

War God 111

Chapter 111 – Vermillion Bird Law

“In the past, I usually charge straight to the frontlines. This time, I’ll let you all go first, and when you’ve almost succeeded, I’ll stick in, finish this off and infuriate you!”

Long Chen had this plan in mind and concealed himself, preparing to watch the show.

Nobody here would think that there was an expert lying within their midst.

Under the orders of their leaders, these cultivators at the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm were retreating to the sides, leaving about a dozen behind. These were all experts at the perfect mastery stage.

This number was more than enough to deal with the Heart Corrosive demonic beast.

For them, killing the demonic beast was just one portion of the battle. After its death, there was the most important part- the contest over the Zenith Crystal Sword.

After the death of the demonic beast, known, outstanding experts at the Human Dan Realm in the Green faction would then mercilessly slaughter each other.

This would be the start of a fierce battle!

Even before Feng Wutian and Chu Yunyao made their move, a young cultivator at the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm punched towards the Heart Corrosive demonic beast!

This was evidently a basic profound-grade battle technique. In the hands of this expert, it was made use of in a very matured manner. The immense offensive power caused the demonic beast to let out a low roar.

All of a sudden, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast turned into a black afterimage and sped towards this cultivator at a speed ten times that which he had showed off.

The speed caused Long Chen some shock.

“This is really a level 4 Profound grade demonic beast. With the speed it can go at, that fellow’s done for...”

Just as this thought flashed through his mind, everyone present saw the person from earlier being run into by the Heart Corrosive demonic beast. He was extremely pale, and it was obvious that the collision had been extremely strong.

This was merely an average charge from the Heart Corrosive demonic beast.

At this scene, everyone’s brows furrowed. All of a sudden, Chu Yunyao’s clear voice suddenly sounded, “Everyone, let us attack it from all sides. I doubt this beast can cope with our attacks!”

Long Chen found that this young girl was adept at fanning the flames. The moment her voice rang out, all the experts at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm exchanged glances and then roared, sending out powerful attacks towards the demonic beast!

Those ten or so magnificent attacks were extremely powerful. If Long Chen himself were to meet with this situation, he would definitely be injured. However, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was calm and unhurried.

It coldly glanced at this group of people. All of a sudden, a strange aura was emitted from its body, and with a long ferocious whistle, dense black smoke was spat out from its mouth.

This black smoke was like a long snake, sweeping towards the people who were attacking it. Chu Yunyao’s face changed, and she immediately exclaimed, “Get away, it’s the ‘Heart Corrosive Demon’!”

Those who had come here were extremely knowledgeable regarding the Heart Corrosive Demon. They definitely knew about this signature attack and what it entailed.

Everyone quickly retreated.

Chu Yunyao's words, as well as the strength she possessed, had turned the Heart Corrosive demonic beast's attention her.

Its scarlet eyes were trained on her, and in the next second, its body was like an arrow that had been released from a bow, pouncing towards her!

In the face of this powerful incoming attack, Chu Yunyao was calm. It was apparent that her mental strength was something Liu Ling could not be compared to.

At this moment, the demonic beast used its claws. As these sharp claws were brandished, boundless black rays attached to the claws. It was obviously an attack comparable to a battle technique, and it did not seem to be weak at all.

"These must be the legendary Demonic Claws of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast."

Chu Yunyao's expression remained unchanged. Long Chen saw a pure-white item that was like white jade appearing in her hands. She lifted it, and flashes from a sword closed in on the demonic beast!

"Pure Hearted Sword Shadow!"

These glints were like a wave that hindered the Heart Corrosive demonic beast from moving. Upon seeing this attack, Long Chen's brows furrowed, "This sword is probably a Spirit Sword that is at the basic profound-grade. I can't tell if I can deal with her attacks..."

Long Chen had thought that he was the only one watching the battle from afar, but little did he know that on his left not too far away, eight people were watching while chatting and laughing.

"Ms Yunyao's Pure Hearted Sword Shadow is already so practised to the point that it's almost perfect. In the Human Dan Realm, she's practically invincible."

Liu Lan's bountiful chest bounced while she spoke, her beautiful eyes watching the battle.

They were the leaders of the eight halls. They had not appeared at all in the competition, and only when the Heart Corrosive demonic beast show up did they watch on from a distance. The other reason why they were there was so that they could deal with any accidents.

"No, no, Enforcer Liu is off the mark. Feng Wutian of Green Sun Hall has the Vermillion Bird bloodline, which is something quite remarkable. He's also a little older than Ms Yunyao and holds even more battle experience. The champion almost certainly belongs to the Green Sun Hall."

Glancing at the person who was speaking, she found that he was staring at her body passionately. Liu Lan gave a slight smile and did not bother with this person who was drooling at her body, and turned her attention to someone else, "I wonder why nobody from the Green Piercing Hall is here yet?"

That person looked around, and upon realising Liu Lan was speaking to him, pretended to be unperturbed. "Those brats are probably a distance away. I'm sure they'll be here soon enough."

"Is that so? I thought their plan would be to wait till the battle ended and then arrive, reaping all the benefits after everyone here gets tired out from fighting."

Liu Lan's words were an obvious provocation, causing the other to be stunned. However, if Chu Yunyao could be said to be the strongest at the Human Dan Realm, Liu Lan would definitely be the strongest at the Earth Dan Realm.

He wasn't a match for Liu Lan and could only hold back the resentment and annoyance he was feeling.

Meanwhile, everyone turned their focus to the field where the situation had slightly changed.

Chu Yunyao's Pure Hearted Sword Shadow clashed with the Demonic Claws of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, causing a powerful explosion and prevented the beast from advancing forward.

Chu Yunyao had already retreated, yelling to the rest, "Everyone, let's do this together!"

The Green Emperor Hall was the most powerful in the Green faction. In addition, Chu Yunyao was also the main force here, which was why everyone heeded her words.

There were a few people here who were hoping that she would gain more injuries, such that when they vied for the Zenith Crystal Sword, they could take advantage of the situation. However, if she sustained too many injuries, they might just all lose their lives here, which defeated the whole purpose of coming here.

Hence, everyone, including Feng Wutian, chose to go on the offensive.

Long Chen knew that Feng Wutian was rather arrogant. When Chu Yunyao had stolen the limelight just now, Feng Wutian, who was another expert, was slightly annoyed.

His power burst out, and red fiery phantom wings appeared on his back!

Feng Wutian lightly flapped his wings, bursting out in a speed that was incomparable and overtook everyone. He punched the head of the demonic beast, creating a loud rumble.

Boom!

“Awoo...”

The Heart Corrosive demonic beast howled in pain and moved back, bloodstains on its forehead. Its fur had also been scorched by Feng Wutian’s attack.

This was the first time that the Heart Corrosive demonic beast had gotten hurt, thus evoking its anger. It had originally been focusing on Chu Yunyao, but when Feng Wutian had attacked it, its scarlet eyes had been trained on him.

Feng Wutian knew the situation wasn’t in his favour.

Liu Ling, who was behind him, jumped for joy upon seeing Feng Wutian displaying his prowess, being the first one to hurt the demonic beast, “Brother Wutian, you’re amazing!”

At this point, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast had no eyes for anyone else. It was dying to make mincemeat out of the person who had injured it.

Feng Wutian had also realised this and couldn't help but regret his actions. However, it was already too late. Hence, he gritted his teeth and charged towards the Heart Corrosive demonic beast!

The flaming wings at his back had become more prominent, and with the flapping of the wings, Feng Wutian began to accelerate at a low altitude, and while flying, his real Qi turned into a gush of flames that hissed beside him. Soon enough, it turned into a fiery bird in the palm of his hands!

“Vermillion Bird Law! Amassing Spirit Feathers!”

Under his manipulation, the fiery bird flew towards the Heart Corrosive demonic beast and exploded, turning into flaming feathers that fell like raindrops towards the demonic beast.

Seeing this attack that affected such a large area, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast howled, and its speed rapidly increased. It was actually able to zoom past most of the spirit feathers, and while running, it suddenly spat out a cloud of black smoke, hurtling towards Feng Wutian!

The surge of black smoke definitely did not mean well for anything it made contact with. Seeing that the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was specifically targeting him, Feng Wutian couldn't help but feel a little gloomy. However, he had been the one to cause things to turn out this way, and all he could do now was to block against this attack!

“Everyone, please lend me some of your power!”

While the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was focused on dealing with Feng Wutian, this was a great opportunity for everyone else!

The Heart Corrosive demonic beast did not pay attention to attacks from everyone else, which meant that meanwhile, they could take this opportunity to kill the beast!

After exchanging glances and recognising a similar fire in their eyes, Chu Yunyao led everyone and frantically rushed towards the Heart Corrosive demonic beast!

What nobody noticed was the callousness in Chu Yunyao's gaze.

"I don't believe you can block against my intermediate profound-grade sword technique!"

While the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was using its Heart Corrosive Toxic Smoke to deal with Feng Wutian, everyone had released their most powerful attacks against the beast, of which, Chu Yunyao's was the most terrifying!

Chapter 112 – Way of the Zenith Crystal Sword

Feng Wutian's attack had provoked the ire of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, causing it to disregard all other attacks and focus all its attention on him.

Of course, this also had to do with the demonic beast underestimating everyone else. In its eyes, only two people were dangerous enough for its attention. One was Chu Yunyao, and the other was Feng Wutian, which it was now attacking. As long as it took care of these two people, the rest would then be minced meat in a second!

Seeing the black smoke of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast that was like a powerful current headed towards him, Feng Wutian did not dare linger. The flaming wings on his back became even more intense, and reddish flames blazed in his eyes.

"You bastard. Do you think I won't kill you?"

Feng Wutian quickly formed a seal, and it was astonishingly much more complex than Long Chen's own dragon seal. Hissing flames rapidly twisted around Feng Wutian, and there was even the cry of a godly bird being produced from within.

"Vermillion Bird Law. Fire Spirit Seal!"

Having formed the seal, what pounced towards the Heart Corrosive Beast's demonic beast's black smoke was a surge of flames!

These flames transformed into a blazing godly bird and then crashed into the black smoke with a rumble, and even more concentrated black smoke was ignited, soaring towards the sky.

Not far away, one of the experts sighed in admiration, "This spirit seal of Feng Wutian's was utilised quite aptly. It can even somewhat block this attack of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast. Look, the beast is done for!"

Liu Lan was also looking at Feng Wutian with excitement. Her beautiful eyes were sparkling, full of pride.

"Oh right, what about that kid, Long Chen..."

She scanned the crowd, but Liu Lan did not see Long Chen. Her expression, which had initially been that of pride, instantly became cold.

"As expected, he's disappointed me. He was probably killed by Feng Wutian the moment they entered the Sky Martial Realm... I guess I wasted my effort on him."

Nobody could hear what Liu Lan was thinking.

