”

Shang Long immediately replied.

After Chu Kuangren and his companion had left the place, the entire great hall was plunged into pin-drop silence. One of the elders asked the main clan elder, “Elder, is this guy really the person whom we think he is?”

The main clan elder nodded in response, “Yes.”

The whole group of people gasped in horror.

Goodness, it really was Chu Kuangren!

However, not long after, they started to feel weirded out again. “Elder, isn’t Chu Kuangren an enemy of the Shang clan? Why is he here then?”

“Shut your mouth!”

The main clan elder's facial expression abruptly changed as he glanced around in immense fear. He only sighed in relief when he was sure Chu Kuangren was now far away.

"Who told you that Sect Leader Chu is our enemy? Please don't utter such nonsense again in the future, or else I'll send you to the heavens with one slap!"

"Yes, yes, understood."

Seeing his reaction, Shang Long and the few others could not help but shudder.

The main clan elder was a big deal to people like them. One word from him could decide the fate of their branch clan.

Even he was so terrified of Chu Kuangren.

It truly was hard to imagine.

The main clan elder looked toward Lou Yun and Shang Qingxue at the side and said, "I believe both of your lives are about to be changed."

Did they know what kind of extraordinary being Chu Kuangren was?

It was not at all exaggerated to say that the moment he decided to protect somebody, even if this somebody was just normal folk, nobody would dare to touch the said person.

In the same sense, if he wanted to help somebody, even if this somebody was a fool, he or she would still be guaranteed to ride on his greatness and ascend into superiority!

Not just the main clan elder, but the remaining few elders too were looking at the mother-daughter duo in envy. Even Shang Long himself felt that way.

When the elders think back on their act of persuading Shang Qingxue to marry into the Bai family earlier, they felt like giving themselves a hard slap in the face.

They had almost given away such a great opportunity to somebody else.

“Well, Clan Leader, I hope you don’t mind what happened earlier.”

“We were just desperate. We’ve watched Qingxue grow since she was a little kid, we too were not willing to give her away like that.”

“Yeah, our clan was on the brink of extinction, and the pressure was just too much for us to have any clear judgment. I hope you’ll see past our mistakes and not take to heart our foolish decisions.”

The few elders hurriedly apologized for their actions earlier.

Shang Long merely stood there at a side and watched them, his face emotionless. He did say anything either as he had long seen through these deceptions.

Chapter 264: The Bai Family Young Emperor Bai Xueyun, Do Not Have Any Wishful Thinking

Nimbus City Bai family.

The Young Bai Clan Leader returned in disappointment with the Bai family's Senior Elder.

"D*mn it, a Shang main clan elder came out of nowhere!"

The Young Bai Clan Leader sneered.

The Bai family's strength was no less than the Shang clan, but the only shame was that this Bai family in Nimbus City was just another branch clan too.

In the face of an elder from the Shang main clan, they could only temporarily evade the impending trouble.

"Feng'er, you're back."

When the Bai Family Head saw Bai Feng returning, he went up to welcome him but soon after that he frowned. "What's the matter? Why isn't Shang Qingxue back with you?"

"Forget it, their main clan elder came."

Bai Feng narrated the entire incident.

The Bai Family Head was somewhat surprised after hearing it. After a moment's pondering, he said in a deep voice, "Let's rest this case for now. Let me introduce you to an important person. This person hails from the main clan. I hope that you'd show some courtesy upon meeting him later."

"Oh, someone from the main clan?"

"Young Emperor, Bai Xueyun!"

Bai Feng's expression changed when he heard that. "It's the Young Emperor! Why is he here at Nimbus City all of a sudden?"

"Haha, don't you think this is great news? All these years, your father, I, have contributed so much to the Bai family. Now, the main clan has decided to reward me and asked the Young Emperor to bring forth a supreme weapon for me."

"Is that so? That's marvelous."

Bai Feng was delighted.

He then walked into the great hall and saw that there was a young man dressed in black sitting there. This young man's face was pale, and he had a feminine look on him.

Meanwhile, behind him were two other beautiful maids.

This person was indeed the Bai family's Young Emperor, Bai Xueyun!

"Greetings, Young Emperor."

Bai Feng bowed at Bai Xueyun.

"Alright, no need for over-courtesy. Bai Lin has mentioned you before. You have quite the talent. If you continue to work hard, I'm sure you'd have the chance to get into the main clan."

The Bai Lin that he mentioned was, of course, the Nimbus City Bai Family Head.

Upon hearing such praise, Bai Feng was on cloud nine. If he ever got into the main clan, it would be an incredible achievement for him.

At the thought of that possibility, a fiery passion suddenly ignited deep inside him. It solidified his desire to be in Bai Xueyun's good books.

He stole a glance at the maids behind his compatriot, and suddenly remembered the gossips that were spread in their clan about Bai Xueyun.

It was said that although this Young Emperor had an exquisite talent, he was often found to indulge in lusts. Wherever he went, he would bring along a girl or two.

This made him inadvertently think of Shang Qingxue. He laughed to himself and said, "I heard that Young Emperor you have a unique taste in beauties. These two maids do have extraordinary good looks. I reckon of all Nimbus City, only Shang Qingxue from the Shang clan would be able to upend such beauty."

"Shang Qingxue?" The Bai family's Young Emperor's eyes suddenly lit up.

"Indeed. This person that I speak of is deemed the number one beauty in Nimbus City. From that alone, you can tell that her looks would be something out of the ordinary."

Bai Feng chuckled.

"If that's the case, why don't you bring her over so I can bed her?"

Bai Xueyun said nonchalantly.

Upon hearing that, the corner of Bai Feng's lips twitched uncontrollably.

Well was he supposed to say? Way to go, Young Emperor?

With such arrogance and rude demeanor, what made him think that if he wanted to bed her, she would surely agree?

“Young Emperor, this Shang Qingxue is quite an obstinate character. I’m afraid it’s not that easy to get her to do as you want. Besides, a main clan elder arrived at the Shang clan today. If he catches knowledge of such a proposal, I doubt that he would agree to it.”

“Heh, it’s merely a Shang main clan elder. The Shang clan are already finding it difficult to survive now, what else can this elder do to me? I, Bai Xueyun, have never failed when it comes to a woman that I desire.”

“Fifth Forefather, I guess I’ll have to trouble you for this then.”

Bai Xueyun remarked calmly.

Out walked an elderly person from the void. This person was one of the forefathers of the Bai family, the current Protector of the Bai family’s Young Emperor — the Fifth Bai Forefather.

It was not the first time that the Fifth Bai Forefather had heard of Bai Xueyun desiring a woman, so he nodded and agreed to it almost immediately.

“Why don’t you show the Fifth Bai Forefather the way. I want this Shang Qingxue in my bed tonight,” Bai Xueyun smacked his lips and said.

“Yes.”

Bai Feng nodded, feeling slightly gutted.

Shang Qingue was also a woman that he wanted. However, for the purpose of building good relations with Bai Xueyun, he could do nothing but to endure this pain.

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Nimbus City Shang clan.

Chu Kuangren laid in his room, seemingly deep in thought.

“The White-Robed General requested me to look after his descendants, but what would be considered as looking after? Hmm... That Shang Qingxue has the Deep Freeze Physique in her but it hasn’t been activated. What if I help activate it? It would count as looking after I think?”

Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

A golden pill appeared in his palm.