At this point, the attack of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast had been somewhat blocked by Feng Wutian, and all the experts of the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm struck at the demonic beast with powerful attacks.

Numerous wounds appeared on the body of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, but this was not enough to truly injure it. At most, all it did was cause it to become even more furious.

As expected, besides Feng Wutian and Chu Yunyao, nobody present was able to deal with the Heart Corrosive demonic beast. The beast had just attacked Feng Wutian and also endured the attacks of others, yet it did not turn back. However, the fury it was feeling had reached the limit!

Though Feng Wutian had withstood the attack of the demonic beast, it knew that if it were to do it again, Feng Wutian would surely die.

As long as Feng Wutian died, it could then focus on Chu Yunyao. Hence, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast steeled itself and endured the pain from its injuries and charged madly towards Feng Wutian!

It vented all its anger on Feng Wutian, but all of a sudden, there was a mighty bloodlust aimed at it from behind it.

The Heart Corrosive demonic beast finally realised that it had underestimated Chu Yunyao!

Even Long Chen's eyes widened at the attack.

"This is definitely an intermediate profound grade battle technique."

Not everyone was able to use a technique that was one rank higher. In addition, the higher the grade of the battle technique, the more difficult it was to use. There were only a few freaks, such as Long Chen, who were able to do so.

Somewhere else, Liu Lan's eyebrows were deeply furrowed.

"The Great Elder used to be part of the Green Emperor Hall. It looks like Chu Yunyao has already learnt the first move of the Way of the Zenith Crystal Sword. Seems like this competition was especially created for Chu Yunyao, since the Zenith Crystal Sword is practically made just for her... But I'm sure Wutian will shock all of you!"

At this point, Chu Yunyao had run behind the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, shimmering with mist around her. She looked like the white jade sword in her hands, sparkling and indescribably beautiful.

However, if one were to deny her formidability because of this, you were dead wrong!

Meanwhile, a whirlwind was crazily surrounding her sword, and within this whirlwind concealed multiple tiny blades. All of these were virtual images, but their sharpness did not lose out to any real blades. They might even be countless times sharper than real blades!

The hundreds, or even thousands of blades rapidly revolved around the white jade sword, and while Chu Yunyao chased up to the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, she yelled delicately and raised her sword with a rumble. Numerous blades turned into light glinting of these blades and charged straight for the beast!

At this moment, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast was preparing to kill Feng Wutian.

Chu Yunyao had grasped this timing well. Even Long Chen, who was looking on from a distance, sighed in admiration.

“This girl really is really quite amazing.”

“Tsk, that’s nothing much. Back then, when I displayed those moves, you’d have been so scared you’d have pissed your pants in terror!”

Lingxi pursed her lips after seeing Long Chen praise Chu Yunyao, unhappy.

Long Chen’s eyes were now fixated on the battlefield and did not bother with her. When Chu Yunyao sent out that move, even the weather seemed to be affected!

The glints off blades headed straight for the Heart Corrosive Demonic Beast.

“Way of the Zenith Crystal Sword! Jade Crystal Sword!”

The Heart Corrosive demonic beast let out an earth-shattering howl as it was slashed into by these blades. Its efforts were all on destroying Feng Wutian, and once more, it opened its mouth and black smoke that was even darker and denser than before, heading towards Feng Wutian!

At this moment, Chu Yunyao took this chance and suddenly landed a fatal strike!

Numerous wounds appeared on the body of the demonic beast, while the deepest cut had pierced through its skull!

Such a bad injury caused the Heart Corrosive demonic beast to let out a whine, and its huge body collapsed to the ground.

Though this did not immediately kill it, but the Heart Corrosive demonic beast had now lost its ability to fight. It could only wait to be slaughtered.

As long as Chu Yunyao dealt one more blow, no matter how light, it would definitely die.

Meanwhile, Chu Yunyao was preparing for her next move, but the direction was towards Feng Wutian!

At this scene, everyone cried out in alarm.

Previously, while trying to deal with Feng Wutian, the Heart Corrosive demonic beast had been killed by Chu Yunyao, but that last “Heart Corrosion” attack had been meant for Feng Wutian.

Feng Wutian was now busy dealing with “Heart Corrosive Demon”, but never did he expect that Chu Yunyao would be so sly as to attack him at this critical moment!

Feng Wutian, who had been dealing with “Heart Corrosive Demon”, found it difficult to withstand the attack of the Pure Hearted Sword Shadow and paled. The black smoke, which was named the Heart Corrosive Demon, pounced onto Feng Wutian at this moment!

“Brother Wutian!”

Feng Wutian had been awe-inspiring just moments before, but he had been struck head on by the smoke, and it did not look to be good. Liu Ling was instantly scared witless and she glared at Chu Yunyao with hatred, eyes filling with tears as she struck towards Chu Yunyao.

“Evil woman, you deserve to die!”

Everyone in the Green Sun Hall held her back. Without Feng Wutian around, nobody had the guts to deal with Chu Yunyao!

Chu Yunyao looked indifferent as she stood by the side of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, sweeping her gaze towards everyone present. Her icy gaze and her looks, with the visual effect of her being beside a beast, caused everyone to fall silent out of fear.

Other cultivators who were at the Perfect Mastery Stage at the Human Dan Realm knew that this was the time to vie for the Zenith Crystal Sword, but seeing Feng Wutian in this state, nobody dared to make a move.

Long Chen was also very surprised by this outcome, and he took the time to measure up this young girl. "She's such a beautiful girl, yet her methods and her heart are a little too much. Just as expected, she's not my type."

At Liu Lan's side, everyone was glancing at each other, silent.

Liu Lan's eyes were fixed on this young girl, and could only sigh in resignation.

"The people that the Green Emperor Hall groom are truly first class in both their temperament and strength. Guess it was impossible for us to get the Zenith Crystal Sword after all."

She glanced towards Feng Wutian, who was still surrounded by the black smoke, and her brows furrowed. "Now that he's affected by the Heart Corrosive Demon, he won't receive any injuries but might temporarily lose his consciousness. I hope nothing bad comes out of this..."

Just as she thought this, Chu Yunyao was right about to retrieve the Zenith Crystal Sword, but the smoke around Feng Wutian suddenly dissipated, a thin layer around him. Long Chen found that Feng Wutian's eyes were slightly smoky and there was a fiendish aura emanating from his body!

"Has he been possessed?"

Long Chen had been planning to show himself, but upon seeing Feng Wutian in this state, he decided to wait a little longer and see what would happen.

“After being possessed, Feng Wutian’s seems to have gotten much stronger.”

Everyone here could see that.

Chu Yunyao was no different. She had been planning to retrieve the Zenith Crystal Sword but noticed Feng Wutian’s cold gaze on her.

“This guy has been affected by Heart Corrosive Demon and is difficult to deal with. If I fight with him like this, someone else will definitely benefit, but if I retreat first, he’ll make a move against others, which would have nothing to do with me. Now that he’s possessed, he wouldn’t take the sword, so I don’t have to worry.”

At this thought, Chu Yunyao tactfully looked innocent and harmless and slowly backed away from the Heart Corrosive demonic beast.

Feng Wutian’s eyes were not on her. Rather, it was on the Heart Corrosive demonic beast.

Seeing the pitiful state of the demonic beast, the blackness in Feng Wutian’s eyes became even more concentrated, as if the person who was injured was he himself. He roared, and as if he had turned into the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, he bellowed and pounced towards everyone, bloodlust evident in his eyes!

Chapter 113 – Scheming

“This is what’s so remarkable about the Heart Corrosive Demon. It can even affect the spirit! Feng Wutian only exists as a Heart Corrosive demonic beast in his mind. Now, seeing another demonic beast on the verge of dying, he’s enraged.”

Seeing Feng Wutian scanning his surroundings fiercely, Lingxi stuck out her tongue and spoke.

“It’s no wonder that girl quickly moved away from the demonic beast. Though Chu Yunyao’s looks are enough to cause calamities, it’s apparent that she is quite sly.”

Long Chen did not really like girls like this. What he liked were people like Yang Lingqing, tenacious and pure, or someone like Lingxi, who was innocent and cute.

Meanwhile, everyone was silent as they watched Feng Wutian hovering around the demonic beast and growling once in a while. Even Chu Yunyao had retreated to the back, while everyone else did not dare move.

“How about we all work together to take care of Feng Wutian?”

Somebody suggested.

“That’s not right. If we do that, we might even kill him. Feng Wutian is the treasure of Green Sun Hall. If any of us kill him by accident, it’ll be hard to answer to the hall.”

This was what the experts at the Perfect Mastery Stage at the Human Dan Realm were worried about.

Chu Yunyao, who was supposed to go up, did not move at all. Her icy gaze was fixed on Feng Wutian as she thought to herself, “Any of you who want to deal with him can go up there. If you don’t do it, once time is up for the possession, he’ll faint and the Zenith Crystal Sword will still be mine.”

With this thought in mind, Chu Yunyao led the people of Green Emperor Hall and retreated backwards, looking on from afar but not leaving the area.

Feng Wutian’s eyes full of bloodlust finally turned towards everyone else.

“Retreat!”

The leaders of the halls quickly brought their teams to the back after seeing Chu Yunyao herself retreat, afraid to be involved.

Those who did not retreat were the group of Green Sun Hall. Without Feng Wutian, Liu Ling was unwilling to leave and kept making a fuss, causing everyone to be agitated.

“Miss Ling’er, we need to go. After the time of Brother Wutian’s possession is up, he will naturally return to normal!”

However, Liu Ling was unwilling to leave no matter what was said. Her eyes were wet as she glanced at Feng Wutian. On one hand, her heart ached, but on the other hand, she never knew that the man who had always been a god-like existence to her would ever be in such a pathetic state.

“Why did this happen... Right, it’s all because of the wretched woman!”

At the thought of Chu Yunyao, icy bloodlust exploded from Liu Ling’s eyes.

Meanwhile, besides people from Green Sun Hall, everyone retreated to the back. In Feng Wutian’s eyes, the people of the Green Sun Hall stood out to him, which meant those eyes clouded with black mistiness were fixated on them.

“Roar!”

In an instant, he exploded forth with astonishing speed, like an arrow that had been released from a bow, and charged towards people of the Green Sun Hall!

Seeing the bloodlust in Feng Wutian’s eyes, everyone was surprised. To counter Feng Wutian, who was rushing over, one expert at the Perfect Mastery Stage at the Human Dan Realm dashed out.

“Get Liu Ling and leave!”

No matter what, Liu Ling was the daughter of the elder of Green Sun Hall, Liu Yuan. Hence, it was their duty to protect her.

While saying this, the expert met with Feng Wutian.

“Feng Wutian, you’d better wake up!”

With a rumbling fist out, he punched towards Feng Wutian. In that moment, a powerful wave swept towards Feng Wutian!

Seeing that this person actually dared make a move against him, Feng Wutian let out a roar and the scarlet phantom flaming wings once again appeared behind his back. With just a flap, Feng Wutian’s speed increased by several times.

At this moment, a flaming god-like bird appeared in Feng Wutian’s hands, and an immense pressure exploded!

This was clearly one of the moves of the Vermillion Bird Law that Feng Wutian had used while dealing with the Heart Corrosive demonic beast. It was named Spirit Congealing Feathers and was extremely terrifying. Currently, these flaming feathers were akin to countless arrows, flying towards the Human Dan expert at the Perfect Mastery Stage who was trying to intercept Feng Wutian.

It was clear who was on the upper hand here. Everyone in the Green Sun Hall was full of shock and grief, because they could see that this cultivator had now been burnt till he was skinless, and without being able to make a sound, his charred body fell to the ground.

“Senior Brother Liu!”

Everyone yelled in sorrow, but they did not have much time left. After Feng Wutian had killed that person, he did not stop moving and dashed towards Liu Ling and the rest!

“Run!”

At this point, nobody bothered with Liu Ling. They pulled her a few times, and upon seeing her motionless, they could only give up on her and run for their lives.

Running in the face of death was only human nature. However, this meant there was only Liu Ling left facing Feng Wutian.

“Brother Wutian...”

Liu Ling was currently immeasurably pale, standing in a daze while looking at Feng Wutian, whose eyes were filled with bloodlust and coldness. Unfortunately, Feng Wutian couldn't recognise her and only saw Liu Ling alone standing there, since everyone had fled. Hence, his thirst for blood was fixed on Liu Ling!

Feeling that cold bloodlust of Feng Wutian, Liu Ling felt real terror.

At this point, she realised that in this empty area, only she and Feng Wutian were left. Feng Wutian, who had given her a sense of security had now turned into a devil, trying to take her life!

The icy bloodlust aimed at her caused her body to tremble violently, and meanwhile, Feng Wutian had already let out a furious growl and lunged towards her.

Liu Ling let out a pitiful sound, and in her surprise, she could only raise her arms to block her face, shivering...

At this scene, Liu Lan shook her head and prepared to make her move and save Liu Ling, and then announce that the Green Sun Hall was going to leave the competition for the Zenith Crystal Sword. However, at this moment, a blood-red figure rushed in front of Liu Ling at a speed that was difficult for even cultivators at the Perfect Mastery Stage at the Human Dan Realm to achieve. In that instant, he jolted Feng Wutian out of the way!

Only then did Liu Lan halt her footsteps, staring at this blood-red figure in confusion. Upon seeing who it was, Liu Lan gaped, expression filled with shock.

“How can it be Long Chen?”

Liu Lan knew how strong a person needed to be in order to achieve that speed, and this was something Long Chen was able to do. This astonished her.

“He hasn’t been killed and has been hiding in the shadows till now? Then again, it’s always been his character to hide around and then come out at the last minute and harm others. However, that little bit of power you possess is far from enough to defeat Feng Wutian and seize my sister’s heart.”

Liu Lan had misunderstood, thinking that Long Chen’s intentions in saving Liu Ling was because he liked her, and wanted to gain her affections.

This ‘saving a damsel in distress’ thing was definitely quite effective, but it was not his intentions.

“Enforcer Liu, which Hall is that beast cultivator from?”

“He’s a disciple of my Green Sun Hall.”

They had seen Long Chen before, but not when he used his Dragon Soul Transformation. They were only asking to confirm their suspicions.

“It’s the Green Sun Hall again. Haha, didn’t that kid see a cultivator at the perfect mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm die by Feng Wutian’s hands just now?”

Besides the people around Liu Lan was, everyone else had also noticed Long Chen’s appearance. Those who were not familiar with him were naturally confused.

Chu Yunyao was also bewildered at the sudden sight of this beast cultivator. Confused, she asked quite a few people before one seemed to remember something, “I remember there’s a beast cultivator who recently entered the Green Sun Hall. His name is Long Chen, and there seems to be some conflict between him and Feng Wutian. The first day he entered the Sky Martial Realm, he was chased away by Feng Wutian. I didn’t expect him to appear now.”

Long Chen?

Chu Yunyao had never heard this name before, but she didn’t think too much of it. She only gazed at Long Chen with interest, hoping he had some talent.

The person who was the most baffled by Long Chen's appearance was Liu Ling, who was behind him.

Trembling, she gazed at Long Chen, perplexed.

Some time ago, Long Chen had escaped from the team of the Green Sun Hall, causing a ruckus and mercilessly teaching Liu Ling a lesson. Liu Ling fervently wished to slash Long Chen into thousands of pieces, but now, with the way he was appearing and saving her from death's door...

Liu Ling had believed that if this situation were to ever happen, it would be Long Chen killing her, and Feng Wutian would ruthlessly teach Long Chen a lesson. That was supposed to be the correct course of action. However, their roles were now reversed, and this made it hard for her to adjust.

At this moment, Long Chen suddenly turned back and revealed an evil grin, "Hey, doll, were those slaps comfortable? How do you feel about me doing it again? Don't worry, I won't make the fees too expensive for you..."

Seeing this despicable teenager watch her with a teasing grin, Liu Ling realised that she could not even bring herself to get angry.

She stared blankly at Long Chen, unsure of what she should do.

At this moment, she saw Feng Wutian rushing towards Long Chen with fury in his expression from the corner of her eyes and shouted, "Be careful!"

"Don't worry."

Long Chen replied, turned back, and watched as Feng Wutian's figure closed in...

"Feng Wutian, I never expected to battle you again under such circumstances. Now that I'm at the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, I wonder what amazing expressions that lunatic Liu Lan would make if she sees me defeating you right under her nose..."

Chapter 114 – Vermillion Bird Imprint

What Long Chen did not know was that Liu Lan was currently watching him.

“His aura has gotten considerably thicker. He’s probably reached the Initial Mastery Stage of the Human Dan Realm.”

It had taken less than a month for Long Chen to advance from the eighth Dragon Vein to the initial mastery stage of the Human Dan Realm. Hence, no matter the results of Long Chen’s battle, Liu Lan would still think highly of him.

“If I groom him well and stimulate his potential, it’s not impossible for him to surpass Feng Wutian.”

Liu Lan nodded while looking at Long Chen.

Meanwhile, Long Chen had collided with Feng Wutian in the battlefield.

What shocked everyone was that with just Long Chen’s bodily strength, he had withstood Feng Wutian’s attack, simultaneously pushing Feng Wutian backwards. This way, the battle was a slight distance away from Liu Ling, and they would thus not accidentally hurt her.

Liu Ling was aware of this. Suddenly, she found her eyes getting wet. Somehow, Long Chen didn’t seem that terrible anymore. The only reason why she had hated him so much at the start was for Feng Wutian.

“The peak at the Human Dan Realm...”

Through that attack, Long Chen somewhat knew Feng Wutian’s strength.

Just the amount of real Qi that Feng Wutian possessed was near that of a person at the Earth Dan Realm, which was over ten times what Long Chen possessed. Long Chen’s Dragon Qi was purer than real

Qi by ten times. With the added bonus from his power of lightning and flames, he did not lose out to his opponent in terms of real Qi.

At this moment, a layer of dull red flames was travelling along Long Chen's dragon body, with faint electricity currents flowing.

"I have an intermediate Profound grade battle technique as well as this Thunder Flame Physique. These are all to my advantage, but Chu Yunyao also has a sword technique of the same grade. I wonder what Feng Wutian has..."

While thinking all these, Long Chen had already broken out the Seal of the High Profound Dragon, creating a bigger commotion with Feng Wutian.

Feng Wutian was now aware of Long Chen's might, and he used the attack that had been displayed previously- the Fire Spirit Seal!

Two powerful seals crashed together with a rumble in mid-air. The Seal of the High Profound Dragon was an advanced Huang grade battle technique, while the Fire Spirit Seal was a basic Profound grade battle technique, and they were only a level apart. However, Long Chen's body was more durable, and in this collision, the explosion merely pushed them backwards.

"How is this possible?"

Long Chen actually using an advanced Huang grade battle technique to evenly match and block Feng Wutian's attack. Even Chu Yunyao did not dare take this attack head on, and she was hence thoroughly shocked at this sight. Only then did she begin to take Long Chen seriously.

"This guy... has he been hiding elsewhere, preparing to wait for an opportunity and take advantage of the situation in the end?"

At this thought, Chu Yunyao's gaze that was now directed on Long Chen was glimmering with hostility.

“Luckily for me, I was quick witted in the face of this situation and let Feng Wutian turn out like this. If not, after I battle Feng Wutian till I’m drained, you might really just benefit if you appear at the end.”

At this point, everyone knew that besides Feng Wutian and Chu Yunyao, the third strongest person in the Sky Martial Realm Competition was Long Chen.

However, it was apparent that Long Chen had yet to reach the peak of the Human Dan Realm, which was why they were not so optimistic towards him.

This included Liu Ling. Previously, Long Chen had fled from Feng Wutian in a pitiful state. Now, though he had somewhat blocked Feng Wutian’s attack, the huge disparity between their cultivation realms was not something luck could compensate.

“Brother Wutian...”

Now, Liu Ling was still hoping for Feng Wutian to wake up and become his usual wise, formidable self.

As for Long Chen, she now found that she no longer hated him that much, but it wasn’t to the point of liking him.

However, just Long Chen’s Seal of the High Profound Dragon was enough to block Feng Wutian’s Fire Spirit Seal. This caused Liu Lan to be shocked as she blinked, trying to ensure she had not seen things wrongly.

“He improved so much...”

The others were speechless.

“Green Sun Hall has these two young juniors. One is Feng Wutian marked as four stars and having immense potential. Long Chen should also be judged to have four stars as his potential.”

Long Chen was definitely oblivious to their conversation.

Now, he was currently mulling over what was actually special about Feng Wutian. At this moment, Feng Wutian had come out of his daze, his cold gaze on Long Chen.

At this moment, Long Chen suddenly saw a light red imprint appearing on Feng Wutian's forehead. This tiny imprint looked like a firebird.

"Is this the imprint of the Vermillion Bird..."

Long Chen's auditory abilities were great, and he heard what others were saying.

"This imprint is probably Feng Wutian's bloodline, which Liu Lan mentioned before."

Long Chen knew little about things like bloodlines. However, after the Vermillion Bird Imprint appeared, Feng Wutian's aura rapidly grew, which meant he was becoming increasingly stronger!

A fearsome flame burnt around Feng Wutian's body, turning him into a man of fire.

"Fire Bath of the Vermillion Bird is an attack using his bloodline that can double the amount of real Qi he possesses. The quality of this real Qi is also more than three times than before. Feng Wutian is now immeasurably close to the Earth Dan Realm."

Chu Yunyao furrowed her brows. The Fire Bath of the Vermillion Bird was an ability from Feng Wutian's bloodline that caused her to fear him. Otherwise, how could a mere Feng Wutian from the Green Sun Hall be an opponent for her, the ultimate expert at the Human Dan Realm groomed by the Green Emperor Hall?