This was a pill called the Enlightenment Pill. It could plunge someone’s cultivation into the Enlightenment Stage, and at the same time, awaken some Daoist Physiques too

It was a Gold-grade item.

However, this pill was almost useless to him. Since it had always been kept inside his inventory, he felt that it would be appropriate to give it to Shang Qingue.

“Lan Yu, help me call Shang Qingxue over.”

Chu Kuangren said.

Lan Yu was stunned when she heard that, but she nodded almost right away.

She found her way to the great hall, where Shang Long and his people were still gathered. She looked into the eyes of Shang Qingxue and said, “My Master is looking for you. Come, follow me.”

Upon hearing what she said, the few elders were first astonished, but then they glanced at each other and noticed the gleam of joy in their respective eyes.

Did Chu Kuangren have an interest in Shang Qingxue?!

If that was true, it would be incredible news. Just earlier, they were cracking their heads as to how to gain Chu Kuangren’s favor.

“Dear Qingxue, Sect Leader Chu wants to see you. You should go.”

“Remember to behave well.”

“That’s right.”

Shang Long's face turned pale as he quickly added, "Pardon me but why is Sect Leader Chu looking for my little daughter?"

"No idea, but all I know is that I have to bring her to my Master. Just follow me there."

"But..."

Shang Long seemed like he wanted to add more.

Yet before he could, Shang Qingxue beside him swiftly agreed, "Sure, let's go."

"Qingxue."

"Father, don't you worry. I believe Sect Leader Chu won't do anything to me," Shang Qingxue replied with a gentle smile.

She had another statement to add on, which was that even if Chu Kuangren wanted to do something to her, what could the Shang clan do?!

Since they could not resist it, it was better that she just obliged.

“Hehe, I feel you should be delighted instead. Don’t you know what kind of character Chu Kuangren is? If your daughter ever catches his eye, it should be the good karma that you’ve accumulated from your past eight lives,” the main clan elder said admirably at one side.

Shang Long and Lou Yun exchanged glances, both feeling helpless.

They were just too frail.

In face of such a strong presence, they were not in the position to say no.

On their way to meet Chu Kuangren, Lan Yu swept a glance at Shang Qingxue and noticed that she looked very nervous, so she assured, “Don’t worry, Master doesn’t have that kind of interest that all of you are thinking of.”

She knew Chu Kuangren very well.

In fact, it could be said that besides Chu Kuangren himself, she should be the next person who understood him most.

If Chu Kuangren was the kind of person who indulged in lusts, something would have already happened between him and her all these years.

“Instead of worrying about my Master, I think I should be advising you to not have any sort of wishful thinking towards him.” Lan Yu then added another sentence.

Shang Qingxue was quite embarrassed at that. For a beauty like her, it was generally others who would have wishful thinking towards her.

However, when she imagined Chu Kuangren's otherworldly and fairy-like good looks, demeanor, and influence, she found it difficult to rebut what Lan Yu had said.

For a person like Chu Kuangren, even she would be underqualified to be with him.

Soon.

She arrived at Chu Kuangren's room. Watching this charming figure in front of her, Shang Qingxue started to feel a sense of shame and said, "Sect Leader Chu, I wonder why you're looking for me?"

Chu Kuangren took out the Enlightenment Pill. "Take this pill."

Chapter 265: Deep Freeze Physique, The Fifth Bai Forefather Comes To Find Fault, My Name Is Chu

"Take this pill."

Chu Kuangren took out the Enlightenment Pill and said calmly.

Shang Qingxue stared at this pill right in front of her, feeling rather astonished. The pill aroma emanated into her nose and surprisingly made her body quiver.

It was as though something was about to stream out.

“What kind of pill is this?”

“Just take it. This is something that will benefit you.”

Shang Qingxue hesitated for a moment before taking the pill from his hand. When she consumed it, a majestic herbal effect instantly erupted inside her body. In a split second, it surged across the bones and the flesh in her body, making her body feel warm.

“Ah...”

She felt uncontrollably pleasant, so much that she could not help but let out a moan.

The next second, she covered her mouth in embarrassment, but the herbal effect continued to surge through her body. Like the waves, one tide after another, it continuously brushed through her bones and veins, rendering her whole body sore and numb.

What kind of weird pill was this?!

Shang Qingxue twisted and twirled, and her cheeks were so red that it looked like blood was about to ooze out.

Chu Kuangren was also baffled.

This pill... What was it doing?!

Did he give her the Enlightenment Pill?

If people did not know, they would have thought that he had given some sort of indecent pill.

Under the impact of the medicinal effect, Shang Qingxue gradually reached a climax and it was at that moment that her mind went blank. She was cast into a state of epiphany, and Daoist Rhymes from heaven and earth emerged in front of her very eyes.

A short while later, the medicinal effect slowly waned off.

In place of the medicinal effect was a cold wave that gushed out from the deepest reaches inside her body. This cold wave spread everywhere with her body as a source point.

To the floor tiles beneath their feet, the water jug on the table...

In the blink of an eye, the whole room was frozen with a layer of thick frost.

"I don't think we can stay here anymore. We need to switch location."

Chu Kuangren said helplessly as she glanced at Shang Qingxue who had just come back to her senses.

She was filled with disbelief when she saw her surroundings. She felt that a surge of unknown yet familiar energy was flowing inside her body.

This energy was ice-cold, and although it flowed inside her, it did not affect her at all. Conversely, it was continually strengthening her spiritual power.

“What... What is this?”

“Don’t be surprised. This is the power you possess. One of the top-notch Daoist Physiques from the Three-Thousand Physiques... the Deep Freeze Physique!”

“I have a Daoist Physique?”

“That’s right.”

Chu Kuangren nodded slightly and briefly explained things to her.

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Shang Qingxue walked out of the room and ordered some people to help Chu Kuangren and Lan Yu change into a new room. Then, she walked back to the great hall silently.

When the elders who were initially ready to leave saw her returning, they could not help but be a little surprised. “How are you back so soon?”

‘No way.

‘This Sect Leader Chu is done with his needs so quickly?’

“Qingxue, what did Sect Leader Chu ask you to do there?”

Shang Long immediately asked her.

“Sect Leader Chu gave me a pill.”

Shang Qingxue explained what happened in detail to everyone before she activated the Power of Ice inside her body, forming an ice crystal in the middle of her palm.

The crowd exchanged glances as they did not expect the outcome to turn out like this.

The few elders felt rather disappointed.

“Seems like Qingxue didn’t catch Sect Leader Chu’s eyes.”

“Yes.”

"I knew it. I told you Sect Leader Chu isn't the kind of person who would be attracted to lust. Only you guys could have thought of that."

"I think you're the one who had such thoughts. With Sect Leader Chu's divine looks, I could already tell that he must have other arrangements for Qingxue when he called her over."

"In fact, I've long identified that Qingxue is extraordinary. I knew she wasn't any mediocre. All she needed was a lucky chance and she would be off flying."

Staring at the few elders who contradicted themselves, Shang Long could not help but be annoyed.

It was right at this moment that fighting sounds could be heard from outside.

The few of their faces turned pale as they hurriedly rushed outside.

What met their eyes were Bai Feng who had brought along a few of Bai family's elites, transpassing into their territory arrogantly. What left behind their trails were the Shang clan's guards who had all collapsed on the floor.

"Bai Feng!"

"It's him. Why is he back again?"