Though Long Chen did not know what this power of Feng Wutian's bloodline was called nor where it originated from, what he knew was that Feng Wutian's real Qi had increased and had become much more powerful than Long Chen's own.

"Is the power of bloodlines so amazing?"

Long Chen was confused, but suddenly, he recalled his Blood Transmutation and Dragon Soul Transformation. These two were techniques that he had inherited from the blood essence of the Ancient Dragon. Didn't it mean that these two techniques were the power of his bloodline?

Blood Transmutation and Dragon Soul Transformation were truly heaven-defying techniques.

Long Chen no longer had the luxury to care further. Since Feng Wutian had even used the Fire Bath of the Vermillion Bird, everyone was extremely nervous. If Long Chen could not block Feng Wutian, the flames of fury of Feng Wutian could very well reach them.

Though Long Chen's appearance was surprising, Chu Yunyao was still quite happy.

"If that kid called Long Chen can block Feng Wutian and use up more of his stamina, I can make my move with more ease later. Long Chen really knows how to pick when to show up."

Long Chen did not dare underestimate Feng Wutian. He had already used Fire Bath of the Vermillion Bird and he was surrounded by flames, letting out an agitated growl as he rushed madly towards Long Chen!

Feng Wutian's aura had now risen to the extreme. The flames revolved around him madly, becoming larger and larger, and an intense heat rushed towards everyone.

Long Chen could already feel the power hidden within these flames!

All the flames had now converged together, forming a large blazing god-like bird in front of Feng Wutian. An ear-piercing bird cry resounded, and Long Chen suddenly felt a rumble by his ear.

"Law of the Vermillion Bird, Sole Flaming Deity Bird!"

Feng Wutian's body had vanished, leaving behind a huge flaming bird flapping its large wings. It whistled towards Long Chen, and no matter where it went, whether it be soil or rocks, everything was charred black, and all the foliage was burnt to nothingness.

“Does Feng Wutian also have an intermediate Profound grade battle technique? He also has a remarkable bloodline. It’s no wonder Liu Lan thinks so highly of him.”

With such an attack from Feng Wutian, Liu Ling was terrified and deathly pale as she shrieked. Everyone else thought that Long Chen was dead meat. Even Chu Yunyao was not confident that she could face such an attack, so she shook her head, “It’s going to end...”

However, Long Chen actually laughed after seeing this attack.

“Heaven Burning Crimson Flames of the Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist is probably not enough to defend against this. Feng Wutian is not too powerful than me in many areas, and I still haven’t had the opportunity to use that move after I learnt it.”

While Feng Wutian was preparing his Sole Flaming Deity Bird, strong black rays exploded from Long Chen’s eyes. It was as if there were two mysterious black suns in his eyes!

An immense force combining red and black colours coiled around Long Chen. He was now like a dazzling jet-black sun.

A blazing force burst out from Long Chen’s body. That formidable aura was incomparably bright and many shifted their gazes away, not daring to look at him.

“What does he plan to do to face up to the Sole Flaming Deity Bird?”

Nobody understood, but Long Chen was already explaining with his actions. Under the appalled gazes of everyone present, a powerful aura that did not lose out to his opponent exploded. It was as if a black sun had burst out from his body, fiercely burning and producing a charred smell in the air.

If it was said that Feng Wutian’s flames were fierce and powerful, then Long Chen’s black sun was ten times more so than Feng Wutian’s flames!

Long Chen faced up to Feng Wutian, jumping up high and fitting his two fists together. A black ball formed of real Qi whizzed as it took form, and like a meteor hitting the earth, Long Chen aimed it at Feng Wutian.

“Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, Earth Piercing... Demonic Sun!”

Chapter 115 – Piercing Earth Demonic Sun

“What? An intermediate Profound grade battle technique?”

Chu Yunyao covered her mouth, shocked at the scene. Liu Ling could only stare on in awe.

She knew how strong Feng Wutian was, but when did Long Chen get so powerful?

In general, everything that had happened today was akin to a dream for her.

To the astonished gazes of everyone present, Long Chen’s even more formidable attack of Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist- Piercing Earth Demonic Sun clashed with Feng Wutian’s Sole Flaming Deity Bird. These were the two most powerful attacks that these two people had, which they had both used under their most formidable conditions. The resulting scene was stunning.

There were a total of two attacks in Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist; Heaven Burning Crimson Flames and Piercing Earth Demonic Sun. Compared to Heaven Burning Crimson Flames, Piercing Earth Demonic Sun was much stronger.

It was even more powerful than Feng Wutian’s Sole Flaming Deity Bird, even after he had released it after the Fire Bath of the Vermillion Bird!

This time, Long Chen did not hold back, exhibiting his most powerful move. He had recently attained the Thunder Flame Physique, his Dragon Qi storing this force of lightning and flames. Even his Nine Heavens Roving Dragon Step was used in this Piercing Earth Demonic Sun, which was an added bonus to what was already a terrifying attack. At the beginning, the strength of Piercing Earth Demonic Sun could

somewhat match Sole Flaming Deity Bird. However, the moment it made contact with this technique, that destructive power it held within finally exploded.

It was as if the sun had smashed into the ground with a crash. The Sole Flaming Deity Bird exploded into pieces after crashing into Piercing Earth Demonic Sun just like that.

Tremendous explosions sounded repeatedly, and the harsh rays of light formed made it impossible for everyone to open the eyes. However, they had witnessed Piercing Earth Demonic Sun win against Sole Flaming Deity Bird.

Long Chen's attack had destroyed Feng Wutian's attack with a loud bang. The ferocious ripples from the attack struck his opponent, and this powerful attack caused Feng Wutian to spit out a mouthful of fresh blood, flying backwards and falling to the ground. His body was now charred completely black, and he was delirious.

Meanwhile, Long Chen landed on the ground steadily.

Now that everything was over, everyone could only stare at this young man in a daze, completely silent.

Chu Yunyao's expression was rather interesting. She had originally wanted Long Chen to expend Feng Wutian's energy in battle, but Long Chen actually had the advantage and defeated Feng Wutian without using any tricks, despite Feng Wutian using his ultimate technique...

"This is no joke."

Chu Yunyao stared at Long Chen blankly, astonished.

On the other hand, Liu Lan's expression was even more marvellous than Chu Yunyao's.

She had always been a goddess-like existence to everyone. Her every move, every expression was full of grace, and yet at this moment, she was stunned and her mouth was slightly open. Her eyes were now filled with shock.

Long Chen's looks were now etched in her heart.

When she had first seen him, she had thought him interesting and looked down on him. That was until now, where Long Chen's display had struck her right in the heart!

"What kind of person is he?"

Liu Lan took a deep breath, her plump chest bouncing. She then shook her head, and could not help but laugh.

This time, she had entirely lost face in front of Long Chen. Before coming to the Sky Martial Realm Competition, she had constantly repeated that there was a 90% chance that Long Chen would die in the Sky Martial Realm Competition. Unexpectedly, Long Chen had defeated Feng Wutian, who she had been grooming for years for and had always been proud of.

If this was let out, absolutely nobody would believe what had transpired.

"Brother Wutian..."

Liu Ling had come back to herself after the endless tremors. She noticed Feng Wutian's injuries and could not tell if he was alive or death. Broken-hearted, she began to sprint madly towards Feng Wutian.

The other members of the Green Sun Hall snapped out of their shock and chased after her.

Feng Wutian had now completely lost consciousness. Liu Ling could do little but hold him, and it was someone else who took out some Spirit Medicine and gave it to Feng Wutian to consume.

However, Feng Wutian was currently in tattered clothing, face black and hair burnt till he was unbelievably ugly. He had long since lost his image as a pretty boy.

This was the first time Liu Ling had seen Feng Wutian in such a pitiful state. This was all thanks to Long Chen, and yet, she found herself still unable to hate Long Chen.

Now, Long Chen's name had thoroughly spread far and wide in the Green Faction.

After news of what had happened here travelled out, Long Chen would instantly become famous in the Green Faction, and could possibly be known by even people of other factions!

"Enforcer Liu, if we were to spare no effort and groom Long Chen further, he might even be able to take part in the selection to enter the inner faction."

Someone suddenly spoke by Liu Lan's ear. She did have some thoughts about this, but upon recalling something, she could only shake her head with a wry smile, "The selection requirements for the inner faction is extremely stringent. It's practically impossible for Long Chen to pass."

"That's true. I believe Yunxi, Yunyao's brother is going to take part in the selection this time. This time, it's the Eastern Green Dragon Family's turn, right?"

Liu Lan nodded, feeling a headache coming on at the mention of this name.

Chu Yunxi was Chu Yunyao's brother. He was merely eighteen years old, but had already entered the Earth Dan Realm over a year ago. Now, he had already achieved even more power and was at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm.

One year ago, when he had just entered the Earth Dan Realm, he was said to be the number one genius of the Green Faction. It was best to have good relations with this kind of person. However, what caused Liu Lan a headache was that that kid was actually fond of her, and had claimed that he would not marry anyone but her in his lifetime.

"Father is already preparing to agree to the marriage planned by the Green Emperor Hall. Am I really going to marry that guy and live the life of a wife?"

Liu Lan was extremely against this idea. Since young, she had been in charge of matters regarding the Green Sun Hall, which had formed her decisive and sure personality. She was unwilling to let go of what she currently had. However, she was not a sprightly young woman anymore, and that meant she might just have to resign herself to this fate.

The development in the battle caused Liu Lan to focus on something other than her headache.

Long Chen had defeated Feng Wutian, but had ultimately lightened his hand and not killed him. With the medical treatment from the others from the Green Sun Hall, he was able to preserve his life. However, it was impossible for him to regain consciousness for now.

Now that the issue with Feng Wutian was over, what was more important was getting possession of the Zenith Crystal Sword. The terrifying abilities of Long Chen had caused all the experts at the Perfect Mastery Stage at the Human Dan Realm to exchange glances, none daring to make their move.

Everyone, except Chu Yunyao.

This Zenith Crystal Sword was something she definitely needed to obtain. She was not going to give up just because of the appearance of the dark horse, Long Chen.

“I’m sure that attack must have used up a lot of that kid’s energy. I’m stronger than Feng Wutian. Looks like this Zenith Crystal Sword is going to be mine after all.”

At this thought, Chu Yunyao did not say anything further and calmly walked towards Long Chen.

That Heart Corrosive Demonic Beast that was still fighting for its life was still between them.

Aware that there was a good show about to start, everyone’s eyes were fixed on them.

Chu Yunyao spoke while looking at Long Chen, “I am in admiration of you for being able to defeat Feng Wutian. However, I do hope you would be so kind as to leave the Zenith Crystal Sword to me. I see that you don’t use a sword, and I imagine this Zenith Crystal Sword would not be of much use to you.”

Long Chen laughed, “You really say such funny things. Even if I don’t use swords, does it mean I can’t take it away? It’s going to fetch a good price if I exchange it for some money.”

Despite being so courteous, Chu Yunyao found that Long Chen had no intentions of ceding, and she felt a slight burst of anger.

However, she had seen how formidable Long Chen was. She would not make a move unless it was absolutely necessary.

She now looked at Long Chen, who was solemn. The gears in her brain began to turn hurriedly, hoping to find a way to deal with Long Chen. Soon enough, a figure rose in her mind and she smiled sweetly, "Have you heard of Dongfang Tianyu? I'm on good terms with him. If you let me have the Zenith Crystal Sword, he might even be willing to guide you in your cultivation."

"Dongfang Tianyu? I've never heard of him before. Girl, stop talking. Isn't the Zenith Crystal Sword something we get based on our combat abilities? Don't worry, I'll be less hard on you..."

While he said this, though, a trace of worry rose in his mind.

There were nine great outer factions in the Lingwu Family, and four inner factions. The outer factions were separated into Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple, Silver and Gold, while the four large inner factions comprised of Eastern Green Dragon, Southern Vermillion Bird, Western White Tiger and Northern Black Tortoise.

The members of the Green Dragon faction had the surname Dongfang, and the Dongfang Tianyu that Chu Yunyao spoke of was obviously of this faction.

Seeing Long Chen still not getting the point, Chu Yunyao did not get angry but rather, laughed.

"I don't dare to attack for fear of harming the peace we now have. Do you think I'm afraid of you? Then again, since you aren't willing to give up, I'll let you know how large the gap is between Green Emperor Hall and your Green Sun Hall, which is ranked at the bottom!"

"Oh?"

Long Chen exhibited a look of surprise and even looked a little lecherous as he laughed out loud, "Looks like you're pretty nimble with your lips. I'm quite sure your mouth must be rather skilful. How about we find a time and you show me your skills?"

Chu Yunyao did not seem to understand what he was implying, looking confused before turning cold and looking ready to murder someone.

However, those who understood flushed a deep red. They could only bow down and admire Long Chen's guts from the deepest part of their hearts.

Even Liu Lan gritted her teeth at Long Chen's words, cheeks red as she thought, "That kid even dares make fun of the woman Dongfang Tianyu fancies. I wonder how long he can live for with that personality?"

While thinking this, a gust of wind blew past, and a young man donning white robes with a green dragon embroidered onto it appeared by Chu Yunyao's side.

This man's face was unbelievably clear and fair. He had an impressive appearance and was a rarely seen beauty.

He was now smiling at Chu Yunyao, "Yao'er, what's with that expression? Did someone bully you? Tell your Brother Tianyu, and I'll take care of it for you..."

Chapter 116 – Dongfang Tianyu

The appearance of this young man caused Long Chen to become wide-eyed.

Though they were the same age, his status and power were both things Long Chen aspired to achieve.

In terms of strength, the only group of people that could cause Long Chen fear was those at the Earth Dan Realm and above. He was definitely the genius of geniuses to be at the Earth Dan Realm at such an age.

He had also called himself Brother Tianyu. There was no doubt about it; he was Dongfang Tianyu, whom Chu Yunyao had recently mentioned. He was one of the members of the Dongfang faction, which was part of the four inner factions.

Long Chen knew that with someone of such a status in front of him, all he could do was endure. Endure!

It was like how he had been when facing Huang Feiyang and Feng Wutian. Only by enduring could he preserve his life.

Chu Yunyao was obviously someone that Dongfang Tianyu fancied. Long Chen suddenly felt a chill down his spine- if Dongfang Tianyu had heard his words, he would definitely not even have a skeleton now.

When he had just entered the Lingwu Family, Gan Lin had once told him that the four inner factions were the true faction members. The owner of the outer factions was an existence that one did not dare provoke.

Though Long Chen resisted the idea, he had to admit that the Lingwu Family was much too large. In front of such an organisation, he was a mere ant, and he could do little about it.

That was why he had removed Dragon Soul Transformation and returned to his youthful, lively appearance.

After transforming, he was indeed strong, but also very intimidating. If Dongfang Tianyu loathed his looks, he was done for.

“The timing isn’t right. I need to temporarily pretend to be an obedient kid.”

Seeing Dongfang Tianyu’s appearance, Chu Yunyao was pleasantly surprised and exclaimed in high spirits, “Brother Tianyu, how did you know I was here?”

“I heard from your father that you’re participating in the Sky Martial Realm Competition, so I came over. What’s wrong with the outer faction? Why is there a need to hold some competition? It wouldn’t be good if you got injured. Oh, right, you seemed pretty upset just now. What happened?”

Dongfang Tianyu looked at Chu Yunyao worriedly.

Chu Yunyao thought of Long Chen, evilness glinting in her eyes for a split second. She shot a glance at Long Chen and cutely answered, "It's nothing much. We're just fighting over the Zenith Crystal Sword in the body of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast's body. It isn't that surprising."

Dongfang Tianyu furrowed his brows, sounding cold. He turned to look at Long Chen while he spoke, "He actually dares vie over something with you? Doesn't he know the existence of I, Dongfang Tianyu?"

He contemplated Long Chen, eyes already glinting with icy cold bloodlust.

Long Chen hurriedly answered, "Ms Yunyao wants this to be a real competition and requested that we go all out. We only dared to make our move when she said that. If not, with you around, how would we dare fight over this with Ms Yunyao?"

If he kept a good image, he had lesser to worry about in the future. If he pretended to be a good person and kept his life, he might still have the chance to take revenge, so Long Chen didn't mind that much.

Even if he might be looked down upon.

"Is that so?"

Dongfang Tianyu nodded, Long Chen's words sounding favourable to him.

Meanwhile, everyone was flabbergasted at the large change in Long Chen's attitude. Chu Yunyao had wanted to use Dongfang Tianyu to tactfully eliminate Long Chen, but those words made it impossible for her to do anything.

If she were to pester him continuously and try to prove Long Chen was lying, Dongfang Tianyu might think her less pure and have a vengeful heart. She could only grit her teeth and let Long Chen off for now.

"Kid, as long as you're still part of the Lingwu Family, I'll still have the chance to take your life! Nobody who crosses me survives!"

At this point, Dongfang Tianyu had already made quick work of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast and retrieved a cosmos pouch from its body. He grabbed a light green sword and passed it to Chu Yunyao, mumbling, "This Zenith Crystal Sword isn't half bad. Take it. Once you're at the Earth Dan Realm, I'll get my father to give you something else."

"Thank you, Brother Tianyu!"

Chu Yunyao was overjoyed as she took the Zenith Crystal Sword that she had been yearning for and placed it within her cosmos pouch. She secretly took a glimpse of that cowardly Long Chen, and the sight of his expression used to flatter Dongfang Tianyu made her feel like vomiting. She focused on Dongfang Tianyu, "Brother Tianyu, I've already obtained the Zenith Crystal Sword. The competition is already over too. Shall we leave?"

"That's exactly what I planned. Yuanling City isn't too far away, and there's an absolutely stunning stream. The surroundings are beautiful and there are flowers everywhere. I was going to bring you there and admire it!"

The two were absorbed in conversation, not even bothering to take a look at anyone else. With Dongfang Tianyu taking the lead, they left the place to look at some 'stunning stream'.

Long Chen then heaved a sigh of relief, though everyone was looking at him strangely.

At the beginning, they had truly been in awe of Long Chen. However, he turned into a weakling the moment he met somebody strong, and that worsened their impression of him.

"He's just a lowly person with no pride. It'll be difficult for him to become anything great. I'd be embarrassed to even associate with him."

Now that the Sky Martial Realm Competition had ended, Chu Yunyao had easily gained the Zenith Crystal Sword and won.

Everyone had accepted the outcome and dispersed.

Seeing it was over, Liu Ling and the rest quickly left with Feng Wutian, who was injured and unconscious. Only by bringing him back to the Green Sun Hall would he be able to be treated properly.

Soon enough, only Long Chen was left here. Beside him was the carcass of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast.

Long Chen was currently quite depressed.

“I spent so much effort on this, and the Zenith Crystal Sword was taken by that girl. Chu Yunyao, it’s not that easy to kill me. There’ll be a day where I’ll make you regret everything, and as for Dongfang Tianyu...”

The real person giving Long Chen pressure was Dongfang Tianyu.

The horrors of the four inner factions of the Lingwu Family had, for the first time, been made obvious to Long Chen. Long Chen now knew that he while might have defeated Feng Wutian, but he was still far too weak.

“The good thing is that there’s still the carcass of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, so I still have some rewards.”

Chu Yunyao had not taken the carcass of the Heart Corrosive demonic beast. With Long Chen still around, the others did not dare retrieve it.

Long Chen had recently refined the Scarlet Flaming Suan Beast and achieved the initial mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm. He wasn’t in a hurry now anyway and took out his cosmos pouch, placing the carcass within.

Just as he was about to leave the Sky Martial Realm, he realised the presence of a woman with outstandingly charming good looks enough to make anyone go crazy over her. Was it not the great Enforcer Liu?

Liu Ling had rushed out to find her, but Liu Lan was actually here.

Her being here so quickly meant that Liu Lan had been watching the competition. Long Chen could tell that Liu Lan had seen his performance just now, which was why there was no seduction in her eyes, nor any contempt for him. She looked calm.

“So? Are you finding it difficult to restrain yourself after seeing my exceptionally good looks?”

Long Chen approached Liu Lan, speaking shamelessly as he glanced at her delicate body.

He had pretended to be an upright gentleman previously and been teased by Liu Lan in the past. This time, he finally had the chance to strike back.

Liu Lan did not get mad. Instead, she smiled and stalked towards the entrance of the Sky Martial Realm, speaking at the same time, “I knew you weren’t any gentleman from the start so I tried to make you reveal your true colours. Guess it didn’t work then, but you’re exposing yourself right now.”

Liu Lan had initially believed that Long Chen was definitely not a match for Feng Wutian. However, he had proven himself to her. Long Chen knew that this woman was probably quite surprised but was pretending to be calm, not showing her emotions.

However, there was no longer that feeling where she was threatening him. Long Chen knew that he had somewhat subdued this woman.

The two of them walked together, conversing like old friends.

“To be honest, I did underestimate you, but you can’t overestimate yourself either. I believe you’re more than aware of that when you saw Dongfang Tianyu just now.”

Long Chen was clear of how powerful Dongfang Tianyu was. The memory of having to lower his head in front of Dongfan Tianyu was deeply etched into his mind.

“By the way, based on your performance, I should give you a new rating for your potential.”

Liu Lan looked at Long Chen coquettishly, a half-smile on her face.

“How much?”

“Four stars.”

Long Chen nodded, “This isn’t even five stars? How many people are there in the Green Faction with five stars as their potential?”