"What a b*stard! He even brought people here to wreak havoc."

Shang Long and his men were absolutely furious.

They darted outside and yelled loudly, “Stop what you’re doing!!”

The people from both sides confronted each other.

“Give us Shang Qingxue, or you’ll bear the consequences.”

Bai Feng demanded in a cold voice.

At that, the main clan elder raised an eyebrow. “Just a tiny branch clan of the Bai family and you dare have such courage. You really think that when we’re down, you can just come to the Shang clan anytime and bully our people as you wish?”

He took a step forward and a surge of incredibly terrifying energy erupted from his body.

Just then, another similar gush of energy erupted from the air, and this energy was slightly more domineering than the main clan elder. A gray-robed elder then walked out, suppressing everyone from the Shang clan with the majestic Daoist Rhyme on his body.

“What are you going to do if we do bully your Shang clan?!” The gray-robed elder scorned with rage in his eyes.

The main clan elder's expression changed when he saw this. "This energy is... from an Honorable Supreme!! Which forefather of the Bai family are you?"

Never did it cross his mind that an Honorable Supreme from the Bai family would come to this meager Nimbus City. Such a character was a rare sight in the Bai family.

Not to mention him, but the rest of the Shang clan too had their faces written full of shock.

An Honorable Supreme to them was like an unreachable peerless individual. They could not believe that there was a real one standing opposite them right now.

"I am the Bai family's Fifth Forefather!"

Fifth Bai Forefather proudly proclaimed. He then scanned the place before his gaze finally landed on Shang Qingxue. "Seems like you're that Shang Qingxue. Your looks are indeed extraordinary. Come back with me so you can serve the Young Emperor."

As soon as he said that, he took another stride forward. His speed was lightning fast, where even the Shang main clan elder could not react to it in time.

In just an instant, the Fifth Bai Forefather had appeared in front of Shang Qingxue, and he suddenly reached out his arm in an attempt to grab her.

Shang Qingxue instinctively activated her freshly-awoken Deep Freeze Physique and harnessed its energy. She struck out her palm and unleashed a cold wave.

“Hey, this... this is the Deep Freeze Physique!” Fifth Bai Forefather was slightly shocked, but he simply raised one hand and shattered the cold wave, apprehending Shang Qingxue effortlessly.

Even though she had awoken the Deep Freeze Physique, Shang Qingxue was still too weak at this point in time. She was just like a tiny ant in the face of an Honorable Supreme.

Nevertheless, Fifth Bai Forefather was still shocked. “I never imagined that there would be a top-notch Daoist Physique hidden here in this little Nimbus City. Not bad, not bad at all. Capturing you back to let the Young Emperor have you as a wife would more than suffice.”

The Fifth Bai Forefather was extremely happy.

If this Deep Freeze Technique were to be developed further in the future, though it would not be enough to become a Sage or an Emperor, it would definitely be enough to be one of any orthodoxy’s central pillars.

She would certainly progress to an Honorable Supreme like him one day.

The Shang main clan elder scoffed. “Fifth Bai Forefather, I suggest that you let her go. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be worried about just you, but I’m afraid your entire Bai family would not be able to bear the consequences.”

“Haha, you’ve got to be kidding me. Who are you trying to scare here? A clan like yours who has lost their Sage, what else can you do to us Bai family?”

“The Shang clan may not be able to do anything to you, but what about me?”

Just then, a crisp and clear voice was heard.

At a corridor not far away, a man and woman slowly walked out.

That young man at the front was especially peerless in both his appearance and temperament. He stood out and immediately drew everyone's attention.

"Who are you?!"

The Fifth Bai Forefather saw Chu Kuangren and instinctively felt a sense of threat which made his scalp tingle and his heart beat faster.

"My name is Chu."

Surname Chu...

The Fifth Bai Forefather looked as though something had dawned on him. His eyes narrowed as he observed Chu Kuangren closely from top to bottom. The more he looked, the paler his face turned.

The white robe, the longsword, such an appearance and aura, and a silver-haired female companion...

These were enough for the Fifth Bai Forefather to confirm Chu Kuangren's identity.

Chapter 266: Are You Willing To Lead The Shang Clan, The Bai Family Young Emperor's Fear

Sh*t!

Holy Sh*t!

How the hell did he end up stepping on this bastard's tail?!

Fifth Bai Forefather was completely devastated.

A white robe, a long sword, such an appearance and aura, the silver-haired female companion, and what more, the Chu surname...

On top of that, he felt that this person before him could obliterate him at any moment.

If the Fifth Bai Forefather could not have guessed who this person was, he would be blind.

This person must be... Chu Kuangren!

Although he was clueless as to why Chu Kuangren would still show up at Shang clan's territory after killing their Sage, it was obvious that Chu Kuangren was keen on protecting Shang Qingxue. His demeanor could not be more obvious!

What else could the Fifth Bai Forefather do?

The only option was to obediently concede and let go of Shang Qingxue.

“Brother Chu, I genuinely didn’t know you were here, nor was I aware of this girl’s relationship with you. Please accept my apologies.”

The Fifth Bai Forefather lowered his posture.

It was a scene that shocked many.

Bai Feng was especially confused. “Fifth Forefather, what’re you doing? Is this person even influential?”

“B*stard!”

At that moment, the Fifth Bai Forefather cursed angrily at Bai Feng, “If it wasn’t for you who kept pestering the Young Emperor to capture Shang Qingxue, we wouldn’t have disturbed Brother Chu!”

“You deserve nothing but death for your wrongdoings!”

At that, the Fifth Bai Forefather ignored the horrified Bai Feng and grasped the latter’s temple with his five fingers, releasing a violent burst of spiritual energies.

In a split second, a blood mist exploded!

Bai Feng was instantly killed on the spot!

Chu Kuangren watched from the side and did not utter a single word. On the other hand, it was Shang Qingxue, Shang Long, and the rest who seemed unable to comprehend the situation.

Chu Kuangren's influence was terrifying indeed.

He did not have to do anything aside from conveying his intention that he wanted to protect Shang Qingxue, and a Supreme Honorable would kill his clansman to atone for their wrongdoings.

How scary was that? It was too scary.

"Did I even ask you to do it?" Chu Kuangren asked firmly.

It was enough to make the Fifth Bai Forefather tremble in fear. He said in a panic, "I've stepped out of line, please forgive me, Brother... No, I mean, Sect Leader Chu."

"Fine, go back and tell the upper echelons of the Bai Family that even if I did kill the Shang clan's Sage, the people of Shang clan are still responsible to watch over the graves of the Horizon Wing Sect's warriors. They have a duty to fulfill, so don't try to be funny."

"Otherwise, I don't mind paying the Bai family a visit."

It was a euphemism.

Fifth Bai Forefather was so scared that his scalp turned numb. Anyone could understand that it would not just be any visit.

Two Sages were gone after he made a visit to Murong Clan.

Later, a visit to Shang clan was all it took for the Shang clan's Sage to be gone.

Fifth Bai Forefather could not imagine what Chu Kuangren's visit to the Bai Family would entail for all of them.

"Yes, Sect Leader Chu. I shall ensure that your words are conveyed clearly to the right people."

"That's it. Now take your men and leave."

"Alright." As if he just escaped death, Fifth Bai Forefather immediately instructed all the Bai Family members to leave the area.

"Hold on." Suddenly, Chu Kuangren spoke again.