Liu Lan smiled wryly, “Just one, but you don’t need to know who it is. Long Chen, you now have four stars as your potential. Initially, the Lingwu Family could have done something for you and taken care of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, but unfortunately, this idea was turned down by the chief elder. I now know the identity of the leader of the sect.”

Long Chen furrowed his brows deeply, “Who is he?”

Liu Lan could only shake her head, “I didn’t know before, since his identity is a secret. Most people wouldn’t know. By the way, do you know the Beast Spirit Hall in the Yuandi City?”

Was there a relationship between the leader of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect and the Yuandi City? Long Chen had a bad feeling about this.

“Yuandi City is on about the same scale as Lingwu City.”

Liu Lan continued, “The most powerful person in the Beast Spirit Hall there is called the Yuan Emperor. The Yuan Emperor in this generation has a lot of sons, and the leader of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect is one of the grandsons of the current Yuan Emperor!”

Chapter 117 – Profound Grade Beast Spirit

Upon hearing this news, Long Chen suddenly shuddered. He shot Liu Lan a disbelieving look, stuttering, "Are you for real? The leader of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect is the grandson of the Yuan Emperor?"

Liu Lan shook her head, her peach-like face holding a rueful expression.

"There are many coincidences in this world. Yes, the leader of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect is the grandson of the Yuan Emperor. Though the Yuan Emperor has over a hundred grandsons and this particular one isn't favoured, it isn't to our advantage to do anything to the Sacred Sect and make things difficult between us Lingwu City and Yuandi City, just for your sake..."

Liu Lan glanced at Long Chen.

"Long Chen, I'm sure you understand that Lingwu City and Yuandi City are two powerful organisations like water and fire. Both went through tumultuous journeys to achieve the peace we currently have. Any small matter might be a spark that blows up the situation."

Liu Lan's meaning was obvious.

If the Lingwu Family were to touch the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, this could result in a backlash from Yuandi City, which was a large cost. The Lingwu Family placed emphasis on their inner factions, so with Long Chen as he was right now, he was not important enough for the family to do this for him.

This was the reality.

However, Long Chen had no expectations for the Lingwu Family. He pondered over this for a moment, a smile about his lips.

Long Chen's indifferent attitude caused Liu Lan to furrow her brows, "Hey, are you actually thinking of dealing with them yourself?"

"There's a huge grudge between me and the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect. If I don't kill them, they'll definitely kill me. In such a situation, why would I not deal with them?"

Long Chen raised his head, eyes flickering as he watched Liu Lan's pale face.

Long Chen's gaze was full of resolution that could not be tamed, and Liu Lan, who was used to controlling others, felt slightly uncomfortable.

She breathed in deeply, exclaiming, "Long Chen, when the time comes, don't blame me for not warning you. If the Yuan Emperor does not pursue the matter, it's your luck, but if he does, we will send you to him the moment we can."

"You don't have to tell me that. I know."

Long Chen pursed his lips, indifferent.

He had always been fearless in whatever he did. This was his style, but being fearless did not mean he was stupid.

"Besides, the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect has a thousand followers, eight great protectors and five sect elders. These five sect elders are at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, and the leader himself is an expert at the Earth Dan Realm. With your current strength, you might be matchless against anyone in the Human Dan Realm, but you're definitely going to die against anyone of the Earth Dan Realm!"

Seeing Long Chen seemingly unafraid to die, Liu Lan could only warn him once more. If this was in the past, she wouldn't even have bothered to say this, but Long Chen had now displayed a formidable potential. In the green faction, there were less than ten people who could be rated as four stars. Even Liu Lan herself was rated at four stars.

"Is the Earth Dan Realm really so strong?"

Long Chen was slightly surprised. In his opinion, since he could defeat Feng Wutian who was immeasurably close to the Earth Dan Realm, that should mean he was able to deal with someone of the Earth Dan Realm.

"Do you know why the Deity Dan Realm is separated into the Human, Earth and Heaven Dan? That is because there's an immense disparity between the beginning, middle and later parts in the Deity Dan

Realm, which are each separated into three portions. (*tl note: entrance into x Dan Realm, initial mastery stage, perfect mastery stage) There's a large divide between the Human and Earth Dan Realm, and yet another between the Earth and Heaven Dan Realm. Your current strength isn't enough against someone at the Earth Dan Realm."

Long Chen was unsettled by Liu Lan's narration.

However, this did not mean he was afraid. It simply meant he felt more stressed.

"The matter with the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect has been dragging on for too long. With the Sky Martial Realm Competition over, I need to deal with the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect as soon as possible so that I can be free from this.

While thinking this, Long Chen followed Liu Lan back to the Green Sun Hall.

Seeing this teenager so silent and still fearless, Liu Lan shook her head, "This kid is a really good seedling, but he's much too arrogant and petty. It might cause some trouble for the family..."

With the alluring Liu Lan walking with Long Chen, it was obvious that passers-by would stare.

In the outer factions, Liu Lan had an immense reputation, while Long Chen's name was being spread from this day on. It couldn't be helped that others would have fantasies while seeing these two people together.

Soon enough, Long Chen returned to the Green Sun Hall with Liu Lan. There was the same number of people in there as when Long Chen had left from this place, though there was no one of the younger generation there except for Long Chen.

Liu Yuan and the others sighed ruefully while looking at Long Chen. When he had left, none of them had taken notice of this kid. They had mostly remembered the laughable situation where Long Chen had not turned up for the match he had agreed to.

However, news of what had transpired in the Sky Martial Realm had now spread within the Green Faction. Liu Yuan and the others even knew of the tragedy regarding the three cultivators of the Green Piercing Hall, who were at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm.

“Long Chen, is it? Come here, take a seat.”

Though Long Chen had wounded Feng Wutian, it was an easy task for Feng Wutian to be treated given the resources the Green Sun Hall had at their disposal.

With Long Chen and Feng Wutian around, they would definitely be able to support geniuses in the Green Sun Hall in a few years, like what Liu Lan was doing. Their reputations would also rise in the Green Faction.

Liu Yuan watched Long Chen, finding him extremely pleasing to the eye.

What particularly stood out was Long Chen’s age. He was three years younger than Feng Wutian, and he could be moulded better than Feng Wutian.

Long Chen was already snickering in his mind as he glanced at this old guy. However, he was intelligent and obediently sat down, gleefully looking at Liu Yuan. With that expression of flattery, it was almost surprising that he did not call and recognise this man as his father.

“Youngster Long Chen greets the Chief Elder!”

Liu Yuan had initially thought that Long Chen was slightly arrogant, but he seemed to be quite humble now. Liu Yuan’s smile widened, “You’re not too bad. To be honest, I did underestimate you in the past. Though you did not obtain the Zenith Crystal Sword in the Sky Martial Realm Competition, you still helped me regain some reputation.”

“After coming to the Lingwu Family, uh, Sister Liu really helped me a lot. It’s my duty to contribute to the family...”

Long Chen was very thick-skinned, not even blushing while he spoke.

At the words 'Sister Liu', Liu Lan's facial muscles twitched. When they had returned, Long Chen was all indifferent, but at the sight of Liu Yuan, his expression had completely changed.

Liu Yuan had only met Long Chen once. Long Chen had had nothing to say then, and Liu Yuan had automatically assumed that he was an introverted, cowardly disciple. His opinion had now changed, and he realised he had underestimated Long Chen. Long Chen respected his elders, was neither servile nor overbearing, and was the picture of an obedient child.

Liu Yuan now thought very highly of Long Chen, but Long Chen thought nothing of it. Even knowing his potential, Liu Yuan had not decided to aid him in the matter with the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, implying he wasn't so easily won over.

"Long Chen, I actually want to give you a reward."

After discussing some issues, Liu Yuan suddenly stroked his beard and beamed at Long Chen.

"Many thanks, Chief Elder!"

Who wouldn't want rewards? Long Chen didn't know what it was yet, and simply prepared to accept it.

"I was planning to give you an intermediate Profound grade battle technique, but I've changed my mind."

While he said this, the four elders and five enforcers were shocked. Liu Yuan had already decided on the reward for Long Chen beforehand but had suddenly changed his mind. This could only mean Liu Yuan loved Long Chen's likeable display.

"I wonder what Chief Elder plans to give me?" Long Chen anticipated.

If it was a profound grade battle technique, Long Chen already had Burning Heavens Demonic Sun Fist, and no longer had a need for another.

Liu Yuan gave him a once over, “The first beast spirit you used at the dragon vein realm was the Blood Lizard at the fifth level of the huang grade. After entering the Deity Dan Realm, I doubt you’ve found any profound grade beast spirits. Coincidentally, I have one here, but it’s much too precious for you. I can’t give it to you just like this, so you’ll still need to fulfil some conditions to get it.”

Long Chen was stunned, before remembering that he was a beast cultivator in everyone else’s eyes.

In actuality, he didn’t need beast spirits. The beast spirit from before was used to exchange for contribution points.

Liu Yuan’s next words were what truly stunned him.

“This is the beast spirit of a level 6 demonic beast at the profound grade- the Enchanting Purple Dragon. It’s the most powerful existence of all level 6 demonic beasts at the profound grade. In the Daybreak Merchants Union, this beast spirit can be sold for a hundred thousand deity jades!”

The words “a hundred thousand deity jades” caused Long Chen to find it hard to breathe. He was used to a life of poverty, and when he was at his wealthiest, there were at most a hundred deity jades in his pocket. How many things could be bought with a hundred thousand deity jades...

“Even in our Lingwu Family, you can’t even dream of obtaining this beast spirit without a hundred thousand contribution points, but you performed so well this time. Besides, this beast spirit is my own, so I just need five hundred contribution points from you in exchange for it. This is a test for you!”

Liu Yuan watched Long Chen sternly, “You haven’t done anything for the Green Sun Hall. If I were to just give this to you, others might gossip, so you’ll need to work hard for it!”

At these words, Liu Yuan swept his gaze over the other elders and enforcers, his meaning obvious. The people who might gossip would be them. When Liu Yuan had mentioned the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon, a few of them looked uncomfortable.

Liu Lan looked at Liu Yuan, “Father is really throwing everything into this. He’s even willing to give up the beast spirit of a demonic beast at the sixth level of the profound grade. Even I would find it difficult to deal with that Enchanted Purple Dragon.”

She turned to Long Chen and thought, “The Enchanted Purple Dragon really does suit that kid. The only problem is that he’s planning to go to his death at the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect. Where would he get the chance to get five hundred contribution points? Is it even that easy to get five hundred contribution points?”

Meanwhile, Long Chen’s thoughts revolved around how to obtain this beast spirit, and then sell it to get a hundred thousand deity jades...

Chapter 118 – Inner Faction Selection!

After explaining about the Enchanted Purple Dragon, Liu Yuan laughed as he watched the look of excitement on Long Chen’s Face. He’d assumed that Long Chen was very passionate about this beast spirit and felt reassured.