Fifth Bai Forefather jumped and mechanistically turned around as he asked worryingly, "Sect Leader Chu, do you have any further instructions?"

“Take the body too. You can’t just visit someone else’s house and leave trash lying around,” said Chu Kuangren as he pointed at Bai Feng’s corpse.

The disciples of the Shang Clan could feel their mouths twitching.

After all, Bai Feng was considered one of the most reputable sky-pride in Nimbus City, yet all Chu Kuangren could see was a worthless piece of trash.

“Forgive my carelessness. I’ll get rid of it immediately.”

Fifth Bai Forefather breathed a sigh of relief.

He was afraid that Chu Kuangren would have second thoughts on letting them go alive.

Once the Bai family members left, Shang Long and his wife both came before Chu Kuangren and thanked him with a fist salute.

“Not a problem.”

“By the way, Sect Leader Chu, you’ve mentioned that you had an agreement with one of my forefathers. If I may ask, where’s he currently residing at?”

Lou Yun asked curiously.

“You won’t be able to enter even if you knew. I suggest you save yourself the trouble.”

“Alright then.”

Lou Yun had no choice but to concede.

“By the way, I’ve something to ask of you, Clan Leader Shang Long.”

“Please say, Sect Leader Chu.”

“Are you willing to... lead the Shang clan?”

Everyone was instantly dumbfounded.

It was clear that when Chu Kuangren said to lead the Shang Clan, it was to lead a branch clan. What Chu Kuangren meant was to take over the entire Shang Clan itself!

The main clan’s elder was appalled but he remained silent.

“Me? Taking over the Shang Clan?”

Shang Long was momentarily clueless when Chu Kuangren posed the question. He did not know how to answer at all.

The remaining clan members were tempted to just kick Shang Long aside when they observed his situation. How they wished to be in his place so that they could swiftly agree with Chu Kuangren's proposal.

To lead the Shang Clan was the most powerful position any Shang clan members could dream to have.

"Leading the Shang clan... Are you sure I'm the right person?" Shang Long was hesitant.

"If I say you're fit, then you're fit."

Chu Kuangren said calmly.

Although Chu Kuangren had killed the Shang clan's Sage and their leader, the foundation of Shang clan was still there. Hence, he needed someone to manage and look after Shang clan, and there was no better person to do it than Shang Long.

First of all, Shang Long's wife was the descendant of the White-Robed General. Chu Kuangren had promised the White-Robed General that his descendants would be well taken care of.

Secondly, Shang Long was only a member of a branch clan and had no close relationship with the main clan. Chu Kuangren did not need to worry that Shang Long would pull off any trickery if Chu Kuangren were to place him in the position.

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Shang Long stood silent in his place for a while before he finally ground his teeth and said, "Sect Leader Chu, since you've granted me such a unique opportunity, then I shall give all I can to be the Clan Leader!"

Just like any other Shang Clan member, the privilege to manage the clan was irresistible to Shang Long.

The incidents from the past two days had reminded Chang Long just how important abilities and powers were to a person.

Shang Long was eager to take on the utmost important position of the Shang Clan to protect his family and achieve his ambition.

"Very well. Take your family along and follow me to the main clan's headquarter tomorrow. From here onwards, you shall be known as the newest Clan Leader of the Shang Clan!"

Chu Kuangren said.

The main clan's elder was in evident despair, for he knew that the Shang clan would effectively be under Chu Kuangren's control from here onwards.

He could only seek comfort in the fact that the Clan Leader was still a member of the Shang clan. At least the Shang Clan need not be humiliated.

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Fifth Bai Forefather returned to the Bai's residence.

Bai Xueyun immediately sensed that something was off when he noticed it was only Fifth Bai Forefather who returned. "Fifth Forefather, what happened?"

"Fifth Forefather, where's my son?"

The Bai Family Head was also confused.

Fifth Bai Forefather immediately exploded into rage. "Do you know that your son nearly brought the Bai family a great disaster?! I've personally executed him. His body's just behind."

The Fifth Bai Forefather said as he pointed towards the corpse that the clan bodyguard just dragged in.

The Bai Family Head's face immediately went pale and he wailed in sorrow. "What just happened here? How could my... my son even caused such a thing in the first place?!"

"Fifth Bai Forefather, what exactly happened?"

Fifth Bai Forefather then narrated the entire incident to the group.

When he finished, Bai Xueyun could not help but be concerned. "What? You mean Shang Qingxue is attached to Chu Kuangren?!"

Upon losing his beloved son, the Bai Family Head said in anger, "Even if we did offend Chu Kuangren, my son didn't deserve death. Why..."

Before he could even finish, Bai Xueyun unleashed a palm attack that sent him flying outside. Bai Xueyun said solemnly, "Didn't deserve death? Do you know what the consequences of offending Chu Kuangren are? Do you wish for the entire Bai family to be buried alive?!"

The Bai Family Head spit out mouthfuls of blood, and he could not conceal his utter disbelief on his face. He could not comprehend that Chu Kuangren could instill such fear in the Bai family.

Just how terrifying could it be?!

Chapter 267: Marrow Cleansing Pool, Shang Qingxue Wants To Join The Black Heaven Sect, The Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler's Ascension

"Fifth Forefather, do you think I should do something to atone for our mistakes? Although Chu Kuangren did let you go, there's no guarantee he doesn't resent us," Bai Xueyun said with a frown.

The higher one stood, the clearer they understood just how scary Chu Kuangren could be.

His swift action, his incomprehensible combat strength, his terrifying influence — even a sage orthodoxy would think twice before provoking him. The Bai family was afraid that the lunatic would one day step foot into their place.

Bai Xueyun could not help but shiver upon recalling that he had once attempted to harm this lunatic's friend. The next few nights would probably be a sleepless one for him.

"Hmm, indeed." The Fifth Bai Forefather contemplated.

"I shall make the necessary preparation immediately."

On the next day, Bai Xueyun had amassed a large pile of precious treasures and sent the Fifth Bai Forefather to deliver these gifts as an apology.

However, they did not expect that Chu Kuangren and a few of them were already gone.

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"Congratulations, Host! You've earned a Legendary grade Item, Marrow Cleansing Pool!"

Marrow Cleansing Pool?

Chu Kuangren opened the inventory and studied the description as his eyes brightened up.

As the name suggested, the Marrow Cleansing Pool was a pool that could cleanse one's marrow and enhance their bone structures.

Whether it was a Daoist Physique or an ordinary physique, a cultivator's bone structure would typically be fixed the moment they were born...

Without manipulating it, a cultivator's bone structure would not undergo any changes until the day they die, so any items that could alter one's bone structure were considered to be incredibly rare. Even within the scope of medicinal pills, only high-grade medicines such as Sage-grade medicine could achieve such a feat.

Meanwhile, the Marrow Cleansing Pool could enhance one's bone structure just by soaking one's body into it. If such an item would be made known to everyone, it would surely cause a mess.

Of course, despite its remarkable abilities, the Marrow Cleansing Pool was not without its limitations. For instance, if one's bone structure was already in an excellent state, the marginal benefit would be minimal.

However, it was also impossible for an ordinary Daoist Physique to emerge as a Supreme Daoist Physique after soaking in it. Such a feat was no doubt unachievable.

All in all, the Marrow Cleansing Pool was still considered an impressive item. The ability to enhance one's bone structure would grant any cultivator an extra hope to ascend into a higher realm!

"With this, the Black Heaven Sect would surely produce many more capable warriors!" Chu Kuangren said excitedly.

Although Chu Kuangren could not form Daoist Physiques through this item, it was still sufficient to enhance the bone structure of every disciple.

Chu Kuangren was content with this gift, and all that was left was for him to return to Black Heaven Sect and to find a suitable spot for the Marrow Cleansing Pool.

“Master, we’ll soon be arriving at the Shang clan’s headquarter.”

Lan Yu said to Chu Kuangren.

“Oh, alright.”

The Illusive Mirage was parked above the headquarters before the group unboarded the vehicle. Having received the news, the main clan elders were already congregated in a hall.

In the great hall of the Shang clan.

“From today onwards, Shang Long shall be chosen as the newest clan leader of the Shang clan. Is there anyone amongst you who object to this decision?” Chu Kuangren asked.

The elders looked at each other and knew none of them would dare object.

“We have no objections.”

One of the elders said.

“Very well.”

With Chu Kuangren’s support, Shang Long’s transition into the Shang Clan Leader went smoothly. There were no dramatic quarrels nor there were any objections. It took only a few days before the entire affair was concluded.

Before Chu Kuangren left.

Chu Kuangren passed the Ancient Lou Sword and a wooden doll to Lou Yun and said, “This sword contains three strains of my sword qi, whereas this wooden doll contains one of my sword qi clones. Carry these two with you at all times and use it when you’re in danger.”

The group gazed at Lou Yun’s items with envy.

After all, these parting gifts from Chu Kuangren were enough to make Lou Yun untouchable in the Shang clan. Even a Supreme Honourable would undoubtedly perish under Chu Kuangren’s single strain of sword qi!

“Thank you, Sect Leader Chu.”

Lou Yun received these items in panic.

Shang Long then said from the side, “Sect Leader Chu, thanks to you, Qingxue has awakened the Deep Freeze Physique within her. I’m intending to send her to the Black Heaven Sect for further training. Would you be willing to accept her under your care?”

Chu Kuangren looked deeply into Shang Long's eyes. He knew that Shang Long's decision was a way of him conveying his loyalty.

Shang Long becoming the Clan Leader was all thanks to Chu Kuangren, so Shang Long knew that maintaining a close relationship with Chu Kuangren was of utmost importance.

Sending Shang Qingxue to the Black Heaven Sect was similar to how a country would typically send an ambassador to another. It was a move to assure Chu Kuangren that he would have no ill intention.

After all, if Shang Long's daughter was in Black Heaven Sect, there was no way he would betray Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren peeped at Shang Qingxue and noticed only calmness on her face. There were no signs of coercion or helplessness at all.

Evidently, she had long been aware of such a decision. In fact, she may even have discussed this issue with Shang Long before this conversation.

"Of course. The Black Heaven Sect has its own set of entry tests to pass before one can enter. However, I won't be returning to the Black Heaven Sect for the foreseeable future. If you're truly keen on this decision, you may go ahead and participate on your own," Chu Kuangren replied.

To be honest, he did not care much about the intentions these people had. After all, with Chu Kuangren's powers, there was no way they could escape from him should they choose to wrong him.

"I'll make sure I pass and join the Black Heaven Sect."

Shang Qingxue looked ahead determinedly.

“Alright then, goodbye.”

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After leaving the Shang Clan, Chu Kuangren continued to wander around.

Just like he said, he was not returning to the Black Heaven Sect for the foreseeable future. Since he had stayed there for a year, it would be dull for him to return so quickly after finally leaving for just a few days.

Instead, Chu Kuangren returned to the Royal Azure Dynasty, where he assisted the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler in creating several medicinal pills such as the Vibrant Rejuvenation Pills and the Spring Slumber Pills. These would ensure a safe ascension for the ruler.

Soon, the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler began his ascension.

As compared to the ascension process that Honorable Xuan Qi went through, the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler required a far bigger defense. His army consisted of a million men strong had formed three defensive parameters around him, ensuring that no one would come and disrupt the process.

Meanwhile, several skilled cultivators were also watching from the dark.

“Our Ruler is ascending, let’s not slack off and pay attention to everything.”

“Of course.”

“Watch out especially for those bastards from the Nine Head Clan.”

“Hmph, if those Nine Head Clan members dare to come and disturb our Ruler, we’ll kill however many people they send!”

“Let’s not loosen our guard.”

The Nine Head Clan was a clan of people who were at odds with the Royal Azure Dynasty.

The people of the Nine Head Clans typically lived in impoverished areas and had limited access to cultivation resources. As a result, the people of Nine Head Clans would often cause chaos in the Royal Azure Dynasty’s territories as they looted their resources. They were each other’s enemies.

Now that the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler was going through ascension, it was entirely plausible that the Nine Head Clan members would come and make a mess of things.

“Well, with that person here, I don’t think even a Sage would dare come and attack us.”

At that moment, one of the cultivators whispered.

The other cultivators too looked to the top of a tower and could hardly suppress their excitement.

In one of the palace's towers, a breeze swept past the white-robed young man who had a delicate longsword strapped to his waist.

Just one individual and one sword, silent and moving as if merging into the realms that existed between them.

Such an unprecedented remarkable individual.

Such an unparalleled sword.

Behind this person, who stood on the city's wall, came a thunderous boom as the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler unleashed a mighty aura during his ascension. Before this person, there was nothing but silence in the streets as no one dared to make a single move.

Chapter 268: Linglong Shall Be Crowned As Queen, Sky-Pride Championship of Four Domains

"Chu Kuangren is within the palace compound, cancel the operation!"

"Get everyone to retreat."

"Damn it, with Chu Kuangren in the palace, our plan to assassinate the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler has failed. Everyone, fall back."

“With Chu Kuangren around, there’s no way we’ll succeed.”

In a tower within the palace, Chu Kuangren was smirking at the quiet streets before him.

“Looks like these people do have some common sense in them after all.”

The number of people who were keen on stopping the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler was no less than those who previously attempted to stop Honourable Xuan Qi.

However, with Chu Kuangren standing there, there was no way anyone would dare to act rashly.

It was a rather smooth-sailing journey for the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler’s ascension.

Boom!

As magical clouds formed in the distance, a surge of powerful Daoist Rhymes spread across the realm. Although it did not resemble the level of a Sage, it did come incredibly close to it.

The Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler had successfully ascended into a Boundary Sage.

“Long live the Ruler!”

“Long live the Ruler!”

Upon noticing the conjuration, the million-men strong army was overwhelmed with excitement as they cheered at the top of their lungs.

Chu Kuangren caressed his ears. “Now that’s loud.”

However, he was happy for the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler’s successful ascension.

The next day, the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler proceeded to throw an appreciation party for the army’s generals. Naturally, Chu Kuangren was also invited to the event.

In the palace grand hall.

As the banquet hit a high note, countless glasses were clinked against one another.

The Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler was blushing from all the drinks he had taken. He was in an extremely good mood.

“Come, this glass is dedicated to all of you beloved officials!”

“Thank you, Ruler!”

The crowd finished the glass in one shot.

“For the second glass, I shall dedicate it to my son-in-law. If it wasn’t for your Thundersoothes Rods and medicinal pills, this ascension trial would surely not have gone so smoothly. Come, let’s drink to that.”