Long Chen was an unexpected, pleasant surprise to him, and it had been far too long since he had felt so joyful.

He was also very pleased with his daughter. Liu Yuan knew that Liu Lan, who surely had pressured Long Chen all this while, had had a large role in Long Chen achieving the level he was currently at.

“Lan’er has already spoken to him about the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, so I don’t have to mention it anymore. I need to talk to him about that other matter though.”

Liu Lan spoke, “Long Chen, do you know about the upcoming Inner Faction Selection?”

Inner Faction Selection?

Long Chen had heard Gan Lin saying that the inner faction would take in outstanding disciples from the outer faction to groom. However, he had mentioned that Long Chen needed to at least be at the Earth Dan Realm.

“Is he hinting that I can take part in the selection?”

“Yes. Now, the various outer factions have already elected their members. I have the right to nominate someone, so I’ll pass on the information about you in these few days. As long as you pass the review, you’ll have the chance to participate in the inner faction selection!”

Long Chen suddenly felt that he had performed too well in front of Liu Yuan. Seeing this old geezer treating him so well, Long Chen quickly expressed his thanks.

“I, Long Chen, will definitely do all I can to repay Chief Elder!”

“Hehe...”

Liu Yuan stroked his long beard. He had previously underestimated Long Chen and even reprimanded him. His attitude had now undergone a 180-degree change, treating Long Chen so well that he himself was a little embarrassed.

“But don’t get too excited yet. You’re still at the Human Dan Realm and have yet to meet the requirements to enter the inner faction. You have to work harder, and you’ll only have a chance if you receive the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon and increase your strength before the selection begins.”

“Is this selection process so stringent?” Long Chen tried to probe.

Liu Yuan nodded, “It is quite difficult. There will be ten to twenty people who pass the review, but only two will ultimately get in. The intention this time is for you to make yourself known amongst the other factions. To actually enter the inner faction? I have a word for you. Difficult!”

Though he knew that he would definitely receive more supplies, be taken care of and, thus, improve at a quicker rate, Long Chen was in no hurry to become part of the inner faction. Seeing Liu Yuan get so agitated, it was probably rather difficult to get in.

Liu Yuan sighed ruefully, “The only young person in our faction with a five star rating for his potential is Chu Yunxi of the Green Emperor Hall. Chu Yunxi is currently eighteen years old and is already at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm. He’s already been chosen to enter the selection process.”

At the very mention of Chu Yunxi, Liu Yuan became excited, but he soon turned silent after noticing Liu Lan glaring at him.

“Chu Yunxi? Eighteen? The initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm?”

Long Chen held his tongue. Only now did he realise that whether it was Huang Feiyang or Feng Wutian, they were nothing much compared to others. Chu Yunxi was a true genius, and Long Chen now realised how small his world was.

After defeating Feng Wutian, he had assumed that this meant he had joined the rank of geniuses. However, he realised he still had ways to go.

“There’s still a long way to go...”

Liu Yuan spoke, “That’s it for today. Long Chen, you were in the Sky Martial Realm Competition, so you should be a little tired. You may return first.”

Long Chen nodded and bade farewell to everyone before turning. They watched his back as he left, finding it tall and straight, and sighed.

“Lan’er, come with me.”

Liu Yuan exclaimed, left the hall and entered a garden at the back. He turned around and told Liu Lan, “When you were in the Sky Martial Realm, the chief elder of Green Emperor Hall, Chu Fengqing looked for me. He hinted at your marriage.”

Alarmed, Liu Lan replied, “Father, did you agree to it?”

“How could I agree without your approval? But Lan’er, he said that he would personally bring Chu Yunxi here in twenty days and propose your marriage. I didn’t say no then, so...”

“So in order not to destroy the relationship between our two families, I have to agree to his proposal, right?”

Liu Lan was desolate after having thought it through.

Liu Yuan’s heart ached at seeing his daughter like this, “Lan’er, don’t think too much of it. Chu Yunxi is an exceptional genius, and it’s very likely he’ll enter the inner faction this time. He has a very great future ahead, and I’d be reassured if you be with him.”

“Father...”

Liu Lan raised her head and could only say, “You don’t understand. He’s too overbearing and arrogant. No matter how much of a genius he is, I can’t accept him.”

Chapter 119 – Bad News

Long Chen arrived at the Treasure Exchange Pavilion, no longer as silent as he had been the previous time. All the members of the Green Faction had been especially attentive to the Sky Martial Realm Competition this time around and therefore knew of him.

However, Long Chen was still unfamiliar with the crowd and hence, nobody took the initiative to greet him. The mutters and discussion around him was to be expected though.

“He could even defeat Feng Wutian who had used the Fire Bath of the Vermillion Bird. He’s incredibly young as well. Long Chen is truly astonishing.”

“Indeed. Though he’s a little young and inexperienced, with some training and time, he’s sure to play an important role in the Green Sun Hall.”

“I heard the chief elder of Green Sun Hall, Liu Yuan, has already submitted his name for the inner faction selection. Though it’s impossible for him to pass, to even have the qualifications to be nominated means he has a rating of at least four stars.”

“But of course. The reason why Long Chen didn’t get the Zenith Crystal Sword is because of Dongfang...”

“Let’s not talk about the inner faction!”

Long Chen passed by these two middle-aged men. When one of them mentioned the Zenith Crystal Sword, the other immediately stopped him.

Long Chen knew what they were implying. From their point of view, the fight over the Zenith Crystal Sword should have been between Long Chen and Chu Yunyao. The appearance of someone of the inner faction had broken the rules set by the outer factions. However, everyone could only complain about this, since the main body of the Lingwu Family was the inner faction.

“Is the inner faction so influential? If I don’t enter the inner faction, I’d probably be at the bottom for my entire life.”

Long Chen shivered at the thought.

Soon enough, he reached the Treasure Exchange Pavilion where he could exchange beast spirits and demonic cores. There was a wall here and a small, sealed channel the size of a plate. It was items were presented, and Long Chen was unable to see who was at the other side.

“Place your demonic cores and beast spirits here. Oh, and your identification jade plate too.”

A low voice resounded from the other side of the wall.

Long Chen did not waste time and placed everything on a there. A pale arm then reached out, collecting everything.

Upon seizing the beast spirit and demonic core from the Heart Corrosive demonic beast, the person paused and suddenly asked, “Aren’t you going to refine this level 4 profound grade beast spirit?”

Long Chen now knew that even people of the Treasure Exchange Pavilion knew of him.

Long Chen was definitely a beast cultivator in everyone's eyes. He was at the Deity Dan Realm and ought to have refined beast spirits, yet had not done so.

Others had thought that he had not found a suitable beast spirit, but upon finding out he had gained that of the Heart Corrosive demonic spirit, they all assumed Long Chen would refine it.

"I'm not in a hurry to do that."

"Oh..."

That person answered with an 'oh' but did not say more. However, from that tone of his, Long Chen could tell that that person felt that he was not satisfied with even the beast spirit of a level 4 profound grade being, and must be extremely arrogant.

"Here's your identification jade plate. You will gain 250 contribution points in this exchange."

It was more than he had expected. Long Chen was in a great mood and thanked that person, before arriving at the area where the Spirit Recovery Fruits were. There, a Spirit Recovery Fruit could be seen put on display.

"I want this Spirit Recovery Fruit."

Long Chen told the staff in charge of this area, who was an elegant woman.

When Long Chen had come the previous time, this woman had seen him once. She did not remember much about him other than that he needed Spirit Recovery Fruits.

This time, Long Chen had a reputation and her attitude became much better. She laughed sweetly, "That's 9 contribution points. You did mention you needed Spirit Recovery Fruits the last time."

Noticing this beautiful woman and her engaging manners, his nature as an arrogant son of a great background revealed itself as he teased, "I did come here to buy Spirit Recovery Fruits, but I'm also here to visit you."

"How talkative. You're asking for a beating."

She grinned, covering her mouth.

Long Chen knew when to stop and enquired, "Sister, may I know if there are other spirit medicines in the Treasure Exchange Pavilion that can improve one's spirit?"

She thought for a moment, "If you're talking about Spirit Recovery Fruits, there aren't that many. Headquarters will only order to replenish their supply of spirit medicine, but not increase the numbers. But I do seem to recall there being a Spirit Grass on the second level in the Treasure Exchange Pavilion. It's a profound middle grade spirit medicine."

"Spirit Grass?"

Lingxi became quite emotional as she whispered in Long Chen's ear, "Hey, the Spirit Grass is a lot more potent than the Spirit Recovery Fruit. It's almost a profound high grade spirit medicine. A Spirit Grass is comparable to a hundred Spirit Recovery Fruits. If I have a Spirit Grass, I'll be able to take on someone at the Earth Dan Realm."

Upon hearing Lingxi mention she did need it, Long Chen asked, "Sister, may I know how much this Spirit Grass costs?"

The woman shook her head after hearing this question, "Let's not talk about the price just yet. Only cultivators at the Earth Dan Realm are allowed to go up to the second floor."

"Huh?"

Long Chen paled. The rigid and strict hierarchy in the Lingwu Family was really making him feel quite depressed.

“But if you really need it, on account of you calling me ‘sister’, I might be able to do something about this.”

“Then thank you so much, Sister!” Long Chen was excited.

“Don’t get too excited.”

She knitted her brows, “Spirit Grass is a profound middle grade medicine, and is considered to be quite precious. It is very helpful in increasing one’s comprehension, and without 300 contribution points, it’s impossible to obtain it.”

Upon hearing the number 300, Long Chen was about to keel over.

“I only have around 240 contributions now. To get 300, I’ll need to enter the Sky Martial Realm again, but Liu Yuan, that old geezer wants me to give him 500 contribution points. What should I do?”

Long Chen furrowed his brows.

“If you aren’t in urgent need of it, you can come purchase it after you have sufficient contribution points.”

Long Chen nodded and thanked her before bidding her farewell, heading in the direction of the Green Willow Residence.

“Oh well. I’m not going to care about that old geezer. It’ll be hard to sell that level six profound grade beast spirit anyway, so I might as well make sure Lingxi gets stronger and keep her safe. My opponents are going to be too strong, and if she tries to show off, she might even lose her life just like this.”

He returned to the residence and got Lingxi to refine the Spirit Recovery Fruit, and then produced a Thunder Flame Crystal.

“The Thunder Flame Crystals really helped me a lot in this battle. I still have 38. What will happen if I fuse with all of them? If a rank 1 Thunder Flame Physique is equivalent to a profound middle grade body tempering battle technique, how about a rank 2 Thunder Flame Physique?”

Since his real Qi had expanded by much, Long Chen tried to fuse with more Thunder Flame Crystals. Unexpectedly, the eleventh was much easier than it had been when he had fused with the tenth.

With the suppression from his Qi, Long Chen spent about an hour in pain but no real danger, and fused with the eleventh Thunder Flame Crystal.