“Father, you’re giving me too much credit.”

When the banquet ended, the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler kept Chu Kuangren with him.

“Kuangren, now that I’ve become a Boundary Sage, I intend to be like your teacher and go in seclusion and stay behind the scenes.”

“Eh? What about the Royal Azure Dynasty then?”

“This is what I plan to discuss with you. What do you think about having Linglong take over as the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler?!”

The Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler looked at Chu Kuangren with bright eyes.

Chu Kuangren was astonished. He had never thought the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler would make such a decision.

“Although having a female ruler isn’t unprecedented in the Royal Azure Dynasty’s history, it’s still considered a rare occurrence. Have you thought this out?”

“As long as she’s capable, her gender doesn’t matter.”

“Did you make such a decision because of me?”

“Ha! That is only a part of the reason. More importantly, I feel that Linglong is more suited to take over my throne.”

Although Chu Kuangren’s relationship with Princess Linglong did play a role in the Ruler’s decision, what made it clear for him was Princess Linglong’s abilities.

In the past few years, the demeanor, attitude, and skills that Princess Linglong exhibited were the most remarkable amongst all the princes and princesses.

Not even Gu Changge could rival her abilities.

“I see.”

Chu Kuangren contemplated. “Does Linglong know about this?”

“I’ve yet to tell her, but I’m sure she’ll agree to it. After all, she’s an ambitious and tactical woman. I’m sure you’re clear about this.”

“That of course.”

Chu Kuangren smiled gently.

Chu Kuangren may not have spent much time with Princess Linglong, but they’ve known each other for years. Chu Kuangren was clear just what kind of a person Princess Linglong was.

She was a career-driven woman with remarkable capabilities and ambitions. It would be very improbable for Princess Linglong to reject becoming the queen.

“I’ll have her shadow after me for some time before I progressively transfer all the administrative works to her. Once she’s officially crowned, I shall rescind my kingship and begin to build the foundations to Sagehood behind the scene.”

“Okay, I understand.”

“Don’t you have any concerns about this?” asked the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler curiously.

“What’s there to be concerned about? When Princess Linglong is queen, it brings no harm to me. What more, if this is what Princess Linglong wants, I’ll pledge my full support for her.” Chu Kuangren smiled brightly.

He was aware that the Royal Azure Dynasty Ruler was concerned if Chu Kuangren would dislike his partner being too influential.

However, Chu Kuangren did not even have a shred of such a thought.

A man appearing weak after a woman rose to power?

There was no such thing for Chu Kuangren.

No matter how powerful Princess Linglong would become once she was crowned the queen, Chu Kuangren would always remind Princess Linglong that they belonged to each other.

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After staying in the Royal Azure Dynasty for a few days, Chu Kuangren finally left.

Before continuing to wander around, he first paid a visit to the Ancient Battlefield.

Ever since Chu Kuangren obliterated much of the tormented souls in the Ancient Battlefield, their numbers had yet to recover.

As a result, many adventurers had come to visit this place.

Of course, the Core Area of the Ancient Battlefield remained a forbidden area that no one dared step foot in.

However, at that moment, Chu Kuangren was standing at the boundary of the Core Area.

He retrieved the jade talisman that was given to him by the White-Robed General.

It was Chu Kuangren's arrangement with the White-Robed General that he would display the jade talisman in the Ancient Battlefield should he wished to see the White-Robed General.

The White-Robed General would follow its aura to Chu Kuangren's location.

Not long after.

A white figure appeared in a far corner of Chu Kuangren's vision.

The figure was dressed in white robes, armed with a long spear and his face was concealed by a mask. It was none other than the mysterious White-Robed General.

"Why did you want to see me?"

The White-Robed General asked.

"Take a look at this." Chu Kuangren retrieved another jade talisman that was identical to the one given by the White-Robed General.

It was the jade talisman that Chu Kuangren had gotten from Lou Yun. It was said to be an item that was passed down by generations before her.

It was also quite possibly an item that belonged to the Lou Kingdom's princess.

The White-Robed General jumped at the sight of the jade talisman and immediately rushed to grab it for a closer look.

"This is it. This is Ah Yu's talisman."

The Ah Yu whom the White-Robed General was referring to was precisely the former princess of the Lou Kingdom.

"Have you found our descendant?"

The White-Robed General was incredulous.

It had only been a few days since he last met Chu Kuangren.

The White-Robed General had expected Chu Kuangren to take more than a millennium to locate his descendants. Yet within a few short days, Chu Kuangren had retrieved Ah Yu's jade talisman and brought it to him.

Such efficiency was ridiculous.

“That’s right.” Chu Kuangren nodded.

“How are they doing?”

The White-Robed General asked. For a cultivator of the Sage Ruler Realm, the White-Robed General was feeling incredibly uneasy at that moment as he was fearful that Chu Kuangren might bring any bad news.

“Rest assured, both the mother and her daughter are well taken care of.”

“Mother and daughter?”

“That’s right.”

Chu Kuangren narrated the entire story of Lou Yun and Shang Qingxue to the White-Robed General.

Only then did the White-Robed General breathe a sigh of relief.

The White-Robed General looked far in the direction of Shang clan and solemnly said to Chu Kuangren, “Thank you so much!”

“Not a problem. It is my pleasure for helping you, Senior.”

The White-Robed General did not say anything else and instead, he retrieved a strand of innate ferocious qi to Chu Kuangren. He said, “This is an innate ferocious qi that I’ve gotten from a tormented soul. You should have it.”

“In that case, I’ll take it.”

With a smile, Chu Kuangren immediately received the innate ferocious qi, absorbing its power while his Infallible Tormented Body grew even more.

“Shang Qingxue is joining the Black Heaven Sect, right?”

“Yes. Barring any unexpected circumstances, she should’ve passed the entry test by now and officially enrolled into the Black Heaven Sect.”

Two days before, Chu Kuangren had already transmitted a message to Elder Ruyan to pay more attention to Shang Qingxue.

After all, her forefather was the White-Robed General, a Sage Ruler Ancestor who was still in this world. It was more appropriate to do a favor for her.

“In that case, I shall leave Qingxue in your good hands.”

“Not a problem.”

“If there are no other issues, I shall take my leave now.”

The White-Robed General hung the jade talisman that Chu Kuangren brought around his neck and turned back into the Core Area.

“We should go too.”

Chu Kuangren then left along with Lan Yu.

All of a sudden, Chu Kuangren received a transmission message from Elder Ruyan. When he finished reading the message, Chu Kuangren was startled. “Sky-Pride Championship?”

Chapter 269: Back To The Sect, Sect Leaders Are Not Allowed To Participate, Lil Red’s Ascension

“Sky-Pride Championship?!” Chu Kuangren was shocked when he received the message from Elder Ruyan.

Lan Yu was also curious. “What championship?”

“Well, the sky-prides from four domains of the Firmament Star are congregating together to fight it out in an arena. This championship is joint-organized by the sage orthodoxies of four different domains.”

“I see, then are we participating in this tournament?”

Lan Yu asked curiously.

“Elder Ruyan is asking me the same thing. If we wish to participate in this tournament, we’ll have to contribute a prize to the prize pool. The prize pool will, in turn, be used to reward the sky-prides who’ve put on an excellent performance in the championship,” said Chu Kuangren.

“Then aren’t they all ours already? With your abilities, you can easily defeat everyone in the tournament.” Lan Yu’s eyes lit up.