“Next is the twelfth...”

While fusing with the crystals, Long Chen found himself unable to tell the passing of time, and after goodness knew how long, he had already fused with the fifteenth crystal.

Here onwards, Long Chen found it difficult. He had no choice but to undergo Dragon Soul Transformation.

“After I fuse with these Thunder Flame Crystals, I’ll enter the Sky Martial Realm and then help Lingxi get the Spirit Grass. I’ll then leave the Lingwu Family and look for the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect.”

Long Chen had a clear goal.

However, while he was preparing to fuse with the sixteenth Thunder Flame Crystal, there was an urgent rapping on his door. Long Chen opened it and was met with the sight of an anxious Gan Lin.

Gan Lin had always given Long Chen the impression that he was not easily rattled. However, with that anxious look on his face, Long Chen was alarmed and asked, “Senior Brother Gan Lin, what happened?”

Gan Lin quickly answered, “Long Chen, there’s someone from your family looking for you. Quick, go to the Martial Arts Hall.”

“Family?”

Long Chen was surprised. That would mean the people of the Yang family. For people of that family to come all the way to the Lingwu Family, this meant that something terrible had happened!

Long Chen had a bad feeling about this and rushed towards the Martial Arts Hall. In moments, he saw the man who was beginning to look old- Yang Yuntian.

“Second Uncle, what happened?”

Yang Yuntian grieved as he looked at Long Chen, “Chen’er, Lingqing has been taken by people of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect!”

Chapter 120 – A Bolt From the Blue

“What?!”

Long Chen was stunned. His breath accelerated and became rough, and his eyes gradually became bloodshot.

“Chen’er, don’t get so agitated yet. Wait for me to tell you everything!”

Seeing Long Chen like this, Yang Yuntian knew that he had to calm Long Chen down despite his own anxiety.

Long Chen and Yang Lingqing were akin to real siblings. Now that Yang Lingqing was in trouble, how could he stay calm?

He was just one step away from rushing to the sect.

Long Chen suppressed the killing intent in his heart, berating himself for this. He Chen knew that he had to be cool-headed about this.

However, as he recalled all the memories he had with Yang Lingqing and then the bastards of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, Long Chen clenched his fists tightly.

“Is it for the Blood Sacrificial Ceremony?”

Blood rushed forth in Long Chen’s eyes.

Seeing that Long Chen had somewhat calmed down, Yang Yuntian felt more at ease. A deep sorrow appeared in his gaze, “It’s all because of my uselessness as a father. I couldn’t even protect my own daughter...”

Yang Yuntian had already lost a son. At the thought that he might also lose his daughter, his mind went blank.

“Second Uncle, don’t blame yourself too much. Tell me exactly what happened.”

Long Chen bit his lower lip and exclaimed.

“Chen’er, have you participated in the killings of the two great proctors in Crimson Blood Sacred Sect?”

Yang Yuntian raised his head and asked.

Long Chen was startled as he recalled Proctor Qin and Proctor Shi and was puzzled, “How do you know about this?”

Yang Yuntian shook his head, “It’s what that bastard said. Two proctors of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect died at Yanluo town and he found that it was the doing of people of the Lingwu Family. Of the three names he had, yours was included in it. He then investigated your background and found out that you

were part of the Yang family. For revenge, one of the proctors came to Poplar Town and found out that Xue Yuanzi had died by your hands, so he attacked us!”

Long Chen did not expect that the fact that he had killed Xue Yuanzi would be exposed. Of the eight proctors in the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, the death of three had some relation to Long Chen. It was no wonder that they had made their move against him.

Long Chen only blamed himself more after hearing this. All he wanted was to rush to the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, but he knew that it was not yet time to do so.

“Why did he want to kidnap Lingqing?”

Yang Yuntian answered in a pained voice, “My father had originally attained the Deity Dan Realm by using Soul Diffusion Fruits, and could somewhat match up to that person. However, in that battle, Lingqing was injured by mistake. Upon seeing the colour of Lingqing’s blood, which held traces of green, he exclaimed that Lingqing had a rare body that was seen only once in every hundred years- the Abstruse Shadow Body and took her away. Your grandfather only just entered the Deity Dan Realm and couldn’t do much about it...”

“The Abstruse Shadow Body?!”

Upon hearing these three words, Gan Lin jolted.

Long Chen immediately asked, “That person returned to the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, right?”

Yang Yuntian nodded, paling, “Based on what that person said, Lingqing’s Abstruse Shadow Body is very important in some Blood Sacrificial Ceremony. My father has been in the South Ling Region and found out that this ceremony will take place in two days!”

This was basically a large bolt from the blue for Long Chen!

“Two days’ time? The Blood Sacrificial Ceremony...”

Fury and hatred rushed up in Long Chen's heart. With an icy glare, his fists were clenched and he gritted his teeth, "If anything happens to Lingqing... Crimson Blood Sacred Sect, I want everyone in your sect to be buried with her!"

Seeing that ruthless aura from Long Chen, Yang Yuntian knew this was no good and hurriedly spoke, "Chen'er, I'm not here to get you to seek your death in the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect. You are a member of the Lingwu Family, so I was wondering if it was possible to borrow the strength of the Lingwu Family."

The sect leader was the grandson of the Yuan Emperor. Long Chen wasn't even a member of the inner faction of the Lingwu Family. Who would take this risk to help him?

Liu Lan, much less Liu Yuan would not do so!

"Second Uncle, you don't have to say more. Get Grandfather to come and stay here. I'll go to the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect right now. I promise you that I'll bring Lingqing back safe and sound in a day!"

Long Chen's voice was icy but full of resolution.

"Abstruse Shadow Body... The Blood Sacrificial Ceremony of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect requires the blood of a young girl. If Lingqing has this Abstruse Shadow Body, her blood will be drained..."

If this were to happen, Long Chen would literally go crazy!

Even now, he found it difficult to control the fury he was feeling.

Yang Yuntian knew that Long Chen had always been reckless and impulsive. He nervously looked at Long Chen and sternly said, "Chen'er, I'm not letting you go and put your life on the line! You have a bright future ahead and you've entered the Lingwu Family. It's the time for you to rapidly develop and advance. I don't want you to harm yourself for Lingqing's sake. The Crimson Blood Sacred Sect is practically hell there. Is that really a place for a young man like you to go to?"

In Yang Yuntian's eyes, Long Chen had not even reached the Human Dan Realm, while the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect was filled with experts at the Earth Dan Realm.

"Long Chen, listen to me. Go and ask a favour of your Lingwu Family, and we might even have a chance!"

At this point, Liu Lan had just walked in through the door, looking stern. Gan Lin immediately bowed, "Lord Enforcer!"

Upon hearing the words 'lord enforcer', Yang Yuntian was momentarily startled.

He knew that this Lord Enforcer was the owner of this large Green Willow Residence, and must be at or above the Earth Dan Realm. He immediately suppressed the excitement in his heart and respectfully said, "Commoner Yang Yuntian greets the Lord Enforcer!"

Liu Lan merely nodded at him and looked towards Long Chen. At this point, his gaze was filled with immense viciousness.

Seeing the rudeness apparent in his gaze, Yang Yuntian was shocked and went forward to warn him, but unexpectedly, Long Chen's voice was cold as he spoke, "Enforcer Liu, didn't you say you would pay attention to the actions of the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect and report their every move to me?"

Even an outsider like Yang Yuntian could hear the dissatisfaction in Long Chen's tone. He immediately pulled at Long Chen, looking apologetic, "Lord Enforcer, my nephew is young and insensible. Please don't fault him for this!"

Liu Lan looked indifferent and did not even spare Yang Yuntian a glance. Instead, she stared straight at Long Chen. Liu Lan herself was slightly surprised at the turn of events.

She then answered, "It's just a proctor from Crimson Blood Sacred Sect going to Poplar Town. I've been busy with the Sky Martial Realm these past few days and haven't paid much attention to this. Besides, Long Chen, didn't I tell you to give up on dealing with the sect? Are you unaware that this could be fatal for you? If you don't handle this properly, your entire Yang family might die without a proper burial!"

Long Chen was not the least bit scared and sneered, "Fine, I won't blame you. I just want to ask you this. Now that my sister has been taken, I want to take on the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect. Will you or will you not help?"

Long Chen's tone was plain disrespectful.

From Yang Yuntian's understanding, Long Chen would be made quick work of by Enforcer Liu after saying something like this. Unexpectedly enough, Enforcer Liu seemed to think highly of Long Chen...?

Yang Yuntian watched the two oppose each other, neither of them backing down. A sudden question flashed in his mind. Just how powerful was Long Chen?

Had he, in just one month, entered the Human Dan Realm?

Recalling that Long Chen had a Soul Diffusion Fruit, Yang Yuntian felt that this was a real possibility.

Liu Lan hesitated and shook her head. "Even my father wouldn't agree to the Green Sun Hall taking such a huge risk on your behalf for your personal matters. Besides, the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect is not a power you can fight against. I won't allow you to go there!"

"What right do you have to stop me?"

Upon hearing her words, Long Chen had mostly given up on the Lingwu Family. He was laughing sarcastically inside while she talked about not allowing him to go.

"You-!"

Despite her staunch resolve, she was truly angry after being rebutted by Long Chen like this. Her curvy, delicate body trembled, and her eyes were fierce.

Yang Yuntian knew this was a bad situation. Long Chen had now angered Enforcer Liu, and Long Chen might just die here even before getting to the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect or saving Yang Lingqing.

He gestured to Long Chen quickly and tried to appease Enforcer Liu, "Lord Enforcer, Chen'er isn't sensible and doesn't think things through before speaking. Please don't hold it against him. We'll deal with the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect ourselves and take our leave first, alright?"

Yang Yuntian's words made Long Chen displeased and he pulled Yang Yuntian behind him, "You don't have to flatter her. How amazing or capable is she to enjoy such treatment?"

Glaring at Enforcer Liu and ignoring Yang Yuntian's shock, Long Chen answered in a low voice, "My precious younger sister is now in the hands of someone else, and yet you want to keep me here. Let me ask you, how am I different from an animal if I don't do anything at all? How are you different from an animal if you don't do anything at all?"

"Long Chen, don't go too far!"

At the word 'animal', Liu Lan was flushed red in her anger, but Long Chen's words were not without logic. She could not refute it.

"How am I going too far?"

Long Chen sneered and then gestured to Yang Yuntian, "If the Lingwu Family will expel me if I save my sister, then I'm not going to stay in the Lingwu Family. Second Uncle, let's go!"

Having said this, he detoured around Liu Lan who was glaring at him, and headed towards the door.

"Long Chen, if you die this time, don't blame me for not warning you!"

"What does my life or death have to do with oh, Great Beauty Liu?"

Hearing these words, Yang Yuntian was bewildered...

"Just how powerful is Chen'er for him to be able to speak to the enforcer like this..."