“The problem is that the Championship is only open for the disciples of all sage orthodoxies. Elders or above aren’t allowed to participate in this tournament.”

Chu Kuangren smiled helplessly. It meant that as the Black Heaven Sect Leader, he was not allowed to participate in this tournament.

Upon thinking more about it, with his abilities, it would not be meaningful for him to participate in this championship anyway. If he did, would it not make so many unhappy?

Once he stood in the arena, who would dare accept his challenge?

“Let’s head back to the Black Heaven Sect. I was intending to waste some more time but it looks like duty has called.” Chu Kuangren laughed.

“Master, are you keen on having the sect participate in this tournament?”

“Of course.”

Chu Kuangren grinned and said, “Nangong Huang and the few have been training in the sect for a year now. It’s time for them to shine.”

Besides, they were the Daoist Sky-Prides of the Black Heaven Sect, so he could not allow these disciples to slack too much.

Soon, the duo found themselves in the Black Heaven Sect.

When Elder Ruyan and the rest had long received Chu Kuangren’s message and were ready at the front door to greet Chu Kuangren home. When Chu Kuangren arrived, the group looked at Chu Kuangren helplessly.

“Sect Leader, your journey this time has caused many commotions out there.”

Elder Ruyan said.

Chu Kuangren acted innocently and said, “No it didn’t. Lan Yu and I have been staying a low profile all this while.”

The group could feel their lips twitching.

Low profile?

Staying a low profile so much that the entire Ancient Battlegroup was almost flipped upside down, and the Shang clan's Sage of the Scarlet Phoenix Domain was killed?!

Only a fool would believe in that.

Deep down, Elder Ruyan and the group could not help but whine.

"By the way, Sect Leader, Shang Qingxue has already joined the Black Heaven Sect. But due to her unique identity, we placed her as one of our True Disciples first."

Elder Ruyan explained.

Shang Qingxue would have been promoted to a Daoist immediately due to her remarkable Daoist Physique. However, since she just joined the Black Heaven Sect and was still a member of the Shang clan, it was not appropriate to do so.

"Okay, I've taken note of it."

Chu Kuangren nodded. "What about the championship?"

"Please take a look at this, Sect Leader. This is the schedule and rules of the Sky-Pride Championship."

Elder Ruyan retrieved a list for Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren read through the list and noticed that one of the rules was to forbid anyone above the rank of Elders to participate in the championship. It also specified that Sect Leaders were included in such restrictions.

In fact, the words 'Sect Leader' was even written in red font.

It was as if the rules were specifically telling Chu Kuangren to not look any further. 'We're talking about you!'

'You're not allowed to participate in the Championship!'

Chu Kuangren closed the list and murmured, "Fine. It's not like I'm dying to join anyway."

After all, there would probably be no remarkable participants who could even defend half an attack from Chu Kuangren. Then what was the fun in doing so?

On the other hand, training the Black Heaven Sect disciples did not seem like a bad idea.

"Elder Ruyan, revert to the organizer that we'll be participating in this tournament. I'll leave the matter of the prize pool in your hands."

"Alright." Elder Ruyan nodded.

“Another thing, we still have about three months before the championship commences. Get Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, and the rest to gather in the Longevity Hall tomorrow. I shall get ready to begin an intense training regime with them!”

“Oh, and get Shang Qingxue over as well. Since she has just unlocked her Deep Freeze Physique, she could use some special training to refine the physique more.”

“Intense training regime?”

Elder Ruyan blinked. ‘Just how intense could it be?’

“That’s right.”

Chu Kuangren smirked.

Chu Kuangren was so handsome when he smirked, it could make all other objects of this world seem uninteresting in comparison. However, Elder Ruyan could feel chills down her spine instead.

She prayed silently for Nangong Huang and the rest.

After a brief conversation with Elder Ruyan and the rest, Chu Kuangren then returned to the Towering Heaven Palace.

Upon entering, a red silhouette flew towards Chu Kuangren. It was a red bird that was the size of an open palm.

“Brother.”

“Are you... Lil Red?!”

Chu Kuangren was shocked when he saw the little bird. “How did you become so small?”

Lil Red flapped its wings and stood on Chu Kuangren’s shoulder before it said, “I’ve had a massive breakthrough in my cultivation and I’m now a Supreme Honorable. I can shrink and enlarge into any size as I wish.”

“I see.” Chu Kuangren finally understood.

Lil Hong was a divine beast that was known as the Immortal Godly Phoenix, and the blood that flowed in her was noble. However, the nobler the blood, the more difficult it was for her to morph into other forms.”

The Godly Phoenix would at least need to step into Sage Realm before it could freely morph into other forms.

“I can now follow you around freely, Brother,” said Lil Red happily. In the past, Chu Kuangren did not bring the Godly Phoenix around as it was too distracting.

However, now that Lil Red could freely adjust to any size, it could shrink itself to the size of a pigeon. Once she concealed her aura, the average cultivator would not even know that she was a divine beast.

“Heh, great then. I’ll bring you along on my next journey.”

Chu Kuangren smiled.

Lil Bing had also come to greet Chu Kuangren.

In their conversations, Lil Bing heard about the Sky-Pride Championship from Chu Kuangren and could not help but look forward to it. “The Sky-Pride Championship? With so many sky-prides from all walks of life gathering there, it’ll be very happening.”

Chu Kuangren was moved. Lil Bing had served by Chu Kuangren’s side for so many years, but she had never left Black Heaven Sect before. She even rarely stepped foot outside the Towering Heaven Palace.

Lil Bing was always looking after the palace when Chu Kuangren was away.

Chu Kuangren was a little touched at that thought, and he smiled. “It’ll definitely be a happening occasion. Lil Bing, you should come with me to take a look.”

“But what about the palace?” Lil Bing was hesitant.

“Don’t worry. The palace doesn’t have legs and it won’t run away. Come with me, and perhaps you may even have a chance to fight.”

“Ah, fight? Those participants are remarkable sky-prides from many sage orthodoxies. How can a person like me put on a good fight?”

“Of course you can. Don’t underestimate yourself. Your abilities are not weaker than those so-called sky-prides. Also, have you been refining the Golden Ancient Sword Seal?”

“I didn’t dare procrastinate at all. It’s near completion now.”

Lil Bing opened her palms and a line of Daoist runes appeared, surrounded by strands of golden sword qi.

Then, an intimidating Sage Daoist Rhyme emanated.

It was a Sage rune!

This was a prize that Chu Kuangren had gotten from the daily gacha. Although it was a Sage grade item, the Sage rune would not be useful to Chu Kuangren considering his sword Dao’s level. Hence, he passed it down to Lil Bing for her to refine it.

Meanwhile, receiving the Sage rune had drastically increased Lil Bing’s combat abilities. She may have yet fully utilized the potential hidden within the Sage rune, but the power spike was enough to let her battle some Honourables.

Her cultivation had not even reached the Battle Monarch Realm. Such was the miraculous property of the Daoist rune.

Chapter 270: The Special Training Begins, How Disappointing, Marrow Cleansing Pool

On the second day.

Outside the Longevity Hall of Black Heaven Sect.

Nangong Huang, Murong Xuan, Jun Yi, Qin Wushuang, and other Daoists gathered as they awaited Chu Kuangren's arrival.

Among them was also Shang Qingxue, who had just joined Black Heaven Sect not long ago. However, the rest of the group did not bat an eyelid at her.

After all, it was evident that Shang Qingxue possessed the Deep Freeze Physique and had all the rights to stand alongside them.

Shang Qingxue stood aside as she quietly observed Nangoong Huang, Murong Xuan, and the others. After all, these were the most remarkable disciples of Black Heaven Sect.

As time passed, an hour was gone.

Only then did Chu Kuangren appear with Lan Yu. Nangong Huang and the rest did not have any intention of blaming Chu Kuangren for his lateness at all. Instead, they all gave Chu Kuangren a fist salute.

"Greetings, Sect Leader."

“Hmm. I’m sure you all know why I’ve called all of you here, and that’s for the Sky-Pride Championship. Honestly speaking, I’m personally not interested in this championship.”

“But I do feel that this is a good opportunity for you to experience the outside world. Hence, I’ve prepared a special training routine for all of you so that you won’t embarrass the Black Heaven Sect in the championship.”

The group did not react much towards Chu Kuangren’s announcement.

They had known about the Sky-Pride Championship for a while now.

It was then when Shang Qingxue raised her hand and asked, “Sect Leader, am I participating in this Sky-Pride Tournament too?”

It was not that Shang Qingxue was afraid. However, she had just awakened her Deep Freeze Physique and her cultivation base was still in the Nascent Core realm, losing to even Lil Bing. If she was to participate in the Sky-Pride Championship, it would probably be a waste of resources.

“Not necessarily. But since your Deep Freeze Physique has just awakened, you can use this special training routine to refine it. We’ll talk more about the championship when the time comes,” said Chu Kuangren.

“Oh, I see.”

“If there are no further questions, then follow me.”

Chu Kuangren turned around and guided the group to leave.

The Black Heaven Sect's territory was vast, covering many mountain ranges and valleys. It was in a quiet valley that Chu Kuangren brought the rest to.

"Sect Leader, what're you bringing us here for?"

Nangong Huang asked curiously.

Once he said that...

Chu Kuangren unleashed a boundlessly domineering aura and slammed it onto their bodies.

Under such oppression, the group felt as if their bodies were carrying the weight of countless mountains. They could not even move a single finger.

Being the weakest amongst them all, Shang Qingxue immediately collapsed onto the floor with her face downwards. She could feel her breasts were almost flattened by the sheer amount of weight.

F*ck!

What was the Sect Leader doing?!

The remaining Daoists were struggling.

“This is... the Battle Monarch’s Domain.”

“It’s the Sect Leader’s Battle Monarch Domain. This is terrifying. It’s more terrifying than the weights I’ve felt in the Gravity Training Grounds.”

Nangong Huang and others channeled their spiritual energies to resist.

However, the more they resisted, the more powerful Chu Kuangren’s Battle Monarch Domain became.

Shang Qingxue was eventually on the brink of total collapse.

Chu Kuangren lifted his hand and channeled his spiritual energy to form a shapeless giant hand, grabbing Shang Qingxue out and tossing her aside.

Reacting quickly, Lan Yu immediately went to receive her with a helpless smile. “Master sure doesn’t know how to treat a woman politely.”

As the pressure of the Battle Monarch’s Domain increased, Jun Yi, Qin Wushuang, and some Daoists could not hold on much longer, so they began to lie on the ground in exhaustion. However, Chu Kuangren had no intention of going easy on them at all.

It was only until they were close to collapsing like Shang Qingxue that Chu Kuangren grabbed them and tossed them outside the Battle Monarch Domain’s parameters.

In the domain, only Murong Xuan and Nangong Huang were left as they painstakingly held on. Even so, they did not last long before both of them were on the ground.

That was when Chu Kuangren recollected his domain.

“Fifteen minutes.”

“Even the best amongst you have only managed to last in the Battle Monarch’s Domain for fifteen minutes. How... disappointing.”

Chu Kuangren said softly.

The group members were embarrassed at his words.

It was a weak performance.

They were all reputable Daoists in the outside world. This was especially for Nangong Huang, whose reputation even surpassed the rest as he was one of the renowned Young Emperors.

However, all of them had put on such an underwhelming performance in front of Chu Kuangren.

“Besides, I haven’t even unleashed the full power of my Battle Monarch’s Domain.”

Chu Kuangren revealed yet another hard truth. The group members were so embarrassed by that, they could use a hole to bury their heads in now.

“Fine, I don’t blame all of you. Perhaps my expectations are too high,” Chu Kuangren said indifferently.

Despite his seemingly comforting words, the group did not feel any better. On the contrary, they could feel the humiliation piling up on them. Tears began to form on Jun Yi and the other two female Daoists’ eyes as they could not take the embarrassment any longer.

It was fine if such a remark was coming from another person.

However, those words had come out of Chu Kuangren himself!

In their hearts, they had nothing but the utmost admiration for Chu Kuangren, and he was an idol for all of them.

To think that they had disappointed their idol whom they admired so much was a crushing defeat to them.

Chu Kuangren was closely observing all of their reactions.

Hmm.

Not bad, it looked like Chu Kuangren had achieved his desired outcomes.

It was only through provoking the members that Chu Kuangren could motivate them even more into striving harder. With this, the special training routine would be even more effective.

“Let’s not slack off any further, follow me.”

Chu Kuangren then walked towards a deeper part of the alley.

The exhausted Daoists gritted their teeth and mustered all their strength to get back on their feet. They helped each other up before they followed unsteadily behind Chu Kuangren.

Having resisted Chu Kuangren’s Battle Monarch Domain, their spiritual powers were completely depleted. They could hardly complete the few hundred meters walk with their limp and weak bodies despite helping each other along the way.

However, they soon sensed a surge of mysterious Daoist Rhymes accompanied by spiritual energy fluctuation coming from not far away. Looking ahead, they noticed a pool that was fuming with a cloud of mist.

It was a fairly large pool that was at least twenty meters in diameter. A wooden plank was installed in between that separated the pool in half.

Nangong Huang and the rest gulped as they could sense the mythical Daoist Rhymes that were brewing within this pool.

The pool's water was definitely a remarkable treasure!

"Sect Leader, what's this?"

"Marrow Cleansing Pool. Your current state is the best timing for you to soak yourself in it. All of you, remove your clothes and get in there. The male should go to the right side and the female to the left," said Chu Kuangren to the group.

Nangong Huang and others did not think much of it. It was only Jun Yi, Shang Qingxue, and the other female members who felt a little shy.

"What're you waiting for? Go on. Soak yourself for an hour, I'll come back when the time's up."

Then, Chu Kuangren left.

The rest looked at each other in hesitation.

Nangong Huang and the other male members went over to the right side of the pool. Not seeing a need to be embarrassed, they immediately removed all their clothes and went into the pool.

Jun Yi, Shang Qingxue, and the other two female Daoists went over to the left side. They looked at their surroundings hesitantly before they slowly loosened their robes.

With their slender figures exposed under the sunlight, they took a look at each other before one of the female Daoist smiled proudly and jumped into the pool before the rest.

The remaining three female Daoists pouted their lips.

“What’s there to be proud about? It’s only slightly bigger.”

Once everyone was in the pool, they could not help but gasp in shock.

They could feel that there was an endless source of energy in the Marrow Cleansing Pool penetrating their bodies, cleansing the impurities within and strengthening the bone structures that were once thought to be fixed